

DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES

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**FACULTY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**
Charles University

How to apply?

The Faculty of Social Sciences is the second youngest faculty of the Charles University, situated in Prague, Czechia.

The Faculty consists from five institutes:

- Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism
- Institute of Economic Studies
- Institute of International Studies
- Institute of Political Studies
- Institute of Sociological Studies

The brochure you are currently reading is your admissions guide. We want to provide you with all the information you need to make your orientation in our study programmes easier.



Early admission deadline:
End of February each year



Regular deadline:
End of April each year



The application fee is:
830 CZK (approx. 35 EUR)

Registration for our study programmes is online only.

We expect that the applicant's level of English corresponds to at least the B2 level. A document showing the level of English proficiency must be submitted with the application.

Diplomas, transcripts and other documents that are not in English, Czech or Slovak have to be accompanied by a certified translation into English.

There will be no entrance examinations. All applications are evaluated by an admissions committee based on the submitted documents and materials. Successful applicants will be informed in 3 to 4 weeks after the deadline.

Should you have any queries related to the admission process, please, contact us at

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Institute of Economic Studies

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE



Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, motivation letter, the applicant's previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency and document showing level achieved in mathematics.

Characteristic

As the program exposes students to topics in mathematical economics, mathematical statistics and finance, applicants are required to have an excellent background in high school mathematics. Prior knowledge of economics or finance is an advantage but it is not required. In addition, applicants should have a good command of English corresponding at least to B2 level under the CEFR system and they should be capable of reading textbooks of economics and mathematics without difficulties. Mandatory courses introduce the students to microeconomics, macroeconomics and provide students with nontrivial tools of mathematical analysis and statistics. Mandatory courses are intended to give a broad overview of major topics in economics and finance, and to provide a solid background for further studies of specialized elective courses. Elective courses cover a wide range of specific areas in economics and finance, which allows the students to specialize in the field of their interest. The topics include finance and banking (e.g. introductory banking, financial accounting, international finance, public finance), economic policy (e.g. economic policy, global financial crisis), strategic management, international trade and European economic integration. We also offer courses in complementary areas (e.g. history of economic thought, game theory and political economy, introduction to sociology).

After graduation

Bachelors graduates are qualified to undertake intermediate-level quantitative analysis and modeling in economics and finance. The program is designed to be equivalent to the undergraduate programs in Economics and Finance in the top universities in the EU, including a significant part of mathematics and statistics. Bachelors graduates are familiar with the essential economics knowledge and quantitative skills, as well as detailed knowledge about particular fields such as financial markets, banking, international trade and finance, public economics and economic policy-making. The level of instruction and requirements in the core courses facilitate easy transfers of the graduates into top Masters programs in Economics and Finance in the EU.



Institute of International Studies

HISTORY AND AREA STUDIES


Bc. (Bsc.)


3 years


Full-time


Without specialization


Paid Tuition Fee:
5 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, the applicant’s previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency and a motivation letter.

Characteristic

History and Area Studies programme focuses on modern history, culture and politics with respect to the Czech Republic in Central European and global context. It combines the education in history and area studies with an active training of the Czech language. English language helps to get knowledge (in lectures) while Czech language is designed first as a language which is taught, and secondly as a language employed in the seminar debate on topics taught in English (from the second year of studies).

After graduation

After completion of HAS, the graduates will be endowed by a solid knowledge of contemporary Central European history and culture as well as by the Czech language at a B2 level. They will be able to analyse individual topics arising within the Central European region in terms of modern history, political science, international relations, and culture. The HAS graduates will be able to understand current issues in their historical, societal, political, and cultural context. Mastering Czech language, they will be capable of reflecting local debate and local perspectives on global level. They will be able to employ the language as well as the acquired knowledge in an everyday use and to develop and cultivate them in the continuing study in the field of humanities and social sciences or in the professional field of the state administration, cultural institutions, NGOs or media.



Maya Goma — Student

“ Studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University was a very unexpected decision for me, but everyday it proves to have been a correct one. I’ve met so many interested people and learned from great professors, and I’m really looking forward to more of my years here!



Institute of Political Studies

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS



Bc. (Bsc.)



3 years



Full-time



Without
specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, the applicant's previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency and a motivation letter.

Characteristic

Modelled on the Oxford PPE, the Prague BA in PPE is an English language undergraduate study program. It allows students to explore foundations of domestic and international politics and economics in a manner that is underpinned by philosophical rigour and includes courses aimed at fostering critical thinking about social developments in the world and sensitivity to ethical challenges in political decision-making in the environment marked by cultural diversity, economic inequality and conflicts of the objectives of the agents. Since all compulsory courses have to be taken during the first three semesters of the program, from fourth semester onwards students can choose one of three available study tracks: Politics & Philosophy, Economics & Politics or Philosophy & Economics. After completing the third semester of their studies, students may also apply for admission into a double degree programme run in cooperation with the University of Bayreuth.

After graduation

Due to its interdisciplinary character, BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) equips students with diverse tools of analysis of social phenomena, and develops exceptional problem solving abilities useful to future politicians, diplomats, public servants, researchers and policy analysts, journalists, NGO activists, but also financiers, industrialists or economic consultants, and to a range of other careers and activities which require drawing connections among political, economic, and cultural factors that shape the complex social realities of our increasingly globalised and diverse world. In addition, it is expected that a substantial part of graduates will continue in their studies at various (mainly Political Science, International Relations, Philosophy or Economics) Master level programs.



Malaika — Student

“Am exhilarated to have chosen Charles University in Prague as the corridor to my future. The city is beautiful with a history of its own, the college academia is extremely accommodating and people of Prague are exceptionally friendly. Definitely a step in the right direction!”



Institute of Sociological Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCES



Bc. (Bsc.)



3 years



Full-time

Without
specializationPaid
Tuition Fee:
6 000 EUR per year

Admissions

● **First round:** Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, the applicant's previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency and a motivation letter.

Second round: Essay on assigned topic related to actual social issues.

Characteristic

The program is based on an interdisciplinary approach to develop students' analytical skills in the field of social sciences. While individual courses are grounded in disciplines (sociology, public policy, media studies, political science, social anthropology, economics, environmentalism), the main direction of instruction is to explore current issues that are transdisciplinary in nature, such as coping with complexity, governance, mediatization of social relationships or the interaction between society, technology and the natural environment. The second pillar of the program is the methodology of social research (about 30 % of credits), which is considered a prerequisite for developing analytical skills and for finding effective solutions to complex issues. In the methodology training, both analytical and interpretative approaches are taught. In comparison with similar programs, higher attention will be paid to the preparation of the bachelor thesis. The emphasis on the bachelor thesis will contribute not only to the development of students' soft skills (linguistic, presentation, expressive) but will also serve as a preparation for project-oriented research that dominates the current organisation of expert knowledge production. The composition of elective courses corresponds to the large and assorted portfolio of courses offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and allows individual students to profile themselves, also with a view to follow-up studies.

After graduation

Graduates have an overview of the main issues of contemporary societies addressed by the social sciences and know selected analytical approaches used in social research. They are competent in the use of basic methods of social research, including its ethical reflection. They can independently perform specific analyses of particular social problems from an interdisciplinary perspective. Graduates are prepared to practice many practical professions in basic or applied research, media and communications, public relations, government, non-profit, or private companies. Graduates are also adequately prepared for further pursuit of studies in Social Sciences whether it be in the Czech Republic or abroad.





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On top of that students can enrol in 3 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) – the joint-degree programmes operated within consortiums of prestigious European universities. EMJMDs award EU-funded scholarships to the best student candidates applying under annual selection rounds.

Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism


MEDIA AND AREA STUDIES




Mgr. (Msc.)




2 years



Full-time



Without specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
3 000 EUR per year
for students from
the EU and EEA
6 000 EUR per year
for students from
other countries

Characteristic

The MA in Media and Area Studies (MARS) is based on a constructive dialogue between Media Studies and Area Studies, and between the Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism and the Institute of International Studies. This groundedness in Prague, the Czech Republic, Central Eastern Europe and the European Union enables for two particular spatial focal points, which provide the backbone of the MARS programme, namely Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union. This backbone is combined with and strengthened by two main components: A theoretical component, which consists out of a combination of post-colonial theory, media sociology, memory studies and political geography. Moreover, also a methodological component provides the required support. These two focal points and the theoretical and methodological components structure the MARS programme. At the same time, the programme aims to avoid an exclusive focus on Central Eastern Europe, and offers (mostly but not exclusively through the electives) knowledge about other European regions, or about Europe as a whole. A second extension relates to more transnational and transcultural approaches, moving away from the logics of nation-state homogeneity, with emphasis on internal conflict and exclusion.

After graduation

MARS graduates will have achieved in-depth knowledge about the media and political ecology in Central Eastern Europe and the European Union. This will support their future employment in more senior/advisory positions in a variety of social fields and organizations, including state administrations, private sector (including media), public service institutions, and non-profit organizations.

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV and document showing the level of English proficiency, optionally references and a writing sample.



Institute of Economic Studies

CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE IN EUROPE



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time

Without
specializationPaid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV, document showing the level of English proficiency and document showing the level of Mathematics proficiency.

Characteristic

Corporate Strategy and Finance in Europe (CSF) is a two-year English-language Master's double-degree programme (DDP) with the University of Strasbourg aiming at providing the students with a broad knowledge and understanding of economic theory with a focus on financial and international economics corresponding to the present state-of-the-art. The CSF programme is based on the Bologna Process, and is intended to facilitate the collaboration between the Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague and Sciences Po Strasbourg, University of Strasbourg in teaching and academic research in the field of Economics. The Degree Programme covers two academic years. Each student on the Degree Programme is requested to spend one academic year at each of the Partner Universities in line with the Curriculum. Upon the completion of the studies, each student will receive the Diploma Master in "Corporate Strategy and Finance in Europe" from University of Strasbourg and the Master's degree Diploma with the academic title "Magistr" from Charles University in Prague. Double-degree graduates will be able to find position on the global market, both in the financial sector and multinational companies, as well as in the public sector, not only in the Czech Republic or France, but also throughout the European Union. Graduates of both Partner universities are in demand by leading private companies, but also major economic and political organisations and typically assume challenging positions in banking, consulting, investment funds, and public administration.

After graduation

Graduates will have the expertise to independently define and creatively solve complex theoretical or practical problems in the field of financial and international economics using selected theories, concepts and methods. The graduates will be eligible to undertake decisions in changing conditions on the financial markets and will possess the insight of the broader social and societal implications of financial and international economics.



ECONOMICS AND FINANCE



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without specialization



Paid Tuition Fee: 7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, motivation letter, the applicant's previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency, document showing the level of analytical skills and letter(s) of recommendation.



After graduation

Masters graduates are qualified to undertake advanced-level quantitative analysis and modeling in economics and finance. The courses in the program are constructed in line with the graduate programs in Economics and Finance in top universities in the EU, including a significant part of econometrics. Masters graduates are familiar with the advanced economics knowledge and quantitative skills, as well as detailed knowledge about particular topics in financial markets, banking, corporate finance, international trade and finance, public economics and economic policy-making. The graduates are typically financial analysts, economists in corporations, consultants, economists in central banks and international organizations, or pursue doctoral degrees in economics or finance.



Mirela Kruja — Student

“I chose this program because I wanted to broaden my understanding and expertise in the field of finance so like this I would grow more and make the next big step in my professional development later on. Prague for me is a very welcoming and beautiful place to live and to study as well. And the fact that it has diversity of people makes it even easier for me as an international. Also, the university is one of the best ones in Europe especially within economics and it has a great pedagogy staff.

FINANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without specialization



Paid Tuition Fee: 7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – CV, motivation letter, the applicant's previous study results, document showing the level of English proficiency, document showing the level of analytical skills and letter(s) of recommendation.



Characteristic

Finance and Data Analytics (MFDA) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme that is designed to pair the key areas of finance and data analytics. The programme takes a data driven approach to analysis of financial markets and organisational information covering key theoretical principles of finance, financial modeling and financial markets to prepare students for a dynamic career in finance, banking and a range of other sectors. Focusing on modern statistical analysis, data modeling, programming, big data and machine learning techniques, program equips the student with a thorough understanding and advanced skills in theoretical and applied finance with emphasis on computational aspects of the problems. Programme's graduates will gain quantitative, statistical and technical skills crucial for modern finance and will have the expertise to independently define and creatively solve broad variety of theoretical as well as practical problems. Emphasis is put on advanced econometrics, statistical methods and data analysis and applicants must have solid background in Mathematics as well as good command of English. Courses are taught both by faculty members of the Institute of Economic Studies (IES) and external professionals from international institutions, central banks and financial industry. Students are exposed to detailed and advanced knowledge of both financial theory and applied financial methods, with focus on computational aspects of the methods. In particular, courses include Big Data analysis, modern approaches to asset pricing using statistical learning, understanding of financial instruments, advanced econometrics, behavioral finance and time series analysis.

After graduation

Graduates of the Finance and Data Analytics program are qualified for advanced quantitative analysis in the field of data analysis of financial markets with emphasis on techniques of statistical modeling and Big Data processing. Focusing on modern statistical analysis, data modeling, programming, big data and machine learning techniques, the curriculum offers thorough understanding and advanced skills in theoretical and applied finance with emphasis on computational aspects in finance. Graduates gain quantitative, statistical and technical skills crucial for modern finance and have the expertise to independently define and creatively solve a broad variety of theoretical as well as practical financial problems. The courses in the program are constructed in line with the graduate programs in top universities in the EU, including a significant part of econometrics and data analysis.

Institute of International Studies

BALKAN, EURASIAN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES

Characteristic

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES) is a two-year English-language Master’s degree programme, which focuses on modern history, politics and diplomacy, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It addresses the English-speaking audience with a deep and versatile exploration of “the East”, understood as a territory composed of Central Europe, the Balkan Peninsula, and the Post- Soviet area, including the Caucasus and Central Asia. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of some of the Czech language. The programme is deliberately structured to take advantage of the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty, and students will be encouraged to make connections between different fields of study, learning to combine a global perspective with attention to detail and local interests. The core courses provide an overview of crucial segments of the area from an analytical and multidisciplinary perspective, while the elective classes allow students to create their own specialisation. The aim of the programme is to help students write a Master’s thesis of sufficient quality to merit publication. Through the university’s network of exchange programmes, talented students may also be offered the opportunity to make a brief research visit to another country in the area.

After graduation

After completion of the Balkan, Eurasian, and Central European Studies programme, 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 of conceptual thinking, and of appreciating cultural diversity. This intellectual equipment will provide them with an opportunity to continue their self-education and find positions related to the problems of the studied area in both public and private spheres.

Specialization*

- Russian and Eurasian Studies
- Balkan and Central European Studies

*The specialization must be chosen during the registration.



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Two specializations



Paid Tuition Fee:
3 500 EUR per year for students from the EU and EEA
7 000 EUR per year for students from other countries

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV including extra-curricular activities, document showing the level of English proficiency and two letters of recommendation (at least one academic).



INTERNATIONAL MASTERS IN ECONOMY, STATE AND SOCIETY


Mgr. (Msc.)


2 years


Full-time


Without specialization


Paid

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation to study and carrying out economic research complemented by a document showing the level of English proficiency, CV, and two letters of recommendation, ideally from academia.



Characteristic

IMESS is a leading double degree programme in comparative area studies. It focuses on developing in-depth knowledge and understanding of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Baltics, Russia, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The first year of the programme is organised at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London (UCL) – one of the world’s leading multidisciplinary universities. For the second year of study, students may choose one of the leading universities from Eastern Europe: Charles University, Czechia; Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary; Helsinki University, Finland; Jagiellonian University, Poland; University of Tartu, Estonia; University of Belgrade, Serbia; and Higher School of Economics, Russia.


Tuition Fee and Scholarship


See the information here:
bit.ly/IMESStuition


After graduation


IMESS offers four different discipline-based tracks of study: Economics and Business; Politics and Security; Politics and the International Economy; and History and Society. The spine of the programme consists of interdisciplinary training and language tuition and is completed with a research-based dissertation. Graduates typically assume leadership positions in distinguished private and public sector organisations (including, e.g. IMF, EBRD), banks and financial institutions, diplomacy and media.


MASTER IN AREA STUDIES


Mgr. (Msc.)


2 years


Full-time


Without specialization


Paid
Tuition Fee:
3 500 EUR per year
for students from
the EU and EEA
7 000 EUR per year
for students from
other countries

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV, document showing the level of English proficiency and two letters of recommendation (at least one academic).



Characteristic

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 (The US and Global Affairs; Transition and Integration in Europe) and territorial profile according to their individual needs and future career plans.

After graduation

Graduates of the Master in Area Studies Programme 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. The programme graduates will become highly-skilled employees in the civil service and diplomacy, NGOs and international institutions as well as in private companies and mass-media. They will be well prepared for a variety of academic pursuits and will possess a wide range of knowledge and skills required in various social science fields.

Institute of Political Studies

GEOPOLITICAL STUDIES


Mgr. (Msc.)


2 years


Full-time


Without
specialization


Paid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV and document showing the level of English proficiency.

Characteristic

Geopolitical Studies (GPS) is a unique, multidisciplinary, two-year English-language programme, offering the students a chance to learn from the best academics and experts. The programme is primarily based on a geopolitical analysis but also includes aspects of the international relations theory and international law. The Geopolitical Studies programme studies how the interactions among world politics and geography have unfolded in the most relevant geopolitical settings. The programme gives the students an opportunity to gain a profound knowledge of geopolitics and geostrategy, two disciplines which are becoming ever more important. The mandatory courses will provide the necessary theoretical background, while the electives will enable the students to choose their thematic and/or regional specialization according to their preference. Students will be introduced to the key concepts and theories and to the methodology and approaches to conducting a proper research in this field. Simulation and practical exercises will be also employed to enable the students to apply the knowledge gained to solve problems, which could occur in real-world scenarios.

After graduation

A graduate of the GPS should be able to reflect, using his/her acquired knowledge of theoretical premises, on the dynamic of changes of politico-spatial relations, brought by the current economical, political and social development. The theoretical basis should allow for an independent analytical research of territorial issues, including their critical analysis, for the purpose of the public or the private sectors. Graduates are prepared to work in state administration, political parties, international institutions or in the private sector (for instance as consultants in multinational corporations). Theoretically oriented students can work as scientists or university pedagogues.



INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without
specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV, document showing the level of English proficiency and optional letter of recommendation.



Characteristic

International Economic and Political Studies (IEPS) is a postgraduate degree, taught exclusively in English, modelled on the Oxford-style PPE interdisciplinary degrees combining study of economics (including finance), politics (including international relations) and philosophy (including ethics and argumentation skills). The growing popularity of the PPE-family degrees is due to the spectacular success of its graduates in the corporate sector, politics, state administration, journalism, NGOs and other high-end areas of the labour market across the world. With such leadership positions in mind, IEPS aims at developing practical skills underpinned by sound theory that is necessary for analysis of complex problems, creative problem-solving and management of diverse international groups of people, which in turn presupposes convincing argumentation, persuasion and communication skills, combined with ethical corporate social responsibility for the globalizing world, which we all share.

After completing the second semester of their studies, IEPS students may apply for admission into a double degree programme run in cooperation with the University of Bayreuth.

After graduation

A graduate of IEPS should be able to analyse, using his/her acquired knowledge and competences, the dynamics of global changes in socio-political and economic relations in current economic, political and social development. Their theoretical basis should allow for independent research of economic and political issues in the international environment, including critical analysis and recommendation of policies for improvements in the given public or private sectors. Graduates will be prepared to work in banking and financial businesses, state administration, political parties, international institutions or in the private sector, for instance as managers or consultants in multinational corporations.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without
specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV and document showing the level of English proficiency.



Characteristic

The programme provides students with the knowledge and analytical skills to understand the international context of politics, economy, and security. The tensions among major world powers are on the rise. At the same time, the world is growing ever more interconnected. Thus, major political decisions, influencing our everyday lives, are made not only domestically but increasingly also internationally. The programme helps students understand how international and European politics work, and what are the challenges faced by states, as well as business, NGOs and individuals, in the globalized world. Within an interdisciplinary framework, students learn about the key points of contestation in world politics, but also about the functioning of the European Union and the key global institutions. They study how international conflicts can be productively transformed into cooperation. In addition, the programme puts an emphasis on the development of students' analytical capabilities and critical thinking. Successful graduates become highly valued experts in national and European administrations and diplomacy, but also businesses, NGOs, media, etc.

Graduate employment

Graduates may find positions in a widely defined international sphere, in particular in the diplomatic service, in international organizations, in the foreign relations of public and private institutions, in the media covering international politics, as well as in university research and education.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

Characteristic

Master in International Security Studies (MISS) is a two-year English-language Master’s degree programme, which offers students a complex guide through security, conflict and strategic studies in the context of international relations. Moreover, dual degrees are being offered in cooperation with University of Konstanz (Germany) and newly also with University of Glasgow (United Kingdom). Security studies already have several decades of history behind them, in the course of which their shape and area of concern have changed markedly. Throughout the Cold War, it was a field closely wedded to war studies and military science, and it concentrated on questions dealing with nuclear weapons, disarmament, and potential confrontations between the superpowers. After the end of the Cold War, security studies underwent a significant transformation, which, along with the ever-widening understanding of the notion of security, began to move beyond military questions to include themes such as the environment, human security, ethnic conflicts, and the debate about natural resources and energy. The current shape of the field is the result of this dynamic process. MISS promotes a progressive approach to teaching which, among other things, includes reducing class sizes and an emphasis on seminars. The pedagogical instructors aim to conduct their classes through presentations,

discussions or simulations incorporating students, rather than through a one-sided monologue of facts which can be acquired by other means. This logically requires thorough preparation on the part of the student outside the class through extensive reading of the course texts. The main goal of this is to streamline the teaching process through actively involving the students in class and making it possible for them to present their opinions on and understandings of the material.

Graduate employment

The graduate of the International Security Studies Programme will acquire proficiency in recent security threats and risks, a competence of analyzing and solving political and social problems connected with them, and will get trained in information processing, analyzing and conceptualizing. During the studies the student will get acquainted with the strategic concepts and the development of strategic thought. They will get familiar with the historical background of recent international setting and the security dimensions of the globalized international system, particularly in the European and Transatlantic arenas. After graduation, they will be ready to take positions both in international institutions, administration and foreign services, NGOs, media, education, academia, or proceed with postgraduate studies.



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Four
specializations



Paid
Tuition Fee:
7 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant’s previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV and document showing the level of English proficiency.

Specialization*

- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Strategic and War Studies
- Global and Regional Security
- Security, Technology and Society

*The specialization must be chosen during the enrollment for the study.



Niels Oldemeier — Student

“The programme covers all aspects of security and defence, allowing each student to specialize in their area of interest. It has provided me with the necessary skills and confidence to apply my knowledge in the professional sphere.”



Institute of Sociological Studies

PUBLIC AND SOCIAL POLICY



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
6 000 EUR per year

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV and document showing the level of English proficiency.

Characteristic

Public and Social Policy (PSP) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme, which aims to provide students with current relevant knowledge of policy-making process and cultivate their analytical skills. In addition to theoretical knowledge about policy-making process, the programme will offer deeper knowledge in concrete policy domains such as social policy, health policy, educational policy, employment policy or others. The special attention in the programme will be given to research methodology and policy analysis skills. The combination of knowledge about policy process and methodology skills will lead to unique competences and excellent professional employment or for further studying or research career. The programme is developed in accordance with almost twenty years' experience with the Czech program on Public and Social Policy. It will, however, be supplemented by experience with already existing English courses and realized international research programs. Similarly, the comparative dimension will be enhanced. The theoretical grounds of the discipline will be covered especially in courses Public Policy a Social Policy. The knowledge about concrete policy domains will be provided in courses Educational Policy, Health Policy and Civil Society in Central Europe. Methodological knowledge and skills will be developed in courses Policy Analysis, Introduction to Social Research Methodology, Statistics in SPSS, Text, Narrative & Discourse Analysis and Diploma Seminar I and II. During the program, both individual and collective students' work on concrete social and policy problems will be sustained.

Graduate employment

The graduates have acquired the knowledge and skills that enable them to effectively and efficiently perform analytical, conceptual, organisational, interactive and managing tasks in creating and implementing public and social policie in the Czech Republic and within international kontekst. They can work at all levels of civil service, in research, non-profit and for-profit organisations and companies.



Piyush Prakash Yadav — Student

“This program is right for me as the program offers a balance between academics and understanding the policy making process in reality. Also, the professors who teach this course at Charles University have hands on experience in policy making. Hence, they prepare students for real life situations while preparing yourself with academic knowledge. Also, I chose Prague for the multicultural environment it offers and the city itself makes you feel that you are a part of something planned for a millennium.

SOCIETY, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without
specialization



Paid
Tuition Fee:
6 000 EUR per year

Characteristic

Master in Society, Communication and Media (SCM) is an interdisciplinary two-year graduate programme organized in cooperation with the Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism. It provides students with the knowledge and analytical skills in the fields of media studies and sociology. The programme helps students to understand and analyse the role of mass media and social media in contemporary societies. Graduates will become familiar with the knowledge of classic and up-to-date theories of mass society, mass media and social media, which are essential for the future experts in the field. Moreover, graduates will gain an in-depth knowledge of the methodologies and applications in the study of media and society. In addition to providing students with a robust background in theoretical knowledge and methodology, the programme emphasises the development of students' critical thinking and practical skills in the field of empirical social research. Thanks to the broad scope of competencies acquired and deepened during their studies, graduates become highly valued experts in many professions in the fields of the media industry, public relations, applied social research, public administration, local and global governance, NGOs, think-tanks, political parties, and academia.

After graduation

The graduate has knowledge of current media and sociological theories as well as qualitative and quantitative methods applicable for empirical research in sociology and media studies. They are also able to prepare, lead and implement sociological or media research. The program has prepared the graduate for a wide range of professions in an agency or an applied research environment whether it be in the non-profit, for profit or public sector. The graduate can take on different positions ranging from a mass media analyst or a public relations representative. The graduate is also prepared to further pursue studies in sociology or media studies in the Czech Republic or abroad.

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV, document showing the level of English proficiency and a writing sample.



Phoo Pyae Pyae Soe — Student

“SCM programme has been a perfect opportunity for me to study as it allows practical exposure along with the theory and expanding my area of knowledge for a better future.”



SOCIOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Three specializations



Paid
Tuition Fee:
6 000 EUR per year

Characteristic

The MA Programme in Sociology of Contemporary Societies is a two-year English-language Master's programme designed for students interested in gaining in-depth knowledge of the state of the present-day field of sociology and social anthropology, including their theory and research methods. It features a strong core of sociology and social anthropological courses in three specializations: 1. Civil Society and Politics; 2. Anthropology of Space and Mobility; 3. Identities, Health and Bodies. The Civil Society and Politics specialization provides students with a deep understanding of how contemporary complex societies work. Students acquire the theoretical and practical skills in political sociology, anthropology of nationalism, and the non-profit sector. They will learn to analyze various aspects of public life systematically. The Anthropology of Space and Mobility specialization brings in-depth knowledge of the globalized world, its dynamics, migratory movements, social mobility, and enables these phenomena to be deeply understood, and applied in the field of urban planning, migratory politics, and analysing of global developments. The Identities, Health and Bodies specialization develops the profound knowledge and practical skills required to conduct sociological and social anthropological research in the field of medical anthropology, health sociology, lifestyle studies, sociology of sport, and gender studies. In all specializations, students can choose either to focus on quantitative or qualitative research methodology.

After graduation

Students graduating from the programme will possess scholarly advantages including current knowledge of the major social problems facing present-day societies. With their understanding of both quantitative and qualitative sociological research methods, graduates can competently conduct sociological and social anthropological research and cooperate effectively on both analytic and problem solving tasks, allowing them to work as researchers, experts, analysts or a project managers in either the public sector and non-profit organisations, or in private companies. Our graduates are equally prepared to pursue a fruitful academic career and PhD studies.

Programme with specialization*

- Civil Society and Politics
- Anthropology of Space and Mobility
- Identities, Health and Bodies

*The specialization must be chosen during the registration.



Erasmus Mundus programmes

EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY: VACLAV HAVEL JOINT MASTER



Mgr. (Msc.)



2 years



Full-time



Without specialization



Paid Tuition Fee:
4 500 EUR per year for students from the EU and EEA
8 000 EUR per year for students from other countries

Characteristic

The European Politics and Society (EPS): Vaclav Havel Joint Master Programme is a multidisciplinary two-year Joint Master Degree Programme linking the fields of European politics, contemporary history and culture, economy, international relations and policymaking. The first semester of the EPS Programme is based on Master level introductory courses (in Prague), the second semester focuses on EU related courses (Krakow, Leiden). In the third and fourth semesters, the programme offers four different study tracks reflecting the diverse expertise of the Consortium members (Prague, Krakow, Barcelona, and Leiden). Each track combines various elective courses, research methods training, an internship and language tuition with an advanced research dissertation supervised by key staff from each Partner University. The EPS Programme gives its students the possibility to acquire high-profile pluridisciplinary knowledge and skills. The first goal of the EPS Programme is to prepare a new generation of managers, policymakers and research leaders. The excellence of the programme is based on a central focus on the societal, political, economic and cultural processes that have formed contemporary Europe and its role in the international environment, the programme also fosters exchange among diverse European and non-European cultures, and offers a unique learning experience to both EU and non-EU students. The EPS Programme thus contributes to build a real trans-European community of students, experts and academia that deal with current European challenges.

After graduation

After completion of the European Politics and Society: Vaclav Havel Joint Master Programme graduates will receive a Joint Degree diploma at the end of their studies. The Joint Degree will be recognised as favourably as other qualifications from the education systems of the country of origin of all Partner universities. Graduates of the EPS Programme will obtain in the first place the high-profile knowledge and skills during the two-year Master Degree. In addition to that, thanks to a large network of Associate Partners in all Consortium member countries and in Brussels, students will get practical experience in the field of European studies and international relations. They will be capable of open but critical understanding and of conceptual thinking, and of appreciating cultural diversity. This intellectual equipment will provide them with an opportunity to continue their self-education and find positions related to the problems of the studied area in both public and private spheres.

Scholarship

All applications completed and paid by **28. 02. 2023** will be considered for scholarship.

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, short CV detailing all relevant qualifications and experiences, document showing the level of English proficiency and two letters of recommendation.



INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES


Mgr. (Msc.)


2 years


Full-time


Without
specialization


Paid

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents: applicant's previous study results, structured CV, document showing the level of English proficiency and two letters of recommendation (at least one academic).



Characteristic

IMSISS is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) awarded by a consortium of European universities: **University of Glasgow, United Kingdom; Dublin City University, Ireland; Charles University, Czechia and the University of Trento, Italy**, working in conjunction with wide network of associate partners, including the **University of Cádiz, Spain and OTH Regensburg, Germany**. It is a unique interdisciplinary programme offering students a cutting edge training in several relevant security areas.

After graduation

Students on this degree programme will examine a broad range of contemporary security challenges, such as terrorism, civil war and conflict, mass migration, energy supply security, cyber security and new technologies, and transnational and serious organised crime. Students will also explore the intelligence and strategic approaches used by governmental and non-governmental actors to combat these threats. **The degree adopts a unique approach to the study of security by combining theoretical, applied and empirical knowledge and skill sets.** Students will have the opportunity to meet with and work alongside a range of academics and researchers from international partner universities and think tanks from around the world, as well as practitioner experts from governmental and industry security and defence sectors.

Tuition Fee

See here:
bit.ly/IMSISS

The application

The scholarship application deadline is **13. 01. 2023**.
The application deadlines for self-funded students are **26. 07. 2023** (EU and international applicants), **31. 08. 2023** (UK applicants).

JOURNALISM, MEDIA AND GLOBALISATION


Mgr. (Msc.)


2 years


Full-time


Without
specialization


Paid

Admissions

- Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the submitted required documents – the applicant's previous study results, motivation letter, structured CV, proof of experience, document showing the level of English proficiency and two letters of recommendation (at least one academic).



Characteristic

EMJ offers a unique educational experience with students studying and living in at least two European countries. The first year of the degree is spent with the entire cohort in Denmark at both Aarhus University and the Danish School of Media and Journalism. The second year sees students split into smaller groups that move to either Charles University, Prague, Czechia or the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. In addition, selected students will get the unique opportunity to substitute their second-semester courses in Denmark with courses taken at one of the prestigious universities, such as University of California, Berkley, USA; University of Technology Sydney, Australia; City, University of London, UK and more.

The application

Submission deadline **10. 01. 2023**

Tuition Fee and Scholarship

See the information here:
bit.ly/EMJtuition

After graduation

In general level, the programme focuses on analytical skills needed to identify and analyse cultural, political, and technological challenges to and opportunities for journalism across the globe. It combines theoretical, methodological and practical perspectives. Students can choose the specialisation of their study for the second year. The Prague's programme offers the Totalitarianism & Transition Specialisation. This specialisation gives students a solid understanding of the contemporary history of post-totalitarian countries. Students work with key issues facing journalism in light of ongoing political, market related and technological transformations. Obtained theoretical knowledge becomes the point of departure for the practical courses in audio, video and multimedia journalism production. It makes a perfect point of departure for future employment, e.g. in foreign correspondence.



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