



Joint Master's Program in Political Science Integration & Governance (PoSIG)



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International curriculum along European benchmarks

The “Joint Master’s Programme in Political Science – Integration and Governance” (PoSIG) is an integrated programme based on international standards and benchmarks of teaching political science in accordance with level 7 of the European Qualification Framework and the second cycle qualification of the QF-EHEA with 120 ECTS. It offers modules in all areas of Political Science:

- Comparative Politics
- European Integration
- International Relations
- Public Administration and Policy
- Political Theory

First-year courses are offered at the Universities of Salzburg, Trieste, Prishtina, Sarajevo School for Science and Technology and Ss.Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje provide a theory and methodology-based high level teaching competences.

The courses of the second year at all partner universities enable students to become specialized in issues related to the modernisation and integration of EU neighbouring countries. The joint degree is awarded by all universities attended by a student during the two-year study program (min 2 but max 4). All teaching and the MA thesis are conducted in English.

Student centred learning

PoSIG is highly student centred with a consistent focus on learning outcomes and competences. Students have to decide about:

- their individual study tracks in two modules of specialisation out of five;
- the universities offering these subjects during the two years of study;
- their MA thesis topic and academic interest;
- their compulsory one-month internship.

Addressed to international students

PoSIG is addressed to all international students who have a BA Political Science or International Relations and a certain level of methodology education. Related subjects can be accepted under certain conditions. Enrolling in the second year at all universities of the consortium offers a unique opportunity for individual academic profiling, which is attractive to the academic and non-academic labour market.

Qualification for integration and modernization

PoSIG qualifies students for employment:

- in public administration at local and national levels, parliaments and political parties, non-governmental organisations, interest groups and trade unions, the business sector, media and public relations.
- in international organisations, foreign services (careers in diplomacy), in institutions of the European Union and in international profit and nonprofit organizations, development agencies and NGOs.
- in the field of civic and political education (foundations, academies, educational institutes, etc.) and academic careers (teaching and research at universities and research institutions).

The PoSIG Consortium offering the PoSIG joint MA degree are respected members of the Western European networks in Political Science offering teaching at the highest level and profiled experts in their fields of teaching. All instructors have international backgrounds in teaching and research. The Western Balkan partner institutions contribute with excellent courses on regional issues and support individual research activities of students within their MA thesis projects.

PoSIG mobility scheme:

Students first step is to decide about the field of specialisation: They have to select two fields of specialisation from the five fields offered.

Module 1: Political Theory | Module 2: Comparative Politics | Module 3: Public Policy and Administration | Module 4: International Relations | Module 5: European Integration

Second step is to decide about the planned mobility track:

1st Semester:

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University (UKIM)
Sarajevo School of Science Technology (SSST)
University of Salzburg (PLUS)
University of Prishtina (UP)

2nd Semester:

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University (UKIM)
University of Salzburg (PLUS)
University of Prishtina (UP)
University of Trieste (UNITS)

3rd & 4th Semester:

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje (UKIM)
European University of Tirana (UET)
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana (UTIR)
University of Business and Technology, Prishtina (UBT)
University of Sarajevo (UNSA)
Sarajevo School of Science Technology (SSST)
University of Trieste (UNITS)
University of Salzburg (PLUS)
University of Prishtina (UP)

How to apply?

The call for application is published at www.euro-ps.org and will be open from February until April for the following academic year. Prospective students have to submit a CV, motivation letter, and a detailed description of their educational background through an online application system. The evaluation criteria also include an interview and knowledge of English language.

Participation Costs & Grant opportunities

There is no shared participation cost policy within the EuroPS Consortium.

Therefore, the participation costs vary between the participating universities. Information about the different participation costs can be found at www.posig.info

Prospective students can apply for public and private grants. The PoSIG Consortium offers Erasmus+ Credit Mobility grants for students from several participating universities.



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