DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY

The Department of Public Policy is CEU’s vibrant hub for public policy research and teaching. Its public policy programs focus on analyzing, designing, and implementing policy on local, national, and international levels. They emphasize innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to public policy that enable future policy experts to address key social and economic issues effectively.

CAREER PATH

Graduates of the department find successful careers as policymakers and consultants with governmental and nongovernmental organizations, private companies, and universities worldwide. Employers of the department’s graduates include UNICEF, the U.S. Congress, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Open Society Foundations, and the World Bank, as well as national agencies and governments.

MARIANA GOMEZ SANCHEZ
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MEXICO

“I came to CEU looking to acquire practical skills to face my professional challenges. I found a program with a problem-solving approach combined with an intensive academic base. Students at CEU have ample access to their professors, not just because they have generous schedules to advise students but also because of the small size of the classes. Undoubtedly, this has been one of the most useful tools for my learning process at CEU.”
MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY (ONE YEAR)

The program seeks to train future decision-makers and policy experts. The curriculum connects critical thinking with problem-solving dynamics and policy practice. Students may specialize in selected policy areas such as media and communication, decentralized governance, higher education or European/international public policy. Students are required to complete a two-month practical or research-based internship or participate in a policy lab, a team exercise that gives students the opportunity to work on real-world policy issues with an external client.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY—(MUNDUs MAPP) (TWO YEARS)

Mundus MAPP is offered jointly with Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (Spain), the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands), and the University of York (UK). Students experience an integrated curriculum that comprises a uniform core of policy studies as well as modules specific to particular mobility tracks. The program includes a field trip to a relevant public sector organization and an internship. The Mundus MAPP program, funded by the European Commission, provides Erasmus Mundus scholarships to top students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOsOPhY IN POLITICAL sCIENCE—PUBLIC POLICY TRACk

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. It focuses on developing professional-level research and analysis of European and international public policy as well as comparative policy analysis.

SELECT AREAS OF RESEARCH
- EU politics and policy
- Global governance and international political economy
- Public governance, ethics, and corruption control
- Legal systems, constitutions, and public policy
- Economic and fiscal policy
- Regulation and regulatory agencies

EXAMPLES OF POLICY AREAS
- Energy
- Media and communications
- Labor and social policy
- Trade and development
- Foreign and security policy
- Higher education policy

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

Master of Arts in Public Policy
- General CEU admissions requirements
- Bachelor’s degree
- Writing sample
- Statement of purpose

Mundus MAPP
- General CEU admissions requirements
- Bachelor’s degree
- Statement of purpose
- Specific language requirements: www.mundusmapp.org

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM
- General CEU admissions requirements
- MA degree
- Research proposal
- Statement of purpose
- Outline of MA thesis
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
CEU is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world. Scholarships and research grants are available for top candidates.

- **CEU Master’s Degree Fellowships** (full or partial) include a full tuition scholarship (with a value of €11,000), health insurance, and a monthly stipend to assist with living expenses.

- **CEU Master’s Degree Tuition Scholarships** (partial) cover 50 percent of tuition expenses: €5,500 per year.

- **CEU Doctoral Fellowships** cover full tuition, health insurance, and a generous stipend for housing and living expenses for all PhD students.

- **Direct Student Loans, Canada Student Loans** are available for eligible U.S. and Canadian citizens.

- **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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