
Political Science

The Department of Political Science-the IPS- offers a two-year Master program in Political Science predominantly focusing on expanding and amplifying students' knowledge in the field of methodology and comparative political science. Highlighted topics include electoral studies, municipal politics, decentralization and current national or regional identities (placing an emphasis on the problems within the EU countries) and an analysis of domestic conflicts related to the issues of identity and democracy as well as migration and minority integration in current democratic societies.

Department lectures primarily focus on Europe (i.e. EU countries analysis, or alternatively their relations to non-European countries); however, obligatory elective courses also exist which offer lectures and seminars dedicated to the analysis of the development in Asian countries (particularly the Middle East), Latin America and Africa.

Every year roughly thirty students graduate from the Master Program in Political Science. They can further pursue their studies in the Postgraduate program either as part of the rigorous procedure (approx. 20 applicants a year) or the PhD procedure (the Department is currently preparing thirty PhD students, in either full-time or combined forms of study).

The Political Science Supervisor is prof. PhDr. Blanka Říchová, CSc. ([personal webpage](#))

For students who began studying in the academic year of **2011/2012** or later, the State Exam involves:

- Defence of the Thesis

Oral Exam:

Theory and analysis of democracy (includes two obligatory questions from the thematic sphere)

- Plural democracy
- Embracing democracy
- Coalition and coalition relations in parliamentary systems

One question from the area of specialization (selected by the student):

- Municipal politics
 - Czech municipal politics
 - European municipal politics
- Conflicts in democracy and problems of identity
 - Decentralization - region - identity
 - Conflicts in democracy and national identity

State Exam (for students who started studying before the academic year of **2011/2012**):

- Defence of Master Thesis (according to the Rules of FSV study organization, article 16, [link here](#))
- General Political Science
- Comparative Political Science
- Political Geography and Geopolitics

Strongly theory-oriented students can fulfill their potential as researchers or university educators. Other career options include working in the civil service, the apparatus of political parties, public organizations, public institutions, foreign services and diplomacy or as political commentators and publicists.

Total study obligations	120 credits
Obligatory classes	73 credits
Obligatory elective field classes	35 credits minimum
Elective classes	12 credits maximum

For elective classes see article 4, para 10 of the Study and Exam Code of Charles University in Prague - Studijní a zkušební řád UK