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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 'DSPS'). 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 Doctoral 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 25 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 before 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 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

2019/2020

FALL

All tracks

Erin Jenne	Methods and Research Design (4 credits, mandatory)
Tamas Rudas	Survey Methodology (2 credits, advanced methods)
Tamas Rudas	Causality (2 credits, advanced methods) – <i>in Budapest only</i>

Comparative Politics track

C. Schneider, L. Bruszt	The Political Economy of Regime Change (4 credits, core)
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International Relations track

Alexander Astrov	International Relations Theory (4 credits, core)
Anil Duman	Globalization and Inequality (4 credits, core)

Political Economy track

C. Schneider, L. Bruszt	The Political Economy of Regime Change (4 credits, core)
Anil Duman	Globalization and Inequality (4 credits, core)

Political Theory track

Nenad Dimitrijevic	Constituent Power (4 credits, core)
Andres Moles	Modern Political Thought (2 credits, advanced topics) – <i>in Budapest only</i>

Public Policy track

Evelyne Huebscher	Public Policy and Public Administration (0 credit, core – 1 st part of a 4-credit course)
C. Schneider, L. Bruszt	The Political Economy of Regime Change (4 credits, core)
Diane Stone	Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions (2 credits, advanced topics) – <i>in Budapest only</i>

WINTER

All tracks

Gabor Toka	Prospectus Seminar (2 credits, mandatory)
Mihaly Fazekas	Big Data Analysis (2 credits, advanced methods)

Comparative Politics track

M. Bogaards, A. Moles	Political Institutions (4 credits, core)
I. Melnykovska, Zs. Enyedi	Political Sociology and Economy (4 credits, core)

International Relations track

Xymena Kurowska	Security Theory and Practice (4 credits, core)
Laszlo Csaba	Illiberal Capitalism (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Economy track

I. Melnykovska, Zs. Enyedi	Political Sociology and Economy (4 credits, core)
Laszlo Csaba	Illiberal Capitalism (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Theory track

M. Bogaards, A. Moles	Political Institutions (4 credits, core)
Janos Kis	Democratic Theory (4 credits, core)

Public Policy track

Agnes Batory	Public Policy and Public Administration (4 credits, core – 2 nd part of a 4-credit course)
Diane Stone	Research in Regional Integration and Global Governance (0 credit, core – 1 st part of a 4-credit course)
Michael Dorsch	Domestic Politics in the Global Economy (2 credits, advanced topics)

SPRING

All tracks

Isabela Mares	Electoral Clientelism and Corruption (2 credits, advanced methods - TBC)
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Public Policy track

Daniel Large	Research in Regional Integration and Global Governance (4 credits, core – 2 nd part of a 4-credit course)
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Note: Further updates are possible in the list of “advanced topics” and cross-listed courses.

Important dates in AY 2019/2020

2019

August 1, Thursday	Academic Year begins
August 15, Thursday	Assumption Day, CEU Vienna is officially closed
August 19, Monday	Special Day Off, CEU Budapest is officially closed
August 20, Tuesday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
Aug 31-Sep 1, Sat-Sun	Doctoral students arrive in Budapest
September 2, Monday	Pre-session begins
September 6, Friday	Pre-session ends
	14:00 Welcome afternoon for all students (N13 Atrium)
September 9, Monday	Zero Week begins (until September 13, Friday)
	Registration for Fall Term begins (until September 29, Sunday)
	11:00 PhD welcome orientation (Monument Building, Gellner room)
	12:00 PhD welcome reception (Monument Building, in front of Gellner room)
September 16-24	Student Union elections in departments and schools
September 13, Friday	17:00 Opening ceremony in Budapest
	Zero Week ends
September 16, Monday	Fall Term begins (until December 7, Friday)
September 26, Thursday	First Student Union Assembly meeting
September 27, Friday	14:00 Deadline for submitting study plans
September 28-29, Sat-Sun	First-year students from departments/schools with Fall Term in Vienna depart for Vienna
September 29, Sunday	Registration for Fall Term ends
October 10, Thursday	Research and Travel Grants application deadline
October 23, Wednesday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU Budapest is officially closed
October 26, Saturday	Austrian National Holiday, CEU Vienna is officially closed
November 1, Friday	All Saints' Day, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
November 15, Friday	Vienna Campus Opening
November 26, Tuesday	TOWN HALL meeting

December 2, Monday	Registration for Winter Term begins (until January 12, Sunday)
December 6, Friday	Fall Term ends
December 8, Sunday	Immaculate Conception Day, CEU Vienna is officially closed
December 16-23	Offices with skeleton team, Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 24, Tuesday	Christmas Eve, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
December 25-26, Wed-Thu	Christmas Day, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
December 27-30	Offices with skeleton team, Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 31, Tuesday	New Year's Eve, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed

2020

January 1, Wednesday	New Year's Day, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
January 2-5, Thu-Sun	CEU Vienna is officially closed
January 6, Monday	Winter Term begins (until March 27, Friday) Epiphany Day, CEU Vienna is officially closed
January 12, Sunday	Registration for Winter Term ends
February 14, Friday	Deadline for choosing a permanent supervisor and submitting the title/topic of the prospectus to the DS
March 5, Thursday	Research and Travel Grants application deadline
March 15, Sunday	Hungarian National Holiday, CEU Budapest is officially closed
March 16, Monday	Registration for Spring Term begins (until April 5, Sunday)
March 25-27, Wed-Fri	Annual Doctoral Conference (TBC)
March 27, Friday	Winter Term ends
March 30, Monday	Spring Term begins (until June 12, Friday)
April 5, Sunday	Registration for Spring Term ends
April 7, Tuesday	TOWN HALL meeting
April 10, Friday	Good Friday, CEU Budapest is officially closed
April 12, Sunday	Easter Sunday, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed

April 13, Monday	Easter Monday, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
May 1, Friday	Labor day, CEU Budapest and CEU Vienna are officially closed
May 4, Monday	Submission of 1st draft of Annotated Bibliography
Thursday, May 21	Ascension Day, CEU Vienna is officially closed
May 25, Monday	Prospectus submissions
May 29, Friday	Submission of final Annotated Bibliography for the Comprehensive Exam
May 31, Sunday	Pentecost Sunday, CEU is officially closed
June 1, Monday	Pentecost Monday, CEU is officially closed
June 4, Thursday	Research and Travel Grants application deadline
June 11, Thursday	Corpus Christi Day, CEU Vienna is officially closed
June 12, Friday	Spring Term ends
June 15-18, Mon-Thu	Comprehensive Exams
June 19, Friday	COMMENCEMENT
July 31, Friday	Academic Year ends

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

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

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Kriszta Zsukotynszky and Eszter Fugedi, Doctoral School Coordinators

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>