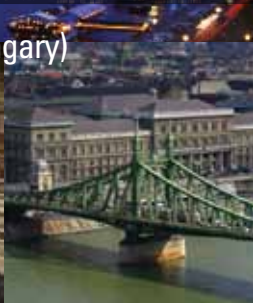


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International M.A. in Economy, State and Society (IMESS)

International M.A. in Economy, State and Society (IMESS) is a highly competitive, **two-year**,

English-language master's program that is offered by University College London, England (UCL)

and the consortium

of **Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary (CUB)**

and five European universities.

IMESS is the program that gives you the opportunity to complete your graduate studies at an outstanding level while also gaining personal experience in two of the most beautiful cities of Europe.

Who is IMESS for?

→ IMESS wishes to attract the brightest international students who would like to gain an in-depth understanding of the economies, states and societies of the expanding European region. The program is specifically designed for students who, besides the aim of completing their academic work at a professional level, believe it is essential to **develop personally in their studies and expand their horizons** by gaining first-hand experience with societies and cultures abroad.

What is IMESS about?

→ Besides giving students **the chance to develop cultural and linguistic knowledge about the wider European region**, the main objective of the program is to provide a combination of discipline-based area studies and rigorous research methodology training. One of the great advantages of the program is that it not only guarantees high-quality tuition but it also gives students the rare opportunity to gain first-hand experience both in Western and in Central or Eastern Europe. Although the program specifically focuses on the Central and Eastern European region, the discipline-based skills it helps to acquire are generic. Therefore, IMESS gives students a global skill set suitable for entering a career in the private or public sector or for developing a research career in the academia.



The structure of IMESS

→ IMESS is a consortium of University College London, Corvinus University of Budapest, Charles University, Jagiellonian University, University- Higher School of Economics, University of Helsinki, and University of Tartu. Recognized for its excellence by the European Union's Erasmus Mundus Program, it offers the following **three distinct study tracks** that reflect the unique multidisciplinary expertise of IMESS institutions.

- Economics and Business
- Politics and Security
- Nation, History and Society

Each track combines specialist electives (in economics, politics, society or history) and research methodology training (in social sciences or humanities). Students take courses of both types **at University College London in the first year and at Corvinus University of Budapest in the second year** of the program. Since the IMESS consortium believes that students can gain full understanding of the economies, states and societies of the region only if they have knowledge of the language of the country of the second year, students are further provided language tuition in Hungarian in the two years of IMESS. The advanced research dissertation is conducted in the final part of the program. Students are required to earn a total of 120 credits (ECTS) in each track and, upon successful completion, earn **a double degree from University College London and Corvinus University of Budapest.**

Yan Hong (China)

"I thought it would be interesting to study European integration and various internal and external issues of the EU in a new EU member country that is undergoing transit."



IMESS (Year 1): University College London

Students spend the first year of the program at University College London.

5 reasons why University College London is worth attending:

- UCL, London's global university, was ranked the fourth best university in the world in 2009 (THE-QS World University Rankings).
It is the research and teaching powerhouse of the capital.
- With over 8,000 staff and 22,000 students from over 150 countries, it is one of the largest universities in the United Kingdom.
- It offers more than 200 degrees in traditional fields of study, with the majority of the subjects rated excellent internationally.
- There are currently 21 Nobel Prize winners among the alumni and former staff of the college.
- It is not only an academic center of London but, with its location in Bloomsbury, it is physically in the heart of the capital.

Diana Rossikhina (Russia)

"I chose Corvinus University of Budapest for my second year in IMESS because I was intent on economics and business studies with the reference to Central and Eastern Europe. And CMB exactly offers a unique opportunity to study economics in a university institution with an excellent academic reputation, while enjoying the cultural, social and recreational facilities of one of the most beautiful Central European capital cities."





Faculty of Economics

IMESS (Year 2): Corvinus University of Budapest

Students spend the second year of the program at Corvinus University of Budapest.

5 reasons why Corvinus is worth attending:

- CUB is one of the leading education institutions not only of Hungary but also of Central-Eastern Europe. It earns prominent rankings in national and international evaluations. (The Faculty of Economics at CUB, coordinating faculty of IMESS, was ranked 6th in 2009 in the field of economics by the Financial Times. In the same year, the university was awarded the International Cooperation Prize for its high quality institutional coordination of the Life Long Learning Program.)
- The expertise and competence of its students are appreciated in the market, as graduates are offered high quality employment in every field.
- It is located in the capital of Hungary, the heart of the scientific and cultural life of the country. The main building, part of the UNESCO Heritage Site, is located on the bank of River Danube.
- It offers modern education in an international atmosphere: the number of international students and professors visiting Corvinus is growing every year. Hungarian and foreign students study in the same international classroom, which provides an ideal meeting point for those coming from different cultures.
- Corvinus University is more than an educational institution: the many student organizations at CUB offer numerous programs for both international and Hungarian students, which is a guarantee for an exceptionally colorful student life.

Erin Saltman (U.S.A.)

"My second year, in Budapest, has already challenged me to immerse myself within a new academic atmosphere and cultural environment. My dissertation concerns Hungarian youth mentalities towards the political party system. Having the opportunity to interview and interact with politically minded youths has reaffirmed my interest in my field and given invaluable depth to my research."

Expand your horizons



In the **first year of IMESS**, students take two courses in area research methodology and a number of specialist electives in their preferred study track. As a preparation for their studies at Corvinus University, they are further provided with intensive language training in Hungarian. Students are required to choose their dissertation topic and produce a preliminary proposal by the end of the first year. They are assigned a secondary thesis supervisor at UCL.

The **second year of IMESS** at Corvinus University has a specific focus on producing the M.A. dissertation. Students are assigned their main thesis supervisor at CUB. They have regular consultation sessions besides their courses in area research methodology, the special electives in their preferred study track and the intensive Hungarian language training. The program closes with a comprehensive exam and the defense of the thesis work in front of a committee of professors from both Corvinus University and UCL.

Application requirements

IMESS welcomes the application of students from all countries. Applicants are required to have a bachelor's degree in a relevant subject area. In case the bachelor's degree is in an unrelated field, it is essential that applicant demonstrates their interest in IMESS in the application package. All students whose first language is not English must be able to provide recent evidence that their spoken and written command of the English language is adequate for the program. The required level is 'good' in accordance with UCL English Language Policy.

→ Application procedure

Application packages should include the following documents:

- (1) Application form and Supplementary questionnaire
- (2) Original copy of an official transcript/ diploma supplement in English
- (3) Proof of citizenship: passport and name details
- (4) Student visa (if appropriate)

→ You can apply

- online at www.ucl.ac.uk/admission/graduate-study/application-admission/apply-online/ or
- by requesting a hard copy application pack to be sent off to your contact address
- by downloading a hard copy of the application form at www.imesse.eu/applications.php

Hard copy application packages should be sent directly to University College London at the following address.

University College London
Gower Street
London WC1E 6BT United Kingdom

→ **For more information about the IMESS Program,**
please visit the official IMESS website at <http://www.imess.eu>

→ **For more information about the second year**
of IMESS at Corvinus University of Budapest,
please visit the official Corvinus IMESS website at:

<http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu>

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