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# (NMGr) Programme: International Masters in Economy, State and Society (NP\_IMESS) - spec. Politics & the International Economy

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## Programme N0312A200010: International Masters in Economy, State and Society - spec. Politics & the International Economy

Academic year 2025/2026

- International Masters in Economy, State and Society aka IMESS is a double-degree programme based on cooperation of the [School of Slavonic and East European Studies \(University College of London\)](#), which is the main coordinator of the programme, and seven other universities: [University of Belgrade](#) (Serbia), [Charles University](#) (Czech Republic), [Corvinus University of Budapest](#) (Hungary), [Helsinki University](#) (Finland), [Jagiellonian University](#) (Poland), [University of Tartu](#) (Estonia).
- The programme, with the first year spent at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (University College of London) and the second year at one of the seven mentioned universities, concentrates on the area of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and Eurasia. IMESS is divided into four specialisms: Economy & Business; Politics & International Economy with an emphasis on Economics or Politics; Politics & Security; History & Society. Each specialism focuses on language training, research methods and on selected and important issues of the area according to teaching and scholar orientation of the each of the mentioned universities. Successful graduates will be given a double degree (UCL and one chosen university) and a diploma supplement issued by the IMESS consortium.

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<h2 style="font-size: 1.5em; color: blue">Politics & the International Economy specialism: course structure</h2>

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Compulsory courses</b>      | 30 ECTS         |
| <b>Research methods module</b> | 12 ECTS         |
| <b>Language module</b>         | 12 - 24 ECTS    |
| <b>P &amp; IE electives</b>    | 54 - 66 ECTS    |
| <b>Optional courses</b>        | 0 - 12 ECTS     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>120 ECTS</b> |
| <b>Master's thesis defence</b> |                 |

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

## Politics & the International Economy specialism - compulsory courses J#0584

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| Kód    | Název předmětu                 | Garant předmětu | Semestr | Rozsah výuky | Kontrola studia | Kredity |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| JTM108 | M.A. Thesis Seminar I (IMESS)  | Vykoukal        | ZS/LS   | 0/2          | Z               | 15      |
| JTM109 | M.A. Thesis Seminar II (IMESS) | Vykoukal        | ZS/LS   | 0/2          | Z               | 15      |

Total number of ECTS: 30

## Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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| Code   | Course title                   | Pre-requisite | Co-requisite | Interchangeability | Incompatibility |
|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| JTM109 | M.A. Thesis Seminar II (IMESS) | JTM108        |              |                    |                 |

## Politics & the International Economy specialism - research method module J#0585

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| Code   | Course title                            | Course leader      | Semester | Hours per week | Course assessment | ECTS credit points |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JTM110 | <u>Quantitative Methods</u>             | <u>Bruno</u>       | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTM112 | <u>Qualitative methods</u>              | <u>Gordy</u>       | SS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTM113 | <u>Understanding and Analysing Data</u> | <u>Noble</u>       | WS       | 0/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTM114 | <u>Political Analysis</u>               | <u>Snetkov</u>     | WS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTM350 | <u>Financial Development</u>            | <u>Korosteleva</u> | SS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTM367 | <u>Public Choice - Private Interest</u> | <u>Douarin</u>     | SS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |

Maximum: 12 ECTS

### Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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| Code | Course title | Pre-requisite | Co-requisite | Interchangeability | Incompatibility |
|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
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## Politics & the International Economy specialism - language module J#0564

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| Code   | Course title                           | Course leader                                             | Semester | Hours per week | Course assessment | ECTS credit points |
|--------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JLB100 | <u>Czech as a Foreign Language I</u>   | <u>Frantesová</u><br><u>Mazůrková</u><br><u>Pellarová</u> | WS/SS    | 0/4            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JLB101 | <u>Czech as a Foreign Language II</u>  | <u>Frantesová</u><br><u>Mazůrková</u><br><u>Pellarová</u> | WS/SS    | 0/4            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JLB102 | <u>Czech as a Foreign Language III</u> | <u>Frantesová</u><br><u>Mazůrková</u><br><u>Pellarová</u> | WS/SS    | 0/4            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JLB103 | <u>Czech as a Foreign Language IV</u>  | <u>Frantesová</u><br><u>Mazůrková</u><br><u>Pellarová</u> | WS/SS    | 0/4            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTB158 | <u>Russian Language I</u>              | <u>Shvedova</u>                                           | WS       | 0/3            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTB159 | <u>Russian Language II</u>             | <u>Shvedova</u>                                           | SS       | 0/3            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JTB160 | <u>Russian Language III</u>            | <u>Shvedova</u>                                           | WS       | 0/3            | Examination       | 6                  |

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| JTB161 | <u>Russian Language IV</u>                          | <u>Shvedova</u>   | SS | 0/3 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM090 | <u>Language Course</u>                              |                   | SS | 0/2 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM415 | <u>International Masters: Foundation in Russian</u> | <u>Ponomareva</u> | WS | 2/2 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM537 | <u>MA Low Intermediate: Russian</u>                 | <u>Ponomareva</u> | WS | 0/4 | Examination | 12 |

## 12 - 24 ECTS

Language options:

1. Students take 1st year language module (JTM090) worth 12 ECTS as compulsory and during their 2nd year they can take one or two language modules as electives
2. Students do not take language module during their 1st year at UCL, then have to enrol either Czech Language modules worth 12 ECTS or Russian Language modules worth 12 ECTS

## Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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| Code   | Course title         | Pre-requisite | Co-requisite | Interchangeability | Incompatibility |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| JTB159 | Russian Language II  | JTB158        |              |                    |                 |
| JTB160 | Russian Language III | JTB159        |              |                    |                 |
| JTB161 | Russian Language IV  | JTB160        |              |                    |                 |

## Politics & the International Economy specialism - electives J#0586

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| Code   | Course title                                    | Course leader      | Semester | Hours per week | Course assessment | ECTS credit points |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JEM020 | <u>Ethics and Economics</u>                     | <u>Cahlík</u>      | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM027 | <u>Monetary Economics</u>                       | <u>Holub</u>       | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM092 | <u>Asset Pricing</u>                            | <u>Čech</u>        | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM111 | <u>International Macroeconomics and Finance</u> | <u>Holub</u>       | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM123 | <u>Development Economics</u>                    | <u>Bauer</u>       | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM132 | <u>Company Valuation</u>                        | <u>Novák</u>       | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM142 | <u>Banking and Financial Regulation</u>         | <u>Tůma Dvořák</u> | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM167 | <u>Comparative Economics</u>                    | <u>Semerák</u>     | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM228 | <u>Systemic Risk and Macroprudential Policy</u> | <u>Geršl</u>       | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----|-------------|----|
| JPM711 | Russian and Post-Soviet Security                                              | <u>Laryš</u>                   | WS/SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTB357 | Geopolitics of the Climate Crisis                                             | <u>Fiřtová</u>                 | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTB358 | German Security and European Policy                                           | <u>Eberle</u>                  | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM014 | Political Systems of East Central European Countries                          | <u>Kubát</u>                   | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM015 | Economic Transformation in East Central and Southeastern Europe               | <u>Jeřábek</u>                 | WS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM017 | Society and Culture in Central Eurasia                                        | <u>Horák Brisku</u>            | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM018 | Economic Transformations in the post-Soviet Area                              | <u>Horák Svoboda</u>           | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM023 | European Union in International Affairs                                       | <u>Weiss</u>                   | WS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM024 | European Economic Integration                                                 | <u>Young</u>                   | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM111 | Advanced Quantitative Methods                                                 | <u>Makarova</u>                | SS    | 0/6 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM118 | Political Economy of International Business                                   | <u>Radošević</u>               | WS    | 0/6 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM205 | IMESS Internship                                                              | <u>Vykoukal</u>                | WS/SS | 0/4 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM227 | International Ethics between Hypocrisy, Collective Arrogance, and Dirty Hands | <u>Allan Lukeřová Pisklová</u> | SS    | 2/0 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM267 | Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe                       | <u>Svoboda</u>                 | SS    | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |

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| JTM269 | <u>Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus</u>                   | <u>Brisku</u>           | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM275 | <u>Post-Soviet Central Asia</u>                                    | <u>Horák</u>            | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM279 | <u>Russia after 1991</u>                                           | <u>Kolodii</u>          | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM286 | <u>Contemporary Mediterranean</u>                                  | <u>Mejstřík Králová</u> | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM287 | <u>Czech Republic in the European Union - actors and interests</u> | <u>Šlosarčík Weiss</u>  | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM290 | <u>International Morality between Ethical Ideals and Reality</u>   | <u>Allan Krulichová</u> | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM316 | <u>Doing Business in Central Europe</u>                            | <u>Kolmhofer</u>        | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM317 | <u>Russian-Turkish Rivalry over the Balkan and Caucasus Areas</u>  | <u>Brisku</u>           | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM320 | <u>Putin's Russia</u>                                              | <u>Marian</u>           | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM323 | <u>Legal Framework of the European Union</u>                       | <u>Šlosarčík</u>        | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM325 | <u>Small States in the EU</u>                                      | <u>Weiss</u>            | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM341 | <u>Baltic Politics and Society</u>                                 | <u>Sikk</u>             | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM342 | <u>Causes, Consequences and Control: Corruption and Governance</u> | <u>Ledeneva</u>         | WS | 0/6  | Examination | 12 |
| JTM344 | <u>Corporate Finance and Investment in Emerging Markets</u>        | <u>Nivorozhkin</u>      | SS | 0/6  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM345 | <u>Corporate Governance Privatization and Restructuring</u>        | <u>Bruno</u>            | SS | 0/10 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM350 | <u>Financial Development</u>                                       | <u>Korosteleva</u>      | SS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |
| JTM354 | <u>Informal Practices in Post-</u>                                 | <u>Ledeneva</u>         | WS | 1/1  | Examination | 6  |

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|        | Communist Societies                                                          |            |    |     |             |    |
| JTM361 | Migration in the European Union                                              | White      | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM367 | Public Choice - Private Interest                                             | Douarin    | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM370 | Russian Politics                                                             | Duncan     | WS | 2/2 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM371 | Security, Identity, Polarity: The Contemporary Debates                       | ciuta      | WS | 0/6 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM375 | The Economics of Property Rights                                             | Cvrček     | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM376 | The Making of Modern Ukraine                                                 | Wilson     | SS | 2/2 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM377 | Trade and FDI Policy with Reference to Eastern Europe                        | Manchin    | WS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM382 | EU Institutions                                                              | Šlosarčík  | SS | 2/0 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM404 | The Foreign Policy of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary Towards Israel | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM412 | Contemporary Balkans                                                         | Králová    | SS | 1/1 | macc        | 6  |
| JTM415 | International Masters: Foundation in Russian                                 | Ponomareva | WS | 2/2 | Examination | 12 |
| JTM431 | Nations, Identity and Power in Central & Eastern Europe                      | Mole       | WS | 0/6 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM432 | Sexuality and Society in Russia and Eastern Europe                           | Mole       | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM496 | The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel              | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |
| JTM497 | History, Memory, and Politics: Central                                       | Kalhousová | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6  |

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|        | Europe and Israel                                                                                                                             |                          |    |     |               |    |
| JTM499 | Genocide and Mass Violence                                                                                                                    | Kalhousová               | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM507 | Russian Politics and Society                                                                                                                  | Svoboda Kolodii          | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM526 | Strategic Studies                                                                                                                             | Young                    | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM527 | EU Diplomacy, its Security and Defence Policy in action (examples Ukraine, Africa, Middle East) – Shaping Global Security and tackling crises | Merker Tomalová          | WS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM528 | EU negotiation                                                                                                                                | Havlík                   | SS | 0/2 | Course credit | 3  |
| JTM581 | German Security and European Policy                                                                                                           | Eberle                   | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM615 | Post-Soviet Politics                                                                                                                          | Wilson                   | WS | 2/2 | Examination   | 12 |
| JTM629 | Current Eurasia                                                                                                                               | Jordanová                | WS | 0/2 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM665 | Post-Conflict Societies of the Western Balkans                                                                                                | Žíla                     | WS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM666 | Migrations in the Balkans in the 20th and 21st Centuries                                                                                      | Žíla                     | WS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM668 | Political Psychology in International Relations                                                                                               | Smetana                  | WS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM670 | Postcommunist transition in East Central Europe                                                                                               | Klípa                    | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM732 | Introduction to the theories on EU integration                                                                                                | Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM733 | Party Democracy in the EU: crisis and consequences                                                                                            | Tudjarovska Gjorgjievska | WS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |
| JTM734 | The Crisis of Democracy and Populism: Structure,                                                                                              | Kocián                   | SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6  |

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|  | Causes,<br>Consequences |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Total number of ECTS: 54 - 66**

Optional courses: during the first year maximum of 6 ECTS can be taken from the IMESS Optional courses, subject to the approval of the programme tutor and timetabling capacities, during the second year maximum of 6 ECTS can be taken from the optional courses at the FSV UK, subject to the approval of the programme tutor and timetabling capacities.

## Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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| Code   | Course title                                            | Pre-requisite | Co-requisite | Interchangeability | Incompatibility   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| JEM020 | Ethics and Economics                                    |               |              |                    | JPB338            |
| JEM092 | Asset Pricing                                           |               |              |                    | JEM186            |
| JEM111 | International Macroeconomics and Finance                | JEM216        |              |                    |                   |
| JEM167 | Comparative Economics                                   |               |              | JPM312             | JPM312 JEB103     |
| JPM711 | Russian and Post-Soviet Security                        |               |              |                    | JMM065            |
| JTM014 | Political Systems of East Central European Countries    |               |              |                    | JMM095 JTM139     |
| JTM017 | Society and Culture in Central Eurasia                  |               |              |                    | JMMZ178           |
| JTM023 | European Union in International Affairs                 |               |              |                    | JMM588<br>JMMZ188 |
| JTM024 | European Economic Integration                           |               |              |                    | JMM322            |
| JTM205 | IMESS Internship                                        |               |              |                    | JMMZ257           |
| JTM267 | Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe |               |              |                    | JMM143            |
| JTM269 | Ethno-Political Conflicts in the Caucasus               |               |              |                    | JMM130            |
| JTM275 | Post-Soviet Central Asia                                |               |              |                    | JMM361 JMM703     |
| JTM279 | Russia after 1991                                       |               |              |                    | JMM302            |
| JTM286 | Contemporary Mediterranean                              |               |              |                    | JMM152            |
| JTM320 | Putin's Russia                                          |               |              |                    | JMM025            |
| JTM323 | Legal Framework of the European Union                   |               |              |                    | JMM047 JMM251     |
| JTM382 | EU Institutions                                         |               |              |                    | JTM022            |
| JTM507 | Russian Politics and Society                            |               |              |                    | JMM302            |

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| JTM665 | Post-Conflict<br>Societies of the<br>Western Balkans |  |  |  | JMM029 |
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**Study plan code:**  
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