



Department of Public Policy

Central European University Department of Public Policy Adds a Cultural Policy Stream

The CEU Department of Public Policy offers a one-year MA in Public Policy with an optional specialization in the field of cultural policy. Since its launch in 2004 the department attracted a high number of applications from students in the CEE/FSU region and around the world. Graduates from the program have become government officials and policy experts in their home countries. Many of the students trained in the MA in Public Policy program are early or mid-career professionals who already bring professional experience to the program. The MA program offers different areas of specialization to its students. Upon successful completion of a particular stream of specialization students receive a diploma supplement to their MA degree.

The Cultural Policy Stream

Cultural policies of national states, and later of regions and cities, have evolved in Europe after World War Two as part of comprehensive public policy articulation in many other fields, including health, housing, education etc. and reflected the emancipation program of the welfare state in Western Europe and the common ideological framework in the former communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Huge political and socio-economic changes sweeping across Central and Eastern Europe since 1989 have only in a limited way affected the cultural policies of post-communist countries in transition. Across Europe, the present dilemmas of cultural policy reflect the key challenges of public policy, torn between the traditional prerogatives of the national state and European integration, national interests and forces of globalization, government regulation and the reliance on the market, and such major new issues as intensive migration, ICT revolution, and a prominent policy making role of the cities and regions. In this stream culture and cultural policy are considered not as a self-enclosed public sector but in a transversal perspective, thus closely connected with other aspects of public policy making, in education, urban development, foreign affairs, integration of the migrants, cultural diversity and tourism.

The aim of the stream is to provide the understanding of cultural policy making, its protagonists and their interests, and to examine the broad palette of policy instruments applied, their rationale and effects, in a strong comparative perspective. Students are expected to analyze the policy interventions of public authorities against the needs and expectations of culture professionals and audiences and to evaluate them in relation to accelerated cultural, political, technological and economic changes.

Credit requirements for the one-year Master's Program in Public Policy (MA)

34 course credits; 6 credits master thesis; internship.

Courses specific to the Cultural Policy Stream

Stream students are required to complete a minimum of 6 credits in courses on cultural policy.

Financial aid

Students of all nationalities can apply for CEU financial support and a limited number of tuition waivers.

For more information please visit: <http://www.dpp.ceu.hu/admiss/aid.htm>

Center for Arts and Culture

In addition to the courses offered in the context of the MA in Public Policy, the CEU Center for Arts and Culture provides further academic synergies to students bringing in artists, experts and distinguished scholars for guest lectures, debates, screenings, performances and conferences in the field. The center also offers connectivity with the rich cultural infrastructure of Budapest and contacts with European cultural networks, observatories and consortia.

For more information please see <http://www.cac.ceu.hu>.

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Open Society Institute Arts and Culture Network Program (ACNP)

This program operates from the OSI Budapest office and focuses on Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and also covers the cultural component of the OSI Roma program. ACNP provides the CEU DPP cultural policy stream students with opportunities to work as interns in the cultural organizations receiving OSI grants. For more information please see <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/arts>.

Visiting and Exchange Students are welcome

Courses in the field of cultural policy are also open to visiting students. Their completed coursework will be recognized in their transcripts at the end of their studies, and the credits earned at CEU may be counted towards their final degree at their home university. Visiting students typically apply for one or two teaching terms and have the same opportunities as regular CEU students to get involved in the academic, professional and social life of the department and the university.

Application

In addition to meeting the general CEU admission requirements (http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html) applicants to DPP cultural policy stream should submit one sample of written work demonstrating their analytical and argumentation skills in English, as well as a 500-word statement of purpose outlining their interest in the stream of specialization the candidate is applying to.

Deadline of application: March 16, 2009

On-line application form: <https://apply.embark.com/Grad/CEU/65/>

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