

BA PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

Programme requirements for the 2025/2026 cohort

Mode of study: Full-time

Duration of study: 3 years (6 semesters)

Language of instruction: English

Number of ECTS required for degree: 180 ECTS

Foreign language options: Polish, Russian, German, French

While students can take more languages, please note that only 12 ECTS, taken over two consecutive semesters of one language, are counted towards the 180 ECTS programme requirement.

BA students are required to earn **minimum 180 ECTS points**, consisting of:

- The courses listed under the BA programme curriculum
- Two semesters of foreign language training (Polish beginners' to intermediate level or French, German and Russian at beginners' level)
- Workshops in methodology, academic writing and speaking, as well as the BA seminars
- a BA thesis.

The degree is completed when the student passes the BA thesis defence.

In their **first year** of study all BA students must complete the following mandatory courses:

- Academic English (incl. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights)
– 2 semesters (30h, 3 ECTS + 30h, 6 ECTS)
- Health and Safety in Education (4h, - ECTS)
- Introduction to Economics (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Introduction to Law (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Introduction to Politics (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Introduction to Sociology (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Unity and Diversity of European Culture (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Introduction to International Relations (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Introduction to Philosophy (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Language Course – at least 120 hours over two consecutive semesters of the same language (120h, 12 ECTS)
- Physical Education – 2 semesters (120h, - ECTS)

In the 2nd year students need to pick one of two study tracks: Governing Europe and CEE Politics or Social Change in Europe. Students need to complete all the courses for the selected track and at least **12 ECTS from the other track**. Specialisation courses can be completed during the 2nd year and the 3rd year (based on the current course offer.)

Upon completion of the obligatory courses, all courses from the selected study track and 12 ECTS from the other study track, students should have 138 ECTS. Students need to gain the remaining ECTS from the group of optional courses. The management of the Institute will indicate which courses will be available in the given academic year / semester. In case of doubt, please contact your Academic Advisor.

2nd and 3rd year of studies:

Specialisation: Governing Europe and CEE Politics

Obligatory courses:

- Academic Skills (obligatory in 2nd year) (30h, 4 ECTS)
- Methodology (obligatory in 2nd year) (30h, 4 ECTS)
- BA Thesis Seminar (obligatory in 3rd year) (20h, 4 ECTS)
- BA Thesis Seminar and Thesis (obligatory in 3rd year) (20h, 24 ECTS)
- Borders and Boundaries of Europe (15h, 3 ECTS)
- EU in the Multilateral Order - Legal Aspects (40h, 6 ECTS)
- EU Politics and Policies (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Gender Politics (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Human Rights Law in the European Context (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Comparative Politics in Europe - EU, Nation States and Beyond (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Illiberal Politics and Right-Wing Populism in CEE (30h, 6 ECTS)
- The 1989 in CEE: Transformation and Post-transformation (30h, 6 ECTS)

Optional courses from the study track: Dynamics of Social Change

(Students of the study track Governing Europe and CEE Politics need to complete 12 ECTS from this group)

- Dynamics of Social Change (30h, 6 ECTS)
- European Societies in Times of Accelerated Change - Technology, Digitalisation and New Media (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Green Revolution(s) in Europe (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Modern European State Formation (40h, 6 ECTS)
- Theory of Protest Movements in Europe (30h, 6 ECTS)

Other optional courses from the Institute of European Studies

(Students complete the remaining ECTS from this group. The management of the Institute will indicate which courses will be available in the given academic year).

- Animal Studies - An Introduction (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Contemporary European Philosophy (30h, 5 ECTS)
- European Solidarity in the Process of Political and Society Integration. A Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- HerStory: women's rights and feminist movements in the different countries of the European Union (30h, 5 ECTS)
- International Conflicts in Europe and Beyond (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Interpretation of Heritage (15h, 3 ECTS)
- Introduction to Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Key Concepts in Contemporary Security Studies (40h, 6 ECTS)
- On Virtue in Politics. Past, Present, Future (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Politics and Society in the Balkans (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Socio-political Dimensions of International Migrations (30h, 6 ECTS)
- The European Convention on Human Rights (30h, 6 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (A1/A2) (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (B1+) (30h, 5 ECTS)

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Specialisation: Social Change in Europe

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- Methodology (obligatory in 2nd year) (30h, 4 ECTS)
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