



Joint MA in International Relations: Europe in the Visegrad Perspective (MA in International Relations)

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The programme



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The aim of the programme

- **Joint Master's degree** programme in international relations within the framework of the **VNDREAM network**.
- Offers a unique opportunity to study international relations, European politics, economy, society & culture from the perspective of the Visegrad region.
- 4 semesters in 4 different Visegrad member state universities
- Experienced faculties of the leading universities from the Visegrad region as well as visiting professors and guest lecturers from renowned international academic and diplomatic institutions provide insightful and inspiring instruction about major developments in contemporary international law, economics, politics and culture in light of the European integration processes seen from the standpoint of the Visegrad region.

The partner universities

CONSORTIUM NETWORK

1. Jagiellonian University, Poland
2. Masaryk University, Czech Republic
3. University of Pécs, Hungary
4. Matej Bel University, Slovakia

Consortium was established: 2012. Cracow

Our aim: to invite universities that are not from the capital city.



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How did it begin?

- 06. 2012. Poland, inaugural session of the VNDREAM consortium
- 07. 2012. Deans from member universities signed the Cooperation Agreement
- 10. 2012. Rectors from member universities signed Cooperation Agreement
- 03. 2013. Application submitted, 07. 2013. final decision



Problems we had to face

1. What does Joint Programme mean? Why is it important to create a joint programme? Why is it beneficial for the participants?
2. The partner universities are not from the capital cities of the V4 member states! However it was the aim to let these universities to create a network. (Previously: bilateral agreement between University of Pécs, Masaryk Univ. and Jagiellonian University)
3. Each member university needed an accredited programme on IR at MA level. It was highly recommended to have it in foreign (English) language.
4. From the Hungarian point of view: it was essential to get acquainted with the methods of common international programmes (Legal basis was poor! Not just in Hungary...)

Problems we had to face

5. Accreditation was needed in Poland and Czech Republic
6. To harmonize the evaluation criteria (4 member universities, 4 different methods)
7. To harmonize the time schedule (4 member universities, 4 different types of time schedule) → that resulted a strict sequence of the universities, in Hungary the academic year begins in early September, in Poland in October!
8. To harmonize the list of courses → what to teach, what to focus on, how to count ECTS
9. From the Hungarian point of view: we were in delay with international programmes however it became a significant part of the strategy of the Faculty of Humanities

Our first experience

1. With the sequence of meeting we got acquainted with each others' programmes.
2. We learned to work together in order to get the positive synergy.
3. We had meetings in Brno, Pécs where we focused on different issues
4. The question of advertising → extremely important, to put together our efforts. Are we rivals or partners?
5. October, 2013. programme started!
6. October, 2014 2nd enrollment



Actual situation

- First round: 6 students (3 from Poland, 2 from EP → they are eligible for scholarship, 1 from Russia- non eligible)
- University of Pécs: we have 6 courses offered for them, they are supposed to gather 30 ECTS/ each partner university.
- 2015. July: Banska Bystrica, final exam and receiving the joint degree.
- Second round: 9 students – from Poland and Slovakia, too.

Strategies for the future

- 2016 – end of financial support from IVF
- Until 2016 there is no opportunity to change the structure; looking for other sources of financing
- 2016 – year of „surviving”

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