Sociology and Social Anthropology
Who we are

Marrying two disciplines, we embrace a diversity of perspectives and foster a critical understanding of the social world in the face of change and crisis. Bringing together students and professors from across the world, we offer a global curriculum paired with rigorous training in diverse social science methodologies, including ethnography, interviews, discourse analysis, survey research, network analysis as well as quantitative and historical methods. Students gain hands-on experience in and outside of the classroom through an extensive research period with opportunities to go into the field, the annual graduate conference and multimedia projects.

What we offer

MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology / 1 YEAR / This intensive program uses a historical-comparative framework to broaden your knowledge of social structures and processes, including social theory, migration, religion, ethnicity, cultural policies, gender, class, globalization, modernity, urban development and state research.

MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology with optional specialization in Global and Urban Studies / 2 YEARS / With a strong, extensive research component, this program is recommended as a stepping stone for PhD studies to candidates interested in global and urban issues, particularly on how political, economic and social structures interact on the urban, local and global scale.
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“Joining CEU’s Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology for my master’s studies was the best decision I could have made, and the time I have spent here has turned out to be the most intellectually stimulating phase of my life. The faculty have wide-ranging expertise, and I have become particularly drawn to post-colonial studies. I appreciate the financial and academic support I received from the university, and I am very excited about the doors this experience has opened for me.”
PhD in Sociology and Social Anthropology / The doctoral program encourages theoretically driven empirical research that embraces cross-disciplinary perspectives on a wide range of topics related to the department’s expertise. A year of rigorous, yet flexible, coursework will prepare you for a year of research, followed by an extended period of writing.

What you will study
Globalization • Development • Migration • Culture • Religion • Knowledge production • Social networks • Gender, class, race and power dynamics • Urban studies

Where your degree will take you
How to fund your studies

In pursuit of our mission, we strive to attract world-class graduate talent from all over the world. This is why we offer generous scholarships available to students from any country.

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How to apply

General admissions requirements
- Completed online application form: www.ceu.edu/apply
- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- CV

Program-specific requirements

MASTER’S PROGRAMS
- Bachelor’s degree
- Research proposal
- Writing sample

DOCTORAL PROGRAM
- Master’s degree or equivalent in a social science discipline
- Research proposal and bibliography
- Writing sample
- Statement of purpose
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