EUROPEAN MASTER’S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Detailed programme description

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EMPA-Budapest is a one-year Master’s Certificate programme provided by the Department of Public Policy and Management of the Faculty of Economics at Corvinus University of Budapest.

The EMPA programme is offered by a network of twelve different universities. Besides the Department, the following institutions are involved:
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium),
- Deutsche Hochschule für Verwaltungswissenschaften, Speyer (Germany),
- Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (France),
- Institut d’Études Politiques de Lyon (France),
- Tallin University of Technology (Estonia),
- University of Liverpool (the United Kingdom),
- University of Vaasa (Finland),
- Rijkuniversiteit Leiden (the Netherlands),
- Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (the Netherlands),
- University of Geneva (Switzerland),
- Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- University of Bocconi (Italy)

This programme offers two options:
1. As a one-semester ‘top-up’ to their Master’s studies it can be taken by our PUMA students as well as by the eligible students of our EMPA network partners at no additional cost. This format results in an EMPA certificate issued and signed by all of the EMPA network members.
2. The other, ‘stand-alone’ format, in which the program is offered involves two semesters taught at Corvinus. Individuals holding a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree can apply for this one year certificate programme. This format results in an EMPA certificate issued by Corvinus University.

The public sector needs young practitioners who can cross cultural boundaries and manage effectively in multicultural situations in Europe. Accordingly, many public agencies have sought to employ graduates who demonstrate the managerial, cultural and linguistic skills necessary for national and international careers. The European Master’s in Public Administration (EMPA) was created as a joint response to this demand. The primary objective of the programme is to stimulate the development of European Master’s in Public Administration by internationalising the existing postgraduate degree programmes of the participating institutions. For this purpose, the institutions have developed a common framework for scheduling and organising a one-year study programme on the basis of mutually agreed course requirements, curriculum elements, cross-national and common examination standards and well structured and closely supervised student exchanges.

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- Identify problems, as well as formulate and implement solutions related to public administration;
- Manage complex systems in an international environment;
- Effectively communicate with different cultures;
- Actively communicate in at least two languages and use negotiation and persuasion techniques effectively.

The EMPA programme focuses on the comparative analysis of questions of public administration, public policy and public management in different (EU and non-EU) European countries in the context of processes of internationalisation, Europeanisation and European integration. The programme is designed to provide a comparative understanding of public sector structures, policies and processes in different European countries, as well as to present a methodology for analysing and dealing with different structures and processes of public sector management, guidance and control. A basic topic is the way in which the characteristics of different systems of government and administration within Europe relate to national and sub-national perspectives on issues, processes and institutions of European integration, both within and beyond the borders of the EU.

The main feature of the EMPA-Budapest programme is that it offers a structure of core and elective courses which focuses on Hungarian and Central European characteristics. This strategy provides detailed information for different approaches and questions regarding our public policies. The curriculum is taught entirely in English. In addition to the courses, it includes the execution of a directed research programme on a comparative public administration topic, which should result in a dissertation of not more than forty pages and at the level of a journal article. The project might include field research/internship in another country. The dissertation should preferably be written in English.

Students choosing to register at Corvinus University take the first part of the programme (first semester) at this university. The courses are taught in English. The second part (second semester) of the programme may be taken either at one of the other institutions in the network, or at the same university. The language of instruction is generally English, but it is German in Speyer and French in Paris. This means that graduating students get an MSc in Public Policy and Management from the Corvinus University and a certificate jointly signed by these EMPA partners.


## Programme Aims

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## Structure of Studies

2 academic semesters.
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COURSES

A detailed course description and requirements of all courses are available at the following website: http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu
Please note that all course descriptions are subject to change and it is always the course syllabus handed out in the first class of the given course that is valid for the given semester!