

Political Economy MA admission exam requirements 2023A central admission procedure

Name(s) of graduate program(s)	Political Economy MA
Type of the exam	Written
Name of the exam	Competency profile
Duration of the exam	60 minutes
Method of the exam	online written
Short description of the exam	Competency measurement: we measure logical and critical thinking and numerical reasoning and information processing.
Materials that can be used during the exam	-
Recommended reading materials	-
Topics	-
Sample questions	Which number is the solution of the task? 5; 7; 11; 17; 25; ?
	The Monday relates to the Thursday so than, the Friday relation the? A: Tuesday B : Saturday C : Sunday D: Monday E: Wednesday
	The 400 seats in a parliament are divided amongst five political parties. No two parties have the same number of seats, and each has at least 20 seats. What is the largest number of seats that the third largest party can have? A: 22 B:118 C :119 D: 120 E:121

Name(s) of graduate program(s)	Political Economy MA
Type of the exam	Oral
Name of the exam	Motivational and professional interview
Duration of the exam	15 minutes
Method of the exam	Online interview in English

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Short description of the exam	<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief introduction of the applicant's educational and professional background (1') <p>2. Motivational questions (3')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why did you choose the Political Economy master programme at Corvinus University of Budapest? - What are your expectations about the programme? - How do you think this master programme can advance your career objectives? - What makes you an ideal candidate for this study programme? <p>3. Professional part (conversation about political economy-related topics considering the applicant's interests and prior knowledge of the field) (10')</p> <p>See sample questions below</p> <p>4. Closing part (1')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you have any questions regarding the study programme? <p>Evaluation aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrates clear motivation for studying political economy - demonstrates basic knowledge on the topic of discussion - demonstrates good oral skills in English
Materials that can be used during the exam	Nothing
Recommended reading materials	Clift, Ben. 2021. Comparative Political Economy. States, Markets and Global Capitalism. 2nd Edition. Red Globe Press/Macmillan.

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Topics	potential benefits and drawbacks of state intervention in the economy; role of foreign investment in economic upgrading; relationship between capitalism and democracy; constitutionalism; comparative capitalism; institutional design; path-dependence in economic development; how states may address income inequality; corruption and economic development; institutional trust; political polarization and developmental outcomes; economic crises and executive power; financialization; industrial policy; free market competition and inequality; institutional attributes of capitalism; political culture; economic consequences of digitalization and robotization; welfare state expansion vs. retrenchment
Sample questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the benefits (or drawbacks) of state ownership in the economy? - What are the benefits (or drawbacks) of foreign investments in the host country? - How does the quality of democracy affect economic growth? - How does institutional trust influence quality of government? - How does corruption affect economic development? - Does democracy cause economic catch-up/development? - How may income inequalities affect political polarization? - How does robotization affect the labour market in developing and advanced economies? - How do economic crises such as the COVID-19 affect the power of the executive (the government)? - What are the potential social benefits (drawbacks) of the minimum wage?