Master of Arts in
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Detailed Programme Description

Academic Year 2015-2016
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About the Study Programme

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.

Programme description

Main field of study for the qualification: **International Relations**

Level of qualification: **Master of Arts (MA)**

Name of qualification: **International Relations Expert**

Official length of program: **4 semesters**

Required number of credits: **120**
Aim of Study

The objective of the program is to educate highly qualified specialists who, being knowledgeable in the field of social sciences, possess the skills that enable them to define the place and role of Hungary among the members of the international community and Europe, and can understand the theoretical and practical aspects of international interdependences. Graduates are proficient in languages and have excellent negotiation skills.

Their comprehensive background knowledge on history and social sciences enables them to think analytically and systematically. Students are also provided with the practical knowledge to understand and predict tendencies of international economics, law, and politics. They are able to define the role of the East European region among the challenges set by the global community.

Graduates are familiar with the development of non-European regions and are equipped with adequate knowledge of different disciplines - civilization, international economics, international law, political theory - and have practical experience in diplomacy, protocol and negotiation techniques.

Degree Requirements

- Fulfilment of the obligatory courses
- 120 credits
- Accepted thesis work
- Equivalency courses of the Admission Board (if there are any)
- Successful final exam (oral exam of the required subjects and defense of the thesis work)
- One language exam at advanced level (C1 complex), or an equivalent certificate. (It must be different from the language of education and different from the mother tongue of the student.)
CURRICULUM AND COURSES

Curriculum of the Programme

International Relations MA – starting in Academic Year 2015/2016

Obligatory courses of International Relations MA

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Obligatory courses of the Specialization Diplomacy

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FALL SEMESTER

08. 31 – 09. 20. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun (BA 2nd-3rd classes, MA 2nd class)

09. 01 – 09. 20. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun (BA 1st class, MA 1st class)

09. 07. Opening ceremony

09. 14 – 12. 18. Term-time (lectures, seminars)

11. 27. Submission of thesis work (for those graduating in February 2016)

12. 03 – 12. 07. Exam registration on Neptun (for those having filled in the HALVEL)

12. 07 – 02. 01. Exam registration on Neptun

12. 14 – 12. 20. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the spring semester (BA)

12. 21 – 12. 23. Exam period

01. 04 – 02. 02. Exam period

01. 06 – 01. 12. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the spring semester (MA)

SPRING SEMESTER

02. 03 – 02. 14. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun

02. 08 – 05. 13. Term-time (lectures, seminars)

02. 15 – 02. 19. Final Exam period

04. 04 – 04. 10. Registration for major (BA 2nd class, MA 1st class)

04. 28 – 05. 02. Exam registration on Neptun (for those having filled in the HALVEL)

04. 29. Submission of thesis work (for those graduating in June or July 2015)

05. 02 – 06. 16. Exam registration on Neptun

05. 16 – 06. 17. Exam period

05. 30 – 06. 05. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the fall semester

06. 24 – 06. 30. Final Exam period (BA)

07. 01 – 07. 07. Final Exam period (MA)

07. 21. Graduation ceremony
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 ttp://www.nyak.hu/doc/akk_vizsgarendszer- eng.asp » for further information regarding this).

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 early June. 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 material 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 2015/2016.

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

1. 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 the application deadline, and submit it together with their application package. A four-member Commission on behalf of the Institution will assess the petition.

2. 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
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, 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.

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.

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.
Programme Management

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