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

Programme N0312A200014: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies

Academic year 2022/2023

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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Programme coordinator: [Mgr. Ladislav Beneš](#)

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies: course structure

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| 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 |
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| 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 | Kozák 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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| | of Central European History | | | | | |
| JTM053 | Concepts and Interpretations of Balkan History | Králová | 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| JLB100 | Czech as a Foreign Language I | Frantesová Mazúrková Pellarová | WS/SS | 0/4 | Examination | 6 |
| JLB101 | Czech as a Foreign Language II | Frantesová Mazúrková Pellarová | WS/SS | 0/4 | Examination | 6 |
| JLB102 | Czech as a Foreign Language III | Frantesová Mazúrková Pellarová | WS/SS | 0/4 | Examination | 6 |
| JLB103 | Czech as a Foreign Language IV | Frantesová Mazúrková 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 | Greek Language IV | Maniati | SS | 0/2 | Examination | 3 |
| JTB158 | Russian Language I | Shvedova | WS | 0/3 | Examination | 6 |
| JTB159 | Russian Language II | Shvedova | SS | 0/3 | Examination | 6 |
| JTB160 | Russian Language III | Shvedova | WS | 0/3 | Examination | 6 |
| JTB161 | Russian Language IV | Shvedova | SS | 0/3 | Examination | 6 |
| JTB162 | Foreign Language I | Nigrin Weiss | WS | 0/2 | Course credit | 3 |
| JTB163 | Foreign Language II | Nigrin Weiss | SS | 0/2 | Course credit | 3 |

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

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| | in the post-Soviet Area | | | | | |
| JTM198 | Volunteering | Švec | WS/SS | 0/2 | Course credit | 3 |
| JTM206 | Internship for BECES | Nigrin | 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 |

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| | 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 |

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| | Communist Europe | | | | | |
| JTM335 | Central Europe: Ideologies and Politics (1700's - present) | Robbins Janíčková | WS | 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 | Korablyova | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |

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| | Unwarranted War | | | | | |
| JTM478 | Current Issues of (post)Constitutional European Integration | Šlosarčík | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM496 | The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM497 | History, Memory, and Politics: Central Europe and Israel | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM499 | Genocide and Mass Violence | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM503 | Eurovision: Contemporary European History through Popular Culture | Vuletic | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM504 | Managing Diplomatic Crisis: Challenges of Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century | Munter | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM505 | The City in Modern Central Europe | Piskačová | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM507 | Russian Politics and Society | Svoboda | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM515 | Transnational Politics, Complicity, and Victims of the Holocaust | Hofmeisterová Králová | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM516 | World War II: Public History and Memory | Králová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM517 | Culture Wars in the US Supreme Court | Hornaday | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM553 | Soviet Culture as a Social Phenomenon | Sultanova Kocián | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM556 | From Laika to Lycra: Science and Technology in the Cold War | Johnston | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |

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| JTM558 | <u>Cybersecurity: Concepts and Practice</u> | <u>Kadlecová</u> | WS | 0/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM616 | <u>EU Migration Policies</u> | <u>Lukešová</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM627 | <u>Analyzing crises and wars, including the Ukraine one</u> | <u>Allan Krulichová</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JTM634 | <u>Human rights in post-Soviet space</u> | <u>Dubrovski Kolenovská</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |

Minimum 12 ECTS, maximum (needed) 24 ECTS

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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| 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 |

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| 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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