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The Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology offers innovative Master’s and doctoral programs that integrate both disciplines while accommodating a diversity of theoretical perspectives. Combining sociology and social anthropology, the department is committed to an interdisciplinary and critical research agenda, academic excellence and socially conscious scholarship. Theoretical insights and research questions generated by a combined perspective on the disciplines are not only innovative but highly important to understanding contemporary social phenomena. All programs are taught by research-active faculty. Classes are intended to be active and engaging areas of critical discussion. Focus is on collaborative and collegial teaching and research methods, involving students and faculty collectively.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology is 6:1.

Career Paths

The department’s broad thematic foci allow for a diversity of research methods with an emphasis on thematically-informed comparative research methods. The integrated curriculum, which combines sociology and social anthropology, means that students are trained for a wide variety of academic and non-academic careers. The program aims to sharpen students’ critical reasoning, impart to them a range of transformable methodological competencies and research skills and a sense of the policy relevance of social science knowledge. The vast majority of the department’s alumni take up employment in academia, NGOs and the private sector. Some 25% continue their studies.

Additional information on CEU graduates’ career paths is available at: www.ceu.hu/alumni/cream/lifeafterceu

The Master’s Programs

Master of Arts in Sociology and Social Anthropology (One-year Program)

The primary goal of the program is to enable students to deepen and broaden their knowledge of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of social phenomena, structures and processes. In a wide range of courses on social theory, migration, religion, ethnicity, cultural policies, economic sociology, globalization, dynamics of modernity, institutional change, urban processes and gender relations, students are encouraged to articulate individual positions with regard to bridging the two disciplines in the topics they study. One of the main endeavors of the program is to develop the research skills of students by offering solid training in methodology.

Master of Arts in Sociology and Social Anthropology with Specialization in Global and Urban Studies (Two-year Program)

The two-year MA is an innovative approach to studying the relationship of globalization and urban configurations over space and time. Like the one-year MA, the program is based on the disciplinary combination of sociology and social anthropology, leading to a unique perspective on how political, economic and social phenomena, structures and relations play themselves out across the global and the urban scale. The ‘global’ historically has been produced on other different levels, and has grown in the interplay of various scales, of which the urban is a privileged one. The ‘city’ is regarded as constitutive of the global and as an important venue to explore the spatial dynamics of globalization and its impact on the hierarchies of power and governance structures. This program has a strong research component: one entire semester is devoted to fieldwork for the Master’s thesis.

Sample Courses for the Master’s Programs

Colonialism and Post-colonialism; Social Memory; Comparative Urban Change; Cultures of Capitalism: An Anthropological Reading of Post-socialist Economic Transformation; Rural and Urban Development; Debates on Globalization and Development; Introduction to Research Methods—Quantitative and Qualitative (mandatory course); Ethnicity and the State: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives; State Theory and Research; Logic of Social Inquiry (mandatory course)

Entry Requirements for the Master’s Programs

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply), applicants must provide a 500-word outline of their proposed research topic for their MA thesis. The thesis topic should fall within the broad thematic focus of the department and the areas of interest of its faculty. Previous work in relevant fields as well as research experience in related areas, if any, should also be mentioned. The inclusion of a writing sample, preferably a chapter from the undergraduate thesis, is welcomed. Undergraduate training in sociology and/or anthropology is an advantage but not a requirement.

Financial aid

CEU is committed to sustaining a geographically diverse and multicultural student body. To further this goal, the university welcomes financial aid applications from students from all over the world.

Detailed information is available at: www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid

Application deadlines

January 25, 2010: For applicants who wish/are required to take the CEU-administered admissions examinations and/or are requesting exemption from the English language proficiency requirement.

March 16, 2010: For applicants submitting applications complete with language scores and other applicable test scores.

March 16, 2010: For CEU Master’s students and graduates applying to doctoral programs.

For further details:

www.ceu.hu/admissions

Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Sociology and Social Anthropology (MA); one year

Master of Arts in Sociology and Social Anthropology with Specialization in Global and Urban Studies (MA); two years

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology and Social Anthropology (PhD)
The Doctoral Program

The PhD program does not have separate sociology and anthropology tracks—both disciplines are integrated. Students are encouraged to conduct empirical research using a wide variety of methodologies but theoretically informed approaches which embrace a broad intellectual agenda are prioritized. Of special interest are projects that promote: the integration of sociological and anthropological perspectives as well as methodologies; comparative approaches to urban processes; economic formations and transformations; research on social networks; generation of inequalities; meanings and practices of gender; transnational migration and dynamics of place-making; and social movements.

During the first year of the doctoral program, students undertake a rigorous, yet flexible program of coursework. Alongside mandatory courses developing epistemological and methodological approaches to sociology and social anthropology, elective courses provide in-depth studies of different subject areas. Students also have the option to undertake a semester-long Independent Study Module where a maximum of two students, under the supervision of one faculty member, devise a reading list related to their project.

Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Students admitted into CEU doctoral programs are eligible to receive the CEU Doctoral Fellowship for up to three years. In addition, doctoral students are also eligible for further financial support, such as research grants and the Doctoral Research Support Grant Program and the Erasmus Mobility Scheme. Further information on financial aid for doctoral students is available at: www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid/doctoral. Additional information on CEU’s doctoral programs can be found at: www.ceu.hu/studentlife/students/policies

Sample Courses for the Doctoral Program
Transnational Migration; Comparative Thinking; Theory and Research in Contemporary Macro-sociology; Social Network Analysis; State, Power and Resistance; Economic Sociology; Independent Study Module

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program
Applicants should have an MA or equivalent in a social science discipline. Background in sociology and/or anthropology is a definite advantage. Students lacking an adequate academic background may be asked to attend—for credit or audit—specific graduate courses in the department. In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply), applicants must submit:
• three letters of recommendation from professors who are familiar with their work
• a three-page research proposal (the proposal should address the main research questions, sources and methodology and place the topic in the context of previous research in the field)
• a short bibliography (one page) on the topic

Selected Areas of Research
Areas of research and teaching include: migration studies; rural and urban development; post-colonialism; studies of globalization; political and economic sociology; social networks; urban studies; contemporary social theory and sociologies of culture.

Special Projects/Programs

The department is a member of a Marie Curie Early Training Program Consortium (along with University College London, Goldsmith College, London, Max Planck Institute, Halle, and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj). The department hosts the Center for Network Science, and is also involved in the work of the Center for Environment and Security (CENSE). Faculty work on different research programs, with some scope for involving students. Programs include studies of citizenship and migration, globalization and poverty, urban heritage, gated communities, social networks, colonialism: past and present, civil societies in comparative perspective and human and social ecology.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
Central European University does not discriminate on the basis of—including, but not limited to—race, color, national and ethnic origin, religion, gender and sexual orientation in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES
For detailed information about the academic programs and courses, specific entry requirements, and a list of faculty, visit the departmental website or contact the department.
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