
(Bc) Program: History and Area Studies (BP_HAS)

Programme B0222A120017: History and Area Studies (HAS) - bachelor, full-time

Academic year 2025/2026

The HAS programme curriculum combines education in modern history and area studies and Czech language education. The Czech language courses proceed from the basic grammar and vocabulary to the advanced level of Czech to be reached by the end of the studies. Modern history and area studies mandatory courses aim to give a broad overview of major topics in contemporary Central European history, culture, politics, and economics, thus providing a solid background for more in-depth study of selected topics in the elective courses where the topics can be discussed in Czech due to the rising language knowledge and skills. Bachelor thesis seminars prepare a student for the selection of the topic of the thesis and provide a guide for writing the thesis.

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History and Area Studies: course structure:

Compulsory courses	150 ECTS
Electives	30 - 12 ECTS
Optional (out of the list)	0 - 18 ECTS
Total	180 ECTS

(Optional courses see article 5 para 4 of Consolidated University Code of Study and Examination of Charles University in Prague)

Bachelor's state examination:

1. (JBAK01) Bachelor's thesis defence (in English)
2. (JSZ645) Modern history with respect to Central Europe (in English)
3. (JSZ646) Debate on a selected Czech academic text relating to topics examined in compulsory courses (in Czech)

Compulsory courses (J#0517)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTB104	Academic Writing	Cotte	SS	0/2	Course credit	6
JTB105	Czech Language I	Slavík Kaushiková	WS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB106	Czech Language II	Hyklová	SS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB107	Receptive Language Skills I	Hrdlička Hyklová	WS	0/3	Course credit	4
JTB108	Receptive Language Skills II	Hrdlička	SS	0/3	Examination	4

JTB109	<u>Productive Language Skills I</u>	<u>Štindlová</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB110	<u>Productive Language Skills II</u>	<u>Boušková</u> <u>Vašíčková</u>	SS	0/3	Course credit	4
JTB111	<u>Introduction to History</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB112	<u>Introduction to Area Studies</u>	<u>Kozák</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB113	<u>Introduction to Government and Politics</u>	<u>Ulrichová</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB114	<u>Czech Language III</u>	<u>Černá</u> <u>Schormová</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB115	<u>Czech Language IV</u>	<u>Kotková</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB116	<u>Academic Czech in Humanities and Social Sciences I</u>	<u>Pechová</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB117	<u>Academic Czech in Humanities and Social Sciences II</u>	<u>Pečený</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB118	<u>World History of the 20th Century</u>	<u>Nigrin</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB119	<u>International Relations since 1918</u>	<u>Hornát</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB120	<u>European Integration</u>	<u>Váška</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB121	<u>Modern History of Central Europe</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB122	<u>Czech in Communication</u>	<u>Nováková</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB123	<u>Academic Communication in Czech</u>	<u>Nováková</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	4
JTB124	<u>Lexical-Stylistic Seminar</u>	<u>Štindlová</u>	WS	0/3	Course credit	4
JTB125	<u>Academic Reading in Czech</u>	<u>Štindlová</u>	WS	0/3	Course credit	6
JTB126	<u>Academic Writing in Czech</u>	<u>Nováková</u>	SS	0/3	Course credit	6
JTB127	<u>Current Central Europe</u>	<u>Švepešová</u> <u>Blatáková</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	6

JTB128	BA Thesis Seminar I	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	10
JTB129	BA Thesis Seminar II	Vykoukal	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	10
JTB132	Central European Culture in the 20th Century	Emler	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB133	Introduction to International Political Economy	Fířtová	SS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 150

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTB104	Academic Writing				JTB001
JTB106	Czech Language II	JTB105			
JTB108	Receptive Language Skills II	JTB107			
JTB110	Productive Language Skills II	JTB109			
JTB114	Czech Language III	<u>J#R065</u> JTB106			
JTB115	Czech Language IV	<u>J#R065</u> JTB114			
JTB116	Academic Czech in Humanities and Social Sciences I	<u>J#R065</u>			
JTB117	Academic Czech in Humanities and Social Sciences II	<u>J#R065</u> JTB116			
JTB118	World History of the 20th Century	<u>J#R065</u>			
JTB119	International Relations since 1918	<u>J#R065</u>			
JTB120	European Integration	<u>J#R065</u>			
JTB121	Modern History of Central Europe	<u>J#R065</u>			
JTB122	Czech in Communication	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB123	Academic Communication in Czech	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB124	Lexical-Stylistic Seminar	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB125	Academic Reading in Czech	<u>J#R066</u>			

JTB126	Academic Writing in Czech	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB127	Current Central Europe	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB128	BA Thesis Seminar I	<u>J#R066</u>			
JTB129	BA Thesis Seminar II	<u>J#R066</u> JTB128			
JTB132	Central European Culture in the 20th Century	<u>J#R065</u>			JMBZ289
JTB133	Introduction to International Political Economy	<u>J#R065</u>			

Electives (J#0518)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTB134	Internship	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTB241	Modern History of the Caucasus	<u>Brisku</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB287	Contemporary Politics in Central Europe: Populism and Beyond	<u>Sadecki</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB288	Social Movements and Collective Action in the 21st Century	<u>Baginová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB300	Central Europe and China: Economic and Political Relations	<u>Kopecký</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB301	Introduction to Intellectual History: Approaches and Methods	<u>Brisku</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB302	Central European Myths and Memory	<u>Balla</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB307	Transatlantic Security Cooperation	<u>Weiss</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB312	Cultural Studies: An Introduction	<u>Asavei</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTB320	<u>Identity and Inter-Cultural Communication</u>	<u>Constable</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTB321	<u>Central European and Czech Literature</u>	<u>Hůlková Nývltová</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTB322	<u>Central European and Czech Politics</u>	<u>Heranová</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTB323	<u>Central European and Czech History</u>	<u>Boušková Vašíčková</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTB324	<u>Czech Linguistics</u>	<u>Štindlová Nováková</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB325	<u>Prague, the Metropolis of Central Europe</u>	<u>Boušková Vašíčková</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB327	<u>Hungarian Society and Culture</u>	<u>Roginer-Hofmeister</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB329	<u>Introduction into Central European countries' transformation: law, institutions, politics</u>	<u>Šlosarčík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTB332	<u>Climate Change Politics from a Comparative Area Perspective</u>	<u>Fiřtová Ullrichová Lizcová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB335	<u>The European origins of Zionist ideologies and their evolution: from East Europe to Israel</u>	<u>Coman Kalhousová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB337	<u>The Zelensky Phenomenon: the Rise of Audience Democracy and Performative Politics in Ukraine</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB339	<u>Key Economic Issues in the EU</u>	<u>Cotte</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB346	<u>Geopolitics of European Territorial Waters</u>	<u>Valdez Tůma</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimum number of ECTS: 12

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Code	Course title	Pre-requisite	Co-requisite	Interchangeability	Incompatibility
JTB241	Modern History of the Caucasus				JMB038
JTB287	Contemporary Politics in Central Europe: Populism and Beyond	JTB007 JTB010 JTB015			
JTB301	Introduction to Intellectual History: Approaches and Methods	JTB004 JTB006 JTB010 JTB014			JMMZ253
JTB312	Cultural Studies: An Introduction				JMMZ236

Logic of the programme:

Each year, students do a selected set of compulsory courses, all 1st year compulsory courses are prerequisites for 2nd year compulsory courses, all 2nd year compulsory courses are prerequisites for 3rd year compulsory courses:

a) 1st year compulsory courses: JTB104-JTB113 (10 courses = 48 credits)

b) 2nd year compulsory courses: JTB114-JTB121, JTB132-JTB133 (10 courses = 40 credits)

c) 3rd year compulsory courses: JTB122-JTB129 (8 courses = 50 credits)

Prerequisite means that you have to pass 1st year courses to enrol in the 2nd year courses, etc.

Study plan code:

J25BPHAS1713