

**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF POLITICAL  
SCIENCE, PUBLIC POLICY AND  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**PHD STUDENT HANDBOOK  
AND  
DOCTORAL REGULATIONS**

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## **Welcome**

**Dear student,**

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

The PhD program is an ambitious program which aims to help students like you to become knowledgeable and competitive young scholars. In order to do so your years at CEU will involve some substantive coursework, solid methodological training, and a focus on a significant piece of 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: Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, and 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 the following pages you find information, which we hope you will find useful in the preparation of the forthcoming academic year. The document also outlines the structure of the PhD Program. Having read what follows you will know what to expect in terms of requirements, coursework, important stages of your doctoral career, and dates. Please read it carefully.

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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. This means three things. First, that if – as we all hope – you successfully complete your studies, you, as a student registered in the Doctoral School, will be awarded a PhD in Political Science. Second, you will also have a specialization (or ‘major’) in a particular subject, or 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 first two years 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 **mandatory credits** include:

**14 credits from the major track.** Out of these 14 credits, 12 credits belong to the core curriculum. 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 change in content from year to year. 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 Probationary Doctoral Candidates are required to take the 4-credit ‘Methods and Design’ course in the Fall semester and a 2-credit ‘Prospectus Seminar’ in the Winter Semester of the first year.

**4 credits from courses taken from a different track.** 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 programme. Doctoral Candidates are also welcome to enrol starting from the second year 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 gives 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 is an academic dissertation of 150-250 pages, which meets the general standards of the university and complies with the style sheet issued by the Doctoral School. It can 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 their study plan for the first year.

The studies during PhD candidacy are based on individual research guided and monitored by the candidate's Doctoral Supervisory Committee. The Doctoral Supervisory Committee will be set up by the Spring semester 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 and the track representative and the candidate's indication, and based on faculty availability, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a permanent supervisor to a Probationary Doctoral Candidate before the end of the Winter semester. The main supervisor is responsible for communicating with his or her supervisee on an ongoing basis. For Probationary Doctoral Candidates this will typically include: recommending coursework, and assisting in the prospectus design and preparation for the prospectus defense.

### **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: an examination and the oral defense of the prospectus. This year the **examination** is scheduled in the middle of April (exact date to be confirmed).

In order to be admitted to the second year of the program, you will have to earn a "B+" course grade average and a "B+" grade or higher at the comprehensive examination. 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.

### **The Prospectus**

Students will be required to submit their written prospectus and can defend their prospectus before the defense committee at an exam organized in June.

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.

The student must receive at least a B+ to pass the prospectus defense.

### **Further requirements**

#### *Research Seminars*

Above the regular course work students must attend research seminars, usually organized by one of the Departments or the School, 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 term 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 Annual Doctoral Conference (ADC) is mandatory for all Ph.D. students and probationary Ph.D. candidates. Exceptions are conditional upon the approval by the supervisor and the Doctoral Committee regardless of whether they are residing in Budapest or not.

## Curriculum

2010/2011

### FALL

#### All tracks

Erin Jenne	Methods and Research Design (4 credits, mandatory)
Tamas Rudas	Mathematical Statistics (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Tamas Rudas	Survey Methodology (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

#### Comparative Politics track

Zsolt Enyedi	Political Institutions (4 credits, core)
Andras Bozoki	Political Sociology (4 credits, core)

#### International Relations track

Bela Greskovits	IPE: States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy (4 credits, core)
Xymena Kurowska	International Security (4 credits, core)
Irina Papkova	Religion and International Relations (2 credits, advanced topics)
Laszlo Csaba	Political Economy of the EU (4 credits, elective)

#### Political Economy track

Bela Greskovits	IPE: States, Classes, and Industries in the International Political Economy (4 credits, core)
Anil Duman	Comparative Political Economy (4 credits, core)

#### Political Theory track

Nenad Dimitrijevic	New Institutionalism (4 credits, core)
Tamas Meszerics	Democratic Theory (4 credits, core)

#### Public Policy track

Nick Sitter, Diane Stone	Public Policy: Theories, Traditions and Transitions (4 credits, core)
Uwe Puetter; Marie-Pierre Granger	Research in EU integration and governance Part 1 (2 credits, core)

### WINTER

#### All tracks

Gabor Toka	Prospectus Seminar (2 credits, mandatory)
Lea Sgier	Discourse analysis (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Gabor Toka	Quantitative Data Analysis (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)
Carsten Schneider	Set-Theoretic Methods in the Social Sciences: Theory and Application (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)

Comparative Politics track

- Carsten Schneider Political Dynamics: Comparative Regime Change (4 credits, core)
- Herbert Kitschelt Comparative Politics and Political Economy (2 credits, advanced topics)
- Philippe Schmitter Contending Theories of European Integration (2 credits, advanced topics)

International Relations track

- Michael Merlingen International Relations Theory (4 credits, core)
- Matteo Fumagalli, Paul Roe, Erin Jenne, Michael Merlingen, Xymena Kurowska  
Conflict, Security, and Development (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Economy track

- Laszlo Csaba The Political Economy of Development and International Inequality (4 credits, core)
- Herbert Kitschelt Comparative Politics and Political Economy (2 credits, advanced topics)

Political Theory track

- Janos Kis Political Philosophy: Theory of Justice (4 credits, core)
- Zoltan Miklosi Applied Political Theory: Political Theory and Public Policy (2 credits, advanced topics)
- Janos Kis Reading Seminar: Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals (2 credits, reading seminar)

Public Policy track

- Uwe Puetter; Marie-Pierre Granger  
Research in EU integration and governance Part 2 (2 credits, core)
- Achim Kemmerling; Youngmi Kim  
Public Administration (4 credits, core)
- Achim Kemmerling Policy Reform and Failure (2 credits, advanced topics)
- Zoltan Miklosi Applied Political Theory: Political Theory and Public Policy (2 credits, advanced topics)

**SPRING**

All tracks

- Kenneth Benoit Text Analysis (2 credits, advanced topics - methods)



## Important dates in AY 2010/2011

### September

<b>13, Monday</b> 3 pm	<b>PhD orientation</b>
<b>13, Monday</b> 4 pm	<b>PhD welcome reception</b>
13, Monday	“Zero week” begins
17, Friday 3 pm	registration for Semester I begins (till October 3, Sunday)
20, Monday	opening ceremony
	Fall semester begins (till December 10, Friday)

### October

<b>11, Monday</b>	<b>submission of study plans</b>
22, Friday	PhD Travel, PhD Research Grant application deadline (central)
23, Saturday	<i>Hungarian National Holiday CEU is officially closed</i>

### November

1, Monday	<i>National Holiday</i>	<i>CEU is officially closed</i>
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### December

6, Monday	registration for Winter Semester begins (till January 16, Sunday)	
10, Friday	Fall Semester ends	
24, Friday	<i>Special day-off /no offices</i>	<i>CEU is officially closed</i>
25, Saturday	<i>Christmas</i>	<i>CEU is officially closed</i>
26, Sunday	<i>Christmas</i>	<i>CEU is officially closed</i>
27, Monday	<i>Offices w. skeleton team</i>	<i>Library and Labs: weekend schedule</i>
28, Tuesday	<i>Offices w. skeleton team</i>	<i>Library and Labs: weekend schedule</i>
29, Wednesday	<i>Offices w. skeleton team</i>	<i>Library and Labs: weekend schedule</i>
30, Thursday	<i>Offices w. skeleton team</i>	<i>Library and Labs: weekend schedule</i>
31, Friday	<i>Special day-off /no offices</i>	<i>CEU is officially closed</i>

## 2011

### January

1, Saturday	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>CEU officially closed</i>
10, Monday	Winter Semester begins (till April 1, Friday)	
16, Sunday	registration for Winter Semester ends	

### February

11, Friday	PhD Research and Travel Grants application deadline (central)	
<b>26, Friday</b>	<b>Deadline for choosing a permanent PhD supervisor and submitting the title of the prospectus</b>	

### March

15, Tuesday	<i>Hungarian National Holiday CEU is officially closed</i>	
21, Monday	Registration for Spring Session begins (till April 10, Sunday)	

**April**

1, Friday

Winter Term ends

4, Monday

Spring Session begins

**11-15 Mon-Fri****comprehensive exams**24, *Sunday**Easter Sunday**CEU is officially closed*25, *Monday**Easter Monday**CEU is officially closed***28-30 Thu-Sat****Sixth Annual Doctoral Conference****May**1, *Sunday**Hungarian National Holiday CEU is officially closed***June****10, Friday****Prospectus submission**12, *Sunday**Pentecost Sunday**CEU is officially closed*13, *Monday**Pentecost Monday**CEU is officially closed*15, *Wednesday*

End of Academic Year

16, *Thursday*

GRADUATION

**17, Friday****Prospectus Defense****20-22, Mon-Wed****Prospectus Defense**

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*That's it for the moment!*

*Looking forward to seeing you soon,*

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Disclaimer:

Please note that the information provided in this Handbook is selective and not comprehensive. In any equivocal matters consult the website and the Doctoral Regulations which is the binding and ultimate source of information.

Deadlines may be subject to change. Please check the website regularly:  
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