



Political Science at Central European University

The Department of Political Science is unique in Europe in covering almost all areas of political studies and offering 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, our 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 department offers this specialization in the superb learning environment of Central European University with its truly multicultural student and faculty body, its small class sizes, close faculty-student interaction and its excellent English language library collection.

Master of Arts in Political Science (one-year program)

US degree

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 the 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.

SPECIFIC TRAINING:

- 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

Master of Arts in Political Science (two-year program)

EU degree

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 a thorough understanding of different research methodologies and empirical skills necessary 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.

PhD 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, depending on the candidate's field of specialization: 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. Additionally, the department offers travel support for attending major academic conferences and summer schools, as well as opportunities to participate in graduate student workshops that the department regularly organizes in collaboration with some of the most outstanding European and US universities.

Financial aid

Central European University is committed to sustaining a geographically diverse and multicultural student body. To further this goal, CEU offers substantial financial aid for students from all over the world. Further information is available at <http://www.ceu.hu/financial.html>.

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