

A group of seven diverse graduates in black academic regalia with maroon stoles and caps. They are arranged in two rows: three in the back and four in the front. The woman on the far left of the front row has her arms crossed. The background is a dark, out-of-focus architectural setting.

**Dare to Make a
Difference**



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**One Degree,
Twice the Value**

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Imagine a place where your ideas cross borders, where cultures unite, and where your education knows no bounds.

Welcome to Central European University (CEU) in Vienna, where students, faculty and staff from over 100 countries come together in a vibrant, collaborative community.

At CEU, we blend the finest American and European academic traditions, offering degree programs in the humanities and social sciences that are accredited in both the United States and Austria. Our English-language programs are celebrated globally for their academic excellence and their unique interdisciplinary approach, applying learning and research to real-world challenges.

Since our founding in 1991 by George Soros, CEU has been championing the values of open society and self-reflective critical thinking to educate new generations of pioneers, leaders and problem-solvers. Here, you will be empowered to seek solutions and make an enduring impact on the world's complex issues.

Core Values

*I've been in
many different
universities in
the world, but I
have never seen
such a level of
intercultural
dialog as it exists
at CEU.*

Judit Sandor
CEU Professor of Political Science



Committed to Diversity

At CEU, diversity is one of our greatest strengths. You'll become a part of our lively, multicultural student body, which fuels an academic culture that embraces diverse perspectives in our world renowned curriculum.

We are committed to offering an education that reflects the global community we serve.

What Does Interdisciplinary Mean?

Interdisciplinary refers to an approach that integrates concepts, theories, and methodologies from different disciplines to address complex problems, create new insights, or generate novel solutions.

This approach goes beyond the boundaries of a single field, encouraging collaboration and synthesis across various domains of knowledge.



Academic Excellence

CEU is globally recognized for excellence in fields such as political science, international relations, philosophy, history, legal studies, and economics. Our **pioneering programs** in emerging areas like cognitive science, network science and data science further enhance our academic reputation and will prepare you for the complexities of the modern world, such as digital transformation, polarized societies, and AI and autonomous systems.

Interdisciplinary Approach

We encourage a **forward-thinking**, interdisciplinary approach to learning at CEU. Our flexible environment will empower you to tackle **21st-century challenges**, such as bioethics, climate change, media freedom, urbanization, and human security. We are committed to addressing these critical issues through collaborative, **cross-disciplinary** efforts.

Individualized Instruction

Our international faculty, passionate about teaching and research, is dedicated to each student's success. With small class sizes, you're sure to receive personalized guidance, allowing you to **think critically** and **pursue your unique research interests**.

This close-knit environment creates a vibrant space for collaboration and debate.



QS World University Rankings 2025

43rd
Politics

Top 100
History, Philosophy, Social Policy & Administration, and Sociology

Top 200
Anthropology and Law & Legal Studies

Degree Programs at a Glance

Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate Studies

- ▶ BA in Culture, Politics and Society
- ▶ BA/BSC in Data Science and Society
- ▶ BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Graduate Programs

Department of Cognitive Science

- ▶ PhD in Cognitive Science

Department of Economics

- ▶ MA in Economics, Data, and Policy · 1 or 2 years
- ▶ MS in Business Analytics · 1 year (full or part-time)
- ▶ MS in Finance · 1 year (full-time) or 2 years (part-time)
- ▶ PhD in Economics

Department of Environmental Sciences & Policy

- ▶ MS in Environmental Sciences and Policy (MESP) · 1 year
- ▶ MS in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM) · 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Environmental Sciences and Policy

Department of Gender Studies

- ▶ MA in Critical Gender Studies · 2 years
- ▶ MA in European Women's and Gender History (MATILDA) · 2 years
- ▶ MA in Gender Studies · 1 year
- ▶ MA in Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA) · 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Comparative Gender Studies

Department of Historical Studies

- ▶ MA in Historical Studies · 1 year or 2 years
- ▶ MA in Museum Studies · 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Comparative History
- ▶ PhD in Late Antique, Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Department of International Relations

- ▶ MA in International Relations · 1 year or 2 years

Department of Legal Studies

- ▶ MA in Human Rights · 1 year
- ▶ LLM in Global Comparative Constitutional Studies · 1 year
- ▶ LLM in Global Business Law and Regulation · 1 year
- ▶ LLM in Human Rights · 1 year
- ▶ Doctor of Juridical Science (Dr. iur./SJD)

Department of Network & Data Science

- ▶ MS in Social Data Science · 1 year or 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Network Science

Department of Philosophy

- ▶ MA in Philosophy · 1 year or 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Philosophy

Department of Political Science

- ▶ MA in Politics · 1 year or 2 years

Department of Public Policy

- ▶ MA in Public Policy · 1 year
- ▶ MA in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP) · 2 years
- ▶ MA in International Public Affairs (MAIPA) · 2 years
- ▶ MA of Public Administration (MPA) · 2 years

Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology

- ▶ MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology · 1 year or 2 years
- ▶ PhD in Sociology and Social Anthropology

Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, & International Relations

- ▶ PhD in Political Science
 - Comparative and International Political Economy Track
 - Comparative Politics Track
 - International Relations Track
 - Political Theory Track
 - Public Policy Track

Get the latest updates
about our programs



Connecting Research and the Classroom

At CEU, you will be able to engage in research-driven learning that fosters critical thinking and creativity.



Every CEU teacher I've had really cares about what you're getting and is always there to answer questions.

Nelson Bennett
PhD Student in Historical Studies

You will work closely with faculty mentors on innovative projects with the possibility of gaining funding and other support or partnering with top universities, research centers and civil society organizations.

With substantial funding from the European Commission (European Research Council grants, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Collaborative Projects), Austrian agencies, the UN, the US government and international NGOs, your work will drive innovation and address global challenges.



CEU's Science for Society Hub

CEU's Science for Society Hub provides practical and research-backed solutions for challenges faced by civil society partners.

It enhances the social impact of academic teaching and research at CEU by fostering mutually beneficial collaborations with civil society via a threefold approach:

- ▶ Creating opportunities for CEU students to take part in hands-on experiential learning projects and internships
- ▶ Expanding the capacity for CEU faculty to integrate applied and socially responsive research into curricula
- ▶ Linking academic expertise and data-backed solutions to actual cases and inquiries of partnering NGOs, public authorities, communities and schools.

The hub collects ideas from civil society and international organizations and matches the requests with CEU curricula, research and engagement interests of students and faculty related to the topic.



CEU is unique in that it has a wealth of experience and a rich history of working closely with civil society partners to respond to real-world social challenges. This is in line with the university's mission of educating and training the next generation of leaders who are equipped to respond to emerging global and societal challenges that are complex and interdisciplinary in nature.

Yuki Seidler

CEU Science for Society
Hub Manager

Student/Faculty Research Group Topics

- Conflict and Security
- Culture, Politics and Society
- Energy Policy
- Environmental and Social Justice Action
- Higher Education
- History Of Political Thought
- IP and IT Law
- Migration
- Political, Moral and Legal Theory
- Political Behavior
- Political Economy
- Public Health
- Science Studies
- Spatial Mapping and Analysis
- The Middle East and North Africa Space
- Women's Labor

Research Facilities

CEU Democracy Institute

The CEU Democracy Institute, based in Budapest, provides an academically ambitious and socially responsible platform for research and public engagement. The institute's six research areas address some of the biggest **challenges to democracy** in our world today and key themes to support and enable democracy to thrive.

democracyinstitute.ceu.edu

Research Areas

- Rule of Law
- Media and Technology
- Inequalities and Democracies
- Environment and Democracy
- De- and Re-democratization
- Democracy in History



OSA Open Society Archivum

Awarded a **Pulitzer Prize** for press history, the **Vera & Donald Blinken** Open Society Archivum in Budapest is one of the world's most important **Cold War research** facilities, housing the equivalent of over 100 football pitches of paper records and nearly 3,000 DVDs worth of digital records. It includes an extensive archive of **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty** transcripts along with a growing collection of documents and audio-visual materials on international human rights and war crimes. Students in Vienna can use the archive materials, many of which are online, from Vienna via remote access.

osaarchivum.org

CEU Library

With one of the largest English language collections in the social sciences and humanities in **Central and Eastern Europe**, the CEU Library provides exemplary services in support of **teaching, learning** and **research**.

library.ceu.edu



CEU Library in Numbers

410,000
Books & E-Books

52,000
Online Periodicals

104
Databases

Non-Degree Programs

Experience learning at CEU. Enroll in specific courses or engage in supervised research for short-term studies.

Join us and expand your knowledge beyond degree programs.



***At CEU you can see
the world in a small
classroom. There is
no other place where it
happens in this way!***

Mathias Moschel
Pro-Rector for External Relations



CEU Summer University (SUN)

Join CEU's Summer University (SUN) program in Budapest and Vienna, embodying CEU's research and teaching excellence in a non-degree format since 1996.

SUN offers a range of cutting-edge courses, tackling crucial topics like global justice, democratic backsliding, advocacy for open society, civic engagement, and creative activism.

The program engages junior and midcareer scholars, professionals, civil society advocates and policy makers in intensive interdisciplinary knowledge creation and network building. With around 1,500 annual applicants, 400 participants and 160 expert faculty members from across the globe, you'll enjoy an unparalleled global classroom experience.

summeruniversity.ceu.edu



CEU Summer University Through the Years

4,000+
Faculty Members
From 99 Countries

575+
Courses Offered
To Date

13,100
Participants
Representing
151 Countries



Romani Studies Program

Immerse yourself in the groundbreaking Romani Studies Program (RSP) at CEU, where you'll join scholars, policy makers, and activists in exploring Roma identity, combating anti-Roma racism, policy making, structural identity and advancing social justice.

Engage in critical debates on gender politics and structural inequality. Our RSP features two core programs: the Roma Graduate Preparation Program and the Advanced Certificate in Romani Studies.

We offer courses for master's and doctoral students, as well as summer programs for global graduate students and activist scholars.

romanistudies.ceu.edu


Invisible University

In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, CEU launched the Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU) to support Ukrainian students whose education was disrupted by the war. Whether in Ukraine or having found shelter abroad, the IUFU offers a hybrid non-degree academic certificate program designed for Ukrainian bachelor's, master's and doctoral students, integrating their unique learning trajectories into a transnational comparative context.

In partnership with Ukrainian and German institutions and by engaging hundreds of world-renowned scholars, IUFU complements and supports existing educational programs in Ukraine by bridging gaps caused by the war. So far, over 1,800 students have participated in online courses, as well as residential winter and summer schools in Budapest and Lviv. This award-winning program, free of charge, also provides a platform for student voices through the Visible Ukraine online journal (visibleukraine.org). Constantly evolving around the student needs, IUFU has integrated cohorts of students and senior scholars from Belarus and Western Balkans and has expanded to an Invisible Graduate School in 2025.

ceu.edu/non-degree/Invisible-University





***You are on the
same level with all
your colleagues and the
professors. Everyone has
open communication that
flows both ways and gets
to have their voice heard.***

Stefan Karaleev
Master's Student in Legal Studies

International Opportunities

At CEU, global experience is central to your education. Take advantage of international study and mobility opportunities available at all degree levels through our extensive network of partnerships and initiatives.



CIVICA European University of Social Sciences

As part of CIVICA, CEU joins an elite alliance of 10 top European institutions, including the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Sciences Po, and Bocconi University. CIVICA enhances your CEU experience with unique opportunities for education, research, and civic engagement.

Engage in joint courses, policy labs, and **collaborative projects**, and benefit from mobility opportunities across member institutions. This alliance encourages you to address **key societal challenges** through a **transdisciplinary lens**, connecting you with a network of renowned universities in social sciences, humanities, business, and public policy.

civica.eu

Dual Degree Programs

CEU collaborates with universities worldwide to offer dual degree programs. From Germany to Japan, students have the opportunity to earn degrees both from CEU and from partner institutions.

Bachelor Exchange Opportunities

In their third year, students have the opportunity to study abroad at one of CEU's partner universities around the world.

Study Abroad Options Include:

- ▶ Bard College, New York State
- ▶ Bocconi University, Milan
- ▶ Dongguk University, Seoul
- ▶ London School of Economics and Political Science
- ▶ Sciences Po, Paris
- ▶ Stockholm School of Economics
- ▶ Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- ▶ Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
- ▶ University of Chicago
- ▶ University of Toronto
- ▶ University of Victoria

**For more options,
please visit our website**



83%

of master's students
are either employed or
continuing their studies
within 9 months of
graduating.

71%

considered themselves
to be very satisfied or
satisfied with their
current employment.

48%

were hired to
work abroad.

Jump-Start Your Career

**At CEU, we turn your academic journey into
a launchpad for success.**

Our Career Services Office guides and supports you through every step of your career development, connecting you with a global network of employers and helping you make a meaningful impact whether you're a student or an alum.

Transferable Skills Our Students Gain

- Quantitative and qualitative theory and methods
- An interdisciplinary approach to problem solving
- Critical thinking and reasoning
- Comprehending and articulating complex ideas
- Analytical skills
- Research skills
- Communications skills (writing, presentation, public speaking)

Career Advice From Day One

- Skill building
- Workshops
- One-on-one sessions with a career advisor
- Internship support
- Global employer connections

Employment by Sector 2024

22%

**Government /
Public Sector**

23%

**Foundations /
NGOs /
Non-Profit**

37%

**Business /
Private Sector**

18%

**International /
Multilateral
Organizations**

85%

said their CEU degree
was relevant to their
current employment.





Lifelong Connections

***CEU broadened
my horizons, and it
deepened my knowledge.
But most importantly,
it gave me long-lasting
friendships.***

Jochen Hauff
Alumnus, Environmental Sciences
and Policy '00

As a CEU graduate, you'll join a global network of over 18,000 alumni across nearly 150 countries.

CEU alumni are leaders, innovators and advocates — serving as EU and national parliamentarians, ambassadors, UN officers, international policy experts, heads of nonprofits, business executives, economists, academics, human rights defenders and more. They drive change and make an impact across diverse fields.

No matter where your journey takes you, you'll always find a fellow CEU graduate nearby. With active alumni chapters worldwide, you can stay connected to our unique, vibrant community — through networking, CEU events, mentorship opportunities and volunteering. As an alum, you'll also gain access to exclusive benefits and always receive a warm welcome back on campus.

The CEU connection is for life!





5th
largest city
in Europe

Ranked
10x
most livable city
in the world

Vienna: the Heart of Europe

Consistently ranked as one of the world's most livable cities, Vienna offers an exceptional quality of life.

Vienna has a rich cultural heritage, and beautiful green spaces, combining modern urban life with Central European charm. Enjoy leafy parks, **riverside beaches**, world-class galleries, and **museums**. Savor beer gardens, vineyards, vibrant street fairs, culinary festivals, and cozy tea shops next to grand **coffee houses**. Vienna's unique blend offers an enriching and exciting lifestyle as the backdrop for your studies.

49%

of land in Vienna is
made up of **green
space & water**

3rd

Major UN
Office Site

1,000+

Green
Parks

950+

Theatre & Opera
Performances

192,500+

Degree-Seeking
Students



The Perks of Living in Vienna

Top-Tier Livable City

Ranked among the world's most livable cities, Vienna is perfect for students. With its exceptional quality of life, Vienna offers stunning parks, efficient public transport, safe neighborhoods and an energetic cultural scene. It combines modern urban living with historic charm, providing a perfect balance for your studies and leisure.

Our Campus

Our CEU campus is in Favoriten, the dynamic 10th district of Vienna. Easily accessible by tram, train and subway, it's one of the city's most multicultural neighborhoods.



Multicultural City

Vienna thrives as a vibrant melting pot, inviting you to immerse yourself in a rich tapestry of cultures. Experience year-round festivals celebrating global cuisines, traditions, and music, offering a dynamic cultural landscape right at your doorstep.



The City and Its Surrounding Areas

Vienna's outstanding public transport system and extensive network of cycle paths make the city easy to navigate. You can reach most places within 30 minutes.

Just 100 kilometers away, the Alps offer hiking and biking in summer and skiing in winter. Plus, Eastern Europe, Northern Italy, and Southern Germany are just a train ride away, and the Vienna airport connects you to over 200 global destinations.





I strongly believe that if we want to make real change in our society, we can't just have one discipline. We need to know a lot of things from different perspectives to address complex problems. At CEU, I'm exposed to new ideas, and I'm adapting the way I learn.

Thanika Haltrich
Bachelor's Student in Data Science
and Society

Embracing Sustainability

At CEU, sustainability isn't just a concept—it has been our commitment since 1994.

CEU envisions a world where education empowers societies to make informed decisions about the environment, sustainable development, and the well-being of current and future generations. Its mission is to serve as a source of knowledge and inspiration for those working to advance the well-being of people and the planet.

In line with this vision, CEU adopted a Sustainable Development Policy in 2006 and signed the Copernicus Charter as early as 1994. To support implementation efforts, the university established the CEU Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) in 2010. CSAC's Declaration outlines actionable steps CEU can consider to deepen its commitment to sustainability.

Student engagement is central to these efforts. The Sustainable CEU action team, a student-led initiative, promotes sustainability on campus and in the broader community.

What We Do on Campus

- ▶ Smart printing
- ▶ Energy efficiency and conservation
- ▶ Clothing swaps
- ▶ Recycling bins on every floor
- ▶ Sustainable building management



Student Life at CEU

Student Life is the part of your CEU journey that transforms your experience here into an unforgettable adventure!

At CEU, a wealth of resources designed to support and enrich your academic and personal experience is especially prepared with you in mind.



***I was a
human rights activist
before, but CEU was the
platform that gave me a
ticket to the world.***

Victorina Luca
Alumna, Legal Studies '13,
Roma Graduate Preparatory Program '12



At CEU, student life is the heart and soul of your experience.

Here, learning extends beyond the classroom, blending seamlessly with an exciting, supportive, and engaging environment. Embrace the possibilities, ignite your passions, and make the most of every moment at CEU!

A Thriving Campus Life

Our campus is a lively hub of activity, where events and discussions on urgent global issues keep the energy high and the ideas flowing.

The Student Center and the Student Engagement Office are your gateway to an array of extracurricular activities, including cultural, sports & outdoor programs which include bouldering, coffee beats, and therapy dogs to name a few. Immerse yourself in creativity and connect with a community that celebrates cultural diversity and expression.



Public Talks

Expand your horizons with our dynamic lecture series, featuring internationally renowned experts and covering a range of thought-provoking topics such as the erosion of democracy to explorations of minority rights and renewable energy. The goal is to inspire you to think critically and act boldly.



Personalized Support

Our dedicated service units, such as the Student Center and Center for Academic Writing, offer you the academic assistance or technical support you deserve. We also provide psychological counseling to ensure your well-being.



Tuition & Financial Aid

Bachelor's Students

Financial aid for bachelor's students is primarily offered as partial tuition awards, recognizing outstanding academic achievement. These merit-based awards help talented students make a CEU education more accessible and rewarding.

Doctoral Students

Doctoral scholarships include a full tuition award and a monthly stipend for living expenses. Additionally, doctoral students are eligible to receive Doctoral Research Support Grants.

To learn more about institutional financial aid and external funding opportunities, please visit ceu.edu/admissions/financial-aid

Master's Students

CEU benefits from the generosity of donors, including many alumni, whose support helps outstanding students pursue their studies. Each year, CEU awards talented master's students a range of merit-based partial tuition scholarships, allowing them to focus on their academic and professional development.

Erasmus Scholarship

Administered through CEU, other scholarships include the Erasmus Mundus scholarship and Erasmus research grants.

For detailed information about **tuition and **other fees** for all degree programs, please visit our website.**





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