Master of Arts in
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Detailed programme description

Academic Year 2014–2015
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

CUB’s Master of Arts in International Relations is a two-year English-language programme training future specialists of regional and international affairs with a comprehensive understanding of world politics and international relations. It is ideal preparation for those who wish to pursue a career in public administration, international institutions, NGOs or multinational companies based or operating within Central and Eastern Europe, but it does provide a more global outlook at the same time.

The programme is hosted by CUB’s Institute of International Studies where students have the opportunity to choose from a selection of area specialist as well as language courses to build up a useful portfolio. In addition, the programme has a multidisciplinary scope with strong IR, international legal and world economics dimensions. A solid background in the social sciences and a variety of generalist courses, such as Theories of International Relations and Comparative Foreign Policy, are offered, as well as a focus on European Union affairs and Central and Eastern Europe’s interaction with the wider context of world politics and the global economy. The emphasis is on training students empowered with the analytical (interpretive, critical thinking and problem-solving) skills that enable them to use knowledge for practical purposes.

CUB’s campus, sitting along the banks of the river Danube, offers a venue for the programme well-suited to cater to students’ needs. Our location in downtown Budapest, in the heart of Central Europe, may offer prospective graduates the opportunity to sufficiently get acquainted with and build a professional network within the region during their studies at the leading Hungarian institution in the field of International Relations.

The programme is fully in English.

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DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

4 academic semesters
Academic credits altogether: 120
PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Programme Director:
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Programme Coordinator:
Ms. Esztella VARGA
esztella.varga@uni-corvinus.hu

TUITION FEE

The tuition fee for students enrolling in the programme is HUF 520 000 per semester.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

23 May 2014
Applications postmarked later than 23 May 2014 will not be considered.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For the Master of Arts programme we expect applications from students already in possession of a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in International Relations or in other social sciences (see further conditions below) who are interested in current political, economic and social issues in the European Union, in Central and Eastern Europe and Hungary. Native speakers and applicants who have completed their Bachelor’s and/or Master’s studies in English will be exempt from providing proof of English language proficiency. As proof of language proficiency, non-native English applicants must have one of the language certificates listed below:

– valid TOEFL Score of a minimum of 79 points (iBT); 213 (CBT)
– valid IELTS of an overall band of 6.5 or higher
– other international B2-level English-language exam certificate.

If you have any other similar-level English-language proficiency test result, please contact the programme coordinator regarding its validity (or consult http://www.nyak.hu/doc/akk_vizsgarendszer-eng.asp » for further information regarding this).
APPLICATION PROCESS – ESSAY SUBMISSION AND OTHER INFORMATION

Applicants have to submit an essay of 2,000 to 4,000 words by e-mail, on either of a topic announced in advance of the admission process, in March 2014.

The focus of the essay should be to argue in favour of a central thesis, and to submit appropriately referenced evidence in support of this thesis.

Please send your essay in an attachment to your message to both of the following two e-mail addresses, while in addition also sending a print copy of it together with the application package: to Dr. Péter Marton at peter.marton@uni-corvinus.hu and to Esztella Varga at esztella.varga@uni-corvinus.hu.

In the subject line, please make sure to include: “Application: Corvinus Master of Arts in IR - Essay submission.” Also, please make sure to include your full name and your contact details (e-mail and phone number) on the cover page of your essay.

Beyond the essay submission, although there is no oral entrance examination for the programme, the Admissions Board may contact any applicant for a personal interview. (Otherwise, for its final decision the board will consider primarily the admission materials submitted by the applicants.) Preliminary decisions will be made - and communicated to the applicants – not later than Tuesday, 9 June 2014. Personal interviews are then to be expected during the course of June. Please let us know whether you prefer to be informed about the decision of the Admissions Board and other developments by regular or electronic mail.

APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY REGULAR MAIL

– Officially translated copy of the applicant’s transcript and previous degree(s)
– Scanned report of the applicant’s computer-based TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent language exam score
– Filled in application form (pdf | doc)
– Short CV
– Two letters of recommendation from professors of the applicant
– Copy of the photo-page of the applicant’s passport
– The university charges applicants a €50 (non-refundable) Application Fee; the applicant needs to send the payment justification of this fee along with the rest of the application package (see bank account details below).
– Essay (of 2,000 to 4,000 words, on the topic indicated above).

All successful applicants must present their original documents no later than the first day of the academic year 2014/2015.
CONDITIONS REGARDING THE APPLICANT’S PREVIOUS DEGREE FOR NON-BOLOGNA STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH DEGREES FROM STUDIES ONLY PARTLY RELATED TO THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

a. Applicants from countries that have not signed The Lisbon Recognition Convention are expected to submit a written petition for the acceptance (pdf | doc) of their degree before 20 May 2012, and submit it together with their application package. A four-member Commission on behalf of the Institution will assess the petition.

b. Applicants who are non-Bologna students (students of programmes designated in Act CCIV of 2011): admission requires a university or college degree with the following conditions.

The total number of credits is taken into account for the following:

- undergraduate degree in International Studies
- university-level degree in International Relations
- college-level degree in International Relations
- university-level degree in International Studies

c. Undergraduate degrees and the credits earned for them that can be considered:

Communication and media studies, Political Sciences or politology, sociology, Social Sciences, cultural anthropology, social worker, social pedagogy, computer engineer and librarian, applied economics, economic analysis, public administration, business administration and management, sales and marketing, human resources, international business, finance and accounting, tourism and hospitality, business education, public governance, international management, security and defense, border controls and defence manager, national security, military management, history, British Studies, German Studies, Romance Studies, Slavic Studies, Romani Studies, Oriental Studies, BA in Humanities.

Graduates of these programmes can only apply if they have the equivalent of at least 30 ECTS credit points from the fields below. This pertains to all students, that is, both those with Bologna and those with non-Bologna (i.e. with “traditional” college and university degrees according to Act CCIV of 2011).

Said fields are:

- Social Sciences: sociology: sociology, psychology, philosophy, anthropology.
- Legal and managerial sciences: public law, constitutional law, public administration, public policy, business law, international law.
- Economic studies: economics, macro- and microeconomics, corporate management, finances.
- Political Science: political philosophy, political geography, history of political thought, international relations.
- Historical, cultural and linguistic studies: economic, social and cultural history, linguistics, philology.

d. Students admitted must eventually earn a total of 60 ECTS credit points accumulated from the study areas above, by the end of the Master’s programme. At least 30 credit points must be obtained from the preceding studies as indicated earlier, and the rest is to be acquired in parallel with the Master’s programme, during the first two semesters after admittance, in accordance with CUB’s Rules and Regulations of Studies and Examination.

e. The Institution’s Credit Transfer Board decides on the recognition of previously earned credit points in the framework of its credit recognition procedure. The documents verifying earlier studies (a copy of the applicant’s transcript or certificate supplement) should be sent together with the application package.
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYING ADMISSION FEE

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When making the transfer, under “comments” please add: “For PT176-Corvinus University of Budapest”

ADDRESS

All application materials should be sent to the following address, by regular mail, postmarked no later than 23 May 2014.

Institute of International Studies
Corvinus University of Budapest
(Room 503)
Közraktár utca 4-6
Budapest
H-1093
Hungary

For further information please contact Dr. Péter Marton at peter.marton@uni-corvinus.hu or to Esztella Varga at esztella.varga@uni-corvinus.hu
2. COURSES AND SEMESTERS

MA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Up-to-date curricula and course descriptions as well as requirements for all courses are available at the following website: http://www.diplomacia.hu/

CORE COURSES MODULE

- Public Policy
- European Political Thought

FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINARY MODULE: METHODOLOGICAL COURSES

- International Law in Practice I-II.
- Academic Writing
- Cold War History
- Rhetoric and Communication

FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINARY MODULE: ACADEMIC COURSES

- International Business Law and Ethic
- International Finance
- Regional World Economy
- Theory of International Relations
- The Art and Craft of Diplomacy
- Systems of European and Transatlantic Security
- Hungarian Foreign Policy
- Contemporary Issues in International Relations
- U.S. Studies
- Peace, Security and Conflict Studies
- Latin America Studies

COURSES AVAILABLE UPON SPECIALISATION

- Environmental Protection and International Relations
- European Policies of the EU Member States I
- Human Rights
- Multilateral Diplomacy and the UN
- Thesis Writing Seminar I
- Comparative Foreign Policy
- European Policies of the EU Member States II
- International Criminal Law
- International Development and Assistance
- Thesis Writing Seminar II
ELECTIVE COURSES
Deutschland in der EU
Geopolitics and Geostrategy
Islamic Sciences: A Historical Panorama
State Failure and State-building
The Various Actors of Armed Conflict

Please note that All course descriptions are subject to change and that it is always the course syllabus handed out in the first class of a given course that is valid for the given semester.