



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Gender Studies (MA); one year

Master of Arts in Critical Gender Studies—GEMMA (MA); two years (an Erasmus Mundus Master's Course)

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Gender Studies (PhD)

Application deadlines

Note: Applicants to the Erasmus Mundus Program should see the department website for application deadlines.

January 15, 2008: For all applicants submitting complete packages, and those who wish to take the CEU-administered admissions examinations.

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

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

For further details:
<http://www.ceu.hu/admissions.html>

GENDER STUDIES

The Department of Gender Studies offers degree programs in gender studies at the MA and PhD levels and also serves as a base for non-degree studies and other activities in the field. The department seeks to attract students for its programs from a wide range of disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities, and focuses on integrative and comparative approaches in gender studies. A variety of intertwined scholarly interests (such as gender and (post) state-socialist studies, nationalism, theory, cultural studies, transnationalism, and international political movements) are emphasized. With an important, but not exclusive, focus on Central and Eastern Europe, both the MA and the PhD programs seek to contribute to the development of socially relevant knowledge based on these approaches, and to critically interrogate past and present developments related to gender in culture and society.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Gender Studies is 6:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of Gender Studies include: feminist theories and epistemology; intersections with race, class and sexuality; local and transnational women's movements; comparative analysis; gender and (post) state-socialist societies; cultural studies; queer theory; globalization and post-colonialism; labor; literary studies; gender, nation and state.

For a list of department faculty visit: <http://www.gend.ceu.hu/faculty.php>

Special Projects/Programs

Erasmus Mundus Program: Joint European Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA)

Beginning September 2007, this two-year inter-university and interdisciplinary postgraduate program gives a unique possibility to obtain a double diploma from the home and the partner institution acknowledged by all GEMMA Consortium members. Citizens of the European Union and non-EU countries may apply. Fellowships and tuition waivers are available. For more information visit: <http://www.ugr.es/~gemma/>

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Student Outcomes

The development of women's agencies and organizations is spurring demand for graduates with specialization in gender studies. There is growing need in the professions of law, medicine, social work, teaching, counseling and government service for expertise on gender issues. Similarly, gender studies specialists are increasingly being used as consultants in industry, higher education, insurance companies and personnel firms. While nearly half of the department's alumni continue their studies at CEU or other institutions, others pursue employment, primarily in education and research, as well as the private sector.

Additional information is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_profile.html

The Master's Programs

MA in Gender Studies (One-year Program)

The program offers a comprehensive focus of study for students with a first degree in a traditional discipline and some prior knowledge in gender analysis. Students undertake coursework in an interdisciplinary range of mandatory and elective classes that examine gender in symbolic, social and theoretical terms. Coursework is followed by an independent, original research component—a Master's thesis written under the supervision of two faculty members.

MA in Critical Gender Studies (GEMMA, Two-year Program)

The program aims at developing independent and critical thinkers with a broad basic knowledge of gender studies. A comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to gender is stressed as a key element of social and symbolic order at the local and the global levels. In keeping with these goals, the program introduces students to major theoretical and methodological approaches to gender studies from a range of disciplines.

For more details on the Master's programs visit: http://www.gend.ceu.hu/masters_program.php

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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Financial aid

The university is committed to sustaining a geographically diverse and multicultural student body. To further this goal, CEU accepts financial aid applications from students from all over the world.

Detailed information is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/financial.html>.

Fellowship packages and tuition waivers are available from CEU at the MA and PhD levels. Erasmus Mundus programs offer EU fellowships to qualified students. For further details: <http://www.ugr.es/~gemma>

Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

Foundations in Gender Studies I-II; Gender, Nation and State; Interdisciplinary Approaches; Gender of Work, Work of Gender; Introduction to Queer Theory; Thinking the Body; Simone de Beauvoir

For a list of courses visit: http://www.gend.ceu.hu/ma_courses/ma_courses.php

Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

Applicants should have a genuine interest in developing their knowledge and scholarly perspectives beyond the individual disciplines they have studied at the undergraduate (or Master's) level. In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants should submit a typewritten, 500-word statement of purpose describing:

- their interest in the field of gender studies and in the program of the Department of Gender Studies
- any relevant experience (academic, professional or personal), and the expected significance of their studies at CEU for their future career goals

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: http://www.gend.ceu.hu/masters_requirements.php

The Doctoral Program

The PhD program seeks to contribute to the development of studies in gender which are interdisciplinary, integrative, and grounded in analyses of social processes, theories, institutions and the material conditions of life. The program aims to: promote the study of gender and its correspondence with categories such as class, ethnicity, race and sexual orientation, and research diversified patterns of social and cultural change. Thus, students are encouraged to understand the complexity of gender, and to combine the critique of androcentrism with a critique of Eurocentric perspectives and epistemologies, particularly—but not exclusively—in Central and Eastern Europe. Within this framework, gender is understood as an element and product of the often unequal and hierarchical interconnections of, and tensions among, global, regional and local development. For more details on the doctoral program visit: http://www.gend.ceu.hu/phd_program.php

Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Students that are admitted into CEU doctoral programs are eligible to receive a full CEU Doctoral fellowship for up to three years. Further information on CEU's doctoral programs can be found in the Doctoral Programs Academic Regulations at: http://www.ceu.hu/student_policies.html

Sample Courses for the Doctoral Program

The Uses of Comparative and Integrative Perspectives for Women's and Gender Studies; Research Methods in Gender Studies; Gendering Globalization and Post-colonial Theory; History, Literature and Narrativity

For a list of courses visit: http://www.gend.ceu.hu/phd_courses/phd_courses.php

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must submit three letters of recommendation and a three-page research proposal. A research focus that complements the orientation of the department and/or faculty research interests is particularly welcomed. In order to be eligible for admission into the doctoral program, applicants must hold either an undergraduate (Bachelor's) degree or a graduate (Master's) degree in a subject other than gender studies.

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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.