Welcome

Dear incoming doctoral student,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the PhD Program in Political Science at the Central European University.

Our doctoral program is one of the largest in the discipline in Europe and aims to help students like you to become internationally competitive scholars with a wide range of skills that are valued in and beyond the academia. In order to achieve this, you will take courses in theory and methodology that are organized in very small classes specifically for doctoral students. You can take advantage of a wide range of optional training opportunities and participate at high-level international conferences, spend a semester abroad at another university, gain teaching experience, and, above all, produce a significant piece of original research: your dissertation.

The PhD Program is run by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations (the ‘Doctoral School’, or ‘PhD School’). The Doctoral School is formed by three departments: (1) Political Science, (2) International Relations and European Studies, and (3) Public Policy. Faculty members from all the mentioned departments are involved in teaching and researching various aspects of political science, as well as in the supervision of doctoral students. In this handbook you can find useful information about the forthcoming academic year, the structure of the PhD Program, requirements, coursework, and dates to mark in your calendar. Please read it carefully.

We would like to warmly welcome you as an important new member of our community, and we are looking forward to meeting you at CEU.

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The structure of the PhD Program

The PhD program is based on a system of ‘tracks’. There are five of them: Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Economy, International Relations, and Public Policy. Each of the tracks are supervised by a so-called *Track Representative*, a member of the faculty who is responsible for the coherence of his or her respective track. Having five tracks within the PhD program means three things. First, that if you successfully complete your studies, you, as a student registered in the Doctoral School, will be awarded a PhD in Political Science. Second, that you will also have a specialization (or ‘major’) in a particular track. The tracks represent academic fields/sub-fields or research areas that reflect the major strengths and interests of the three departments. Third, that all students of the School, regardless of their tracks of belonging are part of the same academic community.

During the time when you receive stipend you will be required to take a number of courses (each course is normally worth 2 or 4 credits), for a total of 24 credits. The minimum number of credits you must earn in the first academic year is eighteen.
The **mandatory credits** include:

**14 credits from your major track.** Out of these 14 credits, 12 credits belong to the core curriculum of the track. These credits have to be taken in the first academic year.

The 2 additional credits of the track fall in the category of ‘Advanced Topics’ and may change in content from year to year. Exceptionally, the Track Representative may allow the student to replace the advanced topic course with a methods course. These credits can be taken either in the first or the second academic year.

**6 credits from the methods sequence.** Given the importance of a sound methodological education, all first year students are required to take the 4-credit ‘Methods and Research Design’ course in the Fall semester and a 2-credit ‘Prospectus Seminar’ in the Fall and Winter Semester.

**4 credits from courses taken from a different track.** At least two of these credits must come from another track, while two may come from methods courses. If the student collects at least 8 credits from a track other than her/his own, he or she becomes entitled to a ‘minor’. Students may postpone such courses to the second academic year.
Having fulfilled the minimal credit requirements of the PhD Program, Doctoral Candidates can freely register - and are encouraged to register - for any course offered in the PhD program. Starting from the second year, Doctoral Candidates are also welcome to enroll in any other course offered at the Central European University. The upper limit of such external courses is six credits per semester, unless the PhD Director grants a special permission.

Students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.33 (B+) in the courses taken for credit.

**PhD Candidacy**

Students in the first year of the Doctoral Program are referred to as *Probationary Doctoral Candidates*. After successfully completing the comprehensive exams but before submitting their PhD dissertation they are referred to as *Doctoral Candidates*.

The PhD dissertation should be submitted for evaluation and defense no later than five years after the doctoral student passed the comprehensive exam. A candidate may request permission from the Doctoral Committee to withdraw from the Doctoral Program for a period of up to 2 years.

**Supervision**

At the beginning of the first year personal consultations between the Probationary Doctoral Candidates and their Temporary Supervisor (mentor) and the Track Representative, as well as a series of meetings between faculty and doctoral students will help each new doctoral student to compile a *study plan*. The study plan lists the courses the students intends to follow during the first year.
The studies during PhD candidacy are based on individual research guided and monitored by the candidate’s Doctoral Supervisory Panel. The Doctoral Supervisory Panel will be set up after the end of the first year. The representative of the chosen track and the mentor will assist the student in the choice of the main supervisor. Taking into account the research topic, the Track Representative’s and the candidate’s indication, and based on faculty availability, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a prospective thesis supervisor to the Probationary Doctoral Candidates before the end of the Winter semester. After the successful comprehensive examination the Committee revisits and finalizes the list of supervisors.

The main supervisor is responsible for communicating with his or her supervisee on an ongoing basis.

The Comprehensive Examination

Towards the end of the first year, PhD Probationary Doctoral Candidates are required to take a comprehensive examination, consisting of two parts: (1) the submission of the prospectus, and (2) an oral exam. This year the deadline for the submission of the prospectus is 29 May, while the oral examination is scheduled for the end of June.

For the examination students have to submit a list of scholarly references that are important for the subfield in which their planned thesis is situated. Students need to consult two faculty members about their reference list, which is also to be approved by the Track Representative. Each student’s reference list will form the basis for
his or her oral exam, during which the student will be asked questions about the readings as well as the connection of these readings with the PhD project

**The Prospectus**

Students will be required to submit their written prospectus by the end of May.

The prospectus should include arguments about the feasibility of the proposed research, the coherence and suitability of the theoretical, methodological and empirical (if any) components of the thesis, and an assessment of the contribution that the thesis will make to the field. Students will receive written evaluation for their prospectus from each member of the exam committee before the oral exam part of the Comprehensive Examination. The grade for the prospectus will be based primarily on the written prospectus, but will also be based on the student’s oral defense of the prospectus during the oral exam.

In order to be admitted to the second year of the program, you will have to earn a "B+" course grade average for the mandatory and core courses and a "B+" grade or higher at both parts of the comprehensive examination (the prospectus and the oral exam). The admission to the program as a probationary candidate is no guarantee that you advance to doctoral candidate status. Doctoral candidates are expected to work on their doctoral dissertation full-time, to be in residence in Budapest, and to play an active role in the academic life of the department and the Doctoral School.
Further requirements

Research Seminars

Above the regular course work students must attend research seminars, usually organized by one of the Departments, by the School, by the research centers affiliated with the School, or by the voluntary student-faculty workshops, spanning across the Fall and Winter semesters. All first year students are obliged to present their research projects in the Research Seminar once during the first semester of their PhD studies. (Schedule differs for tracks and will be announced.)

Some of the sessions will be dedicated to the faculty’s work in progress and to presentations by non-CEU scholars. The rest of the sessions will discuss contributions by Doctoral Candidates associated with the department who already passed their comprehensive exam. All Doctoral Students are expected to present at the research seminars at least twice before submitting their dissertation for defense.

Annual Doctoral Conference

Participation at the next Annual Doctoral Conference (ADC) is mandatory for all students who advanced to PhD candidacy. PhD candidates have to submit a proposal for the ADC every year, and their acceptance to the conference will be decided on a competitive basis. First-year students are exempt from this requirement due to their course workload.
FALL

All tracks

Erin Jenne Research Methods and Design
(4 credits, mandatory)

Gabor Toka Prospectus Seminar
(1 credit, mandatory – 1st part of a 2-credit course)

Tamas Rudas Analysis of Categorical Data
(2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Tamas Rudas Survey Methodology
(2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Xymena Kurowska Political Ethnography
(2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Comparative Politics track

A. Bozoki, A. Folsz Political Sociology and Political Economy
(4 credits, core)

Political Theory track

Janos Kis Democratic Theory
(4 credits, core)

Political Economy track

A. Bozoki, A. Folsz Political Sociology and Political Economy
(4 credits, core)

International Relations track

Michael Merlingen A Critical Survey of Theories of World Politics
(4 credits, core)

Public Policy track

S. Svensson, A. Demidov Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions, Part1
(2 credits, core – 1st part of a 4-credit course)

M. Kahanec, V. Scepanovic Public Administration, Part 1
(2 credits, core – 1st part of a 4-credit course)
WINTER

All tracks

Gabor Toka
Prospectus Seminar
(2 credits, mandatory – 2nd part of a 2-credit course)

Lea Sgier
Advanced Methods: Discourse Analysis
(2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Comparative Politics track

Matthijs Bogaards
Political Institutions
(4 credits, core)

C. Schneider, D. Bohle
The Political Economy of Regime Change
(4 credits, core)

Jozsef Fiser
Bayesian Data Analysis II
(2 credits, advanced topics – methods, cross-listed from Cognitive Science)

Guenther Knoblich
How to Design Good Experiments in Cognitive Science II
(2 credits, advanced topics – methods, cross-listed from Cognitive Science)

Political Theory track

Matthijs Bogaards
Political Institutions
(4 credits, core)

Janos Kis
Advanced Political Philosophy I: Political Authority and Obligation
(4 credits, core)

Simon Rippon
The Ethics of Government Propaganda
(2 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from Philosophy)

Jozsef Fiser
Bayesian Data Analysis II
(2 credits, advanced topics – methods, cross-listed from Cognitive Science)

Guenther Knoblich
How to Design Good Experiments in Cognitive Science II
(2 credits, advanced topics – methods, cross-listed from Cognitive Science)
**Political Economy track**

Laszlo Csaba  
The New Political Economy of Development  
*(4 credits, core)*

Bela Greskovits  
States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy  
*(4 credits, core)*

C. Schneider, D. Bohle  
The Political Economy of Regime Change  
*(4 credits, advanced topics)*

Jozsef Fiser  
Bayesian Data Analysis II  
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Guenther Knoblich  
How to Design Good Experiments in Cognitive Science II  
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**International Relations track**

Paul Roe  
International Security  
*(4 credits, core)*

Bela Greskovits  
States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy  
*(4 credits, core)*

Amitach Acharya  
Foundations of Global Governance  
*(2 credits, advanced topics)*

**Public Policy track**

S. Svensson, A. Demidov  
Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions, Part 2  
*(2 credits, core – 2nd part of a 4-credit course)*

M. Kahanec, V. Scepanovic  
Public Administration, Part 2  
*(2 credits, core – 2nd part of a 4-credit course)*

Uwe Puetter  
Research in EU integration and governance  
*(4 credits, core)*

Amitach Acharya  
Foundations of Global Governance  
*(2 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from IR)*

Bela Greskovits  
States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy  
*(4 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from IR)*
C. Schneider, D. Bohle  The Political Economy of Regime Change  
(4 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from CP, PE)
Matthijs Bogaards  Political Institutions  
(4 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from CP, PT)
Laszlo Csaba  The New Political Economy of Development  
(4 credits, advanced topics, cross-listed from PE)

SPRING

Comparative Politics track
Political Economy track
Political Theory track

Isabela Mares  Comparative Political Economy  
(2 credits, advanced topics, to be confirmed)

Further updates are expected to be made in the list of “advanced topics” and cross-listed courses, as the list of these types of courses have not been finalized at the time of publication.
Important dates in AY 2014/2015

2014

August 1, Friday  Academic year begins
August 20, Wednesday  Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
Sep 6/7, Sat/Sun  Students of departments with short pre-session arrive

September 8, Monday  **Short pre-session begins** (until September 12, Friday)
September 12, Friday  Short pre-session ends
Welcome afternoon for all departments

September 15, Monday  **Zero week begins** (until September 19, Friday)
Registration for Fall Term begins (until October 5, Sunday)

September 15-26  Student Union departmental elections

September 16, Tuesday  **14:30 PhD welcome orientation**
15:30 PhD welcome reception

September 19, Friday  15:00 Opening ceremony
Zero week ends

September 22, Monday  **Fall Term begins** (until December 12, Friday)

September 26, Friday (2pm)  Students submit study plans

October 2, Thursday  First Student Union Assembly meeting
October 5, Sunday  Registration for Fall Term ends

October 22, Thursday (2pm)  **PhD Travel Grant and PhD Research Grant application deadline**

October 23, Thursday  Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
October 24, Friday  Special day off, no offices, CEU is officially closed
October 30, Thursday  ACADEMIC FORUM

November 1, Saturday  All Saints’ Day, CEU is officially closed
November 7, Friday  Town Hall Meeting
November 28, Friday  SENATE

December 8, Monday  Registration for Winter Term begins (until January 18, Sunday)

December 12, Friday  **Fall Term ends**

December 22, Monday  Offices with skeleton team Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 23 Tuesday  Offices with skeleton team Library and Labs on weekend schedule
December 24, Wednesday  Christmas Eve CEU is officially closed
December 25, Thursday  Christmas CEU is officially closed
December 26, Friday  Christmas CEU is officially closed
December 29, Monday  Offices with skeleton team Library and Labs on weekend schedule
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December 31, Wednesday  New Year’s Eve CEU is officially closed
2015

January 1, Thursday  New Year CEU is officially closed
January 12, Monday  Winter Term begins (until April 3, Friday)
January 18, Sunday  Registration for Winter Term ends
February 13, Friday  PhD Research and Travel Grant applications deadline
February 17/18, Tue/Wed  Career Days & Career Fair at CEU
February 19, Thursday  ACADEMIC FORUM
February 20, Friday  Deadline for choosing a permanent supervisor and submitting the title/topic of the prospectus to the Doctoral School
February 27, Friday  Erasmus study grant applications for Fall, Spring 2015/16
March 15, Sunday  Hungarian National Holiday, CEU is officially closed
March 20, Friday  SENATE MEETING
March 23, Monday  Registration for Spring Term begins (until April 12, Sunday)
March 27, Friday  Town Hall Meeting
April 3, Friday  Winter Term ends
April 5, Sunday  Easter Sunday
April 6, Monday  Easter Monday, CEU is officially closed
April 7, Monday  Spring Term begins
April 12, Sunday  Registration for Spring Session ends
April 16, Thursday  ACADEMIC FORUM
April 20-24  Annual Doctoral Conference (2 days, TBA)
May 1, Friday  Labor day, CEU is officially closed
May 11, Monday  PhD Research and Travel Grants application deadline
May 15, Friday  SENATE MEETING
May 24, Sunday  Pentecost Sunday, CEU is officially closed
May 25, Monday  Pentecost Monday, CEU is officially closed
May 29, Friday  Prospectus submissions
June 1, Monday  Summer University begins
June 5, Friday  Submission of List of References for the Comprehensive Exam
June 17, Wednesday  End of Spring Term
June 21, Sunday  GRADUATION
June 23-26, Mon-Thu  Comprehensive Exams
July 24, Friday  Summer University ends
July 31, Friday  Academic year ends
1st year students

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Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
Best wishes,

Erin Jenne, Doctoral School Director

Peter Visnovitz, Doctoral School Coordinator
Disclaimer:
Please note that the information provided in this Handbook is selective and not comprehensive. In any equivocal matters consult the Doctoral Regulations which is the binding and ultimate source of information.
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