
(NMgr) Programme: Geopolitical Studies (NP_GPS)

Programme N0312A200012: Geopolitical Studies - master, full-time

Academic year 2025/2026

Geopolitical Studies is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme fully accredited by the Czech ministry of Education, which seeks to explore the dynamic relationship between International Politics and Human Geography, focusing on essential theories, thinkers and regions.

As new boundaries are created between us and maps constantly re-drawn the world over, in a world that is still being described as borderless, it is therefore important to consider why this is happening. The programme will combine the strengths of the Institute of Political Studies' strongest departments, Political Geography and Security Studies to create a unique opportunity for students to focus on a key aspect of today's Political study.

Through the core courses, students will gain the theoretical tools and the historical background to develop a deeper analysis of the geography of the world they live in. Through their elective courses (which they may choose from a wide range of up to 30 courses per semester), they are free to strengthen their knowledge in related fields and concentrate on specific regions.

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Coordinator: Mgr. Bohumil Doboš, Ph.D.

Language of instruction: English

Course structure:

Total credits	120 credits
Compulsory courses	67 credits
Elective courses	min. 41 credits
Optional courses	max. 12 credits
Master's thesis	
Final examination	

Composition of the master state examination:

(JDIP01) Defence of the Diploma Thesis
(JSZ611) Geopolitical Concepts and Theory (1 question)
(JSZ612) Geopolitics of World Regions (1 question)

Compulsory courses J#0370

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JPM100	Methods in Geopolitics I	Riegl Kofroň	WS	2/1	Course credit	6
JPM101	Methods in Geopolitics II	Riegl Doboš	SS	2/1	Course credit	6
JPM142	Geopolitics and Political Geography of World Regions	Riegl	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM599	War, the State and Society I	Kofroň	WS	2/0	Examination	6

JPM600	War, the State and Society II	Kofroň	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM604	Geopolitics and Geostrategy I	Romancov	WS	2/0	Course credit	4
JPM605	Geopolitics and Geostrategy II	Romancov	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM620	Geopolitical Thought	Doboš	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM734	Geopolitics of sovereignty, state failure and unrecognized states	Riegl Doboš	WS	2/2	Examination	9
JPM735	Theories of International Relations (GPS)	Kazharski	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM736	Master's Thesis Seminar I	Riegl	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JPM737	Master's Thesis Seminar II	Riegl	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3

Total credits: 67

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
JPM101	Methods in Geopolitics II	JPM100			
JPM142	Geopolitics and Political Geography of World Regions				JPM324 JPM641
JPM605	Geopolitics and Geostrategy II	JPM604			
JPM734	Geopolitics of sovereignty, state failure and unrecognized states				JPM300
JPM735	Theories of International Relations (GPS)				JPM714
JPM736	Master's Thesis Seminar I				JPM602
JPM737	Master's Thesis Seminar II	JPM736			JPM603

Elective courses J#037123

Students make their own selection from the Master's degree level courses offered in English at the Institute of Political Studies.

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JPM041	<u>Global Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives</u>	<u>Salamon</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM090	<u>The Debate on Current Geopolitical Issues</u>	<u>Riegl Doboš</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	4
JPM091	<u>Czech Post-1989 Diplomacy and Foreign Policy</u>	<u>Petříček</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM102	<u>Security Systems in the 21st Century</u>	<u>Landovský</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM103	<u>Geopolitics of Transatlantic Space</u>	<u>Romancov</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	4
JPM109	<u>Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific</u>	<u>Wordsworth</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM110	<u>Geopolitics in Movies</u>	<u>Riegl</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	4
JPM115	<u>Geopolitical Importance of Central Europe</u>	<u>Just</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM123	<u>Geopolitics in the Lusosphere</u>	<u>Morgado Valentim Albino</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM450	<u>Electoral Systems</u>	<u>Collini</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM465	<u>Evolution of the Hungarian political System</u>	<u>Collini</u>	WS	2/0	Course credit	6
JPM466	<u>Parties and Party Systems in Southern Europe</u>	<u>Collini</u>	SS	2/0	Course credit	6
JPM710	<u>Radicalization and Deradicalization</u>	<u>Aslan Collins</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM711	<u>Russian and Post-Soviet Security</u>	<u>Laryš</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM712	<u>Insurgency and Counterinsurgency</u>	<u>Aslan Ludvík</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM715	<u>Geopolitics of Violent Non-State Actors</u>	<u>Doboš</u>	SS	1/1	Course credit	4
JPM716	<u>The Geopolitics of Defence Industry and Arms Trade</u>	<u>Kopečný</u>	WS	1/1	Course credit	4
JPM739	<u>Geopolitics of Great Powers: Russia</u>	<u>Leichtová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	4

JPM741	<u>Geopolitics of Latin America</u>	<u>Krausz Hladká</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM742	<u>Public International Law</u>	<u>Landovský</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM743	<u>Politics of Security in Northeast Asia</u>	<u>Karášková</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM744	<u>Political Risk Analysis</u>	<u>Doboš</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM745	<u>Geopolitics of Great Powers: China</u>	<u>Karmazin</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM746	<u>Geopolitics of the Middle East</u>	<u>Doboš</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM747	<u>Astropolitics</u>	<u>Doboš</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM748	<u>Strategic Potential Analysis</u>	<u>Morgado Valentim Albino</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM749	<u>Foreign Policy and International Politics through Neoclassical Realism</u>	<u>Morgado Valentim Albino</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM777	<u>Geopolitics of Climate, Energy and the Environment</u>	<u>Romancov</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM780	<u>Italian Political System</u>	<u>Collini</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM804	<u>Geopolitics and security in Africa</u>	<u>Doboš Riegl</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM816	<u>Secessionist Conflicts and Their Management</u>	<u>Riegl</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM826	<u>Geoeconomics: a framework to understand the evolution of geopolitical analysis</u>	<u>Riegl</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM829	<u>Immigrant integration and multiculturalism: contradictory or complementary?</u>	<u>Krausz Hladká</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM830	<u>Minority self-government in comparative perspective</u>	<u>Brunclík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM834	<u>The transnational</u>	<u>Perottino</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6

	people: challenges and opportunities for populist parties					
JPM837	War in Croatia and its Implications for Collective Identity: The Case of the Croatian Serbs	Krausz Hladká	SS	1/1	Examination	5
JPM843	History of International Relations through a Geopolitical Lens	Doboš	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM851	Sociology of voting behaviors	Jágr	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM852	The Extreme Right in Europe ex The Far Right in Europe	Guasti	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM855	Politics and Effects of Mega-Events	Parížek	WS	2/0	macc	4
JPM856	The State, Democracy and Development in Southern Africa	Doboš	SS	0/1	Examination	4
JPM866	Geoeconomics: a framework to understand the evolution of geopolitical analysis	Riegl	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM872	Contemporary Issues of International Law in the Indo-Pacific	Doboš	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM873	Critical Political Geography in Theory and Practice: Exploring Nature, Space and Power	Doboš	WS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM880	Political personalism and personalization	Perottino	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM883	Geopolitics of the Balkans	Riegl	SS	2/0	Examination	4

JPM888	Comparative Democratization	Guasti	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM970	Defence Industrial Bases and Policies in Mid-size and Smaller Countries	Kopečný	SS	1/1	Examination	4
JPM971	Territoriality of Radical Islamist Groups	Doboš	WS	2/0	Course credit	4
JPM972	Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa	Doboš Riegl	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JPM973	Internship	Riegl	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM252	Issues in United States National Security Policy	Raška	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM262	U.S. Foreign Policy during the Cold War	Raška	SS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimal number of credits: 41

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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JPM041	Global Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives				JPM399
JPM115	Geopolitical Importance of Central Europe				JPM423
JPM123	Geopolitics in the Lusosphere				JPM688
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security				JMM065
JPM739	Geopolitics of Great Powers: Russia				JPM191
JPM741	Geopolitics of Latin America				JPM422
JPM742	Public International Law				JPM548 JPM675
JPM743	Politics of Security in Northeast Asia				JPM648
JPM744	Political Risk Analysis				JPM662
JPM745	Geopolitics of Great Powers: China				JPM155 JPM664
JPM746	Geopolitics of the Middle East				JPM426
JPM747	Astropolitics				JPM687

JPM748	Strategic Potential Analysis				JPM601
JPM749	Foreign Policy and International Politics through Neoclassical Realism				JPM661

Optional courses J#0372

Students make their own selection from the Master's degree level courses offered in English at the Charles University.

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Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Study plan code:

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