SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

bachelor’s studies
Enrich a community

At CEU, our community is our strength – sharing experience, knowledge and ideas across disciplines, cultures and backgrounds. Made up of students and faculty from over 100 countries, we work together in the spirit of supporting open and democratic societies that respect human rights and the rule of law. This has been CEU’s mission since its founding in 1991.

Our English-language bachelor’s programs, accredited in the U.S. and Austria, nurture critical, analytical and creative thinkers who seek solutions to the complex problems of our world.

We are CEU. Come join us.
Gain a global perspective

Are you a pioneer, a dreamer, a problem solver, a leader? Then CEU is for you. Here, you’ll join a diverse and close-knit community, study with leading professors who want to hear your perspective, take MA-level classes and make friends for life.

CHOOSE FROM

- BA in Culture, Politics and Society
- BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- BA in Quantitative Social Sciences

Dorit Geva
dean of undergraduate studies, head of the BA in Culture, Politics and Society program

“Our BA programs combine the classic ideas still worth learning and debating, while acknowledging the transformations brought by the digital revolution. We are also motivated by a sense of duty towards the generation coming of age now, facing changes to our political systems, and the immense challenges of the unfolding climate crisis.”
Our post-truth world needs independent thinkers who can:
- manage the flood of information and disinformation, and select what is true
- use cutting-edge multimedia tools to convey their ideas
- ask the big questions, exchange ideas with others and pursue solutions

Students acquire these skills — the ability to separate fact from fabrication, decipher classical texts and statistical data, understand social media algorithms, produce knowledge and convey it effectively using various media. These skills are taught alongside a broad liberal arts education, culminating in a disciplinary major such as sociology, political science, international relations, environmental science, gender studies and history.

Professor Dorit Geva, head of the program and dean of undergraduate studies, taught at the University of Chicago. With students assisting in her research, she publishes on topics such as the rise of the radical right, contemporary theories of gender and sexuality and the moral panic surrounding cryptocurrencies.

EXPLORE QUESTIONS LIKE:

How is fake news created, and how do we know it’s fake? / How do we know anything at all? / What determines human behavior? / What can we do to make our cities more livable? / Should we engineer the planet to fight global warming? / Do animals have rights?
Our complex global society needs critical thinkers who can:
- draw from the structures and principles of several disciplines
- develop new ways to look at the issues of our time
- ask questions differently and propose innovative solutions

Students develop these skills through the study of political and social structures, an examination of fundamental questions about reality as well as an investigation of the principles that govern the production and allocation of resources. Students will complete an interdisciplinary BA thesis and capstone project and can take courses outside the Philosophy, Politics and Economy framework to gain fresh or contrasting perspectives.

Professor Katalin Farkas, head of the program, is one of the founding members of CEU’s Department of Philosophy, who has helped the department grow into one of the best in the world. Specializing in the philosophy of mind and the nature of knowledge, she enjoys finding new angles and probing hard into arguments with her students.

EXPLORE QUESTIONS LIKE:

What is truth? / **Is there a real, objective difference between right and wrong?** / Is everybody equal? / **Is democracy really the best form of government?** / What is globalization, what are its problems and benefits? / **Could a machine ever think or feel pain?**
In the age of data, the world needs analytical thinkers who can:
- extract scientific understanding from masses of societal data
- use both quantitative and qualitative tools to make sense of global issues
- explore multiple perspectives, discover patterns and hidden connections

Students gain these skills through a comprehensive training in computational data analysis and mathematical modeling, combined with a solid foundation in sociology, economics, environmental science and political science. They learn how to use the unprecedented amount and quality of digital information available to understand and predict attitudes and opinions, social media and communication, political and economic behavior.

Associate Professor Tiago P. Peixoto, head of the program, is a physicist fascinated by complex networks. His research focuses on large-scale patterns behind diverse phenomena, such as gene regulation, the organization of social networks and the structure of the internet. In 2019, he received the prestigious Erdős-Rényi Prize for his achievements in network science.

* The program is registered in the United States by the New York State Education Department and is subject to accreditation in Austria by the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria. The program is scheduled to launch in academic year 2021-2022.

EXPLORE QUESTIONS LIKE:

How do social movements evolve? / Can we predict and prevent a global epidemic? / What are the patterns of human mobility? / How does misinformation spread online? / How are inequalities formed, and can they be undone? / Can we calculate success?
Find your passion

CULTURE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY
From the second year onwards, you can choose a major and a minor from a wide range of disciplines.

Majors / Cultural Heritage / Environmental Studies / Gender Studies / History / Human Rights / International Relations / Medieval Studies / Nationalism Studies / Philosophy / Political Science / Sociology and Social Anthropology / Visual Theory and Practice / Minors / Critical Humanities / Cultural Heritage / Environmental Studies / Gender Studies / History / Human Rights / International Relations / Medieval Studies / Nationalism Studies / Philosophy / Political Science / Sociology and Social Anthropology / Visual Theory and Practice

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS
You will receive thorough training in at least two of the three core disciplines. You can also select from a broad range of elective courses offered by the other two BA programs.

Majors and minors / Philosophy / Politics / Economics

QUANTITATIVE SOCIAL SCIENCES
After completing the mandatory modules in the first year, you’ll choose two out of five disciplines. You can also select from a broad range of elective courses offered by the other two BA programs.

Majors and minors / Sociology / Economics / Environmental Science / Political Science / Data Science
Spark your career

CEU’s BA programs integrate into the Europe-wide Bologna system and offer the best of the American undergraduate education system. Students who complete four years of study will receive both an Austrian and a U.S. bachelor’s degree, which can prepare them for graduate studies in or outside Europe and diverse career options in the private, public and non-profit sectors.

JOIN A GLOBAL NETWORK
You will develop a wide range of transferable skills – most importantly, the ability to think critically – that will open doors for you. With its network of global employers, online job search platform and team of advisers, our Career Services Office will help you find an internship and apply for funding, and provide personal guidance as you find your path. Our Alumni Relations Office will connect you with 18,000 CEU graduates who are making an impact around the world, from Shanghai to Berlin to Los Angeles. You’ll be joining a community that lasts a lifetime.

GRADUATES IN 130+ COUNTRIES
EU and national parliamentarians / professors / UN officers / economists / policymakers / business leaders / ambassadors / journalists / human rights advocates
Fall for Vienna

Ranked the world’s most livable city by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Vienna is a place where quirky student hangouts sit alongside opulent coffee houses, and modern art fills centuries-old palaces. Leafy parks and riverside beaches, world-class galleries and museums, beer gardens and vineyards, street fairs and culinary fests offer entertainment from spring to fall, while the Austrian capital’s squares transform into a snowy, glittering playground with Christmas markets and ice rinks in winter. Students will be staying in comfortable and centrally located dormitory facilities. Just a short train or plane trip to the must-see capitals of the continent, Vienna is the heart of Europe.

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES
In the third year, you’ll have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities in Europe or in the United States.

Options include: Sciences Po in Paris / Bocconi University in Milan / London School of Economics / Stockholm School of Economics / Bard College in New York State / Bard College Berlin

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APPLY BY
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 Priority deadline for all applicants. Final deadline for those who will require a study visa and for those who wish to be considered for financial support
APRIL 12, 2021 Final application deadline, subject to space availability

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
CEU application form / high school records / proof of English proficiency / CV / application essay / letter of motivation / letter of recommendation / standardized test scores such as SAT, ACT, AP or IB (preferred but not mandatory) / evidence of mathematical competence (only for the Quantitative Social Sciences program)
Finalists will be invited to attend an interview online.

TUITION 7,000 € per academic year
Check undergraduate.ceu.edu for detailed information on annual cost of attendance and financial support available.