Who we are

We offer an intensive, cross-disciplinary course of study on all aspects of history and culture between 300 and 1600 C.E. Renowned faculty helps you uncover and understand the past of Central and Western Europe, as well as the Byzantine, Slavic, Jewish, Arab and Ottoman worlds in a global context. Our strong relationship with local universities and cultural institutions, on-site learning and field trip opportunities, internship program, source language courses and exhaustive library on all things medieval make us an ideal incubator for future scholars and professionals in and outside of academia.

What we offer

MA in Late Antique, Medieval and Early Modern Studies / 1 YEAR / 
This program is designed for students with a strong research agenda centered around late antique and medieval Latin, Slavonic, Byzantine or Ottoman culture, and a solid grounding in medieval or early modern history or a bordering discipline, such as philology, literature, philosophy or archaeology. You will master the latest research methodologies and enrich your research through the study of relevant source languages.

MA in Comparative History: Late Antique, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies / 2 YEARS / Run jointly with CEU’s Department of History, the Medieval track of this program zooms in on the political, social, intellectual, religious and economic history, as well as the material and spiritual culture of the period between 300 and 1600 C.E. This training is best suited to students with a three-year bachelor's degree in history or any other field in humanities.
“Studying at the department is one of the best things that has happened to me, both personally and professionally. This interdisciplinary community brings together people from the most varied backgrounds in an extremely encouraging and friendly working atmosphere. The diversity of topics, methodologies and approaches has influenced and enriched my own research in a way previously unimaginable to me. CEU also organizes workshops, seminars and special lectures throughout the academic year, bringing in renowned scholars from across disciplines and allowing students to be active in the academic community.”
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What you will study

Political and legal history of the Middle Ages • Eastern Mediterranean history from Constantine the Great to Suleiman the Magnificent • History of religion, philosophy and science • Archaeology, environmental and landscape history • Cultural anthropology and material culture • Art history, visual culture and manuscript studies • Urban history

Where it will take you
What we offer

MA in Cultural Heritage Studies: Academic Research, Policy, Management / 2 YEARS / Our program combines theoretical approaches to cultural heritage with practical knowledge through fieldwork and internships at heritage organizations. The result is hands-on, thorough academic training that prepares future heritage experts and practitioners with a critical understanding of the historical, social, policy and management aspects of tangible, intangible, and environmental heritage.

Our faculty's expertise crosses borders and disciplines, including anthropologists specializing in African and American cultures, international heritage law experts, and historians and archeologists with experience in European and Asian projects. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds, such as historical studies, and the creative and performing arts, architecture and urban development, sociology and management. They can choose from two streams of study: Academic Research and Protection of Cultural Heritage, and Cultural Heritage Management and Policy.

Graduates typically find jobs at research bodies, governments, international organizations, heritage institutions and NGOs.

What you will study

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- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- CV

Program-specific requirements
MA IN LATE ANTIQUE, MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES
- Minimum four-year BA or MA degree in history, art history, archaeology, philosophy, philology, literature
- Research proposal
- Familiarity with a relevant source language

MA IN CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES: ACADEMIC RESEARCH, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
- Minimum three-year BA degree in any field of humanities, management studies, architecture or in a natural or cultural heritage-related subject
- Project proposal

MA IN COMPARATIVE HISTORY: LATE ANTIQUE, MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES
- Minimum three-year BA degree in history, medieval studies or a related field
- Research proposal

PHD IN LATE ANTIQUE, MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES
- MA degree
- Outline of MA thesis
- Research proposal and feasibility study
- Advanced knowledge of one or more source languages
- Demonstrated familiarity with research methods in medieval studies
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