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

Programme N0312A200014: Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies

Academic year 2023/2024

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#053023)

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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	Introduction to Research Design	Weiss Hornát	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM046	Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences	Stauber	SS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM047	Area Studies: Theory and Methodology	Vykoukal Kozák Lavengood	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM048	Comparative and Conceptual History	Brisku	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM140	MA Thesis Seminar I	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM141	MA Thesis Seminar II	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Examination	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
JTM140	MA Thesis Seminar I	JTM045			
JTM141	MA Thesis Seminar II	JTM140			

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 of Central European History	Vykoukal	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM053	Concepts and Interpretations	Králová	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	of Balkan History				
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 JTM139
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	Svoboda	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	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
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
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 Laryš	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	Jefábek	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM017	Society and Culture in Central Eurasia	Horák Brisku	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM018	Economic Transformations in the post-Soviet Area	Horák Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM198	Volunteering	Švec	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM204	Excursion	Švec Lizcová	WS/SS	0/0	Course credit	3
JTM206	Internship for BECES	Nigrin	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3

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
JTM257	<u>Splendor and Misery of Détente</u>	<u>Fojtek</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM265	<u>Central European Cinema</u>	<u>Dan Mircea</u>	WS	0/4	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
JTM270	<u>History and Present in South East European Cinema</u>	<u>Dan Mircea</u>	SS	0/4	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 Jordanová</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
JTM282	<u>Ukraine after 1991</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Course credit	6
JTM285	<u>Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and</u>	<u>Hauser</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	East European Countries					
JTM287	Czech Republic in the European Union - actors and interests	Šlosarčík Weiss	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM291	Modernizing the Balkans	Šístek	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM300	The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West European Leftists	Handl Mejstřík	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM313	Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future?	Emler	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM315	Social Exclusion and the Roma in Central Europe	Klípa	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM316	Doing Business in Central Europe	Kolmhofer	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM317	Russian-Turkish Rivalry over the Balkan and Caucasus Areas	Brisku	SS	1/1	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
JTM335	Central Europe: Ideologies and	Robbins Janíčková	WS	2/2	Examination	6

	Politics (1700's - present)					
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	SS	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	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM478	Current Issues of (post)Constitutional European Integration	Šlosarčík	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
JTM507	<u>Russian Politics and Society</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM515	<u>Transnational Politics, Complicity, and Victims of the Holocaust</u>	<u>Roginer Hofmeister Králová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM516	<u>World War II: Public History and Memory</u>	<u>Králová Roginer Hofmeister</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM517	<u>Culture Wars in the US Supreme Court</u>	<u>Hornaday</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM518	<u>Russia: Nationalism, National Minorities and National Problems (since the Late 1980s)</u>	<u>Dubrovskiy</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM519	<u>The Postcolonial Condition in Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM524	<u>Current Central Asia: building autocracy for</u>	<u>Jordanová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	the 21st century					
JTM525	Geopolitics of the European Airspace and Space Exploration	Valdez Tůma	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM526	Strategic Studies	Young	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM527	EU Common Security and Defence Policy: development, practical aspects of implementation, challenges	Tomalová Merker	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM528	EU negotiation	Havlík	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM553	Soviet Culture as a Social Phenomenon	Sultanova Kocián	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM556	From Laika to Lybra: Science and Technology in the Cold War	Johnston	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM558	Cybersecurity: Concepts and Practice	Kadlecová	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM578	Postsocialist transformations on film	Pehe	WS	1/1	Course credit	6
JTM579	Jewish Life in Germany from 1871 to 1952	Osterloh	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM616	EU Migration Policies	Lukešová	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM627	Analyzing crises and wars, including the Ukraine one	Allan Špína	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM628	Fundamentals of Constitutional Order and Political System of Russia after 1991	Horák Dubrovskiy	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM629	Current Eurasia	Jordanová	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM634	Human Rights in post-Soviet Space	Dubrovskiy Kolenovská	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM650	The Twentieth Century in European	Králová Smith	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	Memory: Themes and Approaches in Contemporary European Memory Studies					
JTM665	Post-Conflict Societies of the Western Balkans	Žila	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM666	Migrations in the Balkans in the 20th and 21st Centuries	Žila	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM668	Political Psychology in International Relations	Smetana	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM670	Postcommunist transition in East Central Europe	Klípa	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM701	Journalism and Democracy: Fake News Research in the East	Lin	WS	2/0	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
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
JTM665	Post-Conflict Societies of the Western Balkans				JMM029

Study plans codes:

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