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For the PhD Program
in Political Science



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Public Policy, and
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Welcoming remarks

Dear incoming Doctoral Student,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the PhD Program in Political Science at the Central European University.

Our doctoral program is one of the largest in the discipline in Europe and aims to help students like you to become internationally competitive scholars with a wide range of skills that are valued in and beyond the academia. In order to achieve this, you will take courses in theory and methodology that are organized in very small classes specifically for doctoral students. You can take advantage of a wide range of optional training opportunities and participate at high-level international conferences, spend a semester abroad at another university, gain teaching experience, and, above all, produce a significant piece of original research: your dissertation.

The PhD Program is run by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations (the 'Doctoral School', or 'DSPPS'). The Doctoral School is made up of the Department of Political Science, the Department of International Relations, and the School of Public Policy. Faculty from all three and the Center for Policy Studies are involved in teaching and researching various aspects of political science, as well as in the supervision of students. In this handbook you can find useful information about the forthcoming academic year, the structure of the PhD Program, requirements, coursework, and dates to mark in your calendar. Please read it carefully.

We are looking forward to meeting you at CEU.

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The structure of the PhD Program

The PhD program is based on a system of ‘tracks’. There are five of them: Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Economy, International Relations, and Public Policy. Each of the tracks are supervised by a so-called *Track Representative*, a member of the faculty who is responsible for the coherence of his or her respective track. Having five tracks within the PhD program means three things. First, that if you successfully complete your studies, you, as a student registered in the Doctoral School, will be awarded a PhD in Political Science. Second, that you will also have a specialization (or ‘major’) in a particular track. The tracks represent academic fields/sub-fields or research areas that reflect the major strengths and interests of the three units constituting the Doctoral School. Third, that all students of the School, regardless of their tracks of belonging, are part of the same academic community.

During the time when you receive stipend you will be required to take a number of courses (each course is normally worth 2 or 4 credits), for a total of 24 credits. The minimum number of credits you must earn in the first academic year is 18.

The **mandatory credits** include:

14 credits from your major track. Out of these 14 credits, 12 credits belong to the core curriculum of the track. These credits have to be taken in the first academic year.

The 2 additional credits of the track fall in the category of ‘Advanced Topics’ and may change in content from year to year. Exceptionally, the Track Representative may allow the student to replace the advanced topic course with a methods course. These credits can be taken either in the first or the second academic year.

6 credits from the methods sequence. Given the importance of a sound methodological education, all first year students are required to take the 4-credit ‘Methods and Research Design’ course in the Fall semester and a 2-credit ‘Prospectus Seminar’ in the Winter Semester.

4 credits from courses taken from a different track. These courses might come from another track, or from methods courses. If the student collects at least 8 credits from a track other than her/his own, he or she becomes entitled to a 'minor'. Students may postpone such courses to the second academic year.

Having fulfilled the minimal credit requirements of the PhD Program, Doctoral Candidates can freely register - and are encouraged to register - for any course offered in the PhD program. Starting from the second year, Doctoral Candidates are also welcome to enroll in any other course offered at the Central European University. The upper limit of such external courses is six credits per semester, unless the PhD Director grants a special permission.

Students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.33 (B+) in the courses taken for credit.

PhD Candidacy

Students in the first year of the Doctoral Program are referred to as *Probationary Doctoral Candidates*. After successfully completing the comprehensive exams but before submitting their PhD dissertation they are referred to as *Doctoral Candidates*.

The PhD dissertation should be submitted for evaluation and defense no later than six years after the doctoral student was enrolled to the program. A candidate may request permission from the Doctoral Committee to withdraw from the Doctoral Program for a period of up to 2 years, thus extending his or her six year limit.

Supervision

At the beginning of the first year personal consultations between the Probationary Doctoral Candidates and their Temporary Supervisor (mentor) and the Track Representative, as well as a series of meetings between faculty and doctoral students will help each new doctoral student to compile a *study plan*. The study plan lists the courses the students intends to follow during the first year.

The studies during PhD candidacy are based on individual research guided and monitored by the candidate's Doctoral Supervisory Panel. The Doctoral Supervisory Panel will be set up after the end of the first year. The representative of the chosen track and the mentor will assist the student in the choice of the main supervisor. Taking into account the research topic, the Track Representative's and the candidate's indication, and based on faculty availability, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a prospective thesis supervisor to the Probationary Doctoral Candidates before the end of the Winter semester. After the successful comprehensive examination the Committee revisits and finalizes the list of supervisors. The main supervisor is responsible for communicating with his or her supervisee on an ongoing basis.

The Comprehensive Examination

Towards the end of the first year, PhD Probationary Doctoral Candidates are required to take a **comprehensive examination**, consisting of two parts: (1) the submission of the prospectus, and (2) an oral exam. This year the deadline for the submission of the prospectus is 26 May, while the oral **examination** is scheduled for the end of June.

For the examination students have to submit a list of scholarly references that are important for the subfield in which their planned thesis is situated. Students need to consult two faculty members about their reference list, which is also to be approved by the Track Representative. Each student's reference list will form the basis for his or her oral exam, during which the student will be asked questions about the readings as well as the connection of these readings with the PhD project.

The Prospectus

Students will be required to submit their written prospectus by the end of May.

The prospectus should include arguments about the feasibility of the proposed research, the coherence and suitability of the theoretical, methodological and empirical (if any) components of the thesis, and an assessment of the contribution that the thesis will make to the field. Students will receive written evaluation for their prospectus from each member of the exam committee after the oral exam part of the Comprehensive Examination. The grade for the prospectus will be based primarily on the written

prospectus, but will also be based on the student's oral defense of the prospectus during the oral exam.

In order to be admitted to the second year of the program, you will have to earn a "B+" course grade average for the mandatory and core courses and a "B+" grade or higher at both parts of the comprehensive examination (the prospectus and the oral exam). The admission to the program as a probationary candidate is no guarantee that you advance to doctoral candidate status. Doctoral candidates are expected to work on their doctoral dissertation full-time, to be in residence in Budapest, and to play an active role in the academic life of the department and the Doctoral School.

Further requirements

Research Seminars

Above the regular course work students must attend research seminars, usually organized by one of the School's constituting units, by the School, by the research centers affiliated with the School, or by the voluntary student-faculty workshops, spanning across the Fall and Winter semesters. All first year students are obliged to present their research projects in the Research Seminar once during the first semester of their PhD studies. (Schedule differs for tracks and will be announced.)

Some of the sessions will be dedicated to the faculty's work in progress and to presentations by non-CEU scholars. The rest of the sessions will discuss contributions by Doctoral Candidates associated with the department who already passed their comprehensive exam. All Doctoral Students are expected to present at the research seminars at least twice before submitting their dissertation for defense.

Annual Doctoral Conference

Participation at the next Annual Doctoral Conference (ADC) is mandatory for all students who advanced to PhD candidacy. PhD candidates have to submit a proposal for the ADC every year, and their acceptance to the conference will be decided on a competitive basis. First-year students are exempt from this requirement due to their course workload.

CURRICULUM

2016/2017

FALL

All tracks

Erin Jenne	Methods and Research Design (4 credits, mandatory)
Tamas Rudas	Graphical Modeling (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Tamas Rudas	Survey Methodology (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Comparative Politics track

C. Schneider, L. Bruszt	The Political Economy of Regime Change (4 credits, core)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (0 credit, advanced topics – 1 st part of a 2-credit course)

Political Theory track

Nenad Dimitrijevic	Constituent Power (4 credits, core)
Janos Kis	Democratic Theory (0 credit, core – 1 st part of a 4-credit course)
Andres Moles	War (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Economy track

C. Schneider, L. Bruszt	The Political Economy of Regime Change (4 credits, core)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (0 credit, advanced topics – 1 st part of a 2-credit course)
Achim Kemmerling	Political Economy of Development (4 credits, advanced topics)
Michael Merlingen	Power and Resistance I (2 credits, advanced topics)

International Relations track

Alexander Astrov	International Relations Theory (4 credits, core)
Achim Kemmerling	Political Economy of Development (4 credits, advanced topics)
Michael Merlingen	Power and Resistance I (2 credits, advanced topics)
Michael Miller	Critical Approaches to the Study of Nationalism (2 credits, advanced topics)

Public Policy track

D. Stone, U. Puetter	EU and Global Governance (4 credits, core)
D. Stone, A. Kemmerling	Public Administration (0 credit, core – 1 st part of a 4-credit course)
S. Svensson, A. Batory	Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions (0 credit, core – 1 st part of a 4-credit course)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (0 credit, advanced topics – 1 st part of a 2-credit course)

WINTER

All tracks

Gabor Toka	Prospectus Seminar (2 credits, mandatory)
Carsten Schneider	Set-Theoretic Methods (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Lea Sgier	Discourse Analysis (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Levente Littvay	Advanced Methods: Structural Equation Modeling (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Xymena Kurowska	Interpretive Research Design (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Comparative Politics track

M. Bogaards, Z. Miklosi	Political Institutions (4 credits, core)
A. Bozoki, A. Folsz	Political Sociology and Economy (4 credits, core)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (2 credits, advanced topics – 2 nd part of a 2-credit course)
Isabela Mares	Microhistorical Analysis in Comparative Research (2 credits, advanced topics - TBC)

Political Theory track

M. Bogaards, Z. Miklosi	Political Institutions (4 credits, core)
Janos Kis	Democratic Theory (4 credits, core – 2 nd part of a 4-credit course)
Philip Goff	Tax and Social Justice (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Economy track

A. Bozoki, A. Folsz	Political Sociology and Economy (4 credits, core)
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Bela Greskovits	States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy (4 credits, core)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (2 credits, advanced topics –2 nd part of a 2-credit course)
Michael Merlingen	Power and Resistance II (2 credits, advanced topics)
Herman Schwartz	Political Economy of Global Finance (2 credits, advanced topics - TBC)

International Relations track

Bela Greskovits	States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy (4 credits, core)
Paul Roe	International Security (4 credits, core)
Michael Merlingen	Power and Resistance II (2 credits, advanced topics)

Public Policy track

D. Stone, A. Kemmerling	Public Administration (4 credits, core – 2 nd part of a 4-credit course)
S. Svensson, A. Batory	Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions (4 credits, core – 2 nd part of a 4-credit course)
Evelyne Huebscher	Welfare States in a Globalized World: Theories and Applications (2 credits, advanced topics –2 nd part of a 2-credit course)

Note: Further updates are possible in the list of “advanced topics” and cross-listed courses.

Important dates in AY 2016/2017

2016

August 1, Monday	Academic Year begins
August 20, Saturday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
September 3/4, Sat/Sun	Students from departments and schools with short pre-sessions arrive (incl.: IR, POLS, SPP)
September 9, Friday	Short pre-session ends Welcome afternoon for all students
September 12, Monday	Zero Week begins (until September 16, Friday) Registration for Fall Term begins (until October 2, Sunday) 11:00 PhD welcome orientation (Gellner room) 12:00 PhD welcome reception (foyer in front of the Gellner room)
September 12-23	Student Union elections in departments and schools
September 16, Friday	15:00 Opening ceremony 19:00 Social Event for Political Science PhD students and faculty (TBC) Zero Week ends
September 19, Monday	Fall Term begins (until December 9, Friday)
September 29, Thursday	First Student Union Assembly meeting
September 30, Friday	14:00 Deadline for submitting study plans
October 2, Sunday	Registration for Fall Term ends
October 23, Sunday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
October 26, Wednesday	PhD Travel, PhD Research Grant application deadline
October 31, Monday	Special day off, CEU is officially closed
November 1, Tuesday	All Saints' Day, CEU is officially closed
November 4, Friday	Provost open-house meeting with CEU doctoral students
December 5, Monday	Registration for Winter Term begins (until January 15, Sunday)
December 9, Friday	Fall Term ends
December 19-23	Offices with skeleton team, Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 24, Saturday	Christmas Eve, CEU is officially closed
December 25, Sunday	Christmas Day, CEU is officially closed
December 26, Monday	Christmas Day, CEU is officially closed

December 27-30	Offices with skeleton team, Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 31, Saturday	New Year's Eve, CEU is officially closed

2017

January 1, Sunday	New Year's Day, CEU is officially closed
January 9, Monday	Winter Term begins (until March 31, Friday)
January 15, Sunday	Registration for Winter Term ends
February 10, Friday	PhD Research and Travel Grants application deadline
February 14/15, Tue/Wed	Career Days & Career Fair at CEU
February 17, Friday	Provost open-house meeting with CEU doctoral students
February 17, Friday	Deadline for choosing a permanent supervisor and submitting the title/topic of the prospectus to the DS
March 15, Wednesday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
March 20, Monday	Registration for Spring Term begins (until April 9, Sunday)
March 31, Friday	Winter Term ends
April (TBA)	Annual Doctoral Conference (2-3 days)
April 3, Monday	Spring Term begins (until June 16, Friday)
April 9, Sunday	Registration for Spring Term ends
April 16, Sunday	Easter Sunday, CEU is officially closed
April 17, Monday	Easter Monday, CEU is officially closed
May 1, Monday	Labor day, CEU is officially closed
May 2, Tuesday	Submission of 1st draft of Annotated Bibliography
May 5, Friday	PhD Research and Travel Grants application deadline
May 26, Friday	Prospectus submissions
June 2, Friday	Submission of final Annotated Bibliography for the Comprehensive Exam
June 4, Sunday	Pentecost Sunday, CEU is officially closed
June 5, Monday	Pentecost Monday, CEU is officially closed
June 16, Friday	Spring Term ends
June 21-27, Wed-Tue	Comprehensive Exams (TBC)
June 23, Friday	COMMENCEMENT
July 31, Monday	Academic Year ends

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Please always refer to the Doctoral School`s website <http://pds.ceu.edu> for updated information (faculty biographies, syllabi, timetable, news).

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

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Peter Visnovitz, Doctoral School Coordinator

Disclaimer:

Please note that the information provided in this Handbook is selective and not comprehensive. In any equivocal matters consult the Doctoral Regulations which is the binding and ultimate source of information.

Deadlines and courses may be subject to change. Please check the website regularly: <http://pds.ceu.edu>