

Public Policy and Management Master's program

training program

For students who start in the fall semester of 2026/2027



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Valid: for students starting in semester 2026/2027/1

General information:

Supervisor: Attila Bartha, Associate Professor

Training location: in Budapest

Working hours: full-time

Training language: english

Whether you are enrolled in dual training: no

Specialisations: No specialisations

1. Name of specialisation: Climate Policy and Regional Development Specialisation

Person responsible for the specialisation: Anna Zsófia Széchy, Associate Professor

2. Name of specialisation: Global Development Policy Specialisation

Person responsible for the specialisation: Judit Ricz, Associate Professor

3. Name of specialisation: Health Economic Evaluation Specialisation

Person responsible for the specialisation: Valentin Péter Brodszky, Professor

4. Name of specialisation: Public Governance Specialisation

Person responsible for the specialisation: Kovács Éva Margit, Associate Professor

Training and output requirements

1. Name of the master's program: Public Policy and Management (közgazdálkodás és Közpolitika)

2. The level of qualification attainable in the master's programme, and the title of the certification

- qualification level: master- (magister, abbreviation: MSc)
- qualification in Hungarian: okleveles közgazdász közgazdálkodás és közpolitika szakon
- qualification in English: Economist in Public Policy and Management

3. Training area: economics

4. Degrees accepted for admittance into the master's programme

4.1. bachelor programme: the bachelor programme in applied economics.

4.2. 4.2. According to Section 9.2, based on the comparison of studies subject to the recognition of credits, the following bachelor programmes: in the field of economic sciences: business and management, human resources, international business, finance and accounting; in the field of social sciences: international relations, political science, social work, sociology; in the field of legal studies: labour and social security administration; in the field of public administration: administrative organisation, international administration, public administration organisation; in the field of medicine and health: health organisation; and all bachelor's and master's degree programmes and the programmes under Act LXXX of 1993 on Higher Education which are accepted by the credit transfer committee of the higher education institution on the basis of a comparison of the knowledge underlying the credits awarded.

5. Training duration, in semesters: 4 semesters

6. The number of credits to be completed for the master's degree: 120 credits

- degree orientation: balanced (40-60 percent)
- thesis credit value: 15 credits
- minimum credit value of optional courses: 6 credits

7. International Standard Classification of Education field of education code: 314/0311

8. Master's degree training objectives and professional competences

The objective of the programme is the training of economists who, with their attained economic science, social science, management, legal, methodological, and specialised theoretical and practical knowledge, are capable of professionally performing analytic, planning, coordination, and management tasks in the state-run and non-state-run institutions of the public sector, in non-profit organisations, in central and local governments, in Hungarian and international (European Union) organisations that initiate, form, and realise sector-wide public policies and in meaningful participation in any phase of public projects. They are prepared to continue their training at the PhD level.

8.1. Attained professional competences

8.1.1. The economist with a public policy and management master's degree has

a) knowledge

- Has mastered the concepts, theories, processes, and characteristics of economic science and the micro- and macro-organisational levels of economy, knows the definitive economic facts.
- Understands the structure, operation, and Hungarian and international relationships of business organisations, their information and motivational factors, especially the institutional environment.
- Knows the European integration process and European Policies related to its activity.
- Possesses the modern and theoretically demanding mathematical-statistical, econometric, and modelling methods of problem recognition, definition, and solution and information gathering and processing, and is aware of their limitations.

- Knows the rules for planning and managing enterprises, business organisations, and projects, and their professional and ethical standards.
- Knows interrelationships of economics-based inter- and transdisciplinary theories and conceptual frameworks that help describe and understand the operation of the public sector.
- Knows the concepts of the economy of the public sector and their interrelationships, the principles and practice of influencing and realising public policy, the conflicted nature of realising constitutional social values and standards (public policy that promotes public good).
- Knows the institutions, operations, and public policies of governance realised in the major levels of multi-level governance (local-regional, state, European Union).
- Is aware of principles and methods for the organisation, operation, and management of public organisations.
- Is aware of the principles and practical methods of economic, organisational, political, and human resource utilisation.
- Knows the concepts of budgetary managements and public institution management and their interrelationships. Knows the factors that affect business and the methods that are used to influence these factors.
- Knows the main elements of the methodological toolkit (in particular, multivariate statistical analysis, decision-oriented analytic techniques, comparative case studies) used for the analysis of complex social-public policy issues and their alternative solutions.
- Is aware of the limits of his/her knowledge and the necessity of lifelong learning.

b) skills

- Formulates independent, new deductions, original thoughts, and approaches, is capable of utilising sophisticated analytic and modelling methods, of creating strategies for the solution of complex problems, and of making decisions in dynamic Hungarian and international environments and corporate cultures.
- After attaining practical knowledge and experiences, leads medium and large enterprises or complex organisational units, performs a comprehensive economic function in a business organisation, organises and manages complex business processes, manages resources.
- Is capable of efficient work in an international, multicultural environment.
- Is capable of exploring theoretical, methodological, and factual public management and public policy resources in Hungarian and in foreign languages and following the professional publications of other scientific fields relevant to the specialisation.
- Is capable of analysing and developing strategies to solve complex social and public policy issues, planning the solution, making decisions, and offering professional advice to economic operators.
- Is capable of successfully utilising complex statistical analysis, modelling, and comparative institutional analytic tasks in public management and public policy analysis and decision preparation work, and case-study based methods.
- Is capable of cooperating in the realisation of Hungarian and European Union development policies, of analysing, planning, and managing the processes of public organisations.
- Is capable of uncovering and explicitly presenting the realisation of social values and value changes, and of understanding and creatively handling conflicted situations resulting from opposite viewpoints.
- Is capable of applying his/her specialist, financial, management, research methodology, and IT skills in practice in a complex way.
- Is capable of using his/her economic, legal, political science, and sociological knowledge in the analysis of real public policy issues and resolutions (suggestions).

c) attitudes

- Has a critical attitude towards the work and behaviour of him/herself and any subordinates, is innovative and proactive in managing economic issues.
- Is open to new results of economic science and practice.
- Is characterised by a cultured, ethical, and objective intellectual approach to persons and social issues, in his/her work, pays attention to the wider range of sectoral, regional, national, and European values (including social, ecological, and sustainability considerations).
- Strives to improve his/her knowledge and work relationships; motivates, helps, and supports any colleagues and subordinates to do the same.
- Is dedicated to recognising and promoting public good.
- Has a critical attitude towards the knowledge, work, and behaviour of him/herself and any subordinates.
- Considers correcting mistakes and improving his/her employees a duty.
- Consciously searches for public management and public policy issues to solve, is innovative and proactive in the handling of economic issues.
- Is open to new results from public management and public policy theory and practice and changes of the social-economic-legal environment that affect his/her specialist field.

d) autonomy and responsibilities

- Independently selects and utilises relevant problem-solving methods in areas important for organisational policy, strategy, and management, performs financial analysis, decision-preparation, and consulting tasks independently.
- Takes responsibility for his/her own work, the organisation or enterprise under his/her control and the employees thereof.
- Independently identifies, plans, and organises the professional and general development of his/herself and any employees and takes responsibility for them.

- Independently performs financial analysis, decision preparation, and consulting tasks in fields significant for organisational policy, strategy, or management based on his/her professional views.
- Takes initiative in solving problems, developing strategies, and the cooperation of groups and colleagues, both inside the organisation and between organisations.
- Is characterised by an independent and responsible thinking through and consideration of economic and extra-economic consequences in formulating professional questions. Takes responsibility for the effects of his/her activities on other specialist fields.
- Takes responsibility for the professional content and correct terminology in his/her own professional summaries, presentations, and publications.
- Takes initiative and responsibility towards colleagues and employees in social and public issues.

9. About the master's programme

9.1. Professional properties

9.1.1. The scientific fields and areas that the training is based on are:

- economics, 40-60 credits;
- administration science, public policy science, and public policy analysis 20-30 credits;
- organisation and management science 10-15 credits;
- political science 10-15 credits;
- jurisprudence 10-15 credits.

9.1.2. Specialist knowledge attained in the specialist fields of public policy and analysis, the management and organisational tasks of public organisations, and sectoral policy expertise, considering optional specialisations. The credit ratio of specialisation in the training, recommended by the training institution, is 15-25 credits.

9.2. Previously acquired knowledge and competence in the following fields of study, as required by the credit transfer committee of the higher education institution and necessary for the completion of the studies, based on the comparison of knowledge relevant for credit recognition:

- methodology, economics and social studies;
- specialised knowledge (public service institutions, management and administration of levels of government, public policy, policies, public law and socio-political studies).

10. For studies in a foreign language, the level of foreign language proficiency to be achieved: -

11. The knowledge on which the credit is based is based on a comparison of the knowledge and competences required by the credit transfer committee of the higher education institution for the completion of the studies, and the knowledge and competences acquired previously in the following areas:

11.1. The entry requirements for the program are listed in the official publication titled „Training and output requirements for higher education vocational training, bachelor's and master's programs applicable from the 2026/27 academic year” published by the Minister of Culture and Innovation:

„4. Degrees accepted for admittance into the master's programme

4.1. bachelor programme: the bachelor programme in

- applied economics.

4.2. According to Section 9.2, based on the comparison of studies subject to the recognition of credits, the following bachelor programmes: in the field of economic sciences:

- business and management,
- human resources,
- international business,
- finance and accounting;

in the field of social sciences:

- international relations,
- political science,
- social work,
- sociology;

in the field of legal studies:

- labour and social security administration;

in the field of public administration:

- administrative organisation,
- international administration,
- public administration organisation;

in the field of medicine and health:

- health organisation;

and all bachelor's and master's degree programmes and the programmes under Act LXXX of 1993 on Higher Education which are accepted by the credit transfer committee of the higher education institution on the basis of a comparison of the knowledge underlying the credits awarded.

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11.2. CTC adds the following supplement regarding admission requirements:

The minimum number of credits required for admission to the master's program is 20 credits, based on a comparison of knowledge acquired through previous studies or equivalent non-formal, informal learning or work experience with the knowledge required for the award of credits in the following areas:

- methodological knowledge: **minimum 5 credits**;
- economic knowledge: **minimum 5 credits**;
- social science knowledge: **minimum 5 credits**;
- subject-specific knowledge (e.g., public service institutions, management and administration of government levels, public policy, policy knowledge, public law, social policy knowledge): **minimum 5 credits**.

Admission to the master's program requires that applicants have earned **15 credits** in the listed subject areas based on their previous studies. From the above, a maximum of 5 missing credits may be made up for during the course of the study.

Missing credits in the master's program must be earned in accordance with the study and examination regulations of the higher education institution.

12. Degree thesis/ Dissertation

The aim of the dissertation is to certify the student's knowledge and expertise in a chosen topic, scientific data collection, systematization, analysis and processing related to the chosen topic, discussion of the chosen phenomenon or problem, hypothesis creation, problem solving, analysis of alternative hypotheses, analysis and in refuting the counter-arguments, in a coherent, consistent, language-oriented written explanation of his thoughts, views, positions, statements.

13. Type of Degree thesis

Research thesis.

14. Requirements for the issue of a final certificate

The University will issue a final certificate to the student who has

- to the student who has fulfilled the requirements contained in the study and examination regulations and
- obtained the required credits.

15. Conditions for admission to the final examination

Joint conditions for admission to the final exam:

- a) obtaining a final certificate,
 - b) submission of the dissertation by the deadline,
 - c) evaluation of the dissertation with a grade other than „fail”,
 - d) registration for the final exam by the deadline,
 - e) the student has no overdue payment debt to the University for the given training,
 - f) accounted for with assets owned by the University (borrowed books, sports equipment, etc.).
- A student who has not fulfilled any of the provisions of the points a)-f) cannot be admitted to the final examination.

16. Parts of the final exam

The final exam consists of the defense of the dissertation.

17. Determining the result of the final exam

The arithmetic mean of the following two digits, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) The grade given to the dissertation by the reviewer (s) - determined with a five-point qualification - in case of several reviewers the average of the marks of the reviews is rounded to two decimal places, and
- b) the grade obtained for the defense of the dissertation, the answer to the questions related to the dissertation - established with a five-level qualification

18. Components of diploma qualification, method of calculation

The result of the diploma is the arithmetic mean of the following two digits, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) the credit-weighted average of the marks of the compulsory and compulsory elective subjects (if the student has taken more than the compulsory elective subjects, then all the subjects taken) in the amount of credits prescribed in the curriculum, and the result (grade) of the final examination.
- b) the result (grade) of the final examination.

19. Conditions for issuing a diploma

A prerequisite for the award of a diploma certifying the completion of higher education studies is the successful completion of the final examination.

20. Specialization information

Ranking at the beginning of year 2.

Two specialisations are possible.

MNKGKP26ABP - Public Policy and Management MSc programme in Budapest, in English, full time training Curriculum for 2026/2027. (1.) fall semester for beginning students

Subject Code	Subject Name	Type	Number of hours per week		Credits	Evaluation	Fall or Spring Semester	2026/2027 Academic year		2027/2028 Academic year		Credit	Course leader	Institute	Requirement		Equivalent subject		OSF									
			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name										
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester																	
Core courses																												
Methodological and Economic Foundations of Public Policy Core Courses																												
KOZG124NAMB	Applied Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					András Olivér Németh	Institute of Economics			KOZG009NAMB	Economic Foundations of Public Policy	yes									
ADIN159NAMB	Applied Statistics	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Tamás Nyitrai	Institute of Data Analytics and Information Systems			TARS008NAMB	Methodological Foundations of Public Policy	yes									
GLOB163NAMB	Development and Sustainability	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					István Zsolt Benczes	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
TARS104NAMB	Public Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Sándor Csengődi	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
GLOB183NAMB	Methods for Development Research	C	0	4	6	pg	Fall			6			Denis Ivanov	Institute of Global Studies			GLOB165NAMB	Methods for Development Research	yes									
KOZNXV4KZ62	Program and Performance Evaluation	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			György Hajnal	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
Public Administration and Public Management Core Courses																												
TARS163NAMB	Public Policy Actors, Institutions and Processes	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Éva Margit Kovács	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
TARS102NAMB	Multilevel Governance	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Daniela-Sabina Schnell	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
TARS164NAMB	Comparative Public Administration and Administrative Law	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				György Gajduscheck	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
Compulsory Elective courses																												
TARS165NAMB	Corruption, Governance and Political Institutions	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Gábor Tamás Molnár	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
FENT044NAMB	Theory and Practice of Environmental Policymaking	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall	6					Anna Zsófia Széchy	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
TARS108NAMB	Managing Public Organisations	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Éva Margit Kovács	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
GLOB104NAMB	States and Globalisation	CE	2	2	6	ex	Spring		6				Judit Ricz	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
FENT051NAMB	Economic Geographic Models	CE	2	2	6	pg	Spring		6				László Czaller	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
FENT107NAMB	Climate Resilience in Tourism Policy and Food Security	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			László Kókény	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
TARS176NAMB	Digital Era Governance	CE	0	4	6	ex	Fall			6			Daniela-Sabina Schnell	Institute of Social and Political Sciences			TARS110NAMB	Digital Era Governance	yes									
TARS170NAMB	Health Policy	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Zsuzsanna Beretzký	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes									
GLOB166NAMB	Political Economy of the Global South	CE	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			István Zsolt Benczes	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
Specialisation courses																												
Climate Policy and Regional Development specialisation																												
FENT052NAMB	Climate Policy	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Anna Zsófia Széchy	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
FENT109NAMB	Contemporary Regional Geography	C	2	2	6	pg	Spring				6		László Botond Jeney	Institute of Sustainable Development			FENT055NAMB	Contemporary Regional Geography	yes									
FENT056NAMB	Governance of the Energy Transition	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Anna Zsófia Széchy	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
FENT057NAMB	Sustainable Spatial Planning and Development	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Géza Salamin	Institute of Sustainable Development					yes									
Global Development Policy specialisation																												
GLOB164NAMB	Global Development Theories and Policies	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Judit Ricz	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
GLOB167NAMB	Development and Humanitarian Assistance	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Beáta Paragi	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
GLOB090NAMB	Global Development Perspectives in Practice	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		András Tétényi	Institute of Global Studies					yes									
GLOB168NAMB	Development in practice: actors, cases and challenges	C	2	2	6	pg	Spring				6		Judit Ricz	Institute of Global Studies					yes									

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			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name					
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester												
Health Economic Evaluation specialisation																							
TARS168NAMB	Economic Evaluation in Healthcare	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Zsuzsanna Beretzky	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
TARS169NAMB	Health Technology Assessment	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Péter Balázs	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
TARS171NAMB	Decision Modelling for Health Economic Evaluation	C	0	4	6	pg	Spring				6		Valentin Péter Brodsky	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
4EG59NAK09M	Valuation of Health	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Valentin Péter Brodsky	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
Public Governance specialisation																							
KOZNXV4KZ56	Public Policies for Human Development	C	2	2	6	ex	Fall			6			Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
TARS175NAMB	NGO Management and Civil Society	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Jekaterina Szergejevna Dunajeva	Institute of Social and Political Sciences			TARS112NAMB	NGO Management and Civil Society	yes				
TARS172NAMB	Public Policy Interventions: Cost-Benefit Analysis	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Sándor Csengődi	Institute of Social and Political Sciences			TARS004NAMB	Cost-Benefit Analysis	yes				
TARS109NAMB	Public Financial Management	C	2	2	6	ex	Spring				6		Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
Thesis preparation, core courses																							
TARS174NAMB	Research Design and Qualitative Methods in Public Policy Analysis	C	0	4	6	pg	Fall	6					György Hajnal	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					no				
TARS177NAMB	Thesis Seminar	C			3	pg	Fall			3			Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes				
TARS178NAMB	Thesis Writing	C			6	pg	Spring				6		Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences	TARS177NAMB	Thesis Seminar			yes				
Elective courses																							
IOK0001NABB	Hungarian Language SHI I.*	CR	0	4	3	pg	Fall	3					Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research									
IOK0004NABB	Hungarian Language SHI II.*	CR	0	4	3	ex	Spring		3				Judit Magyar	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research									
TS00001NMMB	Sports/Physical Education	E	0	2	2	pg	Fall	2					Csaba Vladár	Centre for Physical Educations and Sports									
	Foreign language	E	0	4	0	s	Fall, Spring						József Erdei	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research									
	Elective courses	E			9		Fall Spring			3	6	9											
Total credits																							

Remarks
Type: C=compulsory courses, CE=core elective courses, E=elective (optional) courses, CR=criterion courses
Methods of assessment: ex=exam (exam at the end of the semester, but other forms of assessment are possible during the semester), pg=grade based on the practical assignments given during the course of the semester, s=signature
A subject that can be completed in a preferential study order (PSO) on the basis of Section 92 of the Study and Examination Regulation (SER)

Suggested semester for international mobility: second semester of the first year.

Physical education
Students wishing to take part in sport can take one semester without paying a fee and the following semesters the students can only take physical education with the payment of a specified fee.

Foreign language
For more information on language instruction and language requirements, please visit the following link:<https://www.uni-corvinus.hu/post/hir/important-information-on-the-compulsory-language-test/?lang=en>

Curriculum
It is recommended to include the subjects in the schedule according to the sample curriculum. The student may deviate from this, taking into account:
1. the pre-study order,
2. semester of announcing subjects
3. Completion of an average of 30 credits per semester
4. In addition to the compulsory subjects, students may take elective subjects from the offer of elective subjects (see Neptun) as well as foreign languages.
5. A minimum of 2/3 of the required amount of credit must be completed at Corvinus University.

*Hungarian Language is a compulsory subject for the students participating in the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program in the first two semesters.

The detailed rules related to the admission of the subjects and the completion of the subjects are included in the Study and Examination Regulations.

Please note that curriculum changes are possible.