



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Sociology and Social Anthropology (MA);
one year

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology and Social Anthropology (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>

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology accommodates a plurality of theoretical and methodological perspectives by integrating sociology and social anthropology. The program aims to create critical perspectives on the fundamental categories and the methodologies of both disciplines and their connections. Students bridge the divide between the macro- and micro-levels of analysis; they learn to recognize the global and the local as mutually constitutive processes. The onus of the program is its commitment to non-Eurocentric knowledge production and the analysis of how macro- and micro-levels interact in the complex process of globalization and its discontents. In addition to CEU's resources, the department draws on an international network of scholars who, in various capacities, provide students with the opportunity to broaden their intellectual horizons.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology is 6:1.

Selected Areas of Research

The department focuses on empirical research and pursues a wide variety of methodologies. Research fields include: comparative approaches to city and urban processes; modernity; globalization; the state; politics of culture; migration; civil society; ethnicity and the state; inequalities; gender.

For a list of department faculty visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

Special Projects/Programs

Students are involved in faculty research projects in order to improve their research capabilities. Program participants will become part of the transatlantic and European consortium: Race, Ethnicity and Migration Studies.

The department is a member of the Marie Curie Early Training Program Consortium (along with University College London, Goldsmith College, Max Planck Institute, Halle, and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj). Doctoral students are trained within the framework of this grant.

For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

Student Outcomes

The department's broad thematic *foci* allow for a diversity of research methods with emphasis on thematically-informed comparative research methods. The uniqueness of the integrated curriculum which combines sociology and social anthropology means that students are trained for a wide variety of academic and non-academic careers. The program aims to sharpen students' critical reasoning, impart a range of transformable methodological competencies and research skills and give them a sense of the policy relevance of social science knowledge.

The vast majority of the department's alumni take up employment in academia, NGOs or the private sector. Some 25% continue their studies.

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

The Master's Program

MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology (One-year Program)

The primary goal of the program is to enable students to deepen and broaden their knowledge of the theoretical and methodological perspectives in sociology and anthropology. In a wide range of courses on social theory, migration, religion, ethnicity, cultural policies, globalization, dynamics of modernity, institutional change, urban processes and gender relations, students are encouraged to articulate individual positions with regard to bridging the two disciplines in the topics they study. One of the main endeavors of the program is to develop the research skills of students by offering a solid training in methodology.

For more details on the Master's program visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

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>

Sample Courses for the Master's Program

Anthropology of Masculinity in the Mediterranean; Cities in the Middle East and Southern Europe; Class on Class; Colonialism and Post-colonialism; Comparative Urban Change; Cultures of Capitalism: An Anthropological Reading of Post-socialist Economic Transformations; Debates on Globalization; Introduction to Research Methods—Quantitative and Qualitative (mandatory course); The Commons: Philosophical, Sociological and Political Aspects of Shared Resources; Ethnicity and the State: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives; State and Society; Logic and Social Inquiry (mandatory course)

For a list of courses visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

Entry Requirements for the Master's Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must provide a 500-word outline of their proposed research topic for their MA thesis. The thesis topic should fall within the broad thematic focus of the department and the areas of interest of its faculty. Previous work in relevant fields as well as research experience in related areas, if any, should also be mentioned. The inclusion of a writing sample, preferably a chapter from the undergraduate thesis, is welcomed.

Undergraduate training in sociology and/or anthropology is an advantage but not a requirement.

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

The Doctoral Program

The PhD program does not have separate sociology and anthropology tracks—both disciplines are integrated. Students are encouraged to conduct empirical research using a wide variety of methodologies, but theoretically-informed approaches which embrace a broad intellectual agenda are prioritized. Of special interest are projects that promote: the integration of sociological and anthropological perspectives as well as methodologies; comparative approaches to urban processes; economic formations and transformations; generation of inequalities; meanings and practices of gender; transnational migration and dynamics of place-making.

For more details on the doctoral program visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

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

Transnational Migration; Comparative Thinking; Theory and Research in Contemporary Macro-sociology; Social Network Analysis; Power and Resistance in a Global Age; Rethinking Ethnography Methods, Challenges and Transformations

For a list of courses visit: http://www.ceu.hu/soc_ant/index.htm

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

Applicants should have an MA or equivalent in a social science discipline. Background in sociology and/or anthropology is a definite advantage. In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must submit:

- three letters of recommendation from professors who are familiar with their work
- a three-page research proposal (the proposal should address the main research questions, sources and methodology and place the topic in the context of previous research in the field)
- a short bibliography (one page) on the topic

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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.