



Degrees offered

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

Master of Arts in Historical Studies (MA); two years
 – Interdisciplinary Medieval Studies (up to ca. 1500)—Stream
 – Comparative History of Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe (since ca. 1500)—Stream

Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval Studies (PhD)

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 are able to submit complete application packages, including language scores 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>

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

The Department of Medieval Studies offers multidisciplinary courses to medievalists with diverse backgrounds (history, art history, archaeology, philology, philosophy and theology). The program focuses on late antique and medieval civilization in Europe (ca. 300-1550 AD) and deals with different methods of communication, migration of peoples, mobility of objects, texts, and ideas in the larger medieval *oikumene*, including Asia and North Africa. Students are provided with a broad grounding in these areas as well as training in advanced research methodology with special reference to interdisciplinary, comparative and supranational issues.

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

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of Medieval Studies include: social, cultural and religious history of medieval East-Central and Southeastern Europe including nobility; law collections; rulership; urban evolution; Jewish minorities; cultural heritage; historical-environmental studies; monastic culture; hagiography; patristic traditions; bioarchaeology; human nature interaction; economic history; crusades and military orders; material culture and everyday life.

Research projects are based on the use of digitized visual resources, manuscripts (Latin, Slavonic, Greek and Syriac) and archaeological documentation.

For a list of department faculty visit: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

Specializations

Religious Studies

Students in this specialization, as a part of their MA program in the Department of History or the Department of Medieval Studies, will engage in the study of religious phenomena from a historical point of view and from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. This specialization focuses on the study of religious thought and traditions of the three monotheistic religions, with special emphasis on Western and Eastern Christianity, and the comparative study of their social, societal, institutional, cultural, intellectual, and political contexts and implications.

Cultural Heritage Studies

This specialization focuses on an academic study of cultural heritage, heritage objects and monuments and their impact on heritage policy using interdisciplinary approaches from archaeology, art history, anthropology, history, conservation, natural scientific methods, policy issues and management.

Environmental and Landscape History

Co-organized by the departments of history and of medieval studies. This specialization focuses on the complex relationship between people and nature that can be integrated into a historical perspective. The way human behavior affects the environment and the way human society is affected is also critical for understanding the social impact of present day natural processes. Courses are concerned with environmental history, bioarchaeology (including the study of plants and animals) and landscape studies.

For additional Special Projects/Programs see the Department of History.

For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: <http://medstud.ceu>

Student Outcomes

Graduates of the Master's program predominantly go on to doctoral programs at CEU or other universities. Other graduates of both the MA and PhD Programs are employed in academic or research positions, museums, or manage cultural monuments and collections.

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

The Master's Programs

MA in Medieval Studies (One-year Program)

This program is unique in the sense that it grants advanced degrees in medieval studies as a whole and not in a specialized area: Students are educated in several fields. The core curriculum reflects the interdisciplinary design of the courses.

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>

MA in Historical Studies (Two-year Program)

The two-year program specifically addresses the needs of students who have a three-year study background in medieval studies (or a related discipline). It is offered jointly with the Department of History and focuses on Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe, with the comparison between Western Europe and other “borderlands” implied throughout (from late antiquity to contemporary times). It aims at the understanding of persistent themes in the experience of these regions in a *longue duree* perspective. The combination of the MA curriculum for medievalists and modernists allows for a thorough explanation of classical and medieval origins of modernity, and a sensitivity to the persistence of long-term trends up to the present.

For more details on the Master’s programs visit: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

Sample Courses for the Master’s Programs

Christian-Muslim Polemics (Aziz Al-Azmeh), Culture of Humanism (Marianna Birnbaum and Marcell Sebok), Urban Societies and Royal Power (Neven Budak), Archaeozoology: People and Animals (Alice Choyke), The Image of the “Other” in Byzantium (Stephanos Efthymiadis), Medieval Philosophy (Gyorgy Gereby), Self-performance and Social Display (Gerhard Jaritz), Kingship and Dynastic Cults (Gabor Klaniczay), Cultural Heritage Sites (Jozsef Laszlovszky), Demography, Trade and Urbanization in Central Europe (Balazs Nagy), Anthropology for Medievalists (Judy Rasson), Monasticism and Hagiography in Late Antiquity (Marianne Saghy), Latin Palaeography (Katalin Szende), Renaissance Europe (Gyorgy Endre Szonyi)

For a list of courses visit: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

Entry Requirements for the Master’s Programs

Applicants to the MA in Historical Studies must have a minimum three years of BA studies—and those applying to the MA in Medieval Studies, a minimum four years of BA studies—in history, art history, archaeology, philosophy or one of the relevant languages. In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants are also required to submit a 500-word description of their proposed research topic, specifying the primary sources and related secondary literature. Applicants may also be required to take a special language examination depending on the nature of their research interests.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

The Doctoral Program

The doctoral program has earned international recognition for its methodological richness, the usage of innovative research tools (multi-media, electronic databases, etc.) and its unique wide network of leading experts. The major aims of the program are to enhance work in the traditional fields of medievalist research, endangered by the neglect of past decades and by the decline in systematic training in the humanities. During their PhD studies, students are introduced to possibilities of further financing of their research by entering project-based grant competitions for research funds while at CEU and thereafter. For more details on the doctoral program visit: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

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

Courses (taught together with the Doctoral Research Seminar, Doctoral Seminar, Advanced Research Methodology and Academic Practica) provide professional skills that are not part of the university curriculum, but which will be especially useful for future academic careers. Topical courses can be selected from the general course list of the MA programs.

For a list of courses visit: <http://medstud.ceu.hu/>

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:

- a three-page outline of their Master’s thesis in English
- evidence of the interdisciplinary character of their previous medieval studies and familiarity with research methods
- a dissertation proposal (maximum five pages)

Applicants may also be required to take a special language examination.

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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.