



Call for Applications Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in Southeastern European Studies

University of Graz and University of Belgrade

Subject to positive approval by the Senate of the University of Graz¹

Deadline: April 20, 2020

The University of Graz and the University of Belgrade—Faculty of Political Sciences (FPS) are pleased to announce the call for applications for the academic year 2020/2021 for the **Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in Southeastern European Studies** (www.jointdegree.eu/masees & www.seestudies.eu).

This two year MA program is **conducted in English as a Joint Programme** with an obligatory study abroad period. The 10th generation of students will start in September 2020.

NEW: At the University of Graz, two programmes—the International Joint Master's Programme in Southeastern European Studies and the Joint Degree "History of South-Eastern Europe"—will be combined, offering two focus areas (Law and Politics / History) as of study year 2020/21.

Students enroll in and spend the first year at their chosen entrance university (Graz or Belgrade). In the second year, students spend **at least one semester on mobility at a partner university.**

Students with **entrance university Belgrade** may spend their mobility semester at following partner university:

- **University of Graz, Austria**

Students with **entrance university Graz** may spend their mobility semester depending on their focus area at the following partner universities:

- **University of Belgrade, Serbia** (Law and Politics)
- **Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia** (Law and Politics)
- **University of Bologna, Italy** (Law and Politics)
- **University of Ljubljana, Slovenia** (History / Law and Politics)
- **University of Novi Sad, Serbia** (History)
- **University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Law and Politics)
- **University of Zagreb, Croatia** (History / Law and Politics)
- **University of Regensburg, Germany** (History)
- **University Sofia, Bulgaria** (History)
- **Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania** (History)
- **University College London, UK** (Law and Politics)
- **Central European University, Vienna, Austria** (Law and Politics)

¹ In case of Graz as entrance university



Why Southeastern European Studies in Graz?

Southeastern Europe has been a focus of the University of Graz for over a century. The noble prize winner Ivo Andrić wrote his PhD in Graz and many scholars and prominent intellectuals from the region have studied here. Since the early 1990s thousands of students from across the Balkans have decided to study at the University of Graz and it is today not unusual to hear Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian and Albanian in addition to German and English in the hallways of the university. Only two hours from Ljubljana and Zagreb by car, the city is close to Southeastern Europe and the dense ties to the region are tangible throughout the city, from the cultural life to the social scene.

Over the past decades, the University has had a strong academic interest in the history of Southeastern Europe, in particular historical anthropology. Various exchange programs, teaching, research and public events focused on the region have a long tradition. The Centre for Southeastern European Studies not only coordinates the Master's Programme, but also the Law and Politics Doctoral Programme as well as the Southeast Europe PhD Programme. In addition, the Centre hosts regular public events, workshops, and conferences and conducts research on Southeastern Europe. There is also another degree program focused on Southeastern Europe, a European Regional Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democracy in South East Europe. The MA programme "History of Southeastern Europe," which was previously offered as an independent programme, will be merged with the former Joint Degree Programme with Belgrade and will allow students to choose among two focus areas within a new Joint Programme consortium.

Students are thus not just offered studies in Southeastern Europe, but are part of a vibrant community of scholars and students interested in Southeastern Europe.

For further information on the programme in Graz please visit: <http://www.jointdegree.eu/en/masees/>. Check out this [VIDEO](#) with some impressions from the former students at the University of Graz.

Why Southeastern European Studies in Belgrade?

You will be studying Southeastern Europe in its very centre. In this way, you will be able not only to better understand your chosen field of interest, but also to learn one or more languages of the region. Secondly, you will benefit from learning in a group of outstanding FPS and foreign professors with excellent academic records and long-time expertise in Southeastern Europe. Student groups usually consist of people from the region but also from other parts of the world. You will be able to share an exciting social life in Belgrade with them. Check some impressions of our previous generation of students: <http://www.seestudies.eu/node/48>.

During two semesters in Belgrade you will also be able to get involved in the work of the FPS Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on the Balkans (CisBalk). As an extension of the Master Program and a focus point of cooperation of Serbian and international experts dealing with Southeastern Europe, the Centre offers ample possibilities for engagement in research projects, workshops and numerous public events it organizes.



Content of the Programme

The mission of the Joint Master Programme in Southeast European Studies is to provide an international and interdisciplinary master programme in social sciences and humanities of highest quality, which enables participants to effectively understand the interrelationship between law, politics, economics, history and culture with strong emphasis on the region of Southeastern Europe.

While Belgrade is running the joint interdisciplinary programme, in Graz the programme offers two focus areas, one in Southeast European History and one in Law and Politics in Southeastern Europe. In both versions, the programme promotes the capacity for academic analysis, especially by applying an inter- and transdisciplinary approach which includes areas of legal, political, economic and cultural studies. In the first year, core courses include introduction to multidisciplinary approaches, seminars in political science and law, history, economics and cultural studies in Southeast Europe. The programme aims at strengthening and understanding the role of gender in academia, society and politics.

All compulsory courses are conducted in English, but students are able to take classes in other languages. Language acquisition is an important key aspect of the joint degree and students are encouraged to take courses in a regional language and/or the predominant language of their mobility institution.

Thus, students benefit from a highly internationally oriented programme with a mandatory mobility period included.

Mobility semester and summer school on Hvar island

In the summer after the first year, a **joint summer school** is held in Hvar, Croatia, for all students from the participating universities to complete the compulsory core modules. In the second year, students attend at least one semester on mobility at one of the partner universities and specialize in their desired field.

There are also optional provisions in place to offer students professional trainings and internship positions. In the final semester students write a master thesis reflecting their capacity to work on a scientific subject independently.

Student Assistantships at the Centre for Southeast European Studies

Students enrolled at the University of Graz will have a possibility to apply for one of the studentship positions offered by the Centre for Southeast European Studies.



Academic Degree

Students completing the Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in Southeastern European Studies earn the degree "Master of Arts", abbreviated MA.

Admission

The Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in Southeastern European Studies welcomes applicants who hold an **academic degree of at least 180 ECTS credits** (bachelor's degree or equivalent), who can demonstrate their basic knowledge of social sciences or humanities—law, political, social, cultural or economic sciences—and who have general insight and interest in Southeastern Europe.

The APPLICATION should consist of:

1. At least one letter of recommendation (preferably from a university professor or employer, in English)
2. Certificate/diploma obtained at the undergraduate level (for Graz: translated into English or German; for Belgrade: translated into English if it is not in one of the Ex-Yugoslav languages)
3. Transcript of records obtained at the undergraduate level (for Graz: translated into English or German; for Belgrade: translated into English if it is not in one of the Ex-Yugoslav languages)
4. Letter of motivation (English)
5. Curriculum vitae (English)
6. Proof of proficiency in English language: IELTS (required minimum score: 6.0), a TOEFL (required minimum score: 210 on the computerised test, 547 on the paper based test, 78 on the internet based test), a Cambridge Exam (required level: FCE) or an equivalent certificate. Students who have completed their BA in English are not required to provide this proof of proficiency but may be interviewed.²

For enrolling at the University of Belgrade, certified translation of diploma and transcript of records (if not in ex-Yugoslav languages) into Serbian shall be required additionally.

Applicants should apply online via this platform:

<http://jointdegree.biobs.com/>

² If you apply for University of Graz as entrance university, you need to hand in the following certificates and minimum scores at the time of admission (2nd step after successful selection by the consortium):
Toefl internet based: 95; IELTS 7; Cambridge Certificates (CAE grade 7/180 points, CPE level 1 ; CEF grade A); 8 school years at an English-speaking school, 4 years English in an Austrian secondary school and final examination in English (Reifeprüfung) in English, completion of a study programme fully taught in English; The certificate should not be older than 2 years at the time of admission to the programme (May/June)



Tuition Fee

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Tuition fees are waived for Austrian/EU students. Tuition costs are approximately **€745 per semester** for citizens of other states but can usually be **refunded** upon successful completion of each semester for citizens of Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine.

For enquiries about the admission procedure, tuition fees and refund process at the University of Graz please contact jointdegrees@uni-graz.at, for academic questions please contact Branimir Staletovik, branimir.staletovik@uni-graz.at.

Please note that the University of Graz **does not provide financial support**—no scholarships are currently available but we encourage students to seek available funding from third parties.

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€3,900 EUR (or counter value in Serbian dinars), including ALL costs of a four-semester studying, costs of recognition of foreign BA degrees and the ten-day Summer School at the island of Hvar, Croatia (full boards and transportation), payable in ten installments during the two years of studies—for citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey.

€4,900 EUR (or counter value in Serbian dinars), including ALL costs of a four-semester studying, costs of recognition of foreign BA degrees and the ten-day Summer School at the island of Hvar, Croatia (full boards and transportation), payable in ten installments during the two years of studies —for citizens of all other countries.

Please note that the University of Belgrade **is not in a position to provide financial support**, but we encourage students to seek available funding from third parties. For all enquiries about enrolling the programme at the University of Belgrade, please contact gardana.ristic@fpn.bg.ac.rs and dusan.pavlovic@mac.com.

The deadline for applications is April 20th, 2020.

Information:

Belgrade: <http://www.seestudies.eu/>

Graz: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/en/masees/>

Online application:

<https://jointdegree.biobs.com/>