



EASTERN EUROPEAN AND RUSSIAN STUDIES

Programme type	Master's studies (university)
Field of study	Political Sciences
Study area	Social Sciences
Qualification awarded	Master in Social Science
Length of programme	1.5 years (3 semesters)
Scope of programme (ECTS)	90
Language of instruction	English
Location	Vilnius, Lithuania
Starting date	1 st of September
Tuition fee EU students	2300 EUR/per year
Tuition fee Non-EU students	2300 EUR/per year

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

- *The objective*

The Eastern European and Russian studies programme is devised to provide you with deep and comprehensive knowledge about the region - its political, economic and cultural particularities, and develop your academic and analytical skills that will enable you to analyse, evaluate and assess key political and social processes within this dynamic and exciting region.

- *Career opportunities and access to further studies*

Our graduates have found a number of different possibilities: some pursue their careers as civil servants in public administration institutions and diplomatic service. Others work as analysts and experts in the international organizations, academic and research institutions, private sector in Lithuania and abroad.

And just in case you wish to spread your knowledge and learn even more as a graduate of the Eastern European and Russian studies you will have access to the third cycle (doctoral) studies.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- first-hand experience of Eastern Europe regional specifics through study across the range of area specific courses including state, society, economics, culture and politics of the region
- professional expertise on the key issues that impact domestic and foreign policies in the states of Eastern Europe and Russia;
- advanced knowledge of the concepts, theories and methods in the contemporary political science, especially in the field of International Relations and Comparative Politics;
- deep understanding of the history and political systems of the Eastern European countries and Russia, as well as political and economic transformation processes that are taking place in the region;
- skills to analyse the development of the region in the context of contemporary international and regional co-operation;
- methodological skills required to undertake and produce an independent research project.

COURSE INFORMATION

The programme has the following structure:

Course Type	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester
Compulsory Courses	Economic Transformation: From Command Economy to a New System (10 ECTS)	Master seminar (5 ECTS)	Master seminar (5 ECTS)
	State and Society in Eastern Europe and Russia: From Autocracy to Democracy (10 ECTS)	Russian Politics and Economy in Post-modern World (10 ECTS)	Master's Theses (20 ECTS)
	Inventing Eastern Europe: Explorations of the European East (5 ECTS)		
	Search and Research: Methods and Approaches in Political Science (5 ECTS)		
Elective Courses		International Political Economy and Globalization (5 ECTS)	Moral Issues of War (5 ECTS)
		Energy Security (5 ECTS)	Voice of Citizens (5 ECTS)
		Belarus and Ukraine Studies (5 ECTS)	Security and Sustainable Development (5 ECTS)
		Nationalism and Its Manifestations in Central and Eastern Europe (5 ECTS)	International Organizations (5 ECTS)
		Nordic and Baltic Studies (5 ECTS)	EU External Relations (5 ECTS)
		Contemporary Politics of Central Eurasian Countries and Regions (5 ECTS)	Project Management in Public Sector (5 ECTS)

During the first semester of studies students start with four courses that introduce them to the economic, historic and cultural context of Eastern Europe and Russia, as well as research methods of political science, which will be crucial in preparing their MA thesis. These courses take up to 10 ECTS credits each.

The second semester offers students the opportunity to build their own extensive knowledge and expertise in their preferred field of interests by choosing three elective subjects from the list of courses open to all Master level students at the Institute. Students will also attend Master's seminars to further develop their MA thesis research design and one compulsory course dedicated to providing in-depth knowledge of economic and political particularities in Russia.

During the third semester, students work on their Master's thesis and continue attending Master's seminars. Additionally, they can extend their knowledge by attending one elective subject based on their academic or professional interests. Moreover, students are offered the opportunity to build their resume by conducting a professional internship with non-governmental organizations or research institutions based in Vilnius.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All the subjects of the programme should be passed and positive assessment of the Master's Thesis public defense.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Bachelor degree or its equivalent;
- English language proficiency - the level not lower than B2 (following the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) (Internationally recognized certificate or *Skype* interview)
- The selection criterion is based on the weighted average of all grades recorded in the transcript of your academic report.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

At Vilnius University we have written exams. Most of the learning happens while preparing for and writing assignments. Each of these assignments will showcase the academic excellence and integrity.

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