

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The department focuses on several areas of political science, with a particular emphasis on comparative politics and political economy. Talented young people from all over the world have the opportunity to study in small classes in close collaboration with internationally renowned scholars, and receive top-notch training in research methods and data analysis techniques.

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

Select Areas of Research

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| • Democracy, democratization and autocratic regimes | • Comparative political economy | • Analytical and normative political theory |
| • Political institutions | • Quantitative and qualitative research methodologies | • Constitutional theory |
| • Parties, elections and voting | • Media and political communication | • Political sociology |
| | | • Divided societies |
| | | • Social movements |



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“Studying at the Department of Political Science is challenging but also highly motivating. The faculty and colleagues have greatly inspired me both as a person and as a researcher. What I have learned in the past two years and whatever I accomplish in my future career will have CEU’s imprint. In this multicultural environment I have also grown a lot as a person and I will be forever grateful for all the people I had the chance to meet here and work with.”

Master of Arts in Political Science ONE YEAR / The program comprises a comprehensive and interdisciplinary curriculum in contemporary political issues and research methods. It focuses on comparative politics and political economy, normative political theory and the study of democracy.

Master of Arts in Political Science TWO YEARS / The program is designed for students with a three-year bachelor’s degree in the social sciences and related disciplines. Students have the opportunity to explore comparative politics, political economy, political communication, political theory, and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

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In addition to their MA degree, students can earn certificates in specializations. Learn more at politicalscience.ceu.edu/certificates.

QUICK FACT / CEU’s programs related to politics and international studies have been ranked in the top 50 in the world and top 10 in Europe in the last five years (QS subject ranking). / We hosted the world’s largest conference for political science students, the IAPSS World Congress in 2017 as well as ECPR’s Summer School in Methods and Techniques in 2016 and 2017.

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- Proof of English proficiency
- Letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae

Program Entry Requirements

FOR THE MASTER'S PROGRAMS

- General CEU admissions requirements
- First degree in political science, economics, sociology, history, law or a related field – other degrees will also be considered
- Statement of purpose
- Essay on an issue or problem in political science
- Writing sample(s)

Program Entry Requirements

FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

- General CEU admissions requirements
- Master's degree
- Research proposal
- Statement of purpose
- Outline of master's thesis
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