



Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management (PUMA)

The aim of this programme is to train graduates who can apply their practical and theoretical knowledge in economics, social sciences, management, and law to solve and analyze issues in public policy and state administration.

Structure of studies:

- 4 academic semester
- total number of credits: 120

The programme has two specialisations:

Public Policy Analysis

Public Management

Language of the programme:

English

Name of the degree:

Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management



Programme description

The courses taught in the programme are divided into core courses, catch-up courses, foundation core courses, differentiated professional courses, specialization courses and elective courses.

During the first year, the MA programme provides catching-up courses in Public Economics and Public Policy Analysis, while also introducing students into advanced microeconomics, advanced macroeconomics and Econometrics.

From the second year onwards, students have to select one to the two specializations:

- Public Policy Analysis
- Public Management

By taking the Public Policy specialization, students can follow Public Policy Process, Comparative Public Policy and Public Financial Management.

Public Management, on the other hand, offers Information management in the public sector, Human resource management in public service and Public Financial Management, among other courses.



Curriculum

I. Catch-up courses*

Public Economics and Finance

Public Policy Analysis - The Argumentative Approach

II. Foundation core courses (20 credits)

Microeconomics

Macroeconomics

Econometrics

Quantitative Methods

III. Professional core courses (25 credits)

Economics of the Public Sector

Comprehensive Public Policy Analysis

Theories of Public Affairs

Law and Economics

Economics Governance

IV. Specialization core courses (30 credits)

Specialization in Public Policy Analysis

Public Policy Process in Central and Eastern Europe

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Practicing Public Policy Analysis

Comparative Public Policy

Evaluating Policy Programs

Public Financial Management

Specialization in Public Management

Strategic Management

Controlling and Performance Management

Information Management

Human Resource Management

Public Financial Management

Civil Society and Organization

V. Elective courses (+catch-up courses if any) (30 credits)

Health Economics

Health Policy and Health Finance

Health Technology Analysis and Economics of Medicine

Quality Improvement and Management in Health Care

Corporate Governance

Alternative Public Service Delivery

Efficiency in Public Administration

Institutional Changes: Political Administrative Answers to Challenges

International Public Policies

Autonomy, Control and Coordination in Public Administration

Comparative Political Economy

The Economic History of Eastern Europe in the 20th century

European Finance

History of Economic Thought

Economic Policy

Decision Theory

Theories of Power

VI. Thesis seminar / Thesis (15 credits)

* Students may choose and combine catch-up courses and / or elective differentiated professional / module courses as they wish with the following restrictions:

a) missing credits (i.e. students with less than 180 recognized credits from their Bachelor or previous studies in specified knowledge area for the purpose of admission) should be made up, therefore some or all catch-up courses are compulsory for them;

b) minimum and maximum number of courses are prescribed in a given type of courses;

c) number of class-hours and credits that should be taken is prescribed as sufficient for the master degree program. Within these restrictions students are free to combine these courses as they please. (For example: if taking catch-up courses is not necessary, a student may choose seven elective professional courses.)

The Faculty of Economics reserves the right not to launch a course indicated above.

Total number of credits needed to complete the programme: 120 credits



Language courses

Students are given the opportunity to take foreign language courses for two semesters without being required to pay an extra fee. Our University offers courses in eight foreign languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

In order to help international students become easily comfortable in our country, we provide them the chance to learn Hungarian as a foreign language as well.



Admission requirements:

- entrance exam:
 - o essay on general relevant subjects in a case study form
 - o personal or telephone interview on motivations
- bachelor's degree (authenticated copy of the BA/BSc degree in both its original language and in English, along with the transcript. Note that graduating students have to send their certificates after the defence.)

Entrance exam

Applicants of the MA programme have to take part in the entrance exam of the Faculty.

During the entrance procedure, 100 points can be earned.

- For the exam 70 points,
- Another 20 for the evaluation of the Bachelor's degree, in a way that the certificate is graded on a scale from 1 to 5, the score of which is to be multiplied by four,
- A maximum of 10 extra points can be obtained up to 10 (see the titles below).

Subject of the entrance exam score	Type of the entrance exam	Maximum
Essay on a relevant subject (in English)	written	50 points
Motivational discussion (in English)	oral	20 points

Extra points

Out of the 100 points which can be earned at the MA entrance exam, the maximum amount of the extra points is 10 (For scientific, sport and language achievements).

The admission is determined by a board composed of the delegates of the departments responsible for the education of the programme.

The number of admitted students: Maximum 40

The program will not be started with less than 15 students.

Application procedure:

- Application deadline: please consult with our website
- Application package (completed [application form](#), authenticated copy of BA/BSc degree, detailed transcript, CV, motivation letter, language exam certification if available, copy of passport) to be sent to info.economics@uni-corvinus.hu
- Application fee: 110 EUR
- Written exam via the Internet: please consult with our website
- Oral exam: please consult with our website
- Applicants will be notified about their results (accepted or declined) by early June

Successful candidates will receive immediately a notification of acceptance by which their visa application can be accelerated if necessary.

The Faculty can assist in the visa application process.

- Successful applicants are expected to arrive to Hungary by the 1st of September.

Please respect the deadlines!



Language requirements

The Corvinus University of Budapest considers it very important that the good standard of teaching and learning not be hindered by language problems. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that international students apply to study at Corvinus only if their command of the language of instruction is unquestionably sufficient and suitable for university studies.

Tuition fee: 1950 EUR per semester

Payment terms:

- Please transfer the tuition fee for the two semesters of the next academic year until the end of June to our bank account.
- Please note that registration is conditional upon the receipt of the fee.
- If the tuition fee for two semesters does not arrive by the end of June, we will not be able to send a letter of acceptance to you about the arrival of the payment, which you need for the residence permit application at our Embassy.
- Please note that the university is unable to offer postponement of payment, or to provide an installment payment scheme.

Instructor responsible for the master program

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Further information

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