

Study the Master in International Security Studies and advance your career with the PSSI Young Scholars Program

Master in International Security Studies (MISS) is a two-year English-language Master's degree program taught at the Charles University in Prague, one of the best universities in Europe, according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities. It is designed to give students a solid grounding in core security issues through a broad array of course options. Whether it is *Applying Security Concepts in International Politics*, *Comparative Counterterrorism* or *Energy Security*, the depth and breadth of MISS course offerings stimulate students to pursue and further develop their intellectual and professional interests.

The program was established on the basis of long term cooperation of the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), one of the leading think tanks in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Charles University. Given the rapidly changing international security environment, two new courses entitled "*Space Security in the 21st Century*" and "*Economic Warfare*" were recently introduced under the auspices of the MISS program with the support and co-sponsorship of the PSSI.

We believe it is essential that security-minded students have access to global luminaries in the field in small group settings, along with our organization and funding of regular expert gatherings. It is only through specialized training programs like this one that highly trained young security professionals are capable of effectively managing the complex, security-challenges of the 21st century.

For this reason, **PSSI Young Scholars Program** offers a full calendar of activities that will advance your career – through **extracurricular programs (Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Program, PSSI NATO Summer School, Energy Security Academy, etc.)**; and ensure a worry-free beginning to your studies – through **logistical and administrative assistance (e.g. visa assistance, housing support, orientation)**.

- ✚ Tuition fees for the MISS program are 3300 USD per semester
- ✚ PSSI Young Scholars Program is 750 USD per semester

The early admissions deadline for academic year 2017/2018 is **February 28th, 2017**. **Final deadline is on April 30th, 2017**.



PSSI Young Scholars Program features:

(Please note that there is a limited number of available spots)

+ Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Program (RMSSP)

An elite group of students is selected annually for a two-semester series of lectures and roundtable discussions, which are provided by senior current and former security policy professionals from the Czech Republic, the U.S., Europe and elsewhere. These exclusive, smaller gatherings permit more practical exposure to decision-makers with hands-on experience from the historically important events they have managed or supervised. PSSI takes pride in the quality of the distinguished speakers it has been able to attract over the years. Among the RMSSP lecturers were: George Firth, former member of the British 22 SAS Regiment; Karel Randák, former Director of Czech Intelligence; Václav Pecha, former Head of the Czech PRT in Logar; or Jiří Šedivý, former Chief of Staff of Czech Armed Forces.

+ PSSI NATO Summer School

In cooperation with the NATO's Public Diplomacy Division, PSSI convenes an intensive, one week program for highly motivated students (representing some dozen nations) on a campus outside of Prague that is conducive to near round-the-clock discussions over breaking global security challenges and the lectures or workshops in which they have participated. Topics include such issues as the Ukraine crisis, the new brand of Russian hybrid warfare, the trajectory of cyber warfare, economic and financial statecraft, the appropriate scope of NATO out-of-area coverage, etc. Among the visiting speakers were policy practitioners such as: Dr. Andrew Monaghan, Research Adviser at NATO Defense College in Rome; Keir Giles, Director of UK's Defence Academy; Dr Yuri Fedorov, Associate Fellow at Chatham House; Kurt Volker, former US Ambassador to NATO; or General Petr Pavel, Chief of the General Staff to the Czech Armed Forces;

+ Energy Security Academy

This intensive, one-week lecture/seminar sessions are designed to provide talented Czech and international students with a rich and nuanced understanding of this relatively new dimension of international security studies. Leading foreign and domestic experts lecture on the most pressing energy security challenges, ranging from an updated overview of the subject to specific energy security policies of regional players and their respective strengths and limitations. The smaller class sizes provide students with an unusual opportunity to interact directly with leading figures in the field from academia,



industry, government, and the NGO community. In February 2015, the course was entitled “Central Europe’s Energy Crisis preparedness,” and among the lecture topics were: gas, oil and nuclear sectors in the CEE region; global market and trading of these commodities; or electricity blackout preparedness. We also held site visits to the Power Exchange Central Europe (PXE) and ČEPS dispatch center, which ensure the secure and reliable operation of the Czech power system.

- ✚ **Invitations to PSSI events and conference-sized gatherings** - on a range of issues addressing some of the most significant developments on the global security stage. In the aftermath of the “Arab Awakening”, in September 2013, we co-organized an international conference *The Middle East Peace Process: Old Solutions, New Solutions or No Solutions?*. Among the prominent speakers were Majed Bamyá, 1st Secretary at Palestine’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or Shlomo Brom, Senior Research Fellow and Director at the Institute for National Security Studies of the Tel Aviv University. Few months later, we also organized an international conference *Afghanistan After 2014 – The Afghan Perspective and NATO’s Legacy*, in which Ing. Wahidullah Sabawoon, Advisor for Tribal Affairs to President Karzai, was among the distinguished guests.
- ✚ **PSSI’s Alumni Program** – connects, supports, and benefits the ever-growing PSSI “extended family”. You will be a part of a community that accounts for around 600 graduates from around the world. We organize a number of social and networking events with alumni to facilitate career-related exchanges and informal interactions between our present students and alumni.
- ✚ **Utilize PSSI contacts in Central and Eastern Europe** – to connect with distinguished senior current and former security policy professionals from the Czech Republic and a number of other countries (e.g. for writing of the Diploma Thesis, a compulsory component of the MISS program, PSSI can assist you with setting up interviews).
- ✚ **PSSI on-site support** – provides students with a source of security while abroad by serving as a common meeting place and resource center.
- ✚ **Career counseling** – offers general career support on a wide variety of career concerns. Areas we can specifically assist with may include: effectively exploring your employment options, or preparing mock interviews.
- ✚ **Other volunteering and internship opportunities** – through our contacts in the NGO community, we can help you to find additional work experience. As a student of MISS, you can also participate in a



rich network of exchange programs and research internships across Europe with which we can assist (e.g. Erasmus program).

Additional logistical and administrative assistance:

- ✚ **Welcome party & airport pick up** – enjoy a worry-free start to your stay in Prague and be greeted at the Vaclav Havel airport (PRG) by a friendly PSSI representative.
- ✚ **Orientation** – feel comfortable navigating the city by visiting Prague's most important locations.
- ✚ **Buddy program** – is designed to put you in contact with more experienced students enrolled at the Charles University who will be able to advise you about particular courses, work load and scheduling.
- ✚ **Visa assistance** – assistance with obtaining your long-stay visa (or residence permit), which is required by the Czech law if you study in the Czech Republic for 90 days or more if you do not possess an EU/EEA passport.
- ✚ **Excursions** – experience the cultural diversity through a series of trips to culturally and historically relevant destinations outside of the city, giving you a deeper understanding of Czech Republic as a whole, as well as surrounding sub-cultures, populations and landscapes.
- ✚ **Insurance, bank account, local phone number, public transport** – PSSI will provide you with valuable information about these essentials and guide you through acclimatizing to your new, exciting surroundings.
- ✚ **Housing support** is provided by PSSI Staff and you will be advised to select from a wide variety of housing options including dormitories, shared and private apartments. We will help you find housing at a reasonable cost.
- ✚ **Recognition of university education** – under current rules on the recognition of foreign degrees, it will be necessary to obtain an official document proving that your education is equal to the education in the Czech Republic (so-called “nostrifikace”), which we will assist with.

Now that you are interested, PSSI can also take you through the individual steps of the application process.

We will work with you to fine-tune your academic CV and perfect your cover letter to maximize their appeal. We will also provide a fresh pair of eyes to ensure they stand out from the sea of applicants. These documents will accompany your entrance application to the MISS program. PSSI will fill

out the entire application and pay the registration fee at Charles University on behalf of students.

Comprehensive Support Application costs 95 USD (non-refundable).

Dates

- ✚ The early admissions deadline for academic year 2017/2018 is **February 28, 2017** (strongly recommended for students from non-EU or non-EFTA countries for visa purposes)
- ✚ Final deadline is on **April 30, 2017**

Prices

(Please note that PSSI Young Scholars Program does not cover the tuition fees for the MISS program)

	per semester	2-year program
Master in International Security Studies (MISS)	3300 USD	13200 USD
PSSI Young Scholars Program	750 USD	3000 USD
Comprehensive Application Support is 95 USD (non-refundable)*		

* PSSI cannot guarantee the success of your application once submitted to the Charles University