



**FACULTY OF
SOCIAL STUDIES**

Masaryk University



**International Relations and European Politics
at Masaryk University (IREP)**





Do you want to understand
contemporary international politics?

Do you want to study an exciting field?

Do you want a top-quality education
with excellent prospects
for an extraordinary professional career?

If yes,
study International Relations
and European Politics
at Masaryk University!

About the programme

<http://mve.fss.muni.cz/en/bc/irep>

Admission and application

http://www.fss.muni.cz/admission/application_and_admission/bc?lang=en

**Apply between November 1 and June 1 via the programme page.
(EU citizens may apply until August 15th)**

International Relations and European Politics (IREP)

International Relations and European Politics (IREP) is an undergraduate study programme taught by internationally experienced lecturers in a single-subject full-time form and based on the ECTS credit system. The language of instruction is English.

In its compulsory courses, the IREP programme reflects the diversity of international relations as an academic discipline (see box 1). With its wide selection of optional courses, students can specialise in their fields of interest (see box 2).

Optional courses provided by faculty are supplemented by at least four courses taught by visiting professors annually. Optional courses also include university-wide, but also field-specific language education at multiple levels. Students may also enroll in select courses outside of their field of study across the university.

IREP graduates can find employment in a number of professions, particularly large companies, international organisations, think-tanks, in state administration and diplomatic services, as well as in political party structures and journalism.

Graduates are also well prepared to continue with studies in English-language graduate programmes, such as European Politics, European Governance and Energy Security Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, or at any other graduate programme in the world.

The department supports students in pursuing internships in such institutions during their studies and has pre-established relations in a wide selection in the vicinity of Brno, including Vienna, Prague, Bratislava, or Budapest.

Travel through ERASMUS

IREP students are fully eligible to participate in the wide array of study stays within the ERASMUS programme. If the ERASMUS study stay takes place in a country other than the student's home country, the student is awarded mobility scholarships. The department offers alternate course completion not to prolong the duration of studies by studying abroad.

As a member of the ERASMUS programme, the University has more than 120 exchange agreements across Europe, while further opportunities may be found through intergovernmental scholarships, partner universities, ISEP programmes, Erasmus Mundus Action II, CEEPUS, AKTION, and the University's membership in international networks such as the Utrecht Network and the Compostela Group.



Structure of compulsory courses

Length of study: 6 semesters.

Semester 1	1 Introduction to IR and EP
	2 History of International Relations and World Politics
	3 Academic Skills
Semester 2	4 Contemporary History of Europe
	5 European Integration
	6 Global Politics: Current Issues
Semester 3	7 International Security
	8 Human Rights, Democratization and Global Justice
	9 Introduction to Energy Security: Related Concepts
Semester 4	10 Theory of International Relations and European Integration
	11 Research Methods and Tools
	12 International Organizations and Diplomacy
Semester 5	13 Economic Dimensions of International Relations: An Introduction
	14 Diploma Seminar I
Semester 6	15 Institutions of the EU
	16 Diploma Seminar II

Box 1

Selected optional courses

U.S. Foreign policy
Russian Foreign Security Policy
Security and Democracy in the South Caucasus
The Western Balkans in Transition
The Complex Nature of Ethnicity and Identity in the Western Balkans
National security and grand strategy
Contemporary issues in the European Union
Arctic geopolitics
European Integration of the Western Balkans
The Energy Policy of the EU and its Position in the Global Energy Environment
European Integration and Domestic Political Systems
Evolution of the European Security Architecture
France as an Actor in International Relations
Humanitarian intervention
China as an Actor in International Relations
Peace economics
Regional Conflict Complexes
U.S. Foreign policy actors
The Czech Republic and the EU
Uranium in International Relations

Masaryk University

Masaryk University, located in Brno, is the second largest public university and one of the leading tertiary education institutions in the Czech Republic. Masaryk University has over 35,000 students and 2,200 academic staff. For more information, see <https://www.muni.cz/en>.

Masaryk University provides the conveniences of a distinguished public university. It ranks among the top 1000 universities in the world according to Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), World University Rankings (<http://strategie.rect.muni.cz/en/international-ranking/qs>) and The Times Higher Education (THE) - Thomson Reuters World University Rankings (<http://strategie.rect.muni.cz/en/international-ranking/the>).

Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic with approximately 400,000 inhabitants (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brno>). It is well known for its safety, many top universities and educational institutions, rich student life and affordable living costs. In terms of quality of life, according to Numbeo Rankings it is one of the top 60 cities in the world (<http://www.numbeo.com/quality-of-life/rankings.jsp>).



Faculty of Social Studies

The Faculty is situated in a recently refurbished and modernised building in the city's historical centre, offering its students and employees excellent conditions for study and work. Today, the Faculty of Social Studies comprises seven departments, four research institutes, specialized IT support units, and a comprehensive library. It educates more than 3,400 students enrolled in full-time and distance forms of study. Faculty members regularly publish in international scientific journals and anthologies, present at international professional conferences, and publish books and monographs. Our researchers and lecturers are very active in international research networks and projects, and the Faculty has hosted dozens of international conferences, providing space for discussion of the latest social science findings.



Department of International Relations and European Studies

The Department of International Relations and European Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies offers Bachelor's, Master's as well as Doctoral degree studies in a wide variety of programmes. It cooperates with similarly profiled institutions in the Czech Republic and abroad. The Department focuses on international security, European studies, international political economy, human rights and energy security.

The Department is constantly innovating its research activities. Its members are principal investigators of scientific grants awarded by both Czech and foreign institutions.

The Department participated in the European Commission's Jean Monnet Project and has been assigned a post of the Jean Monnet Chair.

The Department also actively participates in European projects for education and competitiveness.



International Cooperation

Utrecht University (Netherlands)

Brookings Institution (USA)

Central European University (Hungary)

Centre for Eastern Studies (Poland)

PRIO (Norway)

Collegium Civitas (Poland)

Energy Institute at the University
of Texas in Austin (USA)

University of Koblenz-Landau
(Germany)

Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
(United Kingdom)

Prague Security Studies Institute
(Czech Republic/USA)

Rice University (USA)

IDC Herzliya (Israel)

Energy Community (Austria)

Slovak Foreign Policy Association
(Slovak Republic) and others

Study-abroad via Erasmus+

Sapienza University of Rome

Università di Bologna

Sciences Po Paris

Central European University Budapest

University of Oslo

University of Bergen

University of Utrecht

Universidad Complutense Madrid

Loughborough University

University of Konstanz

Study and work abroad

<http://www.fss.muni.cz/students/abroad?lang=en>

Admission procedures

To be accepted, the applicant must have completed secondary school with a graduation exam. Each application must include:

- a cover letter in English (about 500 words),
- an essay in English on an international relations topic of the applicant's choice (1,500 words)
- proof of language competence at the B2 level (according to European Referential Framework of Languages standards).

Successful 1st round applicants are contacted for online interviews.

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Tuition

1,100 EURO / 30,000 CZK per semester

The study fee covers tuition, as well as student administration, all course literature, access to university libraries and computers, as well as access to other university facilities. The fee also covers e-learning services and Internet access to electronic versions of study materials and international databases.

