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## INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON EASTERN EUROPE (MIREES)

MIREES is an innovative joint master's Programme, taught entirely in English, devoted to students who have a BA background in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Languages or Cultural Studies at large and would now like to acquire an in-depth knowledge of Post-socialist countries in transitions, the new EU member states after the Enlargements Eastwards of 2004 - 2014, as well as the New East-European Neighbour Countries.

MIREES awards a joint diploma issued by the University of Bologna, Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas and St.Petersburg State University. The Universities of Ljubljana, Zagreb and Corvinus are special partners welcoming mobility students and participating in teaching activities.

## SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMME/MASTER UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

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COURSE STRUCTURE	
First year	ECTS
<b>Mandatory courses:</b>	
Methods and Skills (I.C.)	8
State Building, Nationalism, and Development in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	8
Workshops on Eastern European Politics and Economics	3
<b>Group of choices 1: field of language studies:</b> Bosnian – Croatian - Serbian, Bulgarian, Russian, Russian Advanced, Russian intermediate, Slovak	8
<b>Group of choices 2: field of economics</b>	8
Economics of Transition in Central and SEE (I.C.)	
Political Economy of Transition	
Quantitative methods for social research	
Structural Changes and Regional Development in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	
<b>Group of choices 3: field of history, media and international relations</b>	8
Balkan Contemporary Studies (I.C.)	
Caucasus and Central Asia	
Eastern Europe and Media Representations (I.C.)	
History of Soviet Union's and Russian foreign policy	
Memories, Politics and Literature in East-Central Europe (I.C.)	
Post-socialist Transition and EU Enlargement Eastwards	
<b>Group of choices 4: field politics or sociology</b>	8
Democracy and Political Changes in East-Central Europe (I.C.)	
Gender, politics and popular culture in South East Europe (I.C.)	
Globalization and Identities in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	
Jewish Studies and Socio- Religious Transitions	
Pan-European Security	
Political Economy of Welfare Systems	
Russian Policies and Energy Security (I.C.)	

Social Governance and Sociology of Health in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	
<b>Group of choices 5: field of economics, history, politics or sociology</b>	16
Balkan Contemporary Studies (I.C.)	
Caucasus and Central Asia	
Democracy and Political Changes in East-Central Europe (I.C.)	
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Social Governance and Sociology of Health in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	
Structural Changes and Regional Development in Eastern Europe (I.C.)	
<b>Second year</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
<b>Group of choices in the field of language studies:</b> Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian II, Bulgarian II, Czech, Hungarian Language and Slavic Cultures, Latvian , Lithuanian II, Macedonian , Polish II, Romanian language lectures, Russian Advanced II, Russian intermediate II, Russian II, Slovak II, Slovenian	12
Group of electives	20
Research and Final Examination	21

## Admission requirements

Applicants must hold a 1<sup>st</sup> cycle University Degree or equivalent in one of the following subjects: Law, Economics, Social and Political Sciences, Humanities. Applicants must have a certified knowledge of English (B2 level and above). Admission is subject to the assessment of a suitable personal preparation based on the documents submitted by the candidates.

## Programme content

The programme lasts two years and is divided in four semesters. The first and second semester take place at the University of Bologna, Forlì Campus.

During the third semester students carry out a compulsory mobility of at least 5 months at one of the partner or associate universities.

The fourth semester is devoted to research and thesis writing. Students' mobility is also fostered by various opportunities offered by the programme, such as research grants for the participation in international conferences and seminars as panelists as well as the possibility to carry out internships or additional mobility experiences for the preparation of the thesis.

## Career opportunities

MIREES prepares students for careers at the European Union institutions, international agencies, voluntary organizations and NGOs, public administration, private companies doing business in East-Central Europe and Russia/CIS.

MIREES is also recommended for prospective PhD students. Some of our best alumni are currently attending doctoral programmes at the University of Oxford, Harvard University, the New School in New York, European University Institute and at other prestigious universities around the world.



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