



International Economic and Political Studies



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IEPS

Our two-year English-language Master's program in International Economic and Political Studies (IEPS) at Charles University provides an excellent research platform preparing you for an innovative career in a globally connected world.

Taught by experts from all five faculty departments, IEPS provides a comprehensive understanding of crucial topics from multiple perspectives and disciplines. While IEPS primarily focuses on economics and political science, it also delves into historical, legal, and sociological dimensions. This unique interdisciplinary program takes you on a journey through contemporary political, economic, and social issues, offering a multifaceted perspective. Founded already in 2003, the program has become a hub for teaching and research in economics, sociology, political science, international relations, territorial studies, and media studies.

IEPS empowers you to explore the nature of economic objectives, social organisations, institutions of power, and the dynamics of conflict and cooperation. You'll master modern, non-conventional economic thinking and tangible skills to gather and assess data through both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. You will hone your critical thinking skills with the ability to present, communicate and apply critical decision-making skills on a global scale, equipping you to gain employment from supra-national institutions to corporations, political parties, and more in a highly competitive global job market.



Future Careers

The careers most commonly chosen by IEPS graduates depend on their specialisation: economists work in international commercial or investment banking, insurance and finance, consulting or business management. Some opt for governmental institutions – national (such as ministries or central banks) or international (e.g. institutions of the European Union).

Graduates specialising in political science also often choose to work for governmental institutions, in diplomacy and other public administration sectors (as consultants and managers in social policy issues). Some prefer jobs in non-governmental public organisations, education, public relations, advertising and media. Besides these career opportunities, some of our graduates continue their studies at the PhD level (often abroad).



Alumni

The best schools can be recognised by their alumni. We are proud of ours.

“Thanks to IEPS, I could spend one semester at the City University of Hong Kong. Except for taking five courses there, I could also consult my thesis on Chinese economic development with some of the world’s best experts. Moreover, I was granted two scholarships, one Czech and one Chinese, while my tuition fee in Hong Kong was waived. Before the end of my studies, I acquired a job in a high-tech aircraft technologies company.” [👤 Anna Voronkova, IEPS alumna](#)

“The atmosphere at the IEPS program of Charles University considerably broadened my worldview, while the excellent exchange programs opened up many future possibilities. So I could spend a part of my studies of international politics at a university in Seoul, offering me a new insight into the world.” [👤 András Megyeri, IEPS alumnus](#)

“I think the Institute of Economic Studies provides its students with a useful and comprehensive curriculum. It has an appropriate emphasis on modern economics and quantitative techniques, which I found essential in my subsequent career.” [👤 Martin Čihák, IMF alumnus](#)

“This school supports new ideas and encourages knowledge in a friendly academic environment where domestic and foreign students are highly motivated and inspired to study and conduct research. In addition, there are a lot of sports and cultural activities to enjoy in your free time. I chose the MA in IEPS to gain Western knowledge and experience. Now, after graduating, I am going to work in the area of global energy industry and apply my skills there.” [👤 Shahmar Hajiyeu, IEPS alumnus](#)

“People I met at Charles University challenged my views, motivating me to learn more. Courses that I took I could choose myself, so they were aligned with my interests. As a result, I graduated as a skilled professional and a better citizen. The education that I got at Charles University allowed me to start a career in an innovative, dynamic and challenging industry in the US.” [👤 Victor Kapustin, IEPS alumnus](#)

Charles University

Charles University was founded in 1348 by Charles IV, the King of Bohemia and the Holy Roman Emperor. It makes it the oldest university in Central and Eastern Europe, which has more than 50,000 students today studying in more than 300 graduate degree programs. Over 9,000 foreign students currently study at Charles University.

The latest edition of the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2023, which belongs to the portfolio of the prestigious Shanghai Ranking, shows that the economics at Charles University scored 151-200 in the world. This is par with Humboldt University of Berlin or The George Washington University. Even the ranking of political science among 301-400 best departments in the world rank is a success, too.



Faculty of Social Sciences

The university's second-youngest faculty was founded in 1990. It soon became a centre of teaching and research in economics, sociology, political science, international relations, territorial studies, media studies and journalism. Importantly, you can study social sciences at Charles University at all levels without knowing the Czech language! It is fair to say that we have students from all over the world.

To be more specific, the Faculty of Social Sciences is well known for:

Academic excellence

Due to the prestige of academic ranking, your degree will open a broader horizon to your employment worldwide, above the potential of no-name universities.

Top lecturers

Members of our faculty include distinguished academics, as well as leading figures in policy-making, economics and social life of the region.

Talents

We seek highly motivated students eager to develop their internationally-oriented employment potential, who are often among those granted competitive awards, scholarships and employment in prestigious companies.

Venue

The school's location in the centre of Prague is a fundamental part of studies where students can live and enjoy the amenities of a stimulating and cosmopolitan city full of the most attractive culture, art, sport and tourist cheer.

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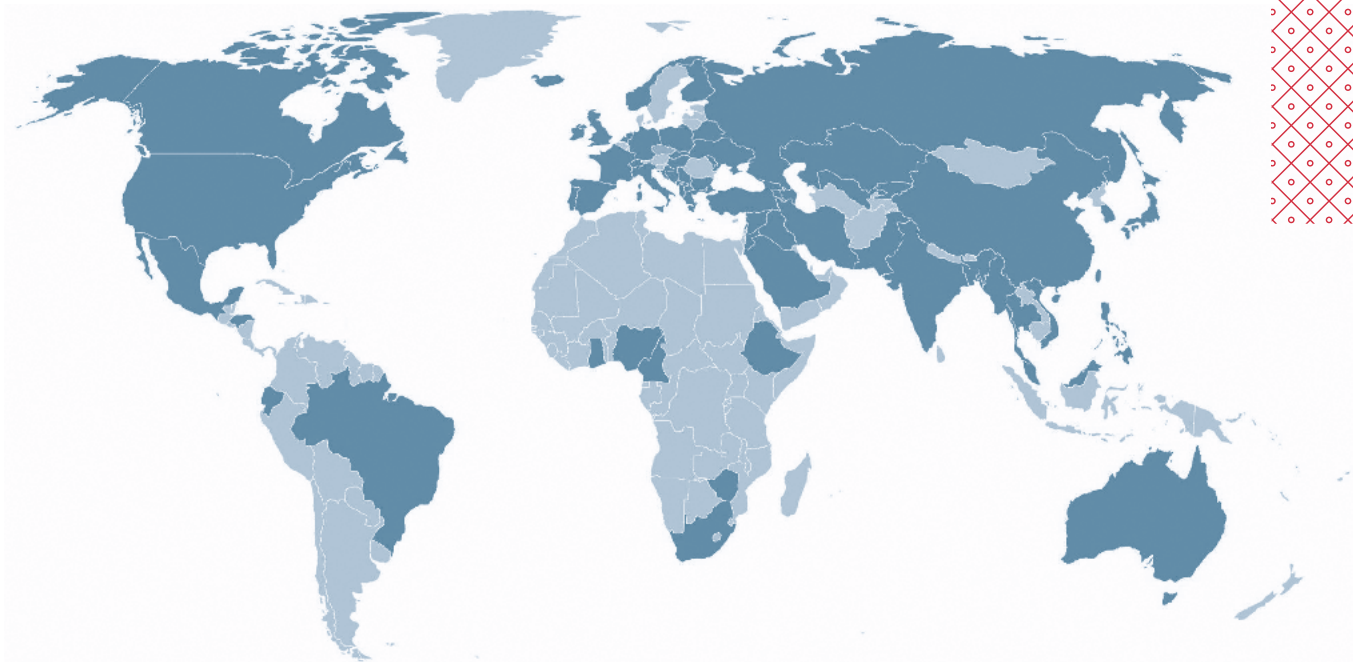
The faculty is a place where students and faculty members interact in small groups and they benefit from the young, dynamic and interdisciplinary environment.

Hands-on experience

Our graduates receive not only a firm theoretical foundation but have numerous opportunities to get involved in various practical projects as well.

International Cooperation

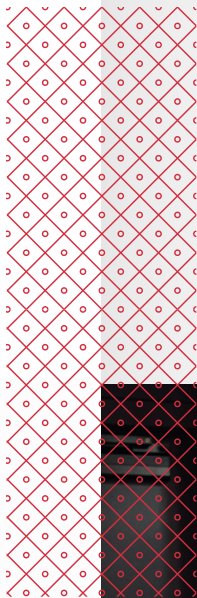
Since Charles University is a unique international environment, you will be a member of a diverse class. Furthermore, IEPS encourages its students to participate in exchange programs, such as ERASMUS+. As a result, many students spend at least one semester at partner universities in the EU, the US, Australia, Korea, China, and beyond. This exposure enhances your global perspective and enriches your academic journey. Still, the participation is voluntary.



■ Countries of origin of the IEPS students since the start of the program in 2003

Double Degree

IEPS program offers a unique opportunity to acquire two Master's degrees at two different universities in a standard length of study. We have established a double degree program with the University of Konstanz, one of the top German political science and public administration departments. Therefore, if you are interested and selected after the first semester, you might spend the first academic year at Charles University, after which you will spend the second at the University of Konstanz. As a result, after completing all study requirements, you will get not only the MA degree in IEPS but also the MA degree in Politics and Public Administration from another prestigious university.



Requirements

We welcome students with diverse undergraduate backgrounds, including humanities, commerce, law, and even mathematics or natural sciences. While prior studies in politics or economics are not mandatory, an affinity for mathematics and statistics can be advantageous, especially for those specialising in economics. Proficiency in English is essential for success in the program. We value sustained interest in social issues, logical and critical reasoning, and practical communication skills.

The tuition fee for the IEPS program is €7,000 per year. Nonetheless, scholarships for academic excellence ranging from €2,000 to €4,000 per semester are awarded to the top 20% of students. Furthermore, additional scholarships and bursary funding options are available here:

fsv.cuni.cz/en/admissions/scholarships-and-funding

Because the IEPS program targets students worldwide, admission is not based on interviews or tests in Prague. The selection is based on your past performance in your pre-graduate studies (e.g., in the transcript of grades) and proficiency in English. More detailed specifications of requirements can be found at:

fsv.cuni.cz/en/admissions/how-apply

Curriculum

IEPS program offers two specialisations: International Economics and International Politics. Students select one of the specialisations at the beginning of their studies to become more skilled in one of the desired fields.

To complete the program, students have to acquire a total of 120 credits. All the students need to attend the following mandatory courses:

- **Public Finance**
- **History and Methodology of Economics**
- **International Political Economy**
- **Global Political Philosophy**
- **Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism**
- **Data Analysis and Mapping**
- **Comparative Democratization**
- **Master's Thesis Seminar**

Besides these, students must finish six more mandatory courses depending on their specialisation. Furthermore, there are many elective courses among which you can choose according to your interest. Last but not least, you can acquire the tenth of credits by attending any course, even from different study programs, so you can, for instance, focus on studying languages or join some sports or art classes.

Finally, the Master's degree is awarded to those students who have acquired at least 120 credits, defended their Master's Thesis and successfully passed the final State Examinations in economics and politics.



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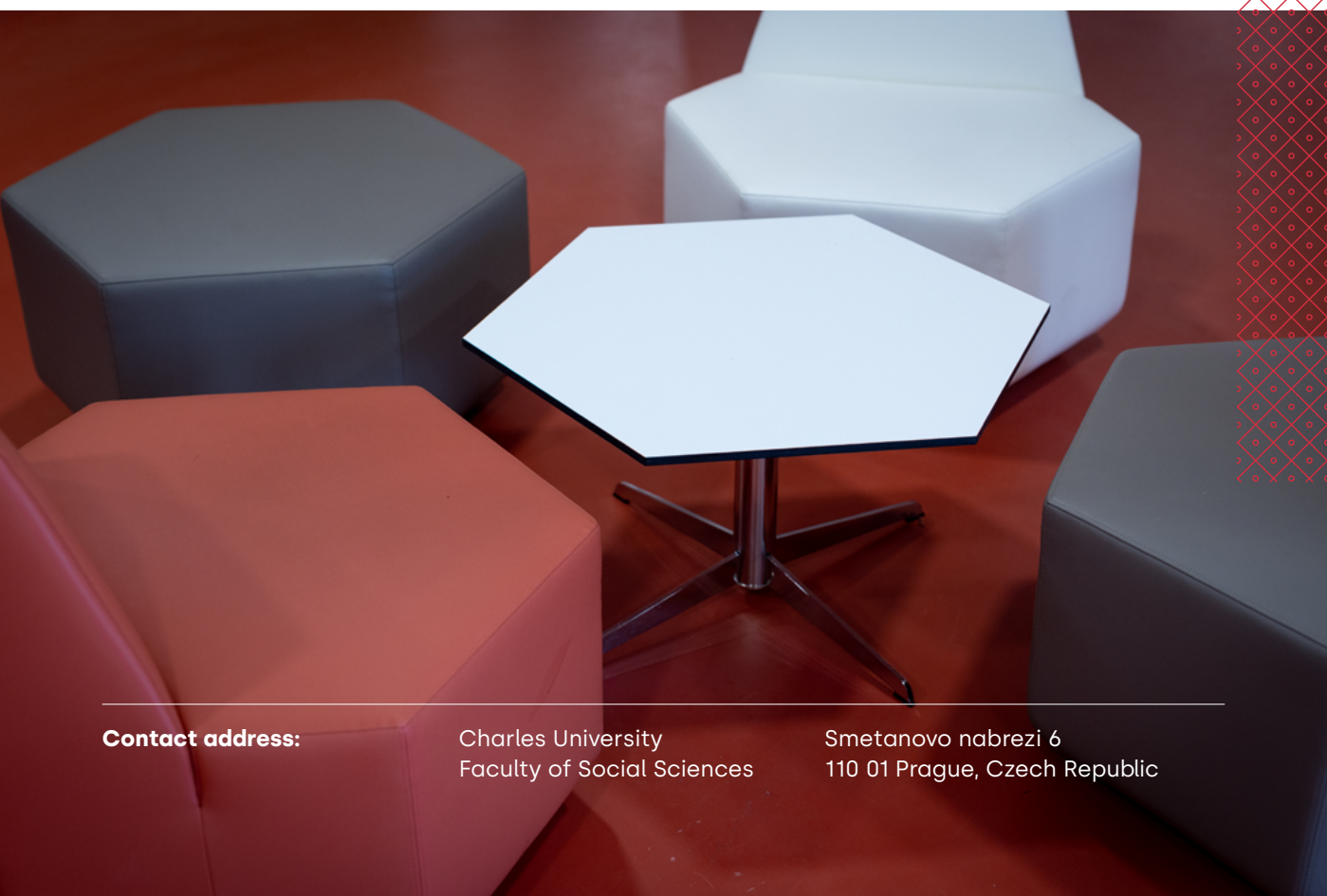
Embark on a transformative academic journey with IEPS, where opportunities and academic growth await. Join us in shaping the future of global politics and economics. Apply now and be part of a dynamic community of scholars and change-makers with a track record of placements worldwide and in Europe.

For program details, admission requirements, and application instructions, visit our webpage:

fsv.cuni.cz/en/ieps

If you have any questions about the details of the IEPS program, do not hesitate to address your enquiries to the Admission Office:

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