

INFORMATION SHEET

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MULTIDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL SCHOOL

The PhD Council of Corvinus University of Budapest is in charge of the training.

Discipline of science: Social Sciences

Branch of science: economics, political science

**Subprograms: World Economics
International and Security Studies**

Language of the program: English – Hungarian

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Name of the doctoral degree obtained: PhD in Economics, PhD in Political Science

The Doctoral School is based on the following MA programs:

- MA in International Economy and Business,
- MA in International Relations,
- MA in Political Science.

The structure of the Doctoral School

The lectures of the Doctoral School are mainly organized by the Institute of World Economy (Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations) and the Institute for International Studies (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 Hungarian Institute of International Affairs.

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)).¹ At present days, CUB Institute for International Studies offers „*International Studies*” MA (Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations) and CUB Institute of World Economy offers „*International Economy and Business*” MA (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.

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

Name	Date of birth	Academic degree	University title
István Benczes	1974	PhD, Dr. habil. oec.	professor
Csaba Békés	1957	DSc, Dr. habil.	professor
András Blahó	1946	CSc, Dr. habil oec.	professor
Péter Ákos Bod	1951	CSc, Dr. habil oec.	professor
László Csicsmann	1976	PhD	associate professor
Balázs Hámori	1946	CSc	professor
Erzsébet Kardos-Kaponyi	1947	PhD, Dr. habil	professor
László Kiss	1945	CSc	Professor Emeritus
Gábor Kutasi	1979	PhD	associate professor
István Magas	1952	DSc	professor
Tibor Palánkai	1938	MHAS	Professor Emeritus
Zsolt Rostoványi	1952	DSc	professor

Structure of the Doctoral School

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.

International Relations of the Doctoral School

Developing a doctoral school's international relations is a primary importance, but if the doctoral school has the main focus on International Relations, it is crucial. Our Doctoral School promotes and supports the idea of spending some time abroad, at foreign research centers, for example at Erasmus partner institutes. The announced research topics are all "international", so the opportunity to do the research abroad is particularly important.

CUB Institute for International Studies offers „*International Studies*’ MA and CUB Institute of World Economy offers „*International Economy and Business*” MA – both in English. Based on the two master programs, the Doctoral School is aiming to launch its lectures also in English, so that the foreign applicants can be able to participate in the program.

Both departments of the Doctoral School has professional relations with many foreign research centers and universities, one of the most prominent is the program launched by Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III "The European Crossdisciplinary Doctoral College of the Social and Human Sciences (SHS)".

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

In order to apply, applicants have to possess:

- *Hungarian² or other citizenship,*
- *MA degree with good average*
- *At least B2 level language certificate in English (TOEFL min.79 (iBT); 213 (CBT), IELTS min. 6.5)³*

Applicants who obtained their degree before 2013 can also apply – in case of previous proper research activity – with an average quality diploma. Applicants who obtain their degree in the 2015/2016 academic year have to present their MA degree not later than 1st of September, 2016. (Their admission is only preliminary until then.)

If the applicant is lacking pre-studies in the field of International relations or World economics, can be admitted only if he/she successfully fulfills the requirements: the admitted applicant has to pass the follow-up courses.

The Doctoral School makes the information material yearly. The material contains:

- *syllabus of relevant lectures in the Doctoral School,*
- *the supervisors and the main research topics,*
- *conditions of acquiring the Ph.D. degree,*
- *admission requirements and deadlines,*
- *subjects of the entrance exam and the details of the decision-making process*

Admission to the Doctoral School is based on a written and an oral entrance exam. Required documents for the application:

- filled application form
- presenting the original and a copied version of the degree
- presenting the original and a copied version of the transcript
- professional CV
- three letters of recommendation from well-known researchers
- list of publications (some may be requested by the Council of the Doctor School)
- one B2 level language certificate in English

² Citizens of the EU and the EEA are treated like Hungarian citizens.

³ Applicants who have completed their Bachelor's and/or Master's studies in English will be exempt from providing proof of English language proficiency.

- a short (4-5 pages, approx.. 10.000 character) research proposal which contains the reasons of choosing the doctoral program and the topic of research in English or Hungarian
- letter of acceptance from the head of the department (Institute for International Studies or Institute of World Economy) which also contains the acceptance of a chosen lecturer of the University (known as mentor until the thesis supervisor is appointed)
- in case of self-financed studies, employment certificate
- check bill from the payment of the application fee
- two envelopes (addressed to yourself)

Preferential treatment for:

- students of International Studies, International Relations, International Economy and Business, European Studies, Security Studies MA program
- researchers or lecturers at the field of International Studies, International Relations, International Economy and Business, European Studies, Security
- Those, who need the professional knowledge of the doctoral program for their carrier.

A research proposal of four-five pages (approx. 10.000 character) has to be submitted, which contains the methodology, hypothesis, and bibliography of the research topic.

The entrance examination consists of a written and an oral part. The aim of the written exam is to assess the candidates' scientific, theoretical and methodological preparedness (knowledge of basic concepts, the ability to solve tasks that require creativity, the writing of essays, and the development of research problems in three areas). The oral exam checks the candidates' scientific skills and aptitude for scientific work. The result of the admission is public; the final decision will be based on three components:

- documents submitted by the application (*max. 25 points*)
- *result of the written exam (max. 50 points)*
- *complex evaluation of the oral exam (max. 25 points)*
- *In total:100 points*

The admission committee appointed by the Council of the Doctoral School evaluates each application. (Main focus on: results in subjects corresponding to the specialization of their choice, topic qualification of the MA thesis, scientific activity, quality of the research proposal, list of publications, language skills)

Topics of the written exam:

- international politics
- international economics
- international law and European community law

Based on their preferential sub-program, the applicants may receive specific questions.

In case of World Economy sub-program:

- theory of international economics
- world economics,
- economic aspects of the European integration,

In case of International and Security Studies sub-program:

- history,
- international organizations,
- international law and European community law.

The assessment of the written exam is based on a percentage scale.

Applicants, who do not reach 50 % from two previously mentioned topics, will be rejected.

Each member of the Admission Board evaluates the applicants and the decision is made on mutual agreement. The results will be made public before the oral examination. Complaints about the results should be directed to the Admission Board.

In exceptional cases when attendance of the entrance exam is not possible or has unreasonable high financial demand, the Council of the Doctoral School might allow the applicant to submit an essay instead of the written exam. Based on the merit of the essay the applicant might complete the oral part of the exam via Skype.

The Admission Board enlists the applicant (on a 100 points scale), and makes a recommendation for the applicants admitted (both state-financed and self-financed).

Conditions of acquiring the degree in the case of individual preparation

In exceptional cases (for experienced researchers or renowned experts) there is a possibility to obtain a doctorate degree in a way on individual preparation. In this case the entrance examination is not needed, however the complex exam has to be completed at the beginning of the program. The rules of obtaining a doctorate degree in a way on individual preparation are set in the DRU (Doctoral Regulation of the University, 2016)

Application for obtaining a doctorate degree in a way on individual preparation has to be requested from the head of the Doctoral School.

The following documents have to be attached:

- Documents listed at the application material at the organized training (see page 6.)
- documents of previous research (e.g. publications)
- the final thesis or a detailed thesis proposal, or in lack of these a detailed research proposal in three copies

Applicants who were admitted to obtain a doctorate degree in a way on individual preparation will step into the individual research and thesis writing process, but they will have to pass the PhD complex exam.

The decision about the admission is based on the recommendation of the Admission Board, but the decision is made by the Doctoral Council of CUB. The decision will come into force after the approval of the Doctoral Council of CUB. Appeals can be made only in case of offences against the law.

The application material has to be submitted to the office of the Doctoral Council of the University (Budapest, Fővám tér 8, II. floor 202.) Application deadline: 15th April, 2016.
The entrance exam will be held in June 2016.

All applicants will be informed about the decision until 31st July, 2016 via mail.

STRUCTURE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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.⁴ 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. The proposal is to be presented at a research forum (I-II-III.) along with the publications of the students.
- 3) The students have to submit a **final research proposal** at the end of their second year.

⁴ At least one article of defined quality (worth min. 8 credits). Regarding the quality of the article, please check www.mtmt.hu

Educational and research unit (120 credits)

The unit lasts for 4 semesters, at the end of the 4th 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.

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 before a workshop for discussion, then, within two years of entering the unit of individual research and thesis writing, they shall submit their thesis for defense.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE STUDENTS

The students can participate in the program on ***“full-time state financed”*** or ***“part-time self-financed”*** basis.

Scholarship can be provided for students of the organized full time training (for max. 48 months). The scholarship is provided by the state and the amount of it is regulated in the Budget Act.⁵The pre-requisite of the scholarship is the full-time participation in the doctoral program (part-time job is allowed for max. 4 hours per day). Those who wish to acquire the degree by individual preparation can only be part-time, self-financed students.

The candidates have to pay the following fees: application fee, tuition fee/semester, complex exam fee, fee of the thesis proposal defense, fee of the defense, degree fee. At the beginning of each semester the office of the Doctoral Council of the University announces the amount of the fees. (please see: <http://www.uni-corvinus.hu/index.php?id=12569>)

The duties of the self-financed students are the same as of the state financed students (including attendance of the courses, participating in the teaching activity, research and examination duties of their departments).

⁵Students of the doctoral program have the same privileges and rights as full-time students (According to the 19. and 20. paragraph of the Higher Education Act.)

The total of 240 credits that should be obtained consists of the following units:

- **Educational and research unit (120 credits)**
 - educational credits (50 credits)
 - individual studies and research (minimum 50 credits)
 - teaching activity (maximum 20 credits in total)
- **Individual research and thesis writing (120 credits)**
 - organized and individual research (minimum 100 credits)
 - publication (min. 20 credits out of the above mentioned 100)
 - teaching activity (maximum 20 credits in total)

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH UNIT

I. unit: Educational unit (50 credits in total)

In case of the contact classes of courses (lectures, seminars) students obtain credits by studying, passing exams (getting a final mark). Apart from contact classes the individual preparation time for the course is also taken into consideration, which can amount to triple of the time of contact classes at most. Elective subjects should be primarily chosen from among the classes of the doctoral school, but subjects of any other program (other doctoral schools, undergraduate courses) can also be attended with the previous permission and credit value decided by the directors of the subprogram of the Doctoral School. The language of instruction is English.

Number of credits: 3-4-6 credits per subject (for a weekly 2-3 contact classes, 2-3 hours of individual studying per contact class is included)

Validated by: the teacher responsible for the course

Distribution of credits:

Courses	Credits
Joint core courses	24 (4x6)
Area Studies Modul	8 (2x4)
Methodology Modul	12 (3x4)
Elective courses	6 (2x3)
Total	50

Elective subjects can be selected from any of the CUB's PhD courses with the approval of the tutor and the director of the subprogram. **No more than 50 credits can be collected from courses in total, including maximum 6 credits from elective courses.**

Assessment

A Student's performance is assessed on a regular basis independently of the type of course attended (which means that credits can be obtained by participating in a tutorial reading program as well as attending lectures or seminars). Requirements for the assessment can vary according to the subject or the course. Results are assessed on a five-grade scale (Excellent, Good, Pass, Satisfactory, Fail).

In the end of each academic year the director of the program decides whether students can continue their studies (when in doubt the Doctoral School can give advice) or should repeat some of the courses.

II. unit: individual studies and research (minimum 50 credits)

1) Prospectus Seminar (maximum 27 credits)

During the 2nd, 3rd and 4th semester, students complete the mandatory Prospectus Seminar (to be shown in their timetable each semester). Within the framework of this course students present their research, certain chapters of their dissertation in front of their fellow students and supervisors. The maximum credit-value of the Prospectus Seminar is 9 credits (27 credits in total). 9 credits can be awarded in case of an excellent grade, 4-6 credits if the grade is pass, 0-3 credits if it is a fail. In this case it is possible register the course again one more time, but if the student fails the seminar for the second time, he/she has to discontinue the doctoral program.

2) Research activity

a) Individual studies, individual research with the instructions of the tutor (maximum 15 credits). Students' work is assessed by reports and research plans. The maximum credit-value in the International Relations Doctoral School is 5 credits (during the 2-4 semesters of studies, validated by the head of the sub-program, based on the recommendation of the tutor). In order to acknowledge the credits, it is required in the duration of the academic year to attend at least two workshop defenses and at least one thesis defense organized by the Doctoral School.

b) Organized research activity (maximum 10 credits)

Research done at any scientific research institute (as a research fellow or research assistant), research work authorized by the head of the institute and acknowledged by the instructor. Max. 5 credits can be given by semester (to be acknowledged only in the 3rd and 4th semesters).

3) Publication (minimum 8 credits). Scientific publication of a defined quality (including working papers and conference presentations) awarded by credits on the basis of the graph of page 15. **A minimum of 8 credits are required from publications during the 4 semesters.**

III. unit: teaching activity (maximum 20 credits in total)

It is required of every student to complete research activity (lecturing or participating in other activities, e.g. organization of studies) worth at least one complete course throughout the 4 semesters.

In the case of complete courses the teaching activity is previously approved by the Council of the Doctoral School, in other cases, teaching is authorized by the directors of the subprograms, supervised by the tutors, regularly assessed and accepted by the Council of the Doctoral School (giving seminars, preparing

and correcting tests). Requirements for the teaching activity are defined by the Doctoral Regulation. It is validated by the directors of the sub-programs.

Obtainable credits: 4 credits/ 1 complete course. Max. number of credits per semester: 8.

For individual studies and research credits can be obtained. Please submit the documents proving your activity (signed by the head of the sub-program) at the end of the semester to the office of the Doctoral Council (Main Building (E), 2. floor) 202.) The documents can be downloaded from the website of the Doctoral School.

THE COMPLEX EXAM

After the fulfilment of the prescribed 120 credits at the end of the 4th semester, the PhD students are obliged pass the complex exam.

The complex exam consists of a theoretical-methodologic and a thesis part. The language of the complex exam is English – Hungarian. The theoretical-methodologic part may contain a written exam, the thesis part is a lecture held by the student.

The theoretical-methodologic part covers at least two fields of theory/methodology, the questions are designed with the help of the thesis supervisor, taking the research topic of the student into consideration.

During the thesis part the students have to prove their preparedness by holding a presentation about their research (based on their research proposal): literature overview, listing new findings, presenting the research and planned execution of the research.

During the complex exam, both parts are evaluated by a committee and the complex exam is **successful** only **if both parts are passed**.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH AND THESIS WRITING

I. unit: organized and individual research (minimum 100 credits)

1) Prospectus Seminar (maximum 36 credits)

During the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th semester, students complete the mandatory Prospectus Seminar (to be shown in their timetable each semester). Within the framework of this course students present their research, certain chapters of their dissertation in front of their fellow students and supervisors. The maximum credit-value of the Prospectus Seminar is 9 credits (36 credits in total). 9 credits can be awarded in case of an excellent grade, 4-6 credits if the grade is pass, 0-3 credits if it is a fail. In this case it is possible register the course again one more time, but if the student fails the seminar for the second time, he/she has to discontinue the doctoral program.

2) Participation at the doctoral conference (maximum 14 credits)

During the 6th and 8th semester a doctoral conference will be organized at CUB in order to experience the atmosphere of conferences. It is mandatory to hold at least one lecture at one of these conferences during

the two years. The maximum credit-value is 14 credits, validated by the head of the sub-program, based on the recommendation of the tutor.

3) Research activity (maximum 50 credits)

a) Individual studies, individual research with the instructions of the tutor (maximum 50 credits). Students' work is assessed by reports and research plans. The maximum credit-value in the International Relations Doctoral School is 13 credits (during the 5-8 semesters of studies, validated by the head of the sub-program, based on the recommendation of the tutor). In order to acknowledge the credits, it is required in the duration of the academic year to attend at least two workshop defenses and at least one thesis defense organized by the Doctoral School.

b) Organized research activity (maximum 20 credits)

Research done at any scientific research institute (as a research fellow or research assistant), research work authorized by the head of the institute and acknowledged by the instructor. Max. 5 credits can be given by semester.

Credits of Individual research and organized research activity have to be summed, the maximum number of credits is 50 (which can't be completed by organized research activity alone).

4) Publication (minimum 20 credits). Scientific publication of a defined quality (including working papers and conference presentations) awarded by credits on the basis of the graph below. **A minimum of 20 credits are required from publications during the 4 semesters.**

In total:

Research activity	Credit
1. Prospectus Seminar	maximum 36
2. Doctoral conference	14
3/a Individual studies, individual research with the instructions of the tutor 3/b Organized research activity (max 20)	maximum 50
4 Publication	minimum 20
In total	min. 100

II. unit: teaching activity (maximum 20 credits in total)

It is required of every student to complete research activity (lecturing or participating in other activities, e.g. organization of studies) worth at least one complete course throughout the 4 semesters.

In the case of complete courses the teaching activity is previously approved by the Council of the Doctoral School, in other cases, teaching is authorized by the directors of the subprograms, supervised by the tutors, regularly assessed and accepted by the Council of the Doctoral School (giving seminars, preparing and correcting tests). Requirements for the teaching activity are defined by the Doctoral Regulation. It is validated by the directors of the sub-programs.

Obtainable credits: 4 credits/ 1 complete course. Max. number of credits per semester: 8.

For individual studies and research credits can be obtained. Please submit the documents proving your activity (signed by the head of the sub-program) at the end of the semester to the office of the Doctoral Council (Main Building (E), 2. floor) 202.) The documents can be downloaded from the website of the Doctoral School.

Credits for Publication

Credits for publication required for the pre-degree certificate as well as for the doctoral degree:

Quality of the article (based on qualification by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)	Language of the Article: any other	Language of the Article: Hungarian
A category	20	10
B category	16	8
C category	12	6
D category	8	4
Other article accepted by the Doctoral School ⁶	6	3

Publications accepted by any other CUB Doctoral Schools may be considered.

Scientific papers, chapters of books

Points are granted per sheets.

Type:	Hungarian	Any other language
<u>Chapters of books</u>	4-8/ Sheet (40 000 characters), maximum 40	2-4/ Sheet (40 000 characters), maximum 25
<u>Scientific papers published in a reviewed volume</u>	4-12/ Sheet (40 000 characters)	4-12/ Sheet (40 000 characters)

For other publications – textbooks, conference papers, etc. – the maximum of 15 points can be awarded.

In case of co-authors, one can obtain points based on the following:

2 co-authors	75% x points
3 co-authors	60% x points

⁶For other publications the maximum of 15 points can be awarded.

4 or more co-authors	30% x points
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At least 45 points of publication (from which min. 25 points are from defined quality (A-C category) articles) have to be presented before the thesis defense!⁷

RESEACH IN THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

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

The work of the PhD student is supervised by a tutor, whose task is to advise the PhD candidate during the research. The main research areas of the tutors are:

Csaba Békés	History of the Cold War (1945-1991), Hungarian Foreign Policy (1945-1991)
István Benczes	Theory of Development Economy, Economics of the European Integration
Péter Ákos Bod	Economic policy-making in open economies, Economic policy of transition
László Csicsmann	Middle East and the Islam, Islamist movements
Zoltán Gálik	Economic and Political Development of the European Union, the Security and Foreign Policy of the Anglo-Saxon Countries, Security policy
Balázs Hátori	Behavioral Economics, New Institutional Economics, Innovation Economics and Management, Information--or Knowledge Led--Economy, Comparative Economic Systems
Erzsébet Kaponyi	Human rights, Institutions of the European Union, Reform and Enlargement of the EU
László Kiss	Theory of International Relations, Politics of the EU member states, Germany
Adrienne Komanovics	The interplay of international and EU law; international organizations; international adjudication
Gábor Kutasi	International Economics
István Magas	Theory of International Economics, International Finance
Tibor Palánkai	Economics of the European Integration, Systems of the World Economy

⁷For non-Hungarian students publication in Hungarian language can be accounted for article in any other foreign language.

In exceptional cases – based on the student's request – the Council of the Doctoral School may allow other tutors or co-tutors to supervise the PhD student's progress.

Method of assessment

The main purpose of the program is the research process which results in the thesis of the PhD student. The research means an empirical investigation activity which is based on a firm theoretical ground. The assessment of the research depends on its academic contribution.

The research of every student of the doctoral program is supervised by well-known researchers of the academic field, the thesis advisor. The supervisor coordinates the doctoral training of the student, guides his/her research, advises regarding the thesis proposal and oversees the progress of the candidate. Co-tutors from foreign research centers or universities are also encouraged.

The PhD students start to do research on the relevant academic literature under the supervision of their tutors – or in exceptional cases co-tutors appointed by the Council of the Doctoral School – in their first year. At the end of their first semester, the students submit their first, preliminary thesis proposal.

The PhD students or candidates, as well as their tutors are obliged to report their research work yearly (by submitting an at least one page long report of the progress by 30th June). The reports will be discussed and evaluated by the Council of the Doctoral School.

OBTAINING A DOCTORATE DEGREE

Conditions of acquiring the degree in the case of organized training and individual preparation

Conditions of acquiring the degree in the case of organized training:

- Fulfilment of the prescribed educational requirements (240 credits);
- At least two B2 level language exam, one of them has to be in English;
- having successfully passed the complex exam required by the Doctoral School;
- having successfully defended the PhD thesis;
- At least 45 points of publication (from which min. 25 points are from defined quality articles)

Conditions of acquiring the degree in the case of individual preparation:

- at least five years of research activity;
- Publications of defined quality: published in well-known scientific journals, containing new contributions in the field of research.
- At least 100 points of publication (from which min. 60 points are from defined quality articles)

These conditions have to be met by the time of the application. Further requirements are the same as requirements from students of organized training

THE THESIS PROPOSAL

The aim of preparing and defending the thesis proposal is to verify whether the PhD candidates have a solid theoretical foundation and a grounded empirical research method in their research. The thesis proposal can be submitted in English or Hungarian. At the International Relations Multidisciplinary Doctoral School the thesis proposal should contain:

- the relevant academic literature, the antecedents of the theory and research
- proposal of the empirical research,
- units of the research,
- methodology,
- the scheduling of the research,
- bibliography

The Thesis Committee consists of at least three, but no more than five qualified readers, of whom at least one is an external expert. The tutor may also be a member of the committee. At the defense of the thesis proposal (so-called “workshop discussion”), the students who defend their thesis proposal shall report to the Thesis Committee and a professional audience concerning the work they have done and the results they have reached. They shall discuss the thesis to be submitted, and whether the candidate has complied with the requirements formulated during the defense of the thesis proposal.

The decision of the committee can decide between:

- accepting the thesis without changes,
- accepting the thesis with changes (set in the protocol),
- not accepting the thesis, in this case the candidate is able to submit his/her new thesis once more

The regulations of the submission of the thesis can be found on the website of the Doctoral School. Please submit the thesis 6-8 week prior the defense!

The thesis proposal can be submitted when it reaches the 80% of the planned extent of the final thesis. According to the DRU the length of the final thesis is at least 120-150 pages (without appendices). The thesis can be submitted in English or Hungarian, and – only if approved by the Council of the Doctoral School – in any other languages.

THESIS DEFENSE

After the research process the candidate prepares and submits his/her thesis. The thesis can be submitted in English or Hungarian, and – only if approved by the Council of the Doctoral School – in any other languages. (Only in exceptional cases may the Council of the Doctoral School allow submission in other languages)

Based on the proposal of the PhD School, the Doctoral Council of the university requests two official opponents and further members of the Evaluating Committee to evaluate the thesis. The opponents prepare a written opinion of the thesis beforehand, and the PhD candidate reacts on the opinions of the

opponents in writing, prior to the defense. During the oral defense, the candidate reviews the main findings of his/her work, and answers the questions of the opponents, of the Evaluating Committee and of those participating at the open discussion. The Committee decides about the approval and evaluation of the thesis by secret vote. Their decision may be:

- summa cum laude,
- cum laude,
- rite,
- not accepted.

Those who have successfully defended their theses will be awarded the doctorate degree. The theses will be stored in the Central Library of the University and in the joint doctoral database of the HAC and SDC.

Budapest, 11th March, 2016.

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Application deadline: 15th April, 2016

**The application material should be submitted to the office of the Doctoral Council of the University.
(Budapest, Fővám tér 8, II. floor 202.)**

The entrance exam will be held in June 2016.

All applicants will be informed about the decision until 31st July, 2016 via mail.