



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in International Relations and European Studies (MA); one year

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (PhD)
(Track Specialization in International Relations under the PhD in Political Science)

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>

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Department of International Relations and European Studies integrates cutting-edge international relations scholarship with regional expertise and knowledge on both the Eastern and the Western parts of the enlarged European Union. The department's devotion to the time-honored traditional canons of international relations theory and foreign policy analysis form the foundation of the program structure, complemented by a fresh, encompassing approach to European international integration. This highly competitive program provides an enriching environment that generates research on relevant topics in a globalizing world. An interdisciplinary faculty (including scholars from international relations, history, law, economics and political science) and a broad scope of course offerings attract top-level graduate students from around the world.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of International Relations and European Studies is 7:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of International Relations and European Studies include: civil warfare and nationalism; enlargement of the EU; ethnic conflicts; EU politics; European integration; international and comparative political theory; international refugee law; leading sectors and the variety of transnational capitalism in Eastern Europe; political economy of international monetary relations; politics of economic policy-making; capitalism diversity on Europe's periphery; Southeastern European studies; Russian foreign policy.

For a list of department faculty visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/staff.htm>

Special Projects/ Programs

The department tries to link its doctoral candidates to the best researchers in their field, and expose them to feedback from leading scholars throughout their dissertation writing process. Students are encouraged to build international scholarly contacts through a special study abroad program. Doctoral students have the opportunity to spend a semester as a visiting scholar at a leading research university abroad, with living expenses covered by CEU.

PhD students in the Department of International Relations and European Studies, through its affiliation with the Department of Political Science, have access to established links with Western European and North American inter-university networks, such as the Society of Comparative Research (SCR), which organizes PhD student retreats. The SCR retreats have allowed some of the best students from CEU to have their papers discussed at length by audiences consisting of PhD students and leading comparativists from American universities.

For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/>

Student Outcomes

The Master's and doctoral programs prepare students to conduct research, develop analytical and presentation skills, analyze data, and function in an international environment. The majority of the Master's program graduates are in middle to senior positions in business, NGOs, and various levels of domestic and European Union governance. PhD graduates are leading researchers throughout the region and also hold positions in academia or in administrations of universities. Alumni of the department work in major international organizations either as permanent staff or as representatives at field missions all over the world.

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

The Master's Program

MA in International Relations and European Studies (One-year Program)

The program builds on the strong tradition of international relations theory in Western Europe and the United States. The aim is to educate students to become analytically-trained and informed observers of contemporary international affairs, with a special emphasis on European politics. Students receive training in research methods and writing skills, major theories of international relations, international political economy and European integration.

For more details on the Master's program visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/ma.htm>

Sample Courses for the Master's Program

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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>

Concepts and Theories of World Politics; History and Theory of World Economy; Theoretical Approaches to the Study of the EU; Critical Security Studies; The Political Economy of the EU; The Politics of Foreign Direct Investment; International Political Theory; Transnational Politics; Europe's Long Struggle with Ethnic Conflict; The Foreign Policy of the EU; European Law and Politics; Public International Law

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/ma.htm>

Entry Requirements for the Master's Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must submit a one-page statement of purpose, and a 500-word essay. The statement of purpose should include a brief discussion of previous studies and/or research undertaken. The focus of the essay should demonstrate knowledge on a specific topic—such as a particular writer's work, a theory or school of thought, or on an empirical case—and demonstrate how this topic would relate to the applicant's future studies and research in the department.

Accepted applicants come from a wide variety of academic backgrounds, although preference is given to students with a degree in the social sciences (including history, political science, law and philosophy). However, others with a demonstrated interest in international affairs and public policy may also be strong candidates for admission.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/ires/courses2007_8.html

The Doctoral Program in International Relations and European Studies under the PhD in Political Science

The PhD program is primarily oriented towards academia, preparing graduate students for a career in research and university-level teaching. The emphasis is on the development of professional-level research and analytical skills in one or more of the following fields, depending on the field of specialization of candidates: comparative politics, European studies, international relations, political economy, political theory and public policy. During their studies at CEU, doctoral candidates are actively introduced to research networks in their field through participation in major research projects in which CEU faculty are partners or lead personnel. Travel support from CEU to participate in major academic conferences is offered; there are also opportunities to participate in graduate student workshops that the Department of Political Science regularly organizes in collaboration with some of the most outstanding European and US universities. For more details on the doctoral program visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/phd.htm>

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

Qualitative Methods and Research Design; Research in European Union Studies; The Political Economy of Classes and Sectors; International Relations Theory; Contemporary Debates; Critical Security Studies; Constructivist, Feminist, and Postmodern Approaches; International Domestic Links; Policy and Politics in the European Union; The New Political Economy of Development; Prospectus Seminar

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/phdtrack.htm>

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 have earned a GPA of 3.3 or higher in their Master's program (or an equivalent grade), and must submit:

- a 100-word statement of purpose discussing their field of scholarly interest and future professional goals
- a 500-word summary of their MA thesis
- a 500-word outline on their doctoral dissertation topic

Applicants are also encouraged to attach samples of previous writings, a list of scholarly publications and relevant research experience, as they see fit. Applicants who are not CEU graduates must also take the CEU-administered Test of Writing Ability.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/ires/phd.htm>

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.