

EUROASIAN education

欧亚教育公司

地方	捷克布拉格
大学	查立大学
专业	Geopolitical Studies, Master in International Security Studies
学费	6000 欧元/年
语言	英语
学位	欧盟硕士学位 【M.A.】

Geopolitical Studies (GPS)

Programme Duration: 2 years

Language of Instruction: English

Academic Supervisor: PhDr. Michael Romancov, Ph.D.,

Geopolitical Studies is a unique, multidisciplinary programme, offering the students a chance to learn from academic authorities and experts in this field. The programme analyses and explores various and often inter-related processes that shape the global geopolitics and geoeconomics, focusing on the geostrategically important regions and on the cutting-edge theoretical concepts.

Who is this programme for?

We welcome all applicants, especially those that have successfully completed an undergraduate programme in the field of political science, international relations, security studies, geography, history, economics, sociology or journalism. The programme is also an excellent choice for diplomats, civil servants and members of the armed forces who wish to further deepen their expertise.

The goal of the Geopolitical Studies programme is to produce graduates able to analyze and interpret the world which we live in, linking together not only facts but also various theoretical approaches and overarching doctrines. The emphasis of the programme is placed on the practical application of the knowledge and skills earned; in this regard, the internship programme provides an opportunity for all the students to enhance their educational experience by applying them in a workplace setting.

What is the programme about?

Geopolitical Studies is a unique, multidisciplinary 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.

Some of the areas that the specialized courses and modules will focus on include:

- World politics, great powers geopolitics, global power shifts, border hardening;
- Disintegration processes, failed states, violent non-state actors, unrecognized states;
- War, natural resources and conflicts, international law;
- Political risk analysis, foreign policy analysis;
- World regions and their position in the current global order;

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.

Our Geopolitics Research Centre makes it possible for our faculty, external experts, MA and PhD students to come together at events and activities such as:

- The Annual Geopolitical Conference;
- The Internship Programme;
- The Geopolitical Summer School;
- Professional development seminars led by academic staff;
- Alumni seminars;
- Round-table discussions with diplomats and other guest speakers;

As a conclusion of the study programme, the students will write their final thesis under the supervision of an experienced academic/expert, which will give them the opportunity to make use of the theoretical and empirical knowledge they have gained and to employ their analytical skills.

The Geopolitical Studies programme would beyond any doubt further the prospective career of the students and greatly enhance their analytic skills in the field of geopolitics, policy analysis and international relations in general. In the world we live in, such skills will always be in a high demand.

Admission requirements:

- Bachelors degree
- English language proficiency (both written and oral)

Applicants to the GPS Programme may come from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds. It is not necessary to have studied political science, international relations or geopolitics. Admission may be granted also to students whose previous studies were in the humanities, economy, law or even technical or natural sciences. Although a background in political science and related sub-disciplines is not formally required for admission, it is an advantage for GPS applicants to have an aptitude for political science.

All students must have a good command of the English language in order to successfully complete all the course requirements, including the ability to discuss specialised topics. Our tutors will not be concerned only with what students know but they will also care about the clarity of their thinking, the capacity of explaining ideas in the public, how well you are able to work in teams and to absorb or expand new knowledge in the social sciences. They will seek evidence of students' interest in social and political issues and their ability to discuss them critically.

Cost and Tuition

The tuition fee is 3 000 EUR per semester, which can be reduced in the closing stages of the study to 300 EUR. Tuition covers the costs of studying at Charles University, sitting examinations and participating in international student exchanges. There are also scholarships and bursary funding available.

Why study Geopolitics?

Resource Wars, Identity Conflicts, Disinformation, Geostrategic Rivalries, Global Power Shift and increasing number of non-state actors, among others make it difficult to analyse contemporary international relations.

Currency Wars, Economic Diplomacy, Competitive Intelligence, Economic Warfare, Indirect Strategies and State Capitalism are among the various factors impacting increasingly contemporary power rivalries.

Master in International Security Studies (MISS)

Programme Duration: 2 years

Language of Instruction: English

Academic Supervisor: Doc. PhDr. Běla Plechanovová, CSc., bela.plechanovova@fsv.cuni.cz

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 notions 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.

In cooperation with University of Konstanz and University of Glasgow, dual degrees are also being offered.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for the MISS programme are **6 000 EUR per year**. Please note that these fees cover **only** the cost of instruction and examinations, and that students are responsible for paying their own living expenses (food, lodging, etc.).

Study prerequisites

The MISS programme is open only to students who have already completed a Bachelors degree (or equivalent) in a related programme of study.

Graduation requirements

To complete the programme the students must collect 120 ECTS credits, defend their Master's Thesis and pass the final state examination. Students need to take 9 required classes for a total of 66 credits (including 15 credits for the Master's Thesis), 42 credits for elective classes, and 12 credits from Master's level classes offered outside the Institute of Political Studies (this may include optional classes of Czech as a foreign language).