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The department offers advanced degree programs in comparative constitutional law, human rights, and international business law. The curriculum combines international and regional intellectual traditions and offers students hands-on experience and internship opportunities. Outstanding professors (including recurrent visitors from top universities around the world) introduce students to state-of-the-art legal research, reasoning, and writing, enabling them to compete successfully for jobs in various fields of legal practice and research after graduation.

CAREER PATH

Graduates of the department pursue careers as policymakers, diplomats, scholars, human rights professionals, judges, arbitrators, consultants, and lawyers in business and public administration.

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MASTER OF LAWS IN COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (LLM) (ONE YEAR)
This program focuses on examining constitutional issues in comparative, historical, and social contexts in old and new democracies.

MASTER OF LAWS IN HUMAN RIGHTS (HR LLM), MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS (HR MA) (ONE YEAR)
These programs offer instruction in specific legal mechanisms and institutional processes that organizations can use to approach human rights issues in transitional and established democracies.

MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW (LLM) (ONE YEAR)
This program focuses on contemporary actors in international business, international business transactions, and dispute resolution in the sphere of international trade.

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (SJD)
This program is committed to training future legal scholars. It offers candidates holding a law degree an opportunity to pursue advanced doctoral studies that combine independent research with coursework in a variety of legal areas including comparative constitutional law, human rights, and international business law.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — HUMAN RIGHTS TRACK
Candidates not holding a law degree may apply for a PhD in political science with a human rights track.

SELECT AREAS OF RESEARCH
- Comparative constitutional systems
- International and European protection of human rights
- Civil and political rights in established and emerging democracies
- Human rights and criminal justice
- Minority rights and Roma rights
- International commercial arbitration
- Contract law
- Investment law
- Intellectual property
- Capital markets and securities regulation in emerging markets

GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
- Complete online application: www.ceu.hu/apply
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER’S PROGRAMS
- General CEU admissions requirements
- Bachelor’s degree
- CEU-administered Legal Reasoning Test (LSAT)
- Academic essay
- LLM programs: law degree required
- Comparative Constitutional Law program: applicants with a degree in political science or international relations are eligible to apply.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM
- General CEU admissions requirements
- LLM degree from CEU with a “B” average or higher, thesis graded “completed with honors” or higher
- LLM degree from another institution/MA degree after basic law degree from another institution
- Research proposal
- CEU-administered Legal Reasoning Test (LSAT)
- Academic essay
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