



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Political Science
(MA); one year

Master of Arts in Political Science
(MA); two years

Doctor of Philosophy in Political
Science (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>

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science is unique within Europe with a curriculum that covers almost all areas of political studies and offers in-depth expertise in the comparative politics of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Representing a comprehensive range of academic approaches and expertise, the department's faculty address questions of political philosophy, democratization and regime change, constitutional politics, political economy, media, voting behavior, party politics, human rights and Europeanization, in a comparative manner. The program invites students who wish to develop the analytical skills necessary to achieve excellence in their areas of study. With original scholarship, basic and applied research, and creative instructors constituting an essential core upon which to draw, graduate work at the department attracts an outstanding selection of uniquely qualified students from throughout the region and the world.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Political Science is 5:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of Political Science include: democratization and regime change; comparative political economy of Eastern European and developing countries; voting behavior; party politics; media policy; bioethics; analytical political theory; constitutional theory; discourse analysis; comparative and survey methods.

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

Special Projects/Programs

The department offers students a variety of courses by means of which certificates can be obtained, with the required grades:

Certificate in Social and Political Theory
Certificate in Comparative Politics
Certificate in Political Economy
Certificate in Political Communication
Certificate in Electoral Politics
Certificate in Political Research Methodology and Social Analysis
Certificate in Comparative European Politics
Certificate in Post-communist Politics

For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/polsci/Orientation_files/certificates0607.pdf

Student Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will have acquired a solid background in political science and political economy, both generally and in relation to post-communist Central and Eastern Europe. Students have gained or returned to employment in a variety of fields including higher education, politics, political analysis, the media, civil service, international NGOs and other related areas. Other graduates are continuing their studies either at CEU or in PhD programs in the US and Europe. Graduates also take positions in education, research organizations, businesses and government.

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

The Master's Programs

Master of Arts in Political Science (One-year Program)

The program offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum in theory and research methods in contemporary political science. Specializations include a variety of fields such as: politics and economics of democratization in a comparative perspective, international development, comparative and European politics, current issues in the theory and practice of constitutional democracy, political theory, political sociology and political economy. US standards in research and teaching are combined with the varied needs of an international student body.

Master of Arts in Political Science (Two-year Program)

The two-year program specifically addresses the needs of students who have a three-year study background in political science (or a related discipline) and would like to gain comprehensive knowledge about contemporary political theory, and European politics as well as different research methodologies and empirical skills necessary

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>

for the practice of political science. At the same time, the high number and great variety of elective courses give students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in different fields such as comparative politics, political economy, political communication or political theory.

For more details on the Master's programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/polsci/ma_prog.html

Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

Comparative European Politics; Central European Politics, Institutions and Development; Political Economy of Post-communist Transformation; Discourse and Contemporary Political Analysis; Media and Democracy; Parties and Party Systems; Biotechnology and Social Policy; Politics of European Integration; Globalization

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

Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

All applicants must meet the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), and submit the following:

- a 100-word statement of purpose describing the reason(s) why they are applying to the program
- a short (approximately 500 words) exposition of an issue or problem in political science in which they are interested
- samples of previous writings and/or a list of scholarly publications and relevant research experience (as applicable). Note that these materials will not be kept, commented on or returned by the department.

Applicants must also take a 45-minute Test of Writing Ability under examination conditions. Successful applicants for the program typically hold a first degree in political science, economics, sociology, history or law (other degrees are also given consideration).

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

The Doctoral Program

The PhD program is primarily oriented towards academia, preparing graduate students for a career in research and/or university-level teaching. The emphasis is on the development of professional-level research and analytical skills in one or more of the following fields: 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 for participation in major academic conferences and summer schools is offered; there are also opportunities to participate in graduate student workshops that the department 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/polsci/phd_prog.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

Advanced Issues in Comparative Research; Comparative Interest Politics; Constitutional Design and Conflict; Democratic Theory; Institutions and Institutional Change; Survey Methodology; The Political Economy of Advanced Capitalism; Transitional Justice; Regime Transition; Voting Behavior and Public Opinion

For a list of courses visit: http://www.ceu.hu/polsci/syllabi_phd.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 must have earned a GPA of 3.3 or higher in their Master's program (or an equivalent grade), and must also submit:

- a 100-word statement of purpose discussing their field of scholarly interest and future professional goals, and the reason(s) why they are applying to the program
- 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 or relevant research experience. Candidates who are not CEU graduates must also take the CEU-administered Test of Writing Ability.

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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.