(NMgr) Programme: Public and Social Policy Studies (NP_PASP)

Master's Programme N0314A250016: Public and Social Policy Studies

Academic year 2023/2024

Public and Social Policy Studies (PASP) is a two-year, English-language Master's degree programme fully accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education, which aims to provide students with current knowledge of policy-making processes and cultivate their analytical skills. It is taught at Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences, by members of the Institute of Sociological Studies (ISS).

The programme is developed in accordance with almost twenty years of experience in teaching the Czech-language program in Public and Social Policy, as well in offering a variety of English-language courses and conducting international research programs. The program incorporates a strong comparative dimension in its teaching of public policy. The theoretical grounds of the discipline are covered especially in the courses Public Policy, Theoretical Approaches to the Policy Process and Public Administration. Insight into different policy domains and public policy issues will be offered in a variety of courses, such as Social Policy, Health Policy or Civil Society in Central Europe.

Methodological knowledge and skills will be developed as part of the courses Policy Analysis, Introduction to Social Research Methodology, Statistics in SPSS, Text, Narrative & Discourse Analysis, and Diploma Seminars I and II. During the program, students will work both individually and in groups on concrete social and policy problems.

Graduates of the programme will have contemporary knowledge about policy-making processes and will be able to analyse these processes creatively and independently, using both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Graduates of the programme will have attained the knowledge and skills required to work as professionals not only in the public sector, but also for non-profit organizations, private companies, or academia.

To complete the programme, students must collect 120 ECTS credits, defend their Master's Thesis and pass the final state examination.

Study prerequisites: The PASP programme is open only to students who have already completed a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a related programme of study.

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Language of Instruction: English

Course Structure and Study Requirements

Compulsory courses:	71 credits
Elective courses:	min. 37 credits
Optional courses:	max. 12 credits
Total number of all required credits (ECTS):	**120 credits**

Master State Examination

(JDIP01) Diploma thesis defence
(JSZ615) Social Policy
(JSZ616) Public Policy

* WS = Winter Semester (Oct. - Feb.) SS = Summer Semester (Feb. - June)

Compulsory Courses (J#0940)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JSM406	Introduction to Data Analysis	Soukup Petrúšek	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	8

JSM518	Public Policy	Hejzlarová Jelínková	WS	2/1	Examination	9
JSM605	Diploma Seminar I	Jelínková	WS	0/2	Course credit	6
JSM691	Policy Analysis	Veselý Jusić Nekola	WS	2/1	Examination	9
JSM692	Introduction to Social Research Methodology	Jeřábek Remr	WS	2/2	Examination	9
JSM695	Diploma Seminar II	Frič	SS	0/2	Course credit	6
JSM704	Theoretical Approaches to the Policy Process	Novotný	SS	1/1	macc	8
JSM727	Social Policy	Angelovská Jusić	SS	0/2	Examination	8
JSM739	Public Administration	Witz	SS	1/1	Examination	8

Compulsory Courses Total ECTS: 71

Prerequisites, co-requisites, interchangeable and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JSM518	Public Policy				JSM588 JSM699
JSM605	Diploma Seminar I				JSM694
JSM691	Policy Analysis				JSM726 JSM748
JSM692	Introduction to Social Research Methodology				JSB015 JSB529 JSM540
JSM727	Social Policy				JSM335 JSM519

Elective Courses (J#094122)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEB025	Public Finance	Janský Palanský	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM101	Health Economics	Votápková	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM165	International Political Economy	Havránková Semerák	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JSB157	Climate Change Challenges: Workshop Prague-Constance (Konstanz) Study Days on Various Aspects of	Novotný	SS	0/2	Examination	7

	Society, Politics, and Policy in the Digital Age					
JSM010	Advanced Statistics	Soukup	SS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM032	Applied Social Research	Remr	WS/SS	2/1	Examination	7
JSM047	Social Inequalities: Ethnicity, Gender and Age	Hasmanová Marhánková	SS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM095	Study of Political Mobilization and Social Movements	Císař	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM139	Policy Analysis Methods	Jusić	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM252	The Social Dimension of the Just Transition	Jusić	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM257	Climate Change and Sustainability: Worskhop Prague-Konstanz Study Days on Society and Policy Process in the Digital Age	Novotný	SS	0/2	macc	6
JSM258	AI and Governance	Filo	WS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM266	Global development: Theory, policy and practice	Jusić	WS	1/1	Course credit	5
JSM267	Governing with Rights Human Rights Law in the Policy Process	Jusić	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM269	Eco-social policies	Vejchodská	WS	0/2	Course credit	5
JSM289	Radical Politics and the Welfare State	Gurín	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM354	Policymaking in Authoritarian Regimes	Kamilsoy	WS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM421	Contemporary Social Theory	Balon	WS	2/0	Examination	9

JSM437	Civil Society in Central Europe	Frič	SS	2/0	Examination	8
JSM480	Evaluation Research	Remr	WS	2/0	Examination	8
JSM531	Sociology of Health and Medicine: Contemporary Issues and Debates	Hasmanová Marhánková	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM532	Global Environmental Governance: A Policymaking Perspective	Dufalla	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM533	Just Transition in a Comparative Perspective: The Berlin-Prague Workshop	Jusić	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM579	Sociological Theories of Populism	Dvořák	WS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM602	Health Policy	Kotherová	SS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM657	Policy Process, Political Parties and the Welfare	Novotný	WS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM658	Policy Studies Workshop: Multiple Streams Framework	Novotný	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JSM678	Introduction to Program Evaluation	Nekola	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM689	International Migration	Jelínková	WS	1/1	Examination	7
JSM693	Text, Narrative & Discourse Analysis	Hájek	SS	1/1	Examination	9
JSM703	Current Issues in Public Policy	Veselý	WS	1/0	Examination	4
JSM706	People-oriented public service management	Kváča	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM728	Governance and Corruption in Developing Countries	Frič	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JSM731	Public Economics	Vejchodská	WS	1/1	Examination	8

JSM732	Behavioral Economics for Public and Social Policy	Kovács	WS	1/1	Examination	7
JSM733	The European Union: Integration and democratization	Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM734	The Making of EU Environmental Regulation: Processes, Actors, and Tools of Implementing the Climate Action Strategy of the European Green Deal	Novotný Karlas	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JSM735	Contemporary Challenges of Policy Studies: Workshop on Resilience Policy and Crises	Novotný	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JSM736	The functioning of the European Union from a policy-making perspective	Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM737	Contemporary EU politics: the political and economic development	Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM740	Dis/ advantaging the family and society: the role of the welfare state	Gurín	SS	1/1	Course credit	5
JSM752	Current Trends in Social Policy: Implications for Social Security, Work and Family Life	Potůček	SS	0/2	Examination	4
JSM756	Environmental Policy Instruments and Their Applications	Horváthová	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JSM757	Internship	Witz	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	4

JSM774	Work placements for public policy students	Witz	WS/SS	0/4	Course credit	6
JSM777	EU Comparative Politics:Tensions in Representative Democracy	Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM778	Public Sphere and Civil Society in the EU	Müller	SS	1/1	Course credit	4
JSM781	Educational Policy	Veselý Pýchová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM790	Theories of Governance	Ndiaye	SS	2/1	Examination	6
JSM791	Family Policy: Concepts, Reforms, and Effects	Gurín	WS	1/1	Course credit	4
JTM041	European Comparative Politics and Society	Rovná	SS	1/1	Examination	6

Elective Courses Minimum ECTS: 37

Prerequisites, co-requisites, interchangeable and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JEB025	Public Finance	J#R101			JSM731
JEM165	International Political Economy			JPM325	JEM212 JPM325
JSM032	Applied Social Research				JSM540
JSM047	Social Inequalities: Ethnicity, Gender and Age				JSM189
JSM252	The Social Dimension of the Just Transition				JSM533
JSM533	Just Transition in a Comparative Perspective: The Berlin-Prague Workshop				JSM252
JSM678	Introduction to Program Evaluation				JSM654
JSM689	International Migration				JSM136

JSM706	People-oriented public service management				JSM717
JSM731	Public Economics				JEB025
JSM732	Behavioral Economics for Public and Social Policy				JSM540
JSM757	Internship				JPM670 JPM671
JSM774	Work placements for public policy students				JPM670 JPM671
JSM781	Educational Policy				JSM685
JTM041	European Comparative Politics and Society				JTM750

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