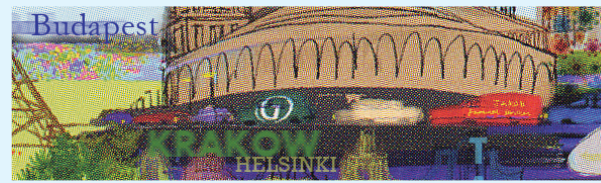




### Understanding Europe and the wider world

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe have undergone far-reaching political, economic and social change, culminating in the 2004 and 2007 European Union enlargements. Throughout this period, a process of Europeanisation has occurred through the adoption and adaptation of institutions and processes based on West European modes of governance. At the same time, the end of the Cold War and the ideological divide have reduced the incentives for Western governments to fund scholarship in this area and the number of students focusing on the region has declined. However, the region remains of strategic importance and is central to the EU's economic and political strategies as laid out in the Lisbon Agenda. Understanding the comparative economic advantages of the Central and Eastern European states, their relationship with the EU border states, the importance of migration flows, health and security for the wider region as well as the obstacles faced in developing a truly knowledge-based economy are essential both for the European and the global community.

This MA will raise the global capacity of expertise in this area by addressing these key areas in the context of the region's economies, states and societies.



### Who is IMESS for?

The IMESS Masters programme is designed to attract and challenge the brightest international graduate students as well as professionals wishing to retrain to achieve European expertise and meet the challenges of the changing global environment.

### Fees and scholarships

The fees are 6,250 per year for applicants from the European Economic Area and €14,800 per year for third-country students.

Third-country applicants are invited to apply for one of a number of Erasmus Mundus Scholarships. Scholarship awards are currently €21,000 per year. Further details are provided on the consortium website: [www.imess.eu](http://www.imess.eu). All other scholarship information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

The Erasmus Mundus Scholarship deadline is 31 January annually.

### Admission requirements and application

All applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with honours in a relevant subject area and must provide evidence of proficiency in English.

Further application details and forms are available on the IMESS consortium website: [www.imess.eu](http://www.imess.eu)

The closing date for non-scholarship applications is 31 August.

The closing date for scholarship applications is 31 January.

### Further information

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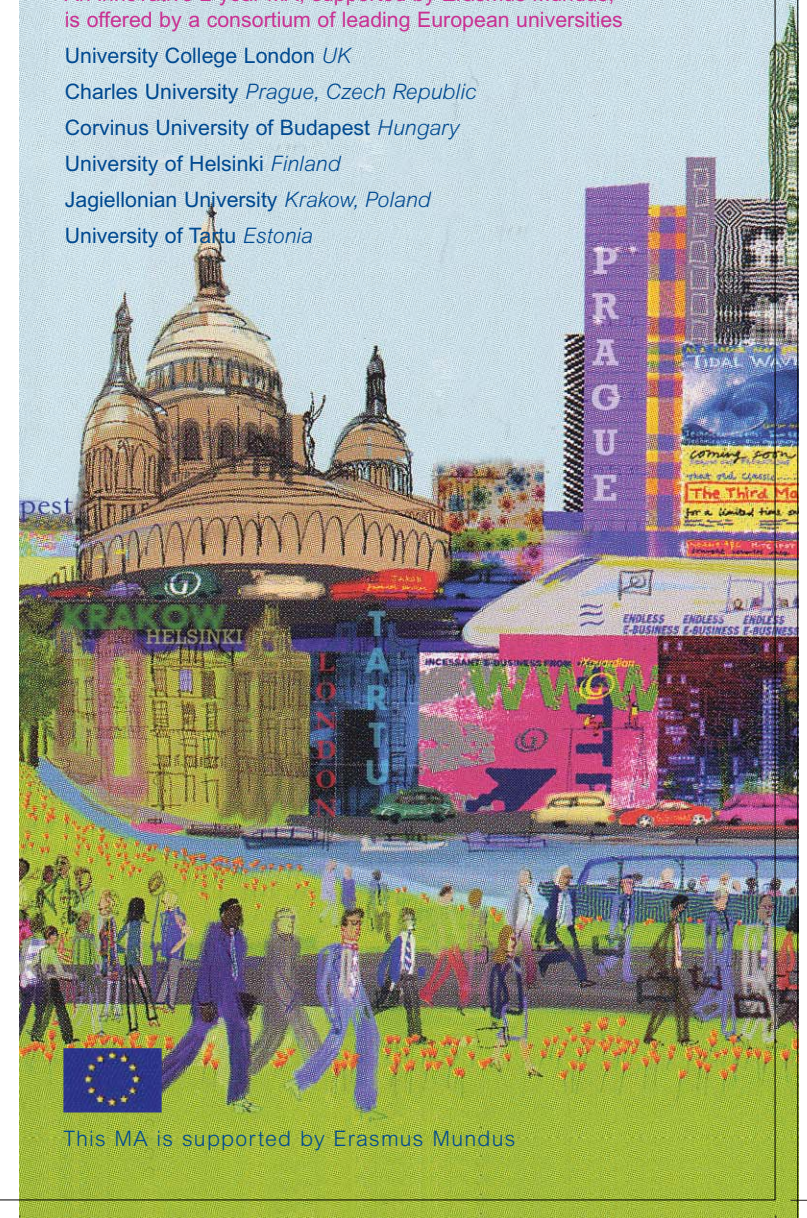
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The International Masters in Economy, State and Society with reference to Central and Eastern Europe is a new, innovative postgraduate programme offered by a consortium of leading European universities.

IMESS is a discipline-based, language-oriented area studies programme, incorporating advanced research training in the methodologies and approaches of economics, business, politics, international relations, sociology, history and cultural studies. It is a full-time, two-year integrated study programme, with the first year spent at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, and the second at one of the partner universities in Central and Eastern Europe.

The main objective of the programme is to enhance global understanding and awareness of the wider European region. As well as developing cultural and linguistic knowledge of both Eastern and Western Europe, students acquire the skills to identify and critically analyse key factors shaping the economies, states and societies of the expanding European region and to formulate appropriate and effective policy responses.

IMESS will create a pool of expertise for conducting advanced research for public or private-sector organisations and is thus set to become the programme of choice for international scholars with an interest in the wider European region.

### The IMESS programme

The IMESS degree offers four distinct but related study tracks, reflecting the expertise of the consortium institutions. Students enrol onto one of the four tracks and specialise in one of the partner institution languages. Each track combines compulsory language training, research methodology, specialist electives and an extended research dissertation. The study tracks are:

- Economics and Business
- Politics and Security
- Nation and Society
- History and Culture

Each study track begins in year 1 with a combination of language training (16 ECTS), courses in research methods relevant to the chosen track (20 ECTS) and specialist electives (24 ECTS). In year 2 (60 ECTS) all students continue to receive language training, supplement their research methods skills, choose from a range of specialist electives and produce an advanced research dissertation.

Throughout the programme students benefit from involvement in the active research environment and expertise provided by each institution.

### Language and mobility

The language of instruction and assessment throughout the programme is English. Students will also learn one of the languages offered by the programme (Czech, Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian or Polish) with the aim of consolidating their knowledge and understanding of the region. All students spend year 1 at University College London and year 2 in the country whose language they are studying. During year 1 all students also have the opportunity to receive training in academic writing in English.

### Award of degree

Upon successful completion of the programme, students are awarded double degrees from the two institutions at which they studied plus a diploma supplement describing their study track and the overall study programme.

The six institutions awarding this degree are: University College London, Charles University in Prague, Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Helsinki, Jagiellonian University in Krakow and University of Tartu.

### Career prospects

Graduates of the programme will have acquired language competence, cultural awareness and a deep-rooted knowledge and an understanding of the economies, states and societies of Central and Eastern Europe. Graduates will acquire skills suited to entering a career in the private or public sector or for developing a research career in academia. The programme will thus provide an essential flow of European expertise needed to meet the challenges of the fast-changing world.

