
(NMgr) Programme: International Economic and Political Studies (NP_IEPS)

Study programme N0312A200148: International Economic and Political Studies

Academic year 2025/2026

Description of the two-year IEPS Master's at
CHARLES UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES (IEPS)

International Economic and Political Studies (IEPS) is a post-graduate master's study designed as a unique interdisciplinary program providing students with theoretical knowledge, critical thinking, and concrete analytical, presentation, and communication skills that allow its graduates to quickly find a job in a global labor market. Employers of IEPS graduates shall appreciate their ability to collect and analyze data using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Moreover, IEPS graduates are renowned for their evidence-based approaches and their ability to propose and apply such approaches in decision-making on various managerial levels in both national and international public institutions, businesses, and NGOs.

IEPS taught in English, is built on two pillars: international economics and international politics which at the same time are its specializations allowing the students – alongside fulfilling common compulsory courses – to specialize themselves in one of the disciplines. The program emphasizes courses that foster interdisciplinary critical thinking for social developments in the world and increase sensitivity to ethical challenges in decision-making and policy design in a contemporary environment. Students deal with the nature of economic and political agents, including the emergence of conflicts countered by cooperation. They are expected to master the principles of modern non-conventional economic and political thinking and be able to apply them in decision-making in social governance.

As the demand for fundamental changes in how societies are organized calls for new analytical competencies and unconventional dynamic thinking, IEPS aims to demonstrate and instill them in its students.

Study prerequisites

Applicants to the IEPS program come from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds. It is not necessary to have previously studied politics or economics. Admission may be granted also to students whose previous studies were in philosophy, other humanities, commerce, law, or even mathematics, technical, or natural sciences. Although a background in mathematics is not formally required for admission, it is definitely an advantage for IEPS applicants to have an aptitude for maths and statistics, especially for those students who wish to specialize in economics. All students must have a sturdy command of the English language in order to successfully complete all of the course requirements, including the ability to write presentations, and essays and discuss specialized topics.

You can find more information about this study on <https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/ieps>

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES – study programme options for 2025/2026

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Course structure

Compulsory courses for both specialisations	47 credits
Specialised compulsory courses	34 credits
Elective courses	27 credits
Remaining optional courses	12 credits
TOTAL CREDITS	120 credits

Having reached at least 120 credits in the required structure, the students are qualified for taking the concluding Final State Examination and defending the Master's Thesis.

Their successful passing is a condition for getting conferred the master's degree equivalent to M.A. It is expected that the studies are concluded in two years. The maximum length of the study is 5 years. Standard duration: 2 years.

Composition of the Final state examination

(JDIP01) Defence of the Diploma Thesis

(JSZ678) International Politics
(JSZ679) International Economics

The list of Compulsory courses for both specialisations - J#102024

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM164	Public Finance - IEPS	Janský Palanský	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM209	History and Methodology of Economics	Doležalová Baxa	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JEM212	International Political Economy	Havránková Semerák	SS	2/1	Examination	7
JPM040	Global Political Philosophy	Salamon	WS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM057	Master's Thesis Seminar	Hájek	SS	0/2	Course credit	6
JPM094	Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism	Riegl	WS	2/2	Examination	7
JPM443	Data Analysis and Mapping	Hájek	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM888	Comparative Democratization	Guasti	SS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of credits: 47

WS = Winter Semester (Oct. - Feb.)

SS = Summer Semester (Feb. - June)

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JEM164	Public Finance - IEPS			JPM249	JEB025 JPM249
JEM212	International Political Economy				JEM165 JPM325
JPM040	Global Political Philosophy				JPM398
JPM057	Master's Thesis Seminar				JEM330
JPM094	Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism				JPM113 JPM324

The list of Compulsory courses for International Politics - J#102125

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
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JPM041	<u>Global Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives</u>	<u>Salamon</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM056	<u>Political Parties in Comparative Perspective</u>	<u>Brunclík</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM704	<u>Approaches to Conflict and Violence</u>	<u>Karásek</u>	WS/SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM813	<u>Populism and Democracy</u>	<u>Guasti</u>	SS	1/2	Examination	6
JPM935	<u>Theories of International Relations</u>	<u>Střítecký</u> <u>Kazharski</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JSM588	<u>Theory of Public Policy</u>	<u>Potůček</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6

Total number of credits: 34

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JPM041	Global Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives				JPM399
JPM056	Political Parties in Comparative Perspective				JPM574
JPM935	Theories of International Relations				JPM314
JSM588	Theory of Public Policy				JSM518 JSM699

The list of Compulsory courses for International Economics - J#1022

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM012	<u>European Economic Policies</u>	<u>Komárek</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM062	<u>Introductory Econometrics</u>	<u>Baruník</u> <u>Kukačka</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM123	<u>Development Economics</u>	<u>Bauer</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JEM211	<u>Philosophy, Economics and Politics: Current Debates</u>	<u>Baxa</u> <u>Semerák</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JEM328	<u>International Trade</u>	<u>Semerák</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	8
JEM331	<u>Advanced Data Analysis in MS Excel</u>	<u>Polák</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Examination	3

Total number of credits: 34

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JEM211	Philosophy, Economics and Politics: Current Debates				JEM180 JPM156 JPM610
JEM328	International Trade				JEB039 JPB354
JEM331	Advanced Data Analysis in MS Excel				JEB111

The list of Elective courses for both specialisations - J#1023

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM101	<u>Health Economics</u>	<u>Votápková</u>	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM167	<u>Comparative Economics</u>	<u>Semerák</u>	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM203	<u>Public Economics</u>	<u>Janský Palanský</u>	SS	2/1	Examination	6
JEM218	<u>Environmental Economics and Behavior</u>	<u>Ščasný Zvěřinová</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JJM234	<u>Media and Society: An Introduction</u>	<u>Jiráek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM070	<u>Current Topics in Political Theory</u>	<u>Franěk</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM154	<u>Politics and AI</u>	<u>Filo</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM198	<u>Contemporary Latin America</u>	<u>Krausz Hladká</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM451	<u>Czech Parliament in Central European perspective</u>	<u>Kuta</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM628	<u>Researching International Politics: Quantitative Methods</u>	<u>Parížek</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM792	<u>Measuring Democracy and Democratic Quality</u>	<u>Guasti</u>	WS	1/2	Examination	6
JPM793	<u>Political Representation</u>	<u>Guasti</u>	SS	1/2	Examination	6

JPM804	Geopolitics and security in Africa	Doboš	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM805	Democracy - Current Challenges and Innovations	Guasti	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM827	Era of political entrepreneurs: a party capture by private interests	Cirhan	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM830	Minority self-government in comparative perspective	Brunclík	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM834	The transnational people: challenges and opportunities for populist parties	Perottino	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM837	War in Croatia and its Implications for Collective Identity: The Case of the Croatian Serbs	Krausz Hladká	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM843	Geopolitical Schools of Thought	Doboš	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM851	Sociology of voting behaviors	Jágr	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM852	The Far Right in Europe	Guasti	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM869	Populism and threats to democracy. Leaders, movements, parties	Krausz Hladká	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM301	Elites in Society	Frič	WS	1/1	Examination	9
JSM421	Contemporary Social Theory	Balon	WS	2/0	Examination	9
JSM689	International Migration	Jelínková	WS	1/1	Examination	7
JSM691	Policy Analysis	Veselý	WS	2/1	Examination	9
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM032	Government in United States	Sehnálková	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM041	European Comparative Politics and Society	Rovná	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM052	Concepts and Interpretations of Central European History	Vykoukal	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM386	The EU and Israel: An Uneasy Partnership	Kalhousová	SS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimal number of required credits: 27

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Kód	Název předmětu	Prerekvizity	Korekvizity	Záměnnosti	Neslučitelnosti
JEM167	Comparative Economics			JPM312	JEB103 JPM312
JEM218	Environmental Economics and Behavior				JEM115
JJM234	Media and Society: An Introduction				JKM126
JPM628	Researching International Politics: Quantitative Methods				JPM157
JSM691	Policy Analysis				JSM726
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries				JMM095 JTM139
JTM032	Government in United States				JMM345
JTM041	European Comparative Politics and Society				JTM750

Study plan codes:

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