
(NMgr) Programme: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (NP_BECES)

Programme N0312A200014: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies

Academic year 2021/2022

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme. It addresses the English speaking audience with a deep and versatile exploration of "the East", understood as a territory composed of Central Europe, the Balkan peninsula, Russia and Eurasia in terms of the Post Soviet area, including the Caucasus and Central Asia. Primary attention is paid to modern history and politics, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of the Czech language or other offered languages.

The core courses provide an overview of crucial segments of the area from an analytical and multidisciplinary perspective, while the electives allow students to create their own specialisation. The aim of the programme is to help students write a Master's thesis of sufficient quality. Through the university's network of exchange programmes, talented students may also be offered the opportunity to make a brief research visit to another country in the area via Erasmus or other types of the academic exchange. By developing the student's knowledge of the Czech milieu and language, the programme may also serve as an access-point to some of our Ph.D. programmes. The programme is deliberately structured to take an advantage of the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty, and students will be encouraged to make connections between different fields of study, learning to combine a global perspective with attention to detail and local interests. It is an excellent stepping stone in developing an academic career, as well as a valuable source of analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life. For detailed information see [BECES website](#).

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Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies: course structure

Compulsory (common) courses	60 ECTS
Specialisms	
Balkan and Central Europe	24 ECTS
Russia and Eurasia	24 ECTS
Language	12 ECTS
Electives	min. 12 ECTS
Optional (out of the list)	12 ECTS
Total	120 ECTS

(Optional courses see article 5 para 4 of Consolidated University Code of Study and Examination of Charles University in Prague)

Final state exam

- (JDIP01) Master's thesis defence
 - (JSZ394) Academic debate on a selected topic (beyond the thesis focus) with respect to Balkan and Central Europe
 - (JSZ395) Academic debate on a selected topic (beyond the thesis focus) with respect to Russia and Eurasia
- (Students select topics relating either to 2 or 3)

Compulsory courses - common (J#0530)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM044	Academic Writing	Cotte	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM045	Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences	Weiss Young	WS	0/2	Course credit	6
JTM046	Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences	Stauber	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM047	Area Studies: Theory and Methodology	Vykoukal Lavengood	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM048	Comparative and Conceptual History	Brisku	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM049	MA Thesis Seminar I for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM050	MA Thesis Seminar II for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15

Total number of ECTS: 60

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM049	MA Thesis Seminar I for BECES	JTM044 JTM045 JTM046 JTM047 JTM048 JTM051 JTM055			
JTM050	MA Thesis Seminar II for BECES	JTM049			

Compulsory courses - specialism Balkan and Central Europe (J#0532)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM051	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and South Eastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM052	Concepts and Interpretations	Vykoukal	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	of Central European History					
JTM053	Concepts and Interpretations of Balkan History	Králová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
J#0531	group "BECES (NP) - Language courses" (title available in czech only)					

Total number of ECTS: 24

Group J#0531 (Languages) ECTS: 12

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries				JMM095
JTM051	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and South Eastern Europe				JMMZ094

Compulsory courses - specialism Russia and Eurasia (J#0533)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space	Šír	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM055	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of Russia and Eastern Europe	Kolenovská	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM056	Concepts and Interpretations of Russian History	Kolenovská	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM057	Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia	Horák	WS	1/1	Examination	6
J#0531	group "BECES (NP) - Language courses" (title available in czech only)					

Total number of ECTS: 24

Group J#0531 (Languages) ECTS: 12

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space				JMMZ053
JTM057	Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia				JMM702

Language Courses (J#0531)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB100	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language I</u>	<u>Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB101	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language II</u>	<u>Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB102	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language III</u>	<u>Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB103	<u>Czech as a Foreign Language IV</u>	<u>Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTB150	<u>Polish I</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB151	<u>Polish II</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB152	<u>Polish III</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB153	<u>Polish IV</u>	<u>Sitarz</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB154	<u>Greek Language I</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB155	<u>Greek Language II</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB156	<u>Greek Language III</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	3
JTB157	<u>Greek Language IV</u>	<u>Maniati</u>	SS	0/2	Examination	3
JTB158	<u>Russian Language I</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB159	<u>Russian Language II</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB160	<u>Russian Language III</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB161	<u>Russian Language IV</u>	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB162	<u>Foreign Language I</u>	<u>Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB163	<u>Foreign Language II</u>	<u>Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

JTB164	Foreign Language III	Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB165	Foreign Language IV	Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

Minimum number of ECTS: 12

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTB151	Polish II	JTB150			
JTB152	Polish III	JTB151			
JTB153	Polish IV	JTB152			
JTB154	Greek Language I				JMB315 JMM147
JTB155	Greek Language II	JTB154			JMB316 JMM148
JTB156	Greek Language III	JTB155			JMB149 JMB317
JTB157	Greek Language IV	JTB156			JMB318 JMM150
JTB159	Russian Language II	JTB158			
JTB160	Russian Language III	JTB159			
JTB161	Russian Language IV	JTB160			
JTB163	Foreign Language II	JTB162			
JTB164	Foreign Language III	JTB163			

Electives (J#0534)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security	Aslan	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM820	Middle Eastern Terrorists and Revolutionaries in Cold War Central Europe	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JTM015	Economic Transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe	Jeřábek	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM017	Society and Culture in Central Eurasia	Brisku Horák	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM018	Economic Transformations	Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	in the post-Soviet Area					
JTM198	Volunteering	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM206	Internship for BECES	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM244	Cold War in Documents 1945-1962	Smetana	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM245	Cold War in Documents 1963-1991	Smetana	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM257	Splendor and Misery of Détente	Fojtek	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM265	Central European Cinema	Dan Mircea	WS	0/4	Examination	6
JTM266	Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements	Asavei	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM267	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe	Svoboda	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM268	Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe	Klípa	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM269	Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus	Brisku	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM270	History and Present in South East European Cinema	Dan Mircea	SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTM273	Images and Stereotypes of the Balkans	Šístek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM274	Oil and Gas in the Post Soviet Area	Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM275	Post-Soviet Central Asia	Horák	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM279	Russia after 1991	Svoboda	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM280	Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Implications for	Šír	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	European Security					
JTM282	<u>Ukraine after 1991</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	6
JTM285	<u>Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries</u>	<u>Hauser</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM291	<u>Modernizing the Balkans</u>	<u>Šístek</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM300	<u>The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West European Leftists</u>	<u>Handl Mejstřík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM313	<u>Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future?</u>	<u>Emler</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM315	<u>Social Exclusion and the Roma in Central Europe</u>	<u>Klípa</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM316	<u>Doing Business in Central Europe</u>	<u>Kolmhofer</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM317	<u>Russian-Turkish Rivalry over the Balkan and Caucasus Areas</u>	<u>Brisku</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM320	<u>Putin's Russia</u>	<u>Veselý</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM321	<u>Ethnic Issues and Territories in Eastern, East Central and Southeastern Europe</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM322	<u>Israel: Politics and Society</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM323	<u>Legal Framework of the European Union</u>	<u>Šlosarčík</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM325	<u>Small States in the EU</u>	<u>Weiss</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM331	<u>Cultural History of</u>	<u>Klípa</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	Communist Europe					
JTM335	Central Europe: Ideologies and Politics (1700's - present)	Robbins Janíčková	WS/SS	2/2	Examination	6
JTM336	Theorizing Memory: Social and Cultural Remembering	Asavei	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM339	Balkan Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts	Žila	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM382	EU Institutions	Šlosarčík	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM384	Cultural Memory and Identity in the Balkans	Asavei	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM404	The Foreign Policy of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary Towards Israel	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM410	U.S.-Czechoslovak Economic and Cultural Relations in the Cold War	Doležalová Albrecht	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM412	Contemporary Balkans	Králová	SS	1/1	macc	6
JTM414	Central Europe Academy - European and National Revolutions 1989-2019	Kunštát Nekula	SS	0/2	Course credit	4
JTM417	Internal and External Security Policy in the EU	Weiss	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM427	Germany and Central Europe: Geopolitics of an Uneasy Relationship	Eberle	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM477	Post-Soviet Ukraine: from an "unexpected nation" to the unwarranted war	Korablyova	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM496	The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM497	History, Memory, and Politics: Central Europe and Israel	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM499	Genocide and Mass Violence	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM503	Eurovision: Contemporary European History through Popular Culture	<u>Vuletic</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM504	Managing Diplomatic Crisis: Challenges of Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century	<u>Munter</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM505	The City in Modern Central Europe	<u>Piskačová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM507	Russian Politics and Society	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM515	Transnational Politics, Complicity, and Victims of the Holocaust	<u>Hofmeisterová Králová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM516	World War II: Public History and Memory	<u>Králová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM517	Culture Wars in the US Supreme Court	<u>Hornaday</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM553	Soviet Culture as a Social Phenomenon	<u>Sultanova Kocián</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM556	From Laika to Lycra: Science and Technology in the Cold War	<u>Johnston</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM558	Cybersecurity: Concepts and Practice	<u>Kadlecová</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM616	EU Migration Policies	<u>Lukešová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM627	Analyzing crises and wars, including the Ukraine one	Allan Krulichová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
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Minimum 12 ECTS, maximum (needed) 24 ECTS

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security				JMM065
JTM017	Society and Culture in Central Eurasia				JMMZ178
JTM206	Internship for BECES				JMMZ190
JTM244	Cold War in Documents 1945-1962				JMM384
JTM257	Splendor and Misery of Détente				JMM283
JTM266	Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements				JMB057
JTM267	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe				JMM143
JTM269	Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus				JMM130
JTM273	Images and Stereotypes of the Balkans				JMM034
JTM275	Post-Soviet Central Asia				JMM361 JMM703
JTM279	Russia after 1991				JMM302
JTM285	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries				JMMZ042
JTM313	Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future?				JMM642
JTM320	Putin's Russia				JMM025
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union				JMM047 JMM251
JTM382	EU Institutions				JTM022

JTM417	Internal and External Security Policy in the EU				JTM301
JTM507	Russian Politics and Society				JMM302

Study plans codes:

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