

POLITICAL SCIENCE





DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

In 2015, CEU ranked 29th among the world's universities for political science and international relations in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) subject rankings and 7th in Europe. The department focuses on several areas of political science, with a particular emphasis on comparative politics. The curriculum examines questions of political theory, democratization, constitutional politics, political economy, mass media, electoral behavior, party politics, research methodology, and European politics. Talented young people from all over the world have the opportunity to study in small classes in close collaboration with internationally renowned scholars. The department strives to enable students to better understand and critically engage with the problems and challenges that contemporary political communities face.

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: GERMANY

"One of my major motivations for choosing CEU's Department of Political Science was the attractive combination of excellence in teaching and research on the one hand, and the good range of scholarships on the other. The diversity in terms of both methods and topics investigated, which is reflected in both the wide-ranging curriculum and the diverse faculty, appealed to me. The personal contact with the faculty helps bring out the best in each of us; and my classmates, too, have been particularly helpful in forming my academic thesis. They never tire of raising critical questions and giving valuable advice."



MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ONE YEAR)

The program comprises a comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum in contemporary political issues and research methods and places emphasis on comparative politics and political economy, normative political theory, and the study of democracy. A wide range of courses in these fields of the discipline are offered.

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (TWO YEARS)

The program is designed for students with a three-year bachelor's degree in political science or a related discipline. Students have the opportunity to explore comparative politics, political economy, political communication, political theory and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The doctoral program is operated by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations. This program prepares students for careers in research and university-level teaching. Research areas include comparative politics, political theory, political economy, international relations and public policy.

CAREER PATH

Graduates of the department pursue doctoral and postdoctoral studies at leading European and U.S. universities and find employment in politics, political analysis, the news media, civil service, international NGOs, research organizations, business and government.

SELECT AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Democracy, democratization, and autocratic regimes
- Political institutions
- Parties, elections, and voting
- Comparative political economy
- Empirical research methodologies
- Media and political communication
- Analytical and normative political theory
- Constitutional theory
- Political sociology
- European politics

GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Complete online application:
www.ceu.edu/apply
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER'S PROGRAMS

- General CEU admissions requirements
- First degree in political science, economics, sociology, history, or law (other degrees also given consideration)
- Statement of purpose
- Essay on an issue or problem in political science
- Writing sample (optional, recommended)
- CEU-administered test of writing ability

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

- General CEU admissions requirements
- MA degree
- Research proposal
- Statement of purpose
- Outline of MA thesis
- Writing sample

SCHOLARSHIPS

CEU is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world and provides a variety of merit-based scholarships available to students from any country.

CEU Master's Excellence Scholarships include full tuition and health insurance as well as stipends of up to €3,200 per year. Single or shared housing in CEU's Residence Center is offered to most candidates.

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CEU Tuition Awards cover 50-100% of tuition expenses up to €16,000 per year, as well as health insurance.

CEU Doctoral Scholarships include a full tuition waiver and a generous stipend for housing and living expenses.

CEU Alumni Scholarships are funded by alumni and awarded to master's degree students with financial need who have a proven record of leadership in extracurricular activities, community service, and civic engagement.

External Scholarships administered through CEU include Erasmus Mundus scholarships, Erasmus research grants, and other private and public fellowships and scholarships.

Student Loans CEU is eligible for: Hungarian Student Loans (Diakhitel) | US Federal Student Loans | Canadian Student Loans | Other national student loan programs

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Central European University is an English-language graduate university located in Budapest, Hungary.

CEU offers graduate degree programs in the social sciences and humanities, business and economics, environmental sciences and policy, law, network science, cognitive science and mathematics.

The University is accredited in the United States and Hungary.

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