

**Faculty of Arts
Institute of Applied Social Sciences**



Student Manual

**Central European Studies
MA PROGRAM**

2021/2022.





In the second half of the 20th century, the former University of Heavy Industry, the higher education institution of Miskolc with rich traditions, opened its gates to new disciplines and fields. That was how first, in 1983, the Faculty of Law, and then in 1990, the Faculty of Economics was opened, widening the educational and research fields of the university.

In our region, there had been a demand for education in the humanities and social sciences for decades but the number of students Hungarian higher education could cater for earlier did not justify the establishment of a new faculty of arts in addition to the well-established universities of arts and sciences and some teacher training colleges.

In spite of this, there was a growing demand in the region for experts of the humanities and social sciences as these fields (public education, public collections, etc.) struggled with a lack of experts and the ever increasing number of research projects in these fields required the active contribution of young, well-educated and prepared researchers with an academic background.

The two 'predecessors' of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Miskolc set the objective to meet this demand. These are Bölcsész Egyesület ('Association of the Humanities'), working at present, too, but having no accreditation, and the direct legal predecessor of our Faculty: the Institute of Arts of the University of Miskolc.

With the approval of the national authorities, the Institute of Arts started operation in the academic year 1992/93, reinforcing the universal character of the institution.

Thus, education and research in the humanities and social sciences have a short past at our university but our results already speak for themselves: the initial course structure has been expanded: since the introduction of the Bologna system, we have been conducting 3 tertiary level vocational trainings, 9 BA programs, 17 MA programs and several courses of specialised further training. Students who wish to continue their studies at an even higher level may get an academic degree in our doctoral school.

The Faculty of Arts of the University of Miskolc provides the generations of the 21st century with state-of-the-art, easily utilisable knowledge, too. In the ever widening range of courses, you can find everything belonging to the field of humanities and social sciences in the classic sense but also the indispensable assets of our present, accelerated lifestyle: practice-oriented, applicable knowledge.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM

Name of the master's program: Central European Studies

Degree obtainable at the program:

Level of the degree: master's

Description: Central European Studies Expert

Field of study: humanities

Length of program: 4 semesters

Credits needed to complete the program: 120 credits

orientation: theory oriented (60-70 %)

credit for thesis building: 20 credits

minimum credit for mandatory courses: 6 credits.

The program aims to train experts who, with the help of their acquired space-specific knowledge, are able to carry out tasks related to foreign affairs, economics, research, representation, intercultural relations, diplomacy of culture and organization in relation to the Central European region. The graduates shall be able to carry out such tasks in scientific, media related, diplomatic, entrepreneurial, institutional and cultural settings. Graduates of the program shall be prepared to continue their studies at doctoral level.

Fields of study:

- knowledge necessary for a deeper understanding of the subject of the program: history, society, cultural history, economy, ethnology, philosophy, literature of Central Europe; theories on the notion of Central Europe, literature review, research techniques: 18-22 credits
- expertise and application of knowledge: Central Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries, history, literature, arts, philosophy, ethnography, linguistic characteristics, contemporary economy, politics, society, ethnicities, research technique; language classes: 28-32 credits
- mandatory moduls: 42-46 credits
- culture: literature, cultural canons, institutions, art, philosophy, media and culture, differences between the Central European narrative and that of Eastern and Western Europe, literature review, sources, analytical skills, research techniques
- minority issues: minority issues in the past and in the present in Central Europe, history of minority rights, minority rights and legislations in Central Europe, minority education, institutions for minority rights, linguistic co-habitations, bilingualism, minority media, identity discourses, minority identities, literature review, sources, analytical skills, research techniques

- economy: Central European economies, theories of economy, history of economy, integration and disintegration in the 18th and 20th centuries, agrarian and industrial areas, contemporary corporate structure industries, monetary system, investment and monetary opportunities, social structure, literature review, sources, analytical skills, research techniques
- diplomacy: history of the international relations of the region, foreign affairs in the multi-ethnic Habsburg Empire, history of the dwarf-states between the wars, the Soviet regime and its collapse, Central Europe and the European Union, fields related to diplomacy – culture and diplomacy, literature review, sources, analytical skills, research techniques

Additional information on the program available at the website:

<http://www.uni-miskolc.hu/~btmtt/>

<http://atti.uni-miskolc.hu/inenglish.htm>

ADMISSION TO THE MA PROGRAM

Requisites of admission:

Any kind of BA or BSc (or equivalent) diploma, preferably in the social sciences and a good command of English, written and spoken, proofed by a language certificate B2 or higher) of any kind, or a certificate of study conducted in English.

Evaluation criteria:

- BA degree (max. 40 points)
- competency in the academic literature of Central Europe (max. 40 points)
- motivation, future plans (max. 20 points)

During the 20–30-minute online admission interview, the applicant's social science knowledge, research interests and motivation, commitment to study on central-european issues and language proficiency is assessed. Successful candidates are to be able to answer the following questions on their professional backgrounds, and motivations:

1. What are the reasons and their motivations for applying to study on this programme in a Central European city?
2. What do they know and what knowledge do they want to gain about Central Europe?
3. What do they want to achieve with the Master of Arts degree in Central European Studies?
4. On what kind of fields do they want to acquire knowledge regarding Central Europe? What are their research interests at present?
5. How and where do they envision to apply their knowledge after graduating?

Final Evaluation:

Applicants can score a maximum of 100 points. Applicants who score at least 80 points will be admitted to the MA program. Applicants who score less than 80 points will be rejected.

STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM

The Hungarian Government announced the policy of Global Opening, as part of which the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme was launched in 2013 for foreign students. The aim of the program is to promote cultural understanding, economic and political relations between Hungary and other countries. The countries included in the program need to have a valid bilateral educational cooperation plan signed by the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources and the relevant ministry of the specific country responsible for education.

Eligible countries: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, China, China – Hudec scholarship, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, India, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kurdistan Regional Government/Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Vietnam, Yemen

Further information:

<https://tka.hu/international-programmes/2966/stipendium-hungaricum/>

<http://stipendium.uni-miskolc.hu/>

PROCEDURES AND RULES

The procedures and rules regarding the education, teaching and examinations are registered in the Requirements for Students (volume III. of the Organizational and Operational Regulations of the University of Miskolc).

http://web.uni-miskolc.hu/files/4001/HKR%20258_2015%20eng.pdf

Electronic administration

At the University of Miskolc, the dominant part of the student administration is completed through the NEPTUN student information system. It allows you to complete the registration for a semester, courses and exams as well as to submit applications and manage financial duties.

The NEPTUN site of the university is available through the central homepage (www.uni-miskolc.hu), or directly at the <https://neptun31.uni-miskolc.hu/hallgato/Login.aspx?timeout=> address.

A detailed user guide can be reached from that homepage.

Grades of exams and practical marks are also recorded in the neptun. Main rules for exams are as follows:

- The student may take the exam only after registration validated in the NEPTUN system.
- Identity of the student shall be proved at the start of the exam by showing a valid document of identification containing a picture (identity card, student card, passport, etc.).
- When giving an assessment of an oral examination, the examiner will put into the examination record sheet the grade and will sign the examination record sheet, and in case the student requests so, the examiner also puts the grade into the printout of completed records supplied by the student together with his/her signature.
- On the basis of the examination records sheet, the examiner shall enter the examination grade in the Neptun system on the day of the examination.
- The examination record sheets shall be kept in the department/institute for five years.
- In the case of written examinations, the examiner shall mark the exam and write the grade on the examination paper as well as the examination record sheet, which is to be printed out from the Neptun system beforehand, and shall sign both.
- On the basis of the examination record sheet, the examiner shall enter the grade in the Neptun system within two days at the latest.
- Examination papers shall be kept in the given department/institute for one year.
- Students may file an objection regarding wrong assessment data appearing in the Neptun system within fourteen days, as a term of preclusion, following the end of the examination period.
- For decision making regarding the objection, the document of primary relevance and orientation will be the examination record sheet signed by the examiner, which is kept

by the department /institute administration as opposed to the data in the Neptun system.

- In case the assessment in the examination record sheet and the completion sheet or the registration course book are different from each other, those in the registration course book or the completion sheet shall be considered valid.
- In the case of end-of-term grades (practical marks), the course leader makes a written record of the grades on a print-out of the student list from the Neptun system, which he/she will duly sign to certify, and then on the basis, of this he/she will enter the grade in the Neptun system.
- The paper-based record shall be kept by the departmental/institute administration for five years.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021/2022 SEMESTER 1

Date	Events
6. September	First day of educational period
22. September	<i>University Sports Day - a working day spent in sports</i>
1-3 November 12 December 23 December – 3th of January	<i>Holiday (no classes)</i>
November 5, 2021 (Friday)	End of graduation period for graduate students
8 November (Monday) – 20 November (Saturday)	Exam period for final-year students
12 November (Friday)	Thesis submission deadline
29 November (Monday) – 10 December (Friday)	Final exam period for final-year students Final exam period for final-year students
10. December	Last day of educational period
6. December to 10 December 13 December 2021 to 29 January 2022	Exam period

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021/2022 SEMESTER 2

Date	Events
7 February – 14 May	Teaching period
11 March (Friday) 10:00-12:00	Commemoration of 15 th March
14 March (Monday)	Day of rest <i>No classes, no work</i>
15 March (Tuesday)	National holiday <i>No classes, no work</i>
26 March (Saturday)	Classes on Monday schedule
12 April (Tuesday)	University of Miskolc Job and Internship Fair
13 April (Thursday)	Easter concert (BBZK)
14 April (Wednesday)	Holiday declared by Rector <i>No classes</i>
15 April (Friday)	National holiday (Good Friday) <i>No classes, no work</i>
18 April (Monday)	National holiday (Easter Monday) <i>No classes, no work</i>

19. April (Tuesday)	Holiday declared by Rector <i>No classes</i>
12-15 May (Thursday-Sunday)	MEN – Miskolc University Days festival
16 May (Monday)-25 June (Saturday)	Exam period (6 weeks, at least 27 work days)
6 June (Monday)	National holiday (Whitsun Monday) <i>No classes, no work</i>
23-24 June (Thursday, Friday)	Graduation ceremonies

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Date	Events
3 February (Wednesday) 08:00	Registration week
7 February (Monday) –8 April (Friday)	Teaching period for graduating students
11 April (Monday) – 29 April (Friday)	Exam period for graduating students
20 April (Wednesday)	Thesis submission deadline, all programmes
16 May (Monday) – 4 June (Friday)	Final exam period, graduating students



CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES – MASTER’S PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Neptun code	Course title	hours per week	hours per semester	requirement	number of credits
1st semester					
BTKETN101	Cultural History of Modern and Contemporary Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN102	The Historical Concept of Central Europe: Approaches, Theories and Debates	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN103	Central Europe: Approaches from Social Theory and Social Psychology	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN104	Applied Social Research Methods	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN105	Nations and Cultures in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN106	Trends of Philosophy in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Century I.	2-0	28	Exam	5
2nd semester					
BTKETN201	Jewish Integration, Anti-Semitism, and Holocaust in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam.	5
BTKETN202	Roma Society in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN203	Religions, Churches, Religious Minorities in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN204	Literature, Politics and Opposition in Socialist Eastern and Central Europe	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN205	Screen Politics and Film History	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN206	History of Economy of Central European Countries	2-0	28	Exam	5

Neptun code	Course title	hours per week	hours per semester	requirement	number of credits
3rd semester					
BTKETN301	Trends of Philosophy in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Century II.	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN302	East-Central Europe within the International World Order	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN303	Foreign Language Course	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN304	Legal Constitutional and Social Situation of Ethnic and Religious Minorities in 20th and 21th Century in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN305	Theories of Identity and National Identities	2-0	28	Exam	5
4th semester					
BTKETN001	Optional course unit I. (Political Culture in a Central European Country)	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN401	Social Protection and the Quality of Life in the V4 Countries	0-2	28	Term mark	5
BTKETN004	Optional course unit II. (Intercultural communication)	2-0	28	Exam	5
BTKETN403	Degree Thesis			Signature of the tutor	20

Graduation requirements:

- Students must have completed all the core, specialization and elective course requirements.
- Students must have achieved a minimum of 120 credits.
- Students will have submitted a Thesis Work.
- Students will have fulfilled all administrative and financial requirements towards the university.

The graduation exam, which is an oral exam, consists of two parts: thesis defense and final exam questions.

Final exam questions discuss the following topics:

1. Cultural History of Central Europe
2. History and Historical Concept of Central Europe
3. Social Theory and Social Psychology in Central Europe
4. Nations, National Identities and Cultures in Central Europe
5. Roma Society in Central Europe
6. Religions and Churches in Central Europe
7. Philosophy in Central Europe
8. History of Economy of Central Europe
9. Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Central Europe
10. Political Culture in Central Europe

For details, please visit:

<http://www.uni-miskolc.hu/~btmtt/ces-final-exam-questions.htm>