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

Master's Programme N0314A250016: Public and Social Policy Studies

Academic year 2025/2026

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

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| 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 |
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| JSM406 | Introduction to Data Analysis | Soukup Petrušek | WS/SS | 1/1 | Examination | 8 |
| JSM518 | Public Policy | Veichodská | WS | 2/1 | Examination | 9 |

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| JSM605 | Diploma Seminar I | Frič | WS | 0/2 | Course credit | 6 |
| JSM691 | Policy Analysis | Veselý | 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 | Examination | 8 |
| JSM727 | Social Policy | Angelovská Jusič | 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 |
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| 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#094125)

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| Code | Course title | Course leader | Semester | Hours per week | Course assessment | ECTS credit points |
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| 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 |
| 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 | Císař | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |

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| | and Social Movements | | | | | |
| 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 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM258 | AI and Governance | Filo | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 5 |
| JSM289 | Radical Politics and the Welfare State | Gurín | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 5 |
| JSM354 | Policymaking in Authoritarian Regimes | Kamilsoy | SS | 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 | Novotný | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM579 | Sociological Theories of Populism | Dvořák | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 8 |
| JSM602 | Health Policy | Kotherová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 8 |

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| JSM657 | <u>Policy Process, Political Parties and the Welfare</u> | <u>Novotný</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 8 |
| JSM658 | <u>Policy Studies Workshop: Multiple Streams Framework</u> | <u>Novotný</u> | SS | 0/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM678 | <u>Introduction to Program Evaluation</u> | <u>Nekola</u> | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 5 |
| JSM689 | <u>International Migration</u> | <u>Jelínková</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 7 |
| JSM693 | <u>Text, Narrative & Discourse Analysis</u> | <u>Hájek</u> | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 9 |
| JSM703 | <u>Current Issues in Public Policy</u> | <u>Veselý</u> | WS | 1/0 | Examination | 4 |
| JSM731 | <u>Public Economics</u> | <u>Vejhodská</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 8 |
| JSM732 | <u>Behavioral Economics for Public and Social Policy</u> | <u>Kovács</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 7 |
| JSM733 | <u>The European Union: Integration and democratization</u> | <u>Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM735 | <u>Contemporary Challenges of Policy Studies: Workshop on Resilience Policy and Crises</u> | <u>Novotný</u> | WS | 0/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM736 | <u>The functioning of the European Union: politics and policy decision-making</u> | <u>Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska</u> | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM737 | <u>Contemporary EU politics: the political and economic development</u> | <u>Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska</u> | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM740 | <u>Dis/advantaging the family and society: the role of the welfare state</u> | <u>Gurín</u> | SS | 1/1 | Course credit | 5 |
| JSM752 | <u>Current Trends in Social Policy: Implications for Social Security.</u> | <u>Potůček</u> | SS | 0/2 | Examination | 4 |

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| | Work and Family Life | | | | | |
| JSM756 | Environmental Policy Instruments and Their Applications | Horváthová | WS/SS | 0/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM777 | EU Comparative Politics: Tensions in Representative Democracy | Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JSM781 | Educational Policy | Veselý | 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 |
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| 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 |
| JSM731 | Public Economics | | | | JEB025 |
| JSM732 | Behavioral Economics for | | | | JSM540 |

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| | Public and Social Policy | | | | |
| JSM781 | Educational Policy | | | | JSM685 |
| JTM041 | European Comparative Politics and Society | | | | JTM750 |

Study plan code:
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