
(NMgr) Programme: Master in Area Studies (NP_MAS)

Programme N0312A200024: Master in Area Studies

Academic year 2021/2022

The Master in Area Studies programme (MAS) is a two-year English-language interdisciplinary Master's degree programme that offers expert knowledge and analytical-synthetic skills focused on modern history and current developments of Europe, Eurasia, and North America. The programme provides the students with tools for social science analysis and allows them to build their own thematic and territorial profile according to their individual needs and future career plans. Students enrolled in MAS may choose one of the two specialized tracks: Globalising US Studies and Transition and Integration Studies.

MAS graduates will be endowed with internationally recognizable multi-disciplinary training in the study of international affairs. They will be able to analyze individual topics arising within the region of their interest from a multidisciplinary point of view in terms of social sciences (sociology, economics, political science, and international relations) and modern history. Programme graduates will be able to understand current issues in their historical, societal, political, and economic context.

The programme graduates will become highly-skilled employees in the civil service and diplomacy, NGOs and international institutions as well as in private companies and mass-media. They will be well prepared for a variety of academic pursuits and will possess a wide range of knowledge and skills required in various social science fields.

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Master in Area Studies - course structure

<i>Compulsory courses</i>	60 ECTS
<i>Languages</i>	12 ECTS
<i>Elective courses</i>	min. 36 ECTS
<i>Optional courses (out of the list)</i>	max. 12 ECTS
<i>Defence of M.A. Thesis</i>	
Total	120 ECTS

Students opting for one of the specialised tracks need to obtain at least 30 ECTS from the elective courses flagged for the track and submit a master thesis that falls within the scope of the track.

(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
- (JSZ393) Academic debate on a selected topic (beyond the thesis focus) with respect to issues delivered in specialized tracks

Compulsory courses (J#0538)

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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
JTM079	MA Thesis Seminar I for MAS	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM080	MA Thesis Seminar II for MAS	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
JTM079	MA Thesis Seminar I for MAS	JTM047			
JTM080	MA Thesis Seminar II for MAS	JTM079			

Languages (J#0539)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB100	Czech as a Foreign Language I	Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB101	Czech as a Foreign Language II	Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB102	Czech as a Foreign Language III	Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB103	Czech as a Foreign Language IV	Frantesová Mazůrková Pellarová	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTB150	Polish I	Sitarz	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB151	Polish II	Sitarz	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB152	Polish III	Sitarz	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB153	Polish IV	Sitarz	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB154	Greek Language I	Maniati	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB155	Greek Language II	Maniati	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB156	Greek Language III	Maniati	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	<u>Foreign Language III</u>	<u>Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB165	<u>Foreign Language IV</u>	<u>Vykoukal Weiss Nigrin</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3

Total 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			

MAS - programme electives (J#0576)

For information on the two study tracks "Globalizing US Studies" and "Transition and Integration Studies" see [below](#).

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM820	<u>Middle Eastern Terrorists and Revolutionaries</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	4

	in Cold War Central Europe					
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	<u>Kubát</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM015	Economic Transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe	<u>Jeřábek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM017	Society and Culture in Central Eurasia	<u>Brisku Horák</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM018	Economic Transformations in the post- Soviet Area	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space	<u>Šír</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM023	European Union in International Affairs	<u>Weiss</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM024	European Economic Integration	<u>Young</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM032	Government in United States	<u>Sehnálková</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM034	The Transatlantic Link: Understanding America from Europe	<u>Hornát</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM035	U.S. Legal Culture	<u>El-Ahmadieh</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM036	Major Problems in Political Economy in North American Context	<u>Fířtová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM037	U.S. Foreign Policy	<u>Raška</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM041	European Comparative Politics and Society	<u>Rovná</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM042	Societal changes in Western	<u>Bauer</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	<u>European countries</u>					
JTM043	<u>Comparative Capitalisms of Western Europe</u>	<u>Young</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM051	<u>Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and South Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM052	<u>Concepts and Interpretations of Central European History</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM053	<u>Concepts and Interpretations of Balkan History</u>	<u>Králová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM055	<u>Introduction to History, Politics and Society of Russia and Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Kolenovská</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM056	<u>Concepts and Interpretations of Russian History</u>	<u>Kolenovská</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM057	<u>Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia</u>	<u>Horák</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM074	<u>Topics in American History</u>	<u>Kýrová Pondělíček</u>	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM083	<u>Culture and Politics in Europe</u>	<u>Tomalová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM084	<u>Current Challenges in Europe</u>	<u>Mejstřík</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM085	<u>Transnational History of Contemporary Europe</u>	<u>Brisku Králová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM198	<u>Volunteering</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM207	<u>Internship for MAS</u>	<u>Weiss</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	6
JTM240	<u>Mexico and Canada: Politics, Economy and Society</u>	<u>Fiřtová Perutka</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM241	<u>American Cinema: Trends and Developments</u>	<u>Nowell</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM242	<u>American Literature 1900-1950</u>	<u>Hanuš</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM243	<u>American Literature 1950-2000</u>	<u>Hanuš</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM244	<u>Cold War in Documents 1945-1962</u>	<u>Smetana</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM245	<u>Cold War in Documents 1963-1991</u>	<u>Smetana</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM246	<u>Critical Issues in U.S. - Chinese Relations</u>	<u>Sehnáková</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM248	<u>Global Governance: The US and International Organizations</u>	<u>Hornát</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM249	<u>Evolution of Sino-American Relations</u>	<u>Sehnáková</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM250	<u>Hollywood/ Europe: A Transnational Film Culture</u>	<u>Nowell</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM251	<u>Landmarks in 20th Century U.S. History and Their Interpretations</u>	<u>Pondělíček</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM252	<u>Issues in United States National Security Policy</u>	<u>Raška</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM253	<u>Major Issues in Contemporary Public Debates in the U.S.</u>	<u>Sehnáková</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM254	<u>Promoting democracy abroad: the US and the EU in third countries</u>	<u>Hornát</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM256	<u>Security Issues in Japan and the Far East Asia</u>	<u>Hosoda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM257	<u>Splendor and Misery of Détente</u>	<u>Fojtek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM258	<u>American Indian History and Policy</u>	<u>Kýrová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM259	<u>The Special Relationship between the United States and Great Britain</u>	<u>Raška</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM261	<u>U.S. and Human Rights</u>	<u>Raška</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM262	<u>U.S. Foreign Policy during the Cold War</u>	<u>Raška</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM263	<u>U.S. Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump</u>	<u>Kashkett</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM266	<u>Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements</u>	<u>Asavei</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM267	<u>Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM268	<u>Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Klípa</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM269	<u>Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus</u>	<u>Brisku</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM273	<u>Images and Stereotypes of the Balkans</u>	<u>Šístek</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM274	<u>Oil and Gas in the Post Soviet Area</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM275	<u>Post-Soviet Central Asia</u>	<u>Horák</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM279	<u>Russia after 1991</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM280	<u>Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Implications for European Security</u>	<u>Šír</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM284	<u>British Politics</u>	<u>Rovná</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM285	<u>Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries</u>	<u>Hauser</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM286	<u>Contemporary Mediterranean</u>	<u>Mejstřík Králová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM290	<u>International Morality between Ethical Ideals and Reality</u>	<u>Allan Krulichová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM291	<u>Modernizing the Balkans</u>	<u>Šístek</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM292	<u>Migration and mobility: comparative issues in Western European Countries</u>	<u>Bauer</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM294	<u>Political Geography</u>	<u>Bauer Lavengood</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM296	<u>Make Love, Not War: An Introduction to International Relations Ethics</u>	<u>Allan Krulichová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM297	<u>Rebuilding Europe: Challenge of the Climate Change</u>	<u>Rovná Kasáková</u>	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM298	<u>Scandinavian Politics and Society</u>	<u>Juhás</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

JTM317	Russian-Turkish Rivalry over the Balkan and Caucasus Areas	Brisku	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM318	Grand Debates of European Integration	Kasáková	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM320	Putin's Russia	Veselý	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM321	Ethnic Issues and Territories in Eastern, East Central and Southeastern Europe	Vykoukal	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM322	Israel: Politics and Society	Kalhousová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union	Šlosarčík	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM325	Small States in the EU	Weiss	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM331	Cultural History of Communist Europe	Klípa	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM332	U.S. and the Global South	Szobi	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM336	Theorizing Memory: Social and Cultural Remembering	Asavei	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM381	Innovations in Policy-Making	Kleňha	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM382	EU Institutions	Šlosarčík	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM383	Contemporary French Politics, Culture & Society	Bauer	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM404	The Foreign Policy of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary Towards Israel	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM412	Contemporary Balkans	Králová	SS	1/1	macc	6
JTM417	Internal and External Security Policy in the EU	Weiss	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM427	<u>Germany and Central Europe: Geopolitics of an Uneasy Relationship</u>	<u>Eberle</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM468	<u>The Notion of Nature in Modern Societies</u>	<u>Bauer</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM477	<u>Post-Soviet Ukraine: from an "unexpected nation" to the unwarranted war</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM496	<u>The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM497	<u>History, Memory, and Politics: Central Europe and Israel</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM499	<u>Genocide and Mass Violence</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM503	<u>Eurovision: Contemporary European History through Popular Culture</u>	<u>Vuletic</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM504	<u>Managing Diplomatic Crisis: Challenges of Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century</u>	<u>Munter</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM505	<u>The City in Modern Central Europe</u>	<u>Piskačová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM515	<u>Transnational Politics, Complicity, and Victims of the Holocaust</u>	<u>Hofmeisterová Králová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM516	<u>World War II: Public History and Memory</u>	<u>Králová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM517	<u>Culture Wars in the US Supreme Court</u>	<u>Hornaday</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM556	<u>From Laika to Lycra: Science and</u>	<u>Johnston</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	Technology in the Cold War					
JTM558	Cybersecurity: Concepts and Practice	Kadlecová	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM616	EU Migration Policies	Lukešová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM617	America's Silicon Valley: Global Hub of Technology Innovation	Wood Hornát	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM618	American Media in the 21st Century: Polarized Politics and Fractured Ethics	Kuzník	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM627	Analyzing crises and wars, including the Ukraine one	Allan Krulichová	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimum ECTS: 36

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
JTM017	Society and Culture in Central Eurasia				JMMZ178
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space				JMMZ053
JTM023	European Union in International Affairs				JMM588 JMMZ188
JTM024	European Economic Integration				JMM322
JTM032	Government in United States				JMM345
JTM035	U.S. Legal Culture				JMM016
JTM036	Major Problems in Political Economy in North American Context				JMM529
JTM037	U.S. Foreign Policy				JMM339
JTM051	Introduction to History, Politics and Society of East-Central and				JMMZ094

	South Eastern Europe				
JTM057	Nationalism and Historiography in Central Eurasia				JMM702
JTM074	Topics in American History				JTM033
JTM207	Internship for MAS				JMMZ366
JTM240	Mexico and Canada: Politics, Economy and Society				JMMZ319
JTM241	American Cinema: Trends and Developments				JMM599 JMM630
JTM244	Cold War in Documents 1945-1962				JMM384
JTM249	Evolution of Sino-American Relations				JMM206 JMMZ316
JTM251	Landmarks in 20th Century U.S. History and Their Interpretations				JMM012
JTM253	Major Issues in Contemporary Public Debates in the U.S.				JMM337
JTM257	Splendor and Misery of Détente				JMM283
JTM258	American Indian History and Policy				JMM598
JTM261	U.S. and Human Rights				JMM601
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
JTM286	Contemporary Mediterranean				JMM152
JTM297	Rebuilding Europe: Challenge of the Climate Change				JMM671
JTM298	Scandinavian Politics and Society				JMM247
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
JTM383	Contemporary French Politics, Culture & Society				JMM683
JTM417	Internal and External Security Policy in the EU				JTM301

Study tracks

MAS students may choose from two focused study tracks - "Globalizing US Studies" and "Transition and Integration Studies". Students who fulfill the requirements of one of the study tracks will receive a certificate recognising their specialisation in addition to their general MAS diploma. In order to qualify, students must

- obtain at least 30 ECTS credits from elective courses flagged for the study track, and
- submit a master thesis that falls within the scope of the chosen study track.

Globalizing US Studies

The following elective courses are flagged for this study track:

Code	Course Title	ECTS
JTM032	Government in the United States	6
JTM034	The Transatlantic Link: Understanding America from Europe	6
JTM035	U.S. Legal Culture	6
JTM036	Major Problems in Political Economy in North American Context	6
JTM037	U.S. Foreign Policy	6
JTM246	Critical Issues in U.S. - Chinese Relations	6
JTM248	Global Governance: The US and International Organizations	6

JTM249	Evolution of Sino-American Relations	6
JTM250	Hollywood/Europe: A Transnational Film Culture	6
JTM251	Landmarks in 20th Century U.S. History and Their Interpretations	6
JTM252	Issues in United States National Security Policy	6
JTM253	Major Issues in Contemporary Public Debates in the U.S.	6
JTM254	Promoting Democracy Abroad: the US and the EU in Third Countries	6
JTM259	The Special Relationship between the United States and Great Britain	6
JTM261	U.S. and Human Rights	6
JTM262	U.S. Foreign Policy during the Cold War	6
JTM263	U.S. Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump	6
JTM332	U.S. and the Global South	6

Transition and Integration Studies

The following elective courses are flagged for this study track:

Code	Course Title	ECTS
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	6
JTM018	Economic Transformations in the Post-Soviet Area	6
JTM019	Problems of the Post-Soviet Space	6
JTM023	European Union in International Affairs	6
JTM024	European Economic Integration	6
JTM083	Culture and Politics in Europe	6
JTM084	Current Challenges in Europe	6
JTM266	Cultural Legacies and Developments in the Balkans: Modern and Traditional Entanglements	6
JTM267	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe	6
JTM268	Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe	6
JTM280	Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Implications for European Security	6
JTM285	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries	6
JTM297	Rebuilding Europe	6
JTM300	The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West European Leftists	6
JTM315	Social Exclusion and the Roma in Central Europe	6

JTM318	Grand Debates of European Integration	6
JTM321	Ethnic Issues and Territories in Easter, East Central and Southeastern Europe	6
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union	6
JTM325	Small States in the EU	6
JTM412	Contemporary Balkans	6

Study Plan Code:
J21NPMAS1322