



# POLITICAL SCIENCE





## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

In 2014, CEU remained among the world's top 100 universities for political science and international relations in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) rankings and among the best on the European continent. The political science program was also ranked in the top ("excellence") group of European universities in the survey by the German Center for Higher Education Development (CHE). The department focuses on several areas of political science with a special emphasis on comparative politics. The curriculum examines questions of political theory, democratization, constitutional politics, political economy, mass media, electoral behavior, party politics, research methodology, and European politics.

## CAREER PATH

Graduates of the department pursue doctoral and postdoctoral studies at leading European and U.S. universities and find employment in politics, political analysis, the news media, civil service, international NGOs, research organizations, business, and government.

## JULIANE SOPHIE STEIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: GERMANY

*"One of my major motivations for choosing CEU's Department of Political Science was the attractive combination of excellence in teaching and research on the one hand, and the good range of scholarships on the other. The diversity in terms of both methods and topics investigated, which is reflected in both the wide-ranging curriculum and the diverse faculty, appealed to me. The personal contact with the faculty helps bring out the best in each of us and my classmates, too, have been particularly helpful in forming my academic thesis. They never tire of raising critical questions and giving valuable advice"*



## **MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (ONE YEAR)**

The program offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum in contemporary political issues and research methods and places emphasis on comparative politics and political economy, normative political theory, and the study of democracy. Wide-ranging courses in these fields of the discipline are offered.

## **MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (TWO YEARS)**

The program is designed for students with a three-year bachelor's degree in political science or a related discipline. Students have the opportunity to explore comparative politics, political economy, political communication, political theory, and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The doctoral program is operated by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations. The program prepares students for careers in research and university-level teaching. Research areas include comparative politics, political theory, political economy, international relations, and public policy.

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### **SELECT AREAS OF RESEARCH**

- Political institutions
  - Parties, elections, and voting
  - Comparative political economy
  - Media and political communication
  - Analytical and normative political theory
  - Constitutional theory
  - Political sociology
  - European politics / democratization
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### **GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete online application:  
[www.ceu.hu/apply](http://www.ceu.hu/apply)
  - Proof of English proficiency
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Curriculum vitae
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### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER'S PROGRAMS**

- General CEU admissions requirements
  - First degree in political science, economics, sociology, history, or law (other degrees also given consideration)
  - Statement of purpose
  - Essay on an issue or problem in political science
  - Writing sample (optional, recommended)
  - CEU-administered test of writing ability
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### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

- General CEU admissions requirements
  - MA degree
  - Research proposal
  - Statement of purpose
  - Outline of MA thesis
  - Writing sample
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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

CEU is committed to attracting talented students and scholars from around the world and provides a variety of merit-based scholarships available to students from any country.

- **CEU Master's Degree Tuition Scholarships** cover from 50 to 100 percent of tuition expenses up to € 16,000 per year.
- **CEU Housing Awards** provide accommodation in CEU's Residence Center for the duration of the academic year.
- **CEU Master's Degree Stipend Awards** provide full or partial stipends to assist with the cost of living expenses in Budapest during the academic year, up to € 3,200 per year.

Recipients of any of the above three awards will also receive **health insurance coverage** for the duration of their studies.

- **CEU Alumni Scholarships** funded by alumni, are awarded to master's degree students with financial need who have a proven record of leadership in extracurricular activities, community service, and civic engagement.
- **Named Scholarships** provide additional awards to master's students enrolled in specific programs at CEU.
- **CEU Doctoral Fellowships** cover full tuition and health insurance, and provide a generous stipend for housing and living expenses.
- **External Scholarships** administered through CEU include Erasmus Mundus scholarship, Erasmus research grants, and other private and public fellowships and scholarships.
- **Student Loans**  
CEU is an eligible institution for: Hungarian Student Loans (Diakhitel) | US Federal Student Loans | Canadian Student Loans | Other national student loan programs

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Central European University is an English-language, graduate university located in Budapest, Hungary.

CEU offers programs in the social sciences, humanities, law, public policy, business management, economics, environmental sciences and policy, and mathematics.

The University is accredited in the United States and Hungary.

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