The structure of the Doctoral School

The lectures of the Doctoral School are mainly organized by the Institute of World Economy, the Institute for International Studies and Institute for Geoeconomics and Sustainable Development (Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations). Based on the cooperation with the Doctoral School of Political Science, members of the Institute of Political Science, as well as other universities, departments and experts of the relevant specialities have the opportunity to participate in the educational work of the Doctoral School. The Doctoral School has cooperation agreement with the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, with the Center of Political Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and also with the Institute for International Affairs and Trade.

The aim of the program is to offer postgraduate studies in the multidisciplinary field of International Studies. Since International Studies consists of many academic fields, in the structure of the program such sciences as International Law, International Economics, Theory of International Relations, History of International relations, Regional Studies can be found.

For many decades, experts of International Studies were only trained at the Department of International Studies founded in 1963 (first at the Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences, later Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, finally Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB)). At present days, CUB Institute for International Studies offers „International Studies” MA, CUB Institute of World Economy offers „International Economy and Business” MA and Institute for Geography, Geoeconomics and Sustainable Development offers MA in „Regional and Environmental Economic Studies” (all three belongs to the Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations).

Experiences of teaching and the successful common work during these years resulted the establishment of the doctoral program. Together with the Institute of World Economy, the Institute of International Studies elaborated the structure of the future program and applied for the accreditation in 1993. The International Relations Multidisciplinary Doctoral School was established at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences, and professor Tamás Szentes (MHAS) became head of the Doctoral School.

In December 2000, the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) - according to the provisions of act-accredited the doctoral programs in general, again. The International Relations Ph.D. program was established as „Multidisciplinary Doctoral School”, incorporated the scientific fields of Economics (World Economics) and Jurisprudence (International Law, European Common Law, etc.) The head of the Doctoral School was professor Tibor Palánkai MHAS until 2009, but after this year professor Zsolt Rostoványi got the position.

A new subprogram is launching from September 2017, in which partner universities are participating within a framework of a consortium (supported by the Central Bank of Hungary).

In 2014 the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) accredited the doctoral programs again for the fourth time. Also this program (in Hungarian) was concerned, and a new name, “International Relations Multidisciplinary Doctoral School” is used at present days.

From 2014 the language of the doctoral program is English-Hungarian

1 The Corvinus University of Budapest was established on 1st September, 2004 according to the LX. Law of 2004.
Regular members of the Doctoral School

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The main field of research of the Doctoral School:

- Theory of International Relations
- International Economics
- International Finance
- International Law
- World Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Regional Economics
- Theory of Development Economy
- Regional Studies
- History of the European Union
- Economics of the European Integration
- Institutions of the European Union
- Civilization – Globalization
- Human rights, minority protection
- Security policy
- Transatlantic Integration
- Comparative integration studies
- Geopolitics
- Regional development, urbanization and regional politics
- Global environmental issues

The coordination of the doctoral program is managed by the Council of the Doctoral School in a close cooperation with the partner institutes.
In addition: Two PhD students – one of each subprogram – without voting rights.

The operation work of the Council leans on the lecturers’ high competences and the Advisory Committee is also a supporting body of the professional successes.

The doctoral program consists of two units:

a) Educational and research unit

(b) Individual research and thesis writing.

These units are not entirely separated.

For the regulation of the doctoral programs please see www.uni-corvinus.hu

Prior application, please read the Doctoral Regulation of the University:

Research and study must be of equal importance in the work of PhD students from the very beginning of the PhD programme. The students under the supervision of their mentors and later tutors (well-known researchers of international level) begin to get acquainted with the relevant scientific literature of their research area. A preliminary thesis proposal has to be submitted at the end of their second year.

The first year of studies include core subjects on methodology and theory, some attended by students of both subprograms, while others are course-specific.

By the end of the educational and research period PhD students have to have defined quality scientific publications.\(^2\) Publications not accepted by the Doctoral School or the DRU could prolong the obtaining of the doctorate degree.

Research proposal:

1) The students have to submit a preliminary research proposal at the end of their first semester. Based on their proposal a supervisor is appointed by the Council of the Doctoral School. The supervisor might be the mentor, or any other lecturer of the Doctoral School according to the field of research. They begin to get acquainted with the relevant scientific literature of their research area.

2) The students have to submit a detailed research proposal at the end of their first year

Educational and research unit (120 credits)

The unit lasts for 4 semesters, at the end of the 4\(^{th}\) semester the students have to collect at least 120 credits and pass the complex exam. The students’ legal status is cancelled during the educational and research unit if due to not foreseen reasons (pregnancy, illness, accident or other reasons) the students can’t fulfill the requirements of this unit. The status can only be cancelled with the permission of the Head of the Doctoral School.

\(^2\) At least one article of defined quality (worth min. 8 credits). Regarding the quality of the article, please check www.mtmt.hu
Individual research and thesis writing (120 credits)

The students shall submit their thesis for defense within three years of entering the phase of Individual research and thesis writing.

All students have to participate in the teaching activity of their institutes. The supervisors guide the research of the candidates and the thesis writing. The educational and research unit lasts for two years. At the end of the second year PhD students have to collect 120 credits, so the PhD candidates may enter the phase of Individual research and thesis writing. A minimum of 8 credits are required from publications during the 4 semesters.

The complex exam has to be passed at the end of the second year. Subsequently, PhD candidates must submit their thesis for a workshop discussion, then, within two years of entering the unit of individual research and thesis writing, they shall submit their thesis for defense.