
Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies

Overview

Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES) is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme fully accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic. 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. Primary attention is paid to modern history, politics and diplomacy, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of some of the Czech language.

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. By developing the student's knowledge of the Czech milieu and language, the programme may also serve as an access-point to some of our Ph.D. programmes. 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. It is an excellent stepping stone in developing an academic career in any of the Faculty's academic disciplines, as well as a valuable source of analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life.

Further details about the programme, enrollment requirements and application details and forms are available on the [PRAREAS BECES website](#) .

You can also download [the leaflet of the program](#) .

Practical information

Academic supervisor: Doc. PhDr. Jiří Vykoukal, CSc.

Study plan

for the specialization for students starting in the following academic years:

[2013/2014](#) [2012/2013](#) [2011/2012](#) , [2010/2011](#) , [2009/2010](#)

Course structure

Compulsory courses: 72 ECTS

Czech language: 24 ECTS

Choice (optional & electives*): minimum 12, maximum 24 ECTS

Defence of M. A. Thesis

* Electives see [article 4 para 10 of Consolidated University Code of Study and Examination of Charles University in Prague](#)