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Excellence Group
Political Science

POLITICAL SCIENCE



CENTRAL
EUROPEAN
UNIVERSITY





DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The department focuses on several areas of political science with a special 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. In 2011, CEU's program was named in the world's top 100 for political science and international relations in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) rankings.

CAREER PATH

Graduates of the department pursue doctoral and post-doctoral 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.

WALEED MEBANE

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UNITED STATES

“One of the major things that attracted me to CEU was the fact that departments are open to students whose undergraduate degrees are outside of the social sciences and humanities fields—this was unique to CEU based on other places I considered. I also noted that the Department of Political Science was given five stars in the German newspaper Die Zeit’s ranking of European university disciplines and that was something that impressed me. I like that Budapest, although a vibrant and politically and culturally important city, is kind of off the beaten path and provides the opportunity to meet people from diverse places with broad perspectives.”



MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ONE YEAR)

The program offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum in contemporary political issues and research methods and places emphasis on comparative European politics and political economy, normative political theory, and the study of democracy. Wide-ranging 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, and political theory.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The doctoral program is operated jointly by the departments of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations and European Studies. The 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.

SELECTED AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Political institutions
 - Party systems
 - Comparative political economy
 - Media policy
 - Analytical and normative political theory
 - Constitutional theory
 - Political sociology
 - European politics/democratization
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GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Complete online application:
www.ceu.hu/apply
 - Proof of English proficiency
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Curriculum vitae
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PROGRAM 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
 - CEU-administered test of writing ability
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PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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

CEU is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world. The University provides a variety of scholarships and research grants for which applicants from any country are eligible to apply.

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- **CEU Master's Degree Fellowships**

(full or partial) include a full tuition scholarship (with a value of €11,000 to €12,000), housing in the CEU Residence Center, and health insurance. Fellowship recipients also receive a monthly stipend to cover living expenses.

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- **CEU Master's Degree Tuition Scholarships**

(full or partial) cover between 50 and 100 percent of tuition expenses up to €12,000 per year.

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- **CEU Doctoral Fellowships**

cover full tuition, health insurance, and a generous stipend for housing and living expenses. More than 90 percent of PhD students receive the full doctoral fellowship.

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- **Direct Student Loans, Canada Student Loans**

are available for eligible U.S. and Canadian citizens.

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- **External Scholarships, Financial Aid Programs**

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

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

CEU offers programs in the social sciences, humanities, law, public policy, business management, economics, environmental sciences and policy, and mathematics.

The University is accredited in the United States and Hungary.

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