



Degrees offered

Master of Laws in Comparative Constitutional Law (LLM); one year

Master of Laws in Human Rights (LLM); one year

Master of Arts in Human Rights (MA); one year

Master of Laws in International Business Law (LLM); one year

Master of Laws in Economic and Legal Studies (LLM); one year

Master of Arts in Economic and Legal Studies (MA); one year

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

LEGAL STUDIES

The Department of Legal Studies provides a high level of advanced legal education. The department's Master's program in Comparative Constitutional Law is the only LLM specialization in comparative constitutional law in the world. The department is the first in the region to offer graduate education in international and European human rights law. The International Business Law (IBL) Master's program enables students to become competent participants in international business structures and transactions, and includes a critical examination of the merits and shortcomings of the legal framework that emerged during the period of economic transition within the countries of Eastern and Southeastern Europe. The IBL program also offers, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, two new joint degrees: the LLM in Economic and Legal Studies (for lawyers) and the Master of Arts in Economic and Legal Studies (for students with a background in economics). These programs are among the finest in Europe, enabling students to obtain a firm grounding in the fundamental legal concepts and, from there, to branch out into specific fields (such as the law of the European Union, intellectual property, international dispute settlement, international business transactions, fundamental rights protection vis-à-vis the state, and international and European human rights). Additionally, the department offers special courses in which the legal systems of non-western democracies around the world are compared.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Legal Studies is 7:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Comparative Constitutional Law (CCL): civil and political rights in established and emerging democracies; biomedical law and reproductive rights; enforcement of socio-economic rights, governance in transition to democracy; comparative constitutional adjudication; freedom of religion and free speech in a global world; broadcasting law; European Union law with emphasis on institutional law and litigation; comparative constitutional adjudication; corruption; constitutional transplants; European Union law with emphasis on institutional and constitutional law; administrative law

Human Rights Law (HRL): human rights and the law; politics and theories of European integration; transplant of war criminal law to the Balkans from Germany; international criminal law; human rights and criminal justice; comparative criminal justice; human rights of the African Union

International Business Law (IBL): international commercial arbitration; law and ethnicity; language and translation in international dispute settlement; investment law; enforcement of contracts; comparative secured transactions; capital markets and securities regulation in emerging markets

For a list of department faculty visit: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/faculty_perm.html

Special Projects/Programs

The Open Society Institute's Justice Initiative Fellows Program (JIFF) at CEU (2007-2009)

The Open Society Institute, together with Central European University, established JIFF with the aim of supporting and further developing a network of lawyers and activists working on human rights-related issues. JIFF is a two-year program of study and practical work experience. More information about this program is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/osji_prog.html or http://www.justiceinitiative.org/activities/lcd/fellows/ceu_fellows

Scholarships are also available for HR students from the Third Millennium Foundation.

The IBL Program offers a special certificate in World Law with Emory University (Atlanta), a joint LLM with focus on International Business Law. For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/osji_prog.html

Student Careers

The range of specializations within the department provide sufficient background for graduates to qualify for high academic, governmental and private sector positions. They have become policy-makers in their national legal systems, diplomats, ombudsmen, representatives of international organizations, expert consultants in the process of EU accession, leaders in education and outstanding lawyers in business and human rights law in their respective countries as well as internationally. Additional information is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_profile.html

The Master's Programs

The three Master's programs—Comparative Constitutional Law (CCL), Human Rights (HR), and International Business Law (IBL)—examine legal and human rights traditions in both civil law (continental) and common law systems as well as in various international and supranational (e.g. European Union) settings.

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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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>

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>

The Comparative Constitutional Law program focuses on practical constitutional problems presented in the light of their theoretical underpinnings, and in their historical and social contexts. The Human Rights Program offers practical instruction in the specific legal mechanisms and institutional processes which organizations can use to effectively approach human rights issues confronting transitional as well as established democracies. The program in International Business Law focuses on the fundamental institutions of a market economy with special reference to international business transactions. For more details on the Master's programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/ma_prog.html

Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

The courses aim at reflecting the position and mission of the department: insight into the law of the United States of America, the European Union, international and comparative law, as well as emerging markets and democracies. Courses are taught by world class permanent and visiting faculty.

CCL: US Constitutional Law: Structures and Rights; Freedom of Expression—Foundations; Constitutional Adjudication in Theories and Practice; Constitutionalism; Democracy and Citizenship in the EU; Comparative Equality. **HR:** Human Rights in Emergency Situations; Roma Rights; International Humanitarian Law; Human Rights and Criminal Justice; Asylum; Refugees. **IBL:** International Dispute Settlement (Private); Corporations; Comparative Secured Transactions; Capital Markets and Securities Regulations in and for Emerging Markets; Drafting and Negotiating International Contracts; International Technology Transfer; Legal Aspects of Corporate Governance; Asian Law; Internet Law. **Economic and Legal Studies (to be launched in academic year 2008-2009):** Macroeconomics, Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Institutions and Markets, Corporate Finance and Banking (in addition to IBL classes).

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/legal/syllabi.html>

Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants to the Master's programs must submit a 300-word handwritten essay on a specific legal or human rights issue of special interest to them. Applicants to the LLM programs must have completed a law degree. Candidates with a degree in political science or international relations may also apply for admission to the Comparative Constitutional Law Program.

Admissions Examination

The Legal Studies admissions examination is composed of a Legal Reasoning Test and a short academic essay. The topic of the essay depends upon the program to which the candidate is applying. Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/legal/admissions.html>

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) Program

The SJD program gives students an opportunity to work towards a doctoral degree in law with a combination of independent research and coursework. Physical presence in Budapest is required throughout the SJD program, except during official research periods abroad. During the second year of their doctoral studies candidates are encouraged to spend an academic semester abroad to refine their research skills.

The SJD degree is awarded on the basis of the successful public defense of a doctoral thesis (dissertation) before an international panel composed of resident and non-resident experts. For more details on the doctoral program visit: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/phd_prog.html

Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Candidates admitted into CEU's doctoral programs generally receive full financial support for the first three years of study. Further information on CEU's doctoral programs can be found in the Doctoral Programs Academic Regulations at: http://www.ceu.hu/degree_programs.html

Sample Courses for the Doctoral Program

Doctoral students are expected to earn 10 course credits while completing other degree requirements (including an oral examination and thesis prospectus defense at the end of the first year, and defense of the doctoral dissertation upon the completion of studies). Courses include: Organizing World Trade, Law and Economics Seminar for Doctoral Students, the Visiting Professors Seminar Series, and the Work in Progress Seminar Series. While emphasis is on individual research, students are encouraged to enroll in or audit courses beyond the total number of required courses.

For a list of courses visit: http://www.ceu.hu/legal/phd_prog.html

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants to the Doctor of Juridical Science program must have an LLM degree from CEU or another institution with a credit load and program similar to that of CEU. Candidates who received an MA degree in a field that is consanguine with the proposed SJD research may be considered, after their basic law degree, for admission. Each applicant should submit a detailed research proposal of 2000 words, including literature. Priority is given to thesis topic proposals that are connected to subjects taught within the department.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/legal/admissions.html>

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.