



## **Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES)**

BECES is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme which offers 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 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 **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 early admissions deadline** for academic year 2018/19 is **28th February 2018**.

The early admissions deadline is strongly recommended for students from non-EU or non-EFTA countries who will need a student visa in order to study in the Czech Republic.

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

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## Central European Comparative Studies (CECS)

The two-year master's programme in Central European Comparative Studies 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 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).

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 the Master's Degree programme in Central European Comparative Studies will have gained 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.

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