



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Philosophy (MA);
one year

Master of Arts in Philosophy (MA);
two years

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy
(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 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>

PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy offers a comprehensive program, covering the major areas of philosophical study, leading to Master's and doctoral degrees. The MA programs are designed to give broad and thorough training in all major fields of philosophy, with the possibility of deeper acquaintance in a chosen field. The main objective of the doctoral program is to train professionals who will be prepared to undertake academic careers, as researchers or university teachers. Both programs promote a scholarly attitude that combines historical and analytical approaches in philosophy. Curricula are designed so that students are required to study each of the major fields of contemporary philosophy. A specialization in history of philosophy is also available, including the possibility of specialization in ancient philosophy. Thus, graduates will have the rare ability to conduct a dialogue across the dividing lines occasionally fragmenting the philosophical discipline.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Philosophy is 8:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of Philosophy include: history of philosophy: ancient and modern; philosophy of language and logic (especially the nature of quantification, and semantics of externalism); philosophy of mind (dualism), the mind-body problem; perception; metaphysics; free-will; causation; idealism; political philosophy; theory of democracy; epistemology.

For a list of department faculty visit: http://www.ceu.hu/phil/faculty_staff.html, and <http://www.ceu.hu/phil/research.htm>

Special Projects/Programs

The Center for Hellenic Traditions

The director of the Center for Hellenic Traditions is a member of the department, and this assists in establishing a close link between the research center and philosophy students. The center aims to contribute to the preservation and the promotion of Hellenic culture in all its aspects as well as to promote innovative research into its history. The center's interests cover the following disciplines: religion, philosophy, literature, theology, history of art, sciences and social history.

For more information on events at the department visit: http://www.ceu.hu/phil/news_events.htm

Student Outcomes

Philosophy is intrinsically interdisciplinary because it is concerned with the underlying issues of other disciplines; it provides the background for people to see their own discipline as a part of a broader culture. Graduates from the department are expected to obtain positions in a variety of fields where problem-solving skills and intellectual pursuits are essential, such as academia, but also in the private and the public sectors. Doctoral graduates have obtained positions at research institutes and universities within the region and beyond.

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

The Master's Programs

The programs cover most of the major areas of philosophy, from a mainly analytic perspective. Courses related to all the major periods in the history of philosophy are available for the two-year program. It will also be possible for candidates who have a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree to take the Master's degree in one year.

For details on the Master's programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/phil/about_the_program.html

Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

Compulsory courses

Epistemology; Philosophy of Language; Metaphysics; Ethics; Ancient Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy; Kant and After

Elective courses

Normative Ethics; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Religion; Empiricism; the Philosophy of Nietzsche

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

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>

Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

Candidates will normally be expected to have some background in philosophy. In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must submit an essay of 1,500-2,000 words on an appropriate philosophical topic. The essay should discuss a philosophical problem of the applicant's own choice.

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

The Doctoral Program

The PhD program in philosophy is organized primarily around the following areas of specialization:

- Moral and Political Philosophy
- Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language and The Philosophy of Mind
- History of Philosophy

For details on the doctoral program visit: http://www.ceu.hu/phil/about_the_program.html

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

Moral and Political Philosophy Area: Ancient Ethics; Kant: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals; Political Obligation

Metaphysics, Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind Area: Intuition and Knowledge; Recent Issues in Philosophy of Language, Arguments for the Existence of God; Time, Causality and Special Relativity

History of Philosophy Area: Seventeenth Century's Rationalism; Atomism; Ancient Ethics; Greek Reading Seminar

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

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

Candidates must have a first degree in philosophy and a background in the history of philosophy (e.g. major ancient and medieval thinkers, Cartesianism, British empiricism and classical German philosophy) and in logic (propositional and predicate). In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must submit a short statement of purpose, indicating their proposed research, and an essay of 1,500-2,000 words on an appropriate philosophical topic. The essay should discuss a philosophical problem of the applicant's own choice; it can, but need not, be related to the applicant's studies or to the topic of the applicant's proposed research.

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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.