
(NMgr) Programme: International Masters in Economy, State and Society (NP_IMESS) - spec. Politics and Security

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

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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Website of IMESS

Website of the Institute of International Studies

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

Compulsory courses	36 ECTS
Research methods module	12 ECTS
Language module	12 - 24 ECTS
P & S electives	60 - 48 ECTS
Optional courses	0 - 12 ECTS
Total	120 ECTS
Master's thesis defence	

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

Politics & Security specialism - compulsory courses J#0588

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM108	M.A. Thesis Seminar I (IMESS)	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM109	M.A. Thesis Seminar II (IMESS)	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Course credit	15
JTM114	Political Analysis	<u>Snetkov</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 36 ECTS

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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

Politics & Security specialism - research methods module J#055920

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JTM113	Understanding and Analysing Data	<u>Noble</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM114	Political Analysis	<u>Snetkov</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM357	Introduction to Discourse Analysis	<u>D.M.Abrams</u>	WS	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
JTM357	Introduction to Discourse Analysis				JMM171

Politics & Security specialism - language module J#0564

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JLB100	Czech as a Foreign Language I	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazúrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB101	Czech as a Foreign Language II	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazúrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB102	Czech as a Foreign Language III	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazúrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JLB103	Czech as a Foreign Language IV	<u>Frantesová</u> <u>Mazúrková</u> <u>Pellarová</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTB158	Russian Language I	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB159	Russian Language II	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB160	Russian Language III	<u>Shvedova</u>	WS	0/3	Examination	6
JTB161	Russian Language IV	<u>Shvedova</u>	SS	0/3	Examination	6
JTM090	Language Course		SS	0/2	Examination	12
JTM415	International Masters:	<u>Ponomareva</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	12

	Foundation in Russian					
JTM537	MA Low Intermediate: Russian	Ponomareva	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 & Security specialism - electives J#0590

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JKM255	Analysing Discourse: Theories and Methods	Da?delen	SS	1/1	Course credit	6
JPM699	Security and Technology	Střítecký	WS/SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security	Laryš	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB357	Geopolitics of the Climate Crisis	Fířtová	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTB358	German Security and European Policy	Eberle	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space	Jordanová Kolodii	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM023	European Union in International Affairs	Weiss	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM116	Comparative Analysis in Social and	Hanley	SS	2/2	Examination	6

	<u>Political Research</u>					
JTM205	<u>IMESS Internship</u>	<u>Vykoukal</u>	WS/SS	0/4	Examination	6
JTM227	<u>International Ethics between Hypocrisy, Collective Arrogance, and Dirty Hands</u>	<u>Allan Lukešová Pisklová</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM267	<u>Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Svoboda</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM268	<u>Ethnic Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Klípa</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
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
JTM280	<u>Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Implications for European Security</u>	<u>Šír</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM282	<u>Ukraine after 1991</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Course credit	6
JTM285	<u>Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries</u>	<u>Hauser</u>	WS	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
JTM288	<u>EU Policies</u>	<u>Young</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
JTM300	<u>The Transformation of the Communist Successor Parties in Central Europe and Influence of the West</u>	<u>Handl Mejstřík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6

	<u>European Leftists</u>					
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
JTM335	<u>Central Europe: Ideologies and Politics (1700's - present)</u>	<u>Robbins Janíčková</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JTM339	<u>Balkan Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts</u>	<u>Žila</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM341	<u>Baltic Politics and Society</u>	<u>Sikk</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM343	<u>Cities in Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Duijzings</u>	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JTM354	<u>Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies</u>	<u>Ledeneva</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM355	<u>Interdisciplinary Area Studies</u>	<u>Mole</u>	WS	0/2	Course credit	6
JTM361	<u>Migration in the European Union</u>	<u>White</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM362	<u>Political Sociology</u>	<u>ciuta</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM366	<u>Post-Soviet Politics and Society</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM370	<u>Russian Politics</u>	<u>Duncan</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	12
JTM371	<u>Security, Identity, Polarity: The Contemporary Debates</u>	<u>ciuta</u>	WS	0/6	Examination	12
JTM376	<u>The Making of Modern Ukraine</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	SS	2/2	Examination	12
JTM378	<u>Understanding "Transitional Justice": Crime,</u>	<u>Gordy</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

	<u>Punishment and Process</u>					
JTM379	<u>Democracy and Authoritarianism in Post-Communist Europe</u>	<u>Hanley</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM382	<u>EU Institutions</u>	<u>Šlosarčík</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JTM404	<u>The Foreign Policy of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary Towards Israel</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM407	<u>Professional Simulation & Wargaming</u>	<u>Bahenský Rzázade</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM415	<u>International Masters: Foundation in Russian</u>	<u>Ponomareva</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	12
JTM478	<u>Current Issues of (post)Constitutional European Integration</u>	<u>Šlosarčík</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM496	<u>The Foreign Policy of Central European Countries Towards Israel</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM497	<u>History, Memory, and Politics: Central Europe and Israel</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM499	<u>Genocide and Mass Violence</u>	<u>Kalhousová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM507	<u>Russian Politics and Society</u>	<u>Svoboda Kolodii</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM515	<u>Transnational Politics, Complicity, and Victims of the Holocaust</u>	<u>Roginer Hofmeister Králová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM519	<u>The Postcolonial Condition in Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Korablyova</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM524	<u>Current Central Asia: building autocracy for the 21st century</u>	<u>Jordanová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JTM525	<u>Geopolitics of the European Airspace and Space Exploration</u>	<u>Valdez Tůma</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM526	<u>Strategic Studies</u>	<u>Young</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM527	<u>EU Diplomacy, its Security and Defence Policy in action (examples Ukraine, Africa, Middle East) – Shaping Global Security and tackling crises</u>	<u>Merker Tomalová</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM528	<u>EU negotiation</u>	<u>Havlík</u>	SS	0/2	Course credit	3
JTM534	<u>Governance and Democracy</u>	<u>Hanley</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM558	<u>Cybersecurity: Concepts and Practice</u>	<u>Kadlecová</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM580	<u>Religion, State and Politics in Modern Russia</u>	<u>Dubrovskiy</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM581	<u>German Security and European Policy</u>	<u>Eberle</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM615	<u>Post-Soviet Politics</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	12
JTM623	<u>International and Regional Politics of Eurasia</u>	<u>Snetkov</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM627	<u>Analyzing crises and wars, including the Ukraine one</u>	<u>Allan Špína</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM629	<u>Current Eurasia</u>	<u>Jordanová</u>	WS	0/2	Examination	6
JTM634	<u>Human Rights in post-Soviet Space</u>	<u>Dubrovskiy Kolenovská</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM663	<u>Geopolitics of the Climate Crisis</u>	<u>Fířtová</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM665	<u>Post-Conflict Societies of the Western Balkans</u>	<u>Žíla</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM666	<u>Migrations in the Balkans in the 20th and 21st Centuries</u>	<u>Žíla</u>	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, Causes, Consequences	Kocián	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM736	Political Geography of the Balkans in the 21. century	Žila	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JTM749	(Re)Mapping Migration Studies: Insights from Central and Eastern Europe	Dziadyk	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Total number of ECTS: 48 - 60

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
JPM711	Russian and Post-Soviet Security				JMM065
JTM014	Political Systems of East Central European Countries				JMM095 JTM139
JTM019	Problems of the post-Soviet Space				JMMZ053
JTM023	European Union in International Affairs				JMM588 JMMZ188
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
JTM285	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries				JMMZ042
JTM288	EU Policies				JMM582
JTM320	Putin's Russia				JMM025
JTM323	Legal Framework of the European Union				JMM047 JMM251
JTM378	Understanding "Transitional Justice": Crime, Punishment and Process				JMM172
JTM379	Democracy and Authoritarianism in Post-Communist Europe				JMM173
JTM382	EU Institutions				JTM022
JTM507	Russian Politics and Society				JMM302
JTM665	Post-Conflict Societies of the Western Balkans				JMM029

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