



Open doors for PhD studies at IPS

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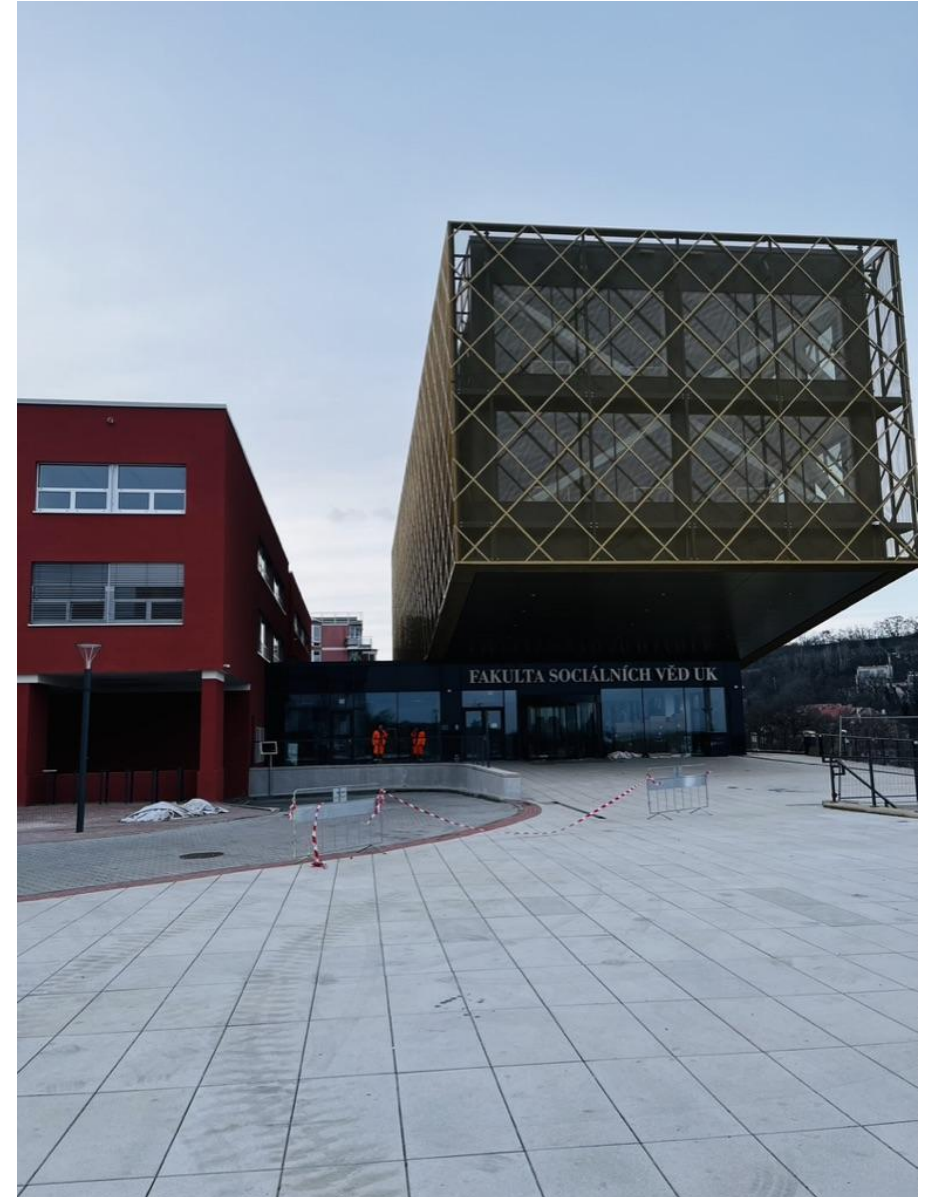
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Why PhD?



- It's a calling
- Freedom to do research
- Opportunities to travel (a lot)
- It's fun
- New campus - creative environment
- Project opportunities
- A great team



- **Top academic environment with** highly qualified supervisors
- **Support** (financial) of the foreign trips from the first year
- **Publication rewards**
- **Involvement in the research teams** in the Departments or in **grant projects** of the supervisors
- Work in **research groups** according to the dissertation topic
- Opportunity to have an own grant as part of the **Grant agency of the Charles University (GAUK)**
- **FSV UK PhD Society**



- **Political Science**

- Organized in cooperation with the Institute of Political Science and the Faculty of Arts
- Political parties and party systems
- Political regimes, political institutions
- Polarization, democracy, democratic and autocratic innovations
- Geopolitics and political geography
- National identity, regional political systems and parties
- Dissertation topics

- **International relations**

- International organizations, theoretical questions of IR
- European Studies
- Security and Strategic Studies
- Student Prospectus – dissertation topics



- Politologie (CZ)
- Political Science (ENG)

- Mezinárodní vztahy (CZ)
- International Relations (ENG)
 - Form of study: full-time (inter) or combined (extern)
 - Length of study: standard length **4 years**, maximum length 8 years (including interruption)
 - Fee for study in the English programme: **500 EUR/semester**



- Admission takes place once in a year in **June (June 10th for IR, June 11th for PS)**, enrollment is in September, academic year starts in October
- Applicants have to meet this criteria:
 - Finished **Master's degree**, ideally in Social sciences or Humanities
 - **Orientation in the field** corresponding to the requirements for the political science, international relations or security studies graduates
 - Knowledge of English
- Applicants have to send to the Student Services Office of the Faculty until 30. 4. 2024:
 - **Application form** (filled out in SIS or on a SEVT form),
 - **CV**,
 - **Could be send in a electronic way** – Political Science (CZE; ENG) and International Relations (CZE; ENG)
- Until 10. 5. (IR), or 13. 5. 2024 (PS) then have to send electronically:
 - **Research design of the proposed dissertation project** to the address of the Centre of Doctoral Studies (e-mail: cds-ips@fsv.cuni.cz)
 - **Form of study (internal-external) could be changed, the programme not!**



- The program is implemented as a university program, and interested parties can apply for the program either at the Faculty of Social Sciences or at the Faculty of Arts
- Applicant must choose, if he/she will apply to the Faculty of Social Sciences or the Faculty of Arts – will be the member of the chosen faculty only!
- Admission procedure has two rounds
 - 1st round: evaluation of dissertation proposals (in the range of 6-7 pages, 1800 characters per page, including spaces)
 - 2 criterion: the quality of the project + contribution to the current state of knowledge
 - Maximum: 30 points
 - 2nd round: interview with applicants advanced from the 1st round
 - Defence of the dissertation proposal
 - Debate about the list of literature read containing at least 30 items (necessary to submit before the 2nd round)
 - Maximum: 30 points
 - Possibility of bonification of previous publication and lectures
- Total maximum: 60 points
- The point limit for enrollment will be determined by the dean

- Admission procedure has 2 rounds:
 - 1. round: the committee is evaluating the applicants on the basis of the **quality of the proposed dissertation projects** and their **compatibility with the priority of the departments** and sets the minimum necessary for advance to the second round. The project must adhere to the standards of research design in social sciences, and should be between 6-8 000 words, including a list of sources.
 - 2. round: chosen applicants are invited to an **interview**. The committee is evaluating **the aims of the dissertation research, theoretical, methodological background** of the proposed project and the feasibility of the research design and its limits.
- **In both rounds** the applicant can reach up to **40 points**.
- **In the 2. round** you can receive additional bonus (max. 10 points) for publications (articles) on the topic of the dissertation.
- **Prospectus** – information for applicants



- **Academics:**

- **JUDr. PhDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D.** – Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- **Doc. PhDr. Jan Karlas, M.A., Ph.D.** – Head of the Department of the international relations IPS FSV UK
- **PhDr. Petr Jüptner, Ph.D.** – Director of the IPS FSV UK
- **PhDr. Miloš Brunclík, Ph.D.** – Assistant Professor at the Political Science department IPS FSV UK
- **Doc. PhDr. Marek Skovajsa, Ph.D.** – Research fellow of the Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Science

- **Beyond academics:**

- **Mgr. Tomáš Petříček, M.A., Ph.D.** – 13. Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Doc. PhDr. Tomáš Lebeda Ph.D.** – Head of the Domestic Affairs in the Office of the President of the Czech Republic
- **Doc. JUDr. PhDr. Vojtěch Belling, Ph.D.** – Until 2014 EU State secretary of the Czech Government, director of the EU and international affairs for the Czech National Bank
- **Jana Robinson, Ph.D.** – Space Security Program Director at the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), before Space Policy Officer at the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels
- **Mgr. Pavel Přikryl, Ph.D.** – Manager for strategic and transactional services for the Grant Thornton consulting company
- **Doc. PhDr. Ondřej Ditrych, MPhil. Ph.D.** – Former director of the Institute of International Relations

- PhD students work under the supervision of a **supervisor** and fulfill their duties according to the **individual study plan (ISP)**
- To successfully graduate you have to:
 - Fulfill all the duties according to the ISP
 - Pass the state exam (SDZ)
 - Defend the dissertation
- Other duties:
 - Specific academic research (SVV)
 - Conference
 - Grant proposal (e.g. GAUK)
 - Administrative-organizational work (thesis reviews, taking notes on state exams, graduations, ...)



A **supervisor** is mainly an academic or scientific worker (e.g. associate professor, professor or expert on a given issue) who should guarantee the quality and proper guidance of the student. The supervisor is appointed and removed by the Dean of the Faculty on the proposal of the Board of Studies.

Political Science:

- prof. Blanka Říhová
- prof. Michal Kubát
- doc. Miloš Brunclík
- doc. Petra Guasti
- doc. Michel Perottino
- doc. Martin Riegl

International Relations:

- dr. Martin Jeřábek
- doc. Jan Karlas
- dr. Aliaksei Kazharski
- dr. Irah Kučerová
- dr. Viera Martinková
- dr. Michal Parížek
- dr. Jakub Tesař
- dr. Bohumil Doboš

Security Studies:

- prof. Emil Aslan
- prof. Oldřich Bureš
- prof. Nikola Hynek
- dr. Tomáš Karásek
- dr. Tomáš Kučera
- dr. Jan Ludvík
- doc. Vít Stržitecký
- dr. Petr Špelda



- **1. year**
 - Passing compulsory courses
 - Publication strategy and the dissertation project
 - Political Science: defence of the dissertation outline
 - Grant application (GAUK)
- **2. year**
 - Passing compulsory courses
 - Publication of an article
 - Defence of a dissertation project (International relations)
 - Defence of a chapter of dissertation (Political Science)
 - Teaching (International relations)
 - Grant application (GAUK, if the 1st attempt is unsuccessful)
- **3. year**
 - Passing the State exam
 - Research stay abroad
- **4. year**
 - Publication of an article
 - Defence of the dissertation



- Questions related to the **formal requirements of the admission procedure and study rules** – please contact the Faculty Student Services Office, specifically Kristýna Trojanová (kristyna.trojanova@fsv.cuni.cz, tel.: 222 112 238).
- Question related to the administration of the proposal of the **dissertation project (deadline) or the content and course of the study** – please contact the Centre for Doctoral Studies at IPS (cds-ips@fsv.cuni.cz).
- Questions related to the **topic and content of the proposed dissertation project or research questions** – please contact individual supervisors



Duties	Full-time		Combined	
	PS	IR	PS	IR
Stipend	✓	✓	✗	✗
SVV	✓	✓	✗	✗
Other duties	✓	✓	✗	✗
Grant. activities (GAUK)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conference	✓	✓	✓	✓
Internship/research stay abroad	✓	✓	✓	✓
Courses	✓	✓	✓	✓
Publication	✓	✓	✓	✓
State exam, Defence	✓	✓	✓	✓



Individual study plan



Duties	Political science	International relations
Courses	<u>List of courses</u>	<u>List of courses</u>
Conferences	4 From that one foreign	2 one domestic, one foreign
Publication	Min. two articles	Min. two articles
SVV	Compulsory for full-time study	Compulsory for full-time study
Small defence	Min. 2 months (60 days) before the large defence, department meeting	Min. 2 months (60 days) before the large defence, doctoral seminar
Large defence	Min. 60 days after small defence	Min. 60 days after small defence
Internship/research stay abroad	3 months	3 months
Teaching	-----	min. 8 Bachelor or Master seminars

- SVV = research conducted mostly by students in the framework of accredited Doctoral and Masters programmes
- Institutional **support of the publication activities of PhD students**
- Compulsory for all of the full-time students at IPS
- 2-year cycle of preparation and publication of an article
- **Results** of the research are presented **annually on seminars at the IPS**
- **Financial reward** for publication results



- Grants for PhD and Master students from the Charles University
- Possibility of financing of a research through a project (1 to 3 years)
- Max **300 000 CZK** for a project/year – includes a stipend for you, financing research trips and conferences, academic literature etc.
- Project submission usually in October/November, results usually in March
- Before the submission there will be a „training“ organized by the IPS or the faculty



- Taking notes at state exams (SZZk)
- Entrance exams
- Graduations
- Reviews of Bachelor and Masters Theses
- More information could be found in the:
 - [Handbook](#)
 - [Financial Manual](#)



- Doctoral scholarship
 - 1.- 4. year – 10 500 CZK
 - After passing the state exam (in the 3. year) additional 2000 CZK
- Specific Academic Research (SVV)
- Average approx. 30 000 CZK, max reward approx. 140 000 CZK
- **Not fulfilling duties can result in lowering your scholarship!**

- Administrative assistance:
 - State exams – 150 CZK/hour
 - Graduation ceremonies – 400 CZK
 - Entrance exams – 1000 CZK/day
 - Ad hoc assignments – 150 CZK/hour

Additional info in the Financial manual

Political Science

International relations

State doctoral exam

- Enroll by the end of the **4. year**
- **Before enrollment fulfill:**
 - *courses*
 - *publication*
 - *conference*
 - *and other duties according to the ISP*

Defence of the dissertation

- Passing before the end of the **4. year** (standard time of study)
- **Before enrollment fulfill:**
 - All study requirements in ISP
 - Pass the state exam



Starting from the academic year 2023/24, the PhD programme in International Relations offers one additional scholarship of CZK 12,000 per month for a student who will be admitted to full-time study based on a project focusing on economic and financial threats. The scholarship will be made possible thanks to a donation from the Prague Security Studies Institute.

Terms and conditions of the scholarship: Admission to full-time study on the basis of a project on economic and financial threats with a focus on state-led economic activities in international relations; proper and timely completion of the study obligations of the individual study plan; cooperation with the Prague Security Studies Institute

For more information on the research focus, visit the PSSSI [website](#) and consult the [Student Prospectus](#). If you wish to consult your proposal, please contact doc. PhDr. Vít Střítecký, M.Phil., Ph.D., vit.stritecky@fsv.cuni.cz



Why you?



**DON'T EVER QUESTION
ME AGAIN**

I HAVE A PHD!



Q&A



Thanks for your attention!