



Prague Area Studies: Master's Degree Programmes in English

The Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague offers four interdisciplinary **Master's Degree Programmes taught in English** for the **academic year 2018/2019**. These programmes are coordinated under the label "Prague Area Studies" (PRAREAS) and focus on distinctive areas: the countries of Eurasia and Central, East and Southeastern Europe, the German-speaking countries, European Union and North America.

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES)

BECES offers the English-speaking audience a deep and versatile exploration of "the East", understood as the territory composed of Central Europe, the Balkan peninsula, and the countries of the former Soviet Union, including the those in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Primary attention is paid to modern history, politics and diplomacy, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. The programme also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of the Czech language and some other languages of the area.

After a completion of BECES, the students will acquire an advanced level of graduate education including a good command of one or two languages of the area as well as a broad and, at the same time, deep knowledge of the region studied. They will be capable of open but critical understanding and conceptual thinking, and of appreciating cultural diversity. This intellectual equipment will provide them with an opportunity to continue their self-education and find work related to the problems of the studied area in both the public and private spheres.

The deadline for academic year 2018/19 is 30th April 2018.

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Central European Comparative Studies (CECS)

CECS focuses on the areas of Germany, Austria and the Visegrad Countries (the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary) with an overlap onto neighbouring regions. It offers a thorough comparative and multidisciplinary understanding of the historical, political, economic and cultural developments of those countries. The programme focuses on comparative analysis in the following areas: political systems in the 20th century, political developments since 1990, the economy, European integration, culture, and the history of



society in the 19th and 20th centuries. It also offers students a chance to learn or improve their knowledge of some of the Slavic languages spoken in the area.

A graduate of CECS will gain a wide range of analytical skills focused primarily, though not exclusively, on understanding the Central European region from a political, historical, economic, cultural and social point of view. Subsequently, such graduates will most likely emerge as regional analysts, diplomats, higher civil servants, employees of European institutions or territorial experts. In addition to having a mastery of English, the graduate will possess an advanced knowledge of German (still the most important language of the Central European region) and a basic knowledge of at least one Slavic language of the region.

The programme is offered either in the form of a full-time programme of study or as part-time study (optimised for working people and with classes on Friday afternoons).

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Master in Area Studies (MAS)

The MAS interdisciplinary programme offers expert knowledge and analytical-synthetic skills focused on modern history and current developments of Europe, Eurasia, and North America. The programme provides the students with tools for social science analysis and allows them to build their own thematic and territorial profile according to their individual needs and future career plans.

Graduates of MAS will be endowed with internationally recognizable multi-disciplinary training in the study of international affairs. They will be able to analyze individual topics arising within the region of their interest from a multidisciplinary point of view in terms of social sciences (sociology, economics, political science, and international relations) and modern history. Programme graduates will be able to understand current issues in their historical, societal, political, and economic context. Mastering several foreign languages, they will be capable of reflecting local debate and local perspectives on transnational issues. Thanks to a systematic focus on academic writing, graduates will be capable of producing texts of a high professional and formal quality. They will be able to deliver qualified comments on the developments of states and societies of the studied regions.

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European Politics and Society (EPS)

EPS is a multidisciplinary two-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme linking the fields of European politics, contemporary history and culture, economy, international relations and policymaking. EPS offers four different study tracks reflecting the diverse expertise of the four leading European universities (Prague, Leiden, Krakow, and Barcelona).

EPS gives its students the possibility to acquire high-profile multidisciplinary knowledge and skills. The key role of the programme is to identify and analyse challenges Europe faces today. The programme will prepare a new generation of managers, policymakers and research leaders who will understand the societal, political, economic and cultural processes.

The deadline for academic year 2018/19 is 30th April 2018.

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