

LIST OF STUDY UNITS

Abbreviations:

EF	=	Individual preparation for thesis (Hungarian “egyéni szakdolgozati felkészülés”)
G	=	seminar (practical class, Hungarian “gyakorlat”)
K	=	lecture (Hungarian “kollokvium”)
Z	=	final examination (Hungarian “szakzáróvizsga”)
k	=	obligatory study unit (Hungarian “kötelező tanegység”)
kv	=	obligatory elective unit (freely chosen electives necessary for the completion of a module or specialisation track; Hungarian “kötelezően választható tanegység”)
v	=	elective unit (opposite of obligatory; Hungarian “választható tanegység”)

Explanation of prerequisites:

A prerequisite code not enclosed in braces: ‘strong’ prerequisite; must be completed successfully at least one semester before the course for which it is a prerequisite

A prerequisite code enclosed in braces: ‘weak’ prerequisite; it can be taken in the same semester with the course for which it is a prerequisite

A prerequisite code with a ‘=’ sign: the specified courses must be taken simultaneously.

*: Course that can be taken only after the background courses have been completed.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTER’S PROGRAM (MA)

HOST INSTITUTE:

Institute of History

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES:

MA program title: Central European Studies

Level of education and qualification received by those who have successfully completed the MA program:

- Level of education / degree: master’s degree (magister; master; abbreviation: MA)
- Qualification / degree title: Central European Studies Expert

Duration of the program:

4 semesters (2 years)

Credits required for graduation: 120

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

Requirements specific to the program:

Entry-level language requirements: non-native speakers must demonstrate min. B2 level knowledge of English or German proven by an official language exam certificate. IELTS exams with a score of 6.0 or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of 550 (paper-based exam, PBT) or 80 (internet-based exam, IBT) are accepted, or equivalent certificates.

C1 level knowledge of English is highly recommended (IELTS 6.6 to 8.0 or TOEFL IBT 85 to 115).

Applicants must hold a bachelor (BA) degree in the following fields of humanities: History, Hungarian, Ethnography, Slavonic Studies, Roma Studies, Liberal Arts, Germanic Studies (Specialized in German Studies and German as Ethnic Minority Studies), Romance Philology and Cultures (Specialized in French or Italian Studies); and in the following fields of social sciences: Sociology and Social Sciences Studies.

Applicants holding bachelor's degrees in other fields are also considered for admission if they have completed a sufficient number of relevant courses (50 credits, 30 for admission) in the fields of history of philosophy, aesthetics, economics- and social studies, international relations studies, political science, Roma studies, communication studies, modern and contemporary history, theory of literature, linguistics, Germanic studies and Slavonic studies.

As part of the application process, applicants must submit the following documents:

- Motivation letter explaining why the applicant wishes to choose Central European Studies, what kind of relevant experience he/she has, and what his/her field of interest is;
- Curriculum Vitae including the applicant's previous achievements (former studies, work experience, volunteer activities, scholarships, publications, conference presentations etc.);
- Diploma(s) from formerly completed degree program(s) and their English-language transcript(s);
- English-language transcript of the list of completed courses in previous degree programs (with a copy of the original-language document attached).

The assessment of the submitted documents is combined with an oral interview, conducted in person or via Skype.

MA THESIS AND FINAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

Thesis requirements:

Every student studying in the program is required to write a master's thesis which is worth 20 credits and which meets the requirements listed in the Rules of Study and Examinations (*Tanulmányi és vizsgaszabályzat, TVSZ*). Students must choose thesis topics related to Central Europe. The thesis is an independent scholarly work of the candidate's own, conforming to the rules of academic scholarship in terms of referencing, quotations, and the use of literature as well as sources. The thesis must reflect the candidate's knowledge of sources related to his/her topic; his/her familiarity with the international literature of the given scholarly field; his/her ability to provide a comprehensive summary and critical evaluation of the subject. The thesis must yield novel scholarly results in terms of the exploitation and interpretation of sources and must

represent the candidate's ability to apply the methods of his/her field to his/her own work. All cases where a student is suspected with plagiarism will be brought to the Board of Review.

Formal requirements concerning the thesis: The length must be minimum 160,000 characters with spaces (28,000 words) at a spacing of 1.5 and font size 12. One copy must be submitted bound, another stapled. MA theses should also be submitted electronically (attach/tape a disc in a paper case with a copy of the electronic version of the thesis to the inside of the back cover of the bound copy). The title page of the thesis must include the name of the author; the title of the MA thesis in the language of the degree program as well as in Hungarian; the name of the university, the faculty and the program; the name of the thesis adviser; and the year of submission of the thesis.

The student is aided in the preparation of his/her thesis by an advisor who is a lecturer or research fellow of the University and who must possess a PhD degree. The thesis can only be submitted if the advisor provides a written statement declaring that he/she finds the thesis suitable for submission. The advisor's written statement must be attached to all submitted copies of the thesis. The thesis must be defended in front of a committee, and the defense is a public event. The defense of the thesis is part of the final examination, which is regulated by the Rules of Study and Examinations (Tanulmányi és vizsgaszabályzat, TVSZ).

Assessment of the thesis:

Assessment is on a five-grade scale. During the evaluation, the assessor must take it into account whether the author has adhered to the prescribed requirements concerning content and form. The factors relevant for grading are scholarly achievement; familiarity with the literature of the field as well as the ability to apply it in a professional manner; structured presentation and apt application of the candidate's research results; potential topics for further research.

Prerequisites for taking the final examination:

In order to register for the final examination, the student

- must complete all coursework prescribed by the study unit list and obtain all the grades required for the completion of the program;
- must provide a certificate stating that he/she does not owe any tuition fees, books etc. to the University;
- must submit his/her thesis by the required deadline and must receive at least a passing grade (2 on a 5-grade scale) on the thesis.

Requirements and evaluation of the final examination:

The final examination is conducted orally and must be taken in front of committee consisting of minimum three lecturers with PhD degrees. The chair of the committee can be a full professor, professor emeritus, or associate professor. Permanent / long-term members of the committee can only be lecturers appointed by the Rector or the Dean. One member of the committee is required to be an external member, i.e. a scholar not employed by the University. The assessor(s) of the thesis must also be invited to the final examination.

The final examination is a combined examination consisting of the defense of the MA thesis and candidate's giving account of the most important knowledge covered by the curriculum of the program. The examinee's performance is graded on a five-grade scale (1=fail, 5=excellent). The examiners evaluate the examinee's general knowledge in the main areas covered by the program's curriculum; they evaluate the examinee's expertise in the field(s) related to the MA thesis topic; they assess the examinee's ability to carry out scholarly discourse related to his/her thesis and explain his/her main statements in an apt and convincing way.

Exit-level language requirements:

for the successful completion of master's program in Central European Studies, it is necessary to demonstrate

- min. C1 level knowledge of English (proven by a certificate)
- and min. B1 level knowledge of one Central European language

QUALIFICATION OF THE DIPLOMA:

After successfully completing the final examination and passing the prescribed language examination(s), the University issues a diploma which proves that the student has successfully completed his/her studies. Upon the student's request, the University issues a Hungarian-language diploma attachment according to the format approved by the European Committee and the European Council. The degree certificate states the mathematical average (rounded to the closest whole number) of the grade of the thesis and the grades received at the final examination.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES:

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Notes:

- 1) In the **Foundation Studies** module all the subjects must be taken. All students should be aware that at the end of the fourth semester they will have to take a B1 level language exam in one of the Central European languages. The language exam will be organized by the ELTE institutes participating in the program. So it is advisable to start language learning already in the first semester.
- 2) In the **Core Studies** module the required number of courses can be freely assembled by students, with the restriction that they have to continue language learning.
- 3) **Specialization Studies:** for the shared courses the same conditions apply as for the Core Studies. These courses and the courses of the Elective Module offer opportunities for specialization. Depending on the number of required credits, students can devise their own study curricula. They must, however, continue language learning.
- 4) **Free Electives** provide students with a specialization opportunity from the beginning of the first semester. Students can choose from a range of courses in Central European Studies and/or any MA-level courses offered by programs at ELTE Faculty of Humanities or other faculties.

I. FOUNDATION STUDIES: 20 CREDITS

Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per week	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET21-100	Introduction to the History and Culture of Central Europe	1	K	k	2	5		1	Institute of History, Department of Modern World History
BMI-KET21-105	Methodology of Research	1	G	k	2	5		1	Institute of Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies
BMI-KET-108	History of Central European Region, 1918-1990	1	K	k	2	5		1	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies
BMI-KET-109	Political Geography of Central Europe. Political Systems of the Visegrad Group Countries after 1990	2	K	k	2	5		2	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies

CORE STUDIES: 31 KREDIT / 31 CREDITS

*It is mandatory to choose one language from the language exercise courses.

Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per week	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET-110	The Emergence and Transformation of Central Europe in the Middle Ages	1-2	K	kv	2	4		1	Institute of History, Department of Medieval History

	and the Early Modern Period								
BMI-KET-222	The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and its Heritage	1-3	K	kv	2	4		1	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
BMI-KET-223	Economy in Central Europe: Past and Present	2	K	kv	2	4		2	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
BMI-KET-224	Minorities and Minority Policies in 19th-21st Century Central Europe: Diversity and Coexistence	1-2	K	kv	2	4		1	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies
BMI-KET-225	Cities of Central Europe: Urban Development, Architecture, Heritage and Culture	2-3	K	kv	2	4		2	Institute of History, Atelier Department of Interdisciplinary History
BMI-KET-228	Literary and Cultural Studies in Central Europe	2	G	kv	2	4		2	Institute of Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies
BMI-KET-226	Literatures of Central European Peoples from the 19th Century to the Present	2	K	kv	2	4		2	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology
BMI-KET-227	English Academic Writing	1	G	kv	2	3		1	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
BMI-KET-213	Ukrainian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Ukrainian Philology
BMI-KET-214	Slovenian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-215	Slovakian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology

BMI-KET-216	Serbian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-217	Polish Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Polish Philology
BMI-KET-218	Croatian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-219	Czech Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-221	Romanian Language Exercises 1-2*	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Romance Languages and Literatures, Department of Romanian Philology

SPECIALIZATION STUDIES: 42 CREDITS

Shared courses – Compulsory electives– 22 credits

*It is mandatory to choose one language from the language exercise courses.

Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per week	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET21-300	Dictatorships in Central Europe	2	K	kv	2	3		2	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies
BMI-KET-325	Central European Societies: Past and Present	2-4	K	kv	2	3		3	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History

BMI-KET-326	History of Modern Hungary	2	K	kv	2	3		2	Institute of History, Department of Modern Hungarian History
BMI-KET21-302	Romania from the Danubian Principalities to the Present	3	G	kv	2	3		3	Institute of Romance Languages and Literatures, Department of Romanian Philology
BMI-KET21-303	Austria in the 20 th Century	2	G	kv	2	3		2	Institute of Germanic Studies
BMI-KET-320	Poland: History and Civilization	3	G	kv	2	3		3	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies
BMI-KET-318	Literary Seminar 1.	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavic Philology
BMI-KET-328	Literary Seminar 2.	1-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies
BMI-KET21-308	Cultural and Comparative Studies	3	K	kv	2	3		3	Institute of Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies
BMI-KET-319	Czechoslovakia and Its Successor States (Czechia and Slovakia): History and Civilization	3	K	kv	2	3		3	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies
BMI-KET21-316	History of the Southern Slavic States in the 19 th - 20 th Century	3	K	kv	2	3		3	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies

BMI-KET-327	Jewish History and Culture in Central Europe	2	G	kv	2	3		2	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
BMI-KET-321	Minorities and Cultures – Specialized Seminary	3	G	kv	2	3		3	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavic Philology
BMI-KET-322	Consultation 1.	3-4.	G	kv	2	3		3	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
BMI-KET-323	Consultation 2.	3-4	G	kv	2	3		4	Institute of Hungarian Literature and Cultural Studies
BMI-KET-324	Tutorial	3-4	G	k	2	3		4	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History

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Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per semester	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET-441	Ukrainian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Ukrainian Philology
BMI-KET-442	Slovenian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-443	Slovakian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology

BMI-KET-444	Serbian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-445	Polish Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Polish Philology
BMI-KET-446	Croatian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-447	Czech Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Slavonic and Baltic Philology, Department of Slavonic Philology
BMI-KET-449	Romanian Terminological Exercises 1-2*	2-4	G	kv	2	4		4	Institute of Romance Languages and Literatures, Department of Romanian Philology

20 CREDITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – DIPLOMACY MODULE

Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per semester	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET-404	International Relations of Central Europe in the 20th Century: The Region and the Great Powers	2	K	k	2	5		2	Institute of History, Department of Cultural History
BMI-KET-405	Central Europe in the Globalized World	2-3	G	k	2	5		3	Institute of History, Department of Modern World History

BMI-KET-406	Cultural Relations and Transfers	2-4	K	k	2	5		4	Institute of History, Department of Modern Hungarian History
BMI-KET-407	Russia and the Soviet Union: History and Central European Relations	2-3	G	k	2	5		3	Institute of History, Department of Central, Eastern European History and Historical Russian Studies

FREE ELECTIVES: 7 CREDITS

Any course taken from the pool of courses offered by the University (taking prerequisite requirements into consideration)

THESIS WRITING: 20 CREDITS

Code of Study Unit BMI-	Name of Study Unit	Semester min. – max.	Type of course / evaluation	Compulsory / elective	Number of classes per semester	Credits	Prerequisite	Suggested semester	Department responsible for offering the course
BMI-KET-SZD	Thesis Writing (Individual preparation for the thesis)	4	EF	k	0	20		4	Institute of History, Department of Economic and Social History
	Final Exam	4	Z	k	0	0	(Thesis)	4	

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