



## Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Public Policy  
(MA); one year

Master of Arts in Public Policy—Erasmus  
Mundus Course  
Mundus MAPP (MA); two years

PhD in Political Science, Track  
Specialization in Public Policy

## PUBLIC POLICY

*The Department of Public Policy* is committed to providing relevant and comprehensive training in the area of policy and policy research to future decision-makers from the region and beyond. The department seeks to make a vital contribution to the education of civil servants and policy specialists of non-governmental organizations. Moreover, the department aims at contributing to cutting edge research in the field of public policy and to the development of professional and scholarly capacity. The degree programs emphasize the vital link between academia and policy practice. Students and those with experience in the public sector will find an attractive learning environment and the resources for further developing their careers.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Public Policy is 5:1.

### Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of Public Policy include: European public policy and EU governance; public finance; fiscal decentralization; media and telecommunications policy; and higher education policy. A particular focus on issues related to policy learning and the development of decision-making processes in different governance settings cuts across individual projects. The department and its members are part of a number of key European Union-funded networks of excellence and integrated projects such as CONNEX, RECON, RECWOWE and GARNET. The composition of the faculty reflects the department's mission to bridge policy and practice.

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

### Student Outcomes

The department offers students and young professionals not only appropriate theoretical preparation in the field of public policy, but also various opportunities to gain hands-on experience in "the classroom context" as well as in "real-life" situations, such as during individual internships. Alumni have embarked on successful careers in the fields of public administration, policy advising, and positions within international governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as in academia. A number of students met future employers through their internship and thesis research.

Visit the alumni profiles at: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/alumni/alumprof.htm>

### The Master's Programs

#### Master of Arts in Public Policy (One-year Program)

The curriculum connects critical thinking with problem-solving dynamics and policy practice. It is based on the conviction that well-targeted research, reasoned debate, and informed public decision-making need to be advanced in transition, and in developing, countries, and that these needs can usefully draw on globally-transformed policy experience. Four streams of specialization are offered: Decentralized Governance; International Public Policy; Media, Information and Telecommunications Policy, and Higher Education Policy.

#### The Erasmus Mundus Master's Program in Public Policy—Mundus MAPP (Two-year Program)

This MA program is a two-year Erasmus Mundus Master's course operated by CEU jointly with the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI) in Spain, the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) in The Hague, Holland, and the University of York in the UK. MUNDUS MAPP assists students from countries outside the European Union to study in Europe with the aim of embedding the nascent field of transnational public policy in a European context. Upon successful completion of their studies, students earn double MA degrees from two of the participating universities. Those interested in the program can apply for one of the prestigious European Commission-funded Erasmus Mundus scholarships. Mundus MAPP is funded by the European Commission and coordinated by the CEU Department of Public Policy. More information: <http://www.mundusmapp.org>.

For more details on the Master's Programs visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/degree/degrees.htm>

#### The Internship Program

The completion of a two-month internship is an integral part of the MA in Public Policy. The internship is an opportunity for students to further develop their career profile, learn more about future employers, apply insights they have gained in their coursework in a 'real-world' environment and advance their own research conducted within the Department of Public Policy.

For more information on internships visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/degree/intern.htm>

### MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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## Application deadlines

**January 4, 2008:** For applicants to the Erasmus Mundus program. Candidates must submit complete application files, including language test scores.

**January 15, 2008:** For applicants to all other programs of the department, who wish to take the CEU-administered language tests.

**February 28, 2008:** For applicants to all other programs in the department who submit a complete application file, including language test scores.

**March 17, 2008:** For current CEU Master's students applying to the doctoral program.

**June 1, 2008:** For fee-paying applicants to all programs of the department who do not apply for CEU scholarships or CEU-administered financial aid.

### For further details:

<http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/admiss/admreq.htm>

## 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>

In addition to the CEU scholarships, further scholarship schemes are available at the department. More information:

<http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/admiss/aid.htm>

## Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

### Core Courses

The Policy Process; Policy Analysis and Public Sector Management; Comparative Political Institutions; Microeconomics for Public Policy; Macroeconomics for Public Policy; Qualitative Methods; Quantitative Methods; Ethics and Public Policy

### Elective Courses

**Media, Information and Telecommunications Policy stream:** Electronic Communications Regulations in the EU; Fundamentals of Media and Communications Policy; Special Topics in Communications and Media Policy. **Decentralized Governance stream:** Comparative Public Budgeting; Inter-governmental Fiscal Relations and Local Financial Management; Macroeconomics and Public Finance. **International Public Policy stream:** Globalization and Public Policy; International Policy Practice; Jean Monnet Module on European Integration; The Politics of the European Integration: Parties, Elections and Referendums in the EU. **Higher Education Policy stream:** Higher Education Policy in the Age of Knowledge Society; Innovation, Implementation, and Management in Higher Education; The Bologna Process: National Higher Education Policy-making in Practice.

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

## Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

### For the Master's Program:

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: [http://www.ceu.hu/admissions\\_apply.html](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html)), applicants need to submit one sample of written work demonstrating their analytical and argumentation skills in English, as well as a 500-word statement of purpose. The statement of purpose should highlight any relevant academic and work experience and explain the applicant's reasons for applying to the MPP program in general, and declare his/her preferred specialized stream in particular. More information is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/admiss/admreq.htm>

### For the Mundus MAPP Program:

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: [http://www.ceu.hu/admissions\\_apply.html](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html)), applicants should submit a 500-word statement of purpose indicating their preferred mobility track. Detailed information is available at: <http://www.mundusmapp.org/admiss/check.htm>

## The Doctoral Program in Public Policy

The doctoral program in public policy is a specialization track of the PhD in Political Science offered at CEU. The program is jointly taught and administered with the CEU Department of Political Science. The program prepares graduate students for careers as future academics in research and teaching as well as senior policy analysts and practitioners. Emphasis is on the development of professional-level research and analytical skills in the fields of European and international public policy, comparative politics and political economy. Graduate student workshops and departmental seminars provide an attractive environment for academic discussion and expose PhD candidates to visiting scholars from the most outstanding European and US universities.

During their studies at CEU, doctoral candidates are also actively introduced to research networks in their field through participation in workshops, conferences and research projects in which CEU faculty are partners or project leaders. For more details on the doctoral program visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/degree/phd.htm>

Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Students that are admitted into CEU doctoral program 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/degree\\_programs.html](http://www.ceu.hu/degree_programs.html)

### Sample Courses for the Doctoral Program

Advanced Issues in Comparative Research; Evaluation Methodology; Qualitative Methods and Research Design; Social Network Analysis; Research in European Union Studies; Theories of the Policy Process; The Political Economy of Advanced Capitalism; Regime Transitions; International Domestic Links; Policy and Politics in the European Union; Prospectus Seminar

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

### Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: [http://www.ceu.hu/admissions\\_apply.html](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html)), applicants should submit a 100-word statement of purpose, a 500-word summary/outline of their MA thesis (for those who are earning their first MA degree), and a 500-word research proposal on their planned dissertation project.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/dpp/admiss/admreq.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.