INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMY, STATE AND SOCIETY

Detailed programme description
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PROGRAMME AIMS

Degree (double):
- International Masters in Economy, State & Society – UCL
- Master of Arts in International Economy and Business or Master of Arts in International Relations – Corvinus University of Budapest

IMESS wishes to attract the brightest international students who would like to gain an in-depth understanding of the economies, states and societies of the expanding European region. Besides giving students the chance to develop cultural and linguistic knowledge about the wider European region, the main objective of the programme is to provide students a combination of discipline-based area studies and rigorous research methodology training. One of the great advantages of the programme is that it not only guarantees high-quality tuition but it also gives students the rare opportunity to gain first-hand experience both in Western and in Central or Eastern Europe. Although the programme specifically focuses on the Central and Eastern European region, the discipline-based skills it helps to acquire are generic. Therefore, IMESS gives students a global skill set suitable for entering a career in the private or public sector or for developing a research career in the academia.

"Corvinus University of Budapest exactly offers a unique opportunity to study economics in a university institution with an excellent academic reputation, while enjoying the cultural, social and recreational facilities of one of the most beautiful Central European capital cities."
  
Diana Rossikhina (Russia)

MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

While the focus of the degree is the Central and Eastern European region, the discipline based skills it helps to acquire are generic. The successful completion of the degree provides graduates with a global skill set suitable for entering a career in the private or public sector or for developing a research career in the academia.

The emphasis placed on learning a Central or Eastern European language as part of the MA is not simply for facilitating communication with people from the region or enabling students to conduct research in local archives – important though this is. Languages are more than skills; they are the medium through which communities of people make sense of the world. Mastering a language, thus, opens up areas of knowledge and understanding that extend far beyond the way in which the language is spoken or written. It allows students to operate different systems of representation and thereby acquire a more flexible perspective on the economies, states and societies of Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The language courses are compulsory: they are offered from the very start of the programme both at beginner and at intermediate levels.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

In the first year, students study at University College London. They take two courses in area research methodology and a number of specialist electives in their preferred study track.

In the second year at Corvinus University, students continue to have special electives in their preferred study track, and take courses in area research methodology. Emphasis in the second year is especially on producing the MA dissertation. Besides the supervisor from University College London, students are assigned an advisor from Corvinus University as well.

Students can choose from the following tracks:
- TRACK 1: ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
- TRACK 2: POLITICS AND SECURITY
- TRACK 3: POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

In the two years of IMESS, students are required to gain a minimum of 12 ECTS and a maximum of 24 ECTS in one of the following foreign languages: Hungarian, Czech, Polish, Russian, Finnish, Estonian, or Serbian.

The IMESS programme stresses the importance of combining academic training with real-life practice and, therefore, encourages students to work as interns during their studies. In the two years of IMESS, students have internship opportunities at the associate partner institutions of the IMESS consortium.

STRUCTURE OF STUDIES

- 4 academic semesters
- Academic credits altogether: 120
- Students spend the first year at UCL and earn 60 credits
- Students spend the second year at CUB and earn 60 credits

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

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**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

For detailed course descriptions, please check the list of our courses for exchange students on the website of the faculty ([http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu](http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu)) and in the Mobility system.

**FACULTY STUDENT OFFICE**

The Faculty of Economics welcomes about 80 international students from all over the world every year. International students have several opportunities for advice and guidance in relation to their studies. Regarding administrative support, both the University’s International Office (Main building, Room 207) and the Student Office at the Faculty of Economics (Main building, Room 185/a.) are open for students.

**STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

István BENCZES  
Vice Dean for International Affairs

Krisztina ZÁKÁNYI  
Programme Coordinator

Transcripts and diplomas are provided by the Office of Student Affairs. However, regarding specific courses (or programmes), it is the lecturer (or the programme director) who is solely responsible for providing adequate information on issues such as up-to-date course syllabus, assessment, reading materials, grading, etc. – not the Office.

**OFFICE HOURS**

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