



Students and faculty at CEU come from so many different walks of life: You learn from one another's personal experiences. For me, this gets to the true meaning of what an open society is—there is no dominant culture here, we had to adapt and create a new one.

Tamara Kafkova

(Czech Republic, Public Policy MA, '07)

I enjoyed the freedom of taking courses across departments. The inter-disciplinary learning, together with the up-to-date curricula, gave me a wonderful sense of intellectual development. I even had the opportunity to interact with renowned authors and discuss theories with them.

Justus Aungo

(Kenya, Sociology and Social Anthropology MA, '07)

One of the best things that CEU has given me is the ability to communicate in a diverse community; multicultural communication is something that has to be learned, and CEU provides the perfect setting for that.

Stefan Cibian

(Romania, Political Science PhD, IR Track)



AN INTERNATIONAL, RESEARCH-INTENSIVE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

The CEU Experience:

A Different Approach to Learning and Scholarship

Located in Central Europe, CEU is an American university with a European intellectual accent. Following the American model in research, teaching methods and, above all, in the training of doctoral students, Central European University is also a part of the European academic tradition.

A Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspective in Teaching and Research

CEU is committed to an educational approach with a comparative, interdisciplinary academic agenda that meets the needs of its distinctive student body of future scholars and leaders. The academic programs at CEU focus on:

- The need for historical, cultural and social awareness as well as economic perspectives in arriving at a balanced appraisal of divergent opinions.
- The importance of an environment that shows respect for, and sensitivity to, differences between people and ideas. CEU encourages its students to become independent thinkers and active participants in society. Research is the cornerstone of CEU's continued commitment to excellence; it underpins instruction and facilitates open dialogue between CEU and other institutions within, and beyond, Europe.

Research Leading to Expanded Dialogue and Innovation

CEU's departments and research centers have initiated and participated in innovative studies ranging from:

- historical studies and environmental policy; to
- media and bioethics; and
- good governance and the European enlargement process.

Readiness for intellectual risk-taking and for radically rethinking foundations is the hallmark of any high-level institution.

Civic Engagement

CEU is dedicated to the tradition of socially and morally responsible intellectual criticism. CEU aims at excellence in the mastery of established knowledge, excellence in the creation of new knowledge in the social sciences and the humanities, and excellence in developing the policy implications of both along the shifting boundary between the local and the universal.

A Densely International Community

With some 1,100 students from 80 countries, and over 200 faculty from 30 countries, CEU's academic community is one in which there is no national predominance.

Average Student/Faculty Ratio of 7:1

CEU's outstanding ratio of students to faculty promotes a student-oriented, in-depth learning experience accompanied by personal growth and stimulating intellectual development.

The language of instruction and communication at CEU is English.

Study in Budapest, Hungary

Located in the heart of Central Europe, Hungary is historically considered as the geographic and creative link between Western and Eastern Europe. Today, Hungary is regarded as part of the 'New Europe,' merging charm and tradition with contemporary innovation.

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is one of Europe's most attractive cities. Divided by the Danube River, Budapest has provided the dramatic backdrop for some of the most pivotal events in modern European history. The city's magnificent architecture and its vibrant, cosmopolitan environment create an ideal setting in which to experience art and culture. With its numerous theaters, elegant cafes and teahouses, lively musical and cultural scene, Budapest truly has something to pique the interest of every visitor.

From Budapest one can easily explore the region: day trips to Vienna or Bratislava; a weekend in Prague; a trip to the Alps Mountains or to the Balkans are all attractive options for both the inquisitive mind and the exploring spirit.

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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Departments and Programs

In CEU's international environment, you don't feel foreign because everyone is a foreigner.

Fatine Bolifa

(Morocco, Legal Studies LLM, '07)

CEU has challenged our traditional conceptions about this region and the world beyond, and given us a broader, balanced view of both local and global events.

Zdenek Kudrna

(Czech Republic, Political Science PhD, IR Track)

When I read the CEU alumni testimonials in the Admissions Bulletin, I thought: These are the kind of people I want to be with, this is what I would like to become myself; this is really my place. Before coming to CEU I studied in Japan and Korea, I didn't want to go to Western Europe, the US or Australia—I was looking for an environment somewhere in the middle that combined the advantages of West and East.

Jargalan Tumurchuudur

(Mongolia, International Relations and European Studies MA, '07)

Economics	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_economics.html
Environmental Sciences and Policy	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_envisci.html
Gender Studies	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_gender.html
History	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_history.html
International Relations and European Studies	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_ires.html
Legal Studies	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_legal.html
Mathematics and its Applications	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_mathematics.html
Medieval Studies	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_medieval.html
Nationalism Studies Program	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_nationalism.html
Philosophy	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_philosophy.html
Political Science	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_polisci.html
Public Policy	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_dpp.html
Sociology and Social Anthropology	http://www.ceu.hu/dep_sociology.html

Many departments are being organized into Schools, e.g. Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, and Public Policy; History, Medieval Studies and Nationalism Studies Program, etc. so that students applying to one of these will actually have access to all the faculty within the given School.

CEU Business School	http://www.ceubusiness.com
Joint Program with Bard College/ Study Abroad in Budapest	http://ceu.bard.edu http://www.ceu-budapest.edu/studyabroad.html

Outreach: Programs for Professors and Professionals

Special and Extension Programs	http://www.ceu.hu/sep/
Special Projects Office	http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/
Summer University	http://www.sun.ceu.hu/
Curriculum Resource Center	http://www.ceu.hu/crc/

The Role and Mission of CEU

CEU came into being along with the sweeping social, political and economic changes of the early 1990s in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (CEE/fSU). When CEU was founded by George Soros in 1991, its mission was to promote the values of democracy and open society in these countries, which were all in transition. Broadly speaking, an open society is based on the recognition that no one has a monopoly on truth, that different people have different views and interests, and that there is a need for institutions to protect the rights of all people to allow them to live together in peace.

CEU continues to play an important role in Central and Eastern Europe and in the former Soviet Union. In addition, the university has increasingly welcomed students from Western Europe and North America and its outreach efforts have also brought students from Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Combining teaching, research and social engagement, CEU has acquired particular expertise from the successful experience in democratization and economic transformation that has occurred in Central and Eastern Europe over the past 15 years. Its institutional participation in this experience is a special resource that it now seeks to share with other transforming societies. CEU provides leadership and public service in such diverse fields as environmental policy, economic development, social welfare, gender equality and the promotion of democratic governance.

Legal Status: Registration and Accreditation

United States

Incorporated in the State of New York, CEU is organized as a US-style graduate institution, governed by a Board of Trustees. The university has an absolute charter from the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department. CEU is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, United States; Tel: (1-215) 662-5606.

Hungary

In Hungary, the Parliament, on June 21, 2004, passed an act establishing a Hungarian private higher education institution under the name *Közép-európai Egyetem* (translated as Central European University). And, after the successful accreditation of the *Közép-európai Egyetem*, approved by the Hungarian Accreditation Committee and the Hungarian Higher Education and Research Council, on April 9, 2005, the act on the state recognition of Central European University came into force. Further information on CEU's Hungarian accreditation is available at http://www.ceu.hu/hungarian_accreditation.html.

ADDITIONAL WEBSITES

Website: <http://www.ceu.hu/>, and <http://www.ceu-budapest.edu/>

Admissions: <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions.html>

Financial Aid: <http://www.ceu.hu/financial.html>

On-line Orientation: http://www.ceu.hu/online_orientation.html

CEU Alumni Link: <http://www.ceu.hu/alumni/index.html>

Library/OSI Archives: <http://www.library.ceu.hu/>, and <http://www.osa.ceu.hu/>

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.