



2008/2009

Application deadlines:

January 15, 2008: For all applicants submitting complete packages, and those who wish to take the CEU-administered admissions examinations. (For candidates to CEU's Erasmus Mundus programs: January 4, 2008. Complete application files required, including language scores.)

February 28, 2008: For applicants to all programs, who submit complete application packages, including language scores and other applicable test scores.

March 17, 2008: For current CEU Master's students applying to doctoral programs.

Early Applications: CEU will accept early applications from candidates interested in receiving an early admissions decision in order to apply for financial aid from a third party. Such applications may be submitted no later than November 15, 2007.

Extended Application Deadlines:

Individual CEU departments may provide additional, or extended, application deadlines on a case-by-case basis. The extension of application deadlines may not exceed May 30, 2008. For further information, applicants should consult the web-pages of the relevant department.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CEU's mission is grounded in its pursuit of academic excellence and civic commitment. The university aims at excellence in the mastery of established knowledge, in the creation of new knowledge in the social sciences and the humanities, and in developing the policy implications of both. CEU has built on a combination of American and European, including regional (Central and Eastern European), intellectual and academic traditions and on commitment to social service. CEU welcomes applications from individuals from all over the world who accept this mission and CEU's curriculum tuned to that mission. As an independent institution of higher education, CEU follows the admissions policy adopted by its Senate. Admissions criteria are set in accordance with internationally-recognized standards and tests.

Admission to Central European University is based upon an overall evaluation of the candidate, including: academic achievements, strength of recommendations, English language proficiency and general compatibility with the aims of the relevant department. Admission to CEU is highly competitive.

For further details visit: www.ceu.hu/admissions.html

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The admissions process for academic year 2008/2009 is organized as follows:

Stage One: Initial evaluation of all application materials (Pre-selection)

Notification of invitation to continue with the selection process: after February 15, 2008

Stage Two: Testing and Interviews

CEU-administered Admissions Examinations: The institutional TOEFL examination and the department-specific tests will take place on March 1, 2008. For further details on CEU-administered examinations see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_process.html

Standardized Test Scores: Applicants who do not take the CEU-administered examinations must submit required standardized test scores no later than February 28, 2008.

Interviews: Some CEU departments may require an interview with candidates as part of the selection process. Individual interviews may commence shortly after the review of the application package during Stage One, and continue during Stage Two of the admissions process.

Stage Three: Final Selection

Notifications of acceptance or rejection to CEU: after April 1, 2008

More Information and Inquiries:

Inquiries about the admissions process, additional information and all required application documents should be mailed to:

Central European University
Admissions Office

Nador u. 9, 1051 Budapest, Hungary

Tel: (+36-1) 327-3009, 327-3272, 327-3208, 327-3210; Fax: (+36-1) 327-3211

Email: admissions@ceu.hu

Online Application Form: <https://online.ceu.hu/>

How to Apply/Application Documents: www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html



General CEU Admissions Requirements

The following admissions requirements represent a summary of the university's general policies. Full details are available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions.html>

NOTE: Individual departments may establish additional criteria for admission as deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, specifying appropriate academic backgrounds and requiring higher minimum language test scores (see relevant department's website.)

Eligibility Requirements

Master's Programs:

First degree from a recognized university or institution of higher education.

Doctoral Programs:

Master's degree or equivalent in a related field from a recognized university or institution of higher education.

Language Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English. Those applicants whose first language is not English must submit standardized English language test scores, e.g., the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Students taking TOEFL should request a copy of their results be sent to the CEU Admissions Office. CEU's institutional code is 0069. Those applicants whose first language is not English must submit standardized English language test scores. Accepted standardized English tests include: TOEFL (computer, paper, and Internet versions), CEU-administered TOEFL, IELTS, the Cambridge Proficiency Examination and the Cambridge Advanced English Test.

Test Type	Master's Programs	Doctoral Programs
TOEFL (Computer-based)	230	250
TOEFL (Paper version)	570	600
TOEFL (Internet-based)	88	100
CEU-administered institutional TOEFL (Paper version)	570	600
International English Language Test (IELTS)	6.5	7
Cambridge Proficiency Examination C	C	
Cambridge Advanced English Test B	A	

Department-specific Testing

Economics Applicants: Mathematics Examination and Test of Writing Ability

Legal Studies Applicants: Legal Reasoning Test and Legal Essay

Mathematics Applicants: Mathematics Examination

Medieval Studies Applicants: Supplementary Examination

Political Science Applicants: Test of Writing Ability

English Language and Other Admissions Tests Administered by CEU

In most countries where there is a local CEU coordinator (see: http://ceu.hu/coord_addresses.html), CEU organizes and sponsors an institutional paper-based TOEFL and other department-specific subject tests. Candidates who apply by January 15, 2008 will have the option to take the CEU examinations (except Erasmus Mundus applicants). These examinations will be held simultaneously on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Standardized Test Scores

Applicants who do not take the CEU-administered admissions examinations are required to take the standardized tests indicated under Language Requirements and—in some cases—under the department's entry requirements. These may include the GRE, LSAT and other standardized tests offered throughout the world. Scores must be submitted along with the application documents or at latest by February 28, 2008 (see over).

Non-discrimination Policy

Central European University does not discriminate on the basis of—including, but not limited to—race, color, nation and ethnic origin, religion, gender and sexual orientation in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.