

**AN INVITATION TO STUDY IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Dear Student:

When I was an undergraduate student, I had the fortunate opportunity to spend a term at another university on an exchange program. I remember how difficult it was to decide where to go. There are just too many important questions to answer: Which program suits best my academic interests? Which city promises the most enjoyable and interesting cultural experience? Where can I find a student community that is inspiring, diverse, and can challenge my own cultural assumptions? If you are asking similar questions when trying to choose a study abroad program, and if you do not want to compromise on any of these, I have a suggestion for you: come to the Central European University.

Central European University is a young and dynamic center of intellectual excellence in one of the most fascinating cities in Europe. It gathers international faculty from over 40 countries and students from more than 100. These people have come here because of CEU's scholarly standards and its dedication to the pursuit of truth, the values of open society, and, more generally, to the challenge of understanding a world that constantly changes. All these are strong reasons to choose CEU as your study abroad destination. Last but not least, CEU is a graduate school. As undergraduates, you will be given the chance to experience, ahead of time, academic life at the next level.

We would be delighted to welcome you as part of the CEU community.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Katalin Farkas  
CEU Provost and Academic Pro-Rector  
Professor of Philosophy

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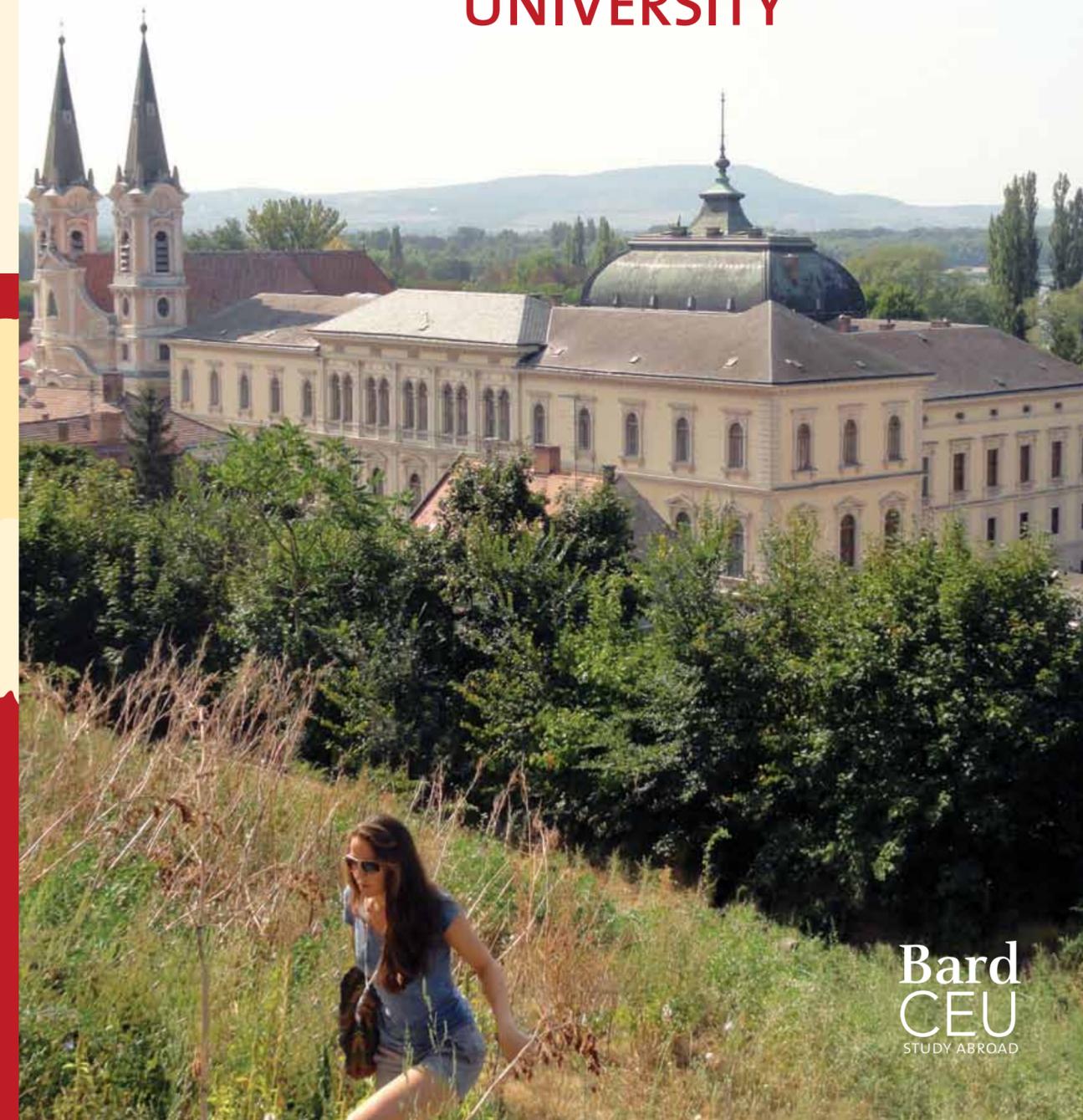
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*Through study abroad programs grounded in meaningful international partnerships and run as joint endeavors incorporating local students and faculty, the IILE seeks to inspire civic engagement and contribute to the just and realistic solution of global problems.*



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“CEU is an amazing place to study. In one class on international and European refugee law, we met staff from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and visited a refugee camp in Hungary. The interaction with students from so many parts of the world enhanced my learning experience and led to conversations that I will never forget.”

—Zach Israel, Bard College '12

#### ABOUT THE BARD-CEU PROGRAM

The Bard-CEU Program allows academically motivated undergraduates to enroll in master’s degree-level courses from across the Central European University curriculum. The program is well suited for students interested in debating issues of global concern with an international set of peers. The core course consists of guest lectures, seminars, and excursions designed to examine contemporary society in Hungary and the region through the lens of history, politics, and culture. The summer internship program provides placement and supervision, a credit-bearing course, and a cultural program. CEU classes are conducted in English.

Bard College has a long-standing and deep relationship with CEU. The College has sent more than 120 students from North America to study at CEU, and many program alumni/ae return to CEU for graduate studies. Bard-CEU participants enhance their lives and careers through the international network of contacts developed while at CEU.

#### ABOUT CEU

Central European University, an institution of graduate education in the social sciences and humanities, was founded in 1991 with the aim of helping the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In its first decade, CEU contributed to innovative academic research and the development of dynamic, sustainable open societies, primarily in the former socialist countries. These goals remain fundamental, but CEU’s mission has become global with its attention to emerging democracies worldwide.

CEU currently enrolls 1,500 students, representing over 100 nationalities, and has an exceptional student-to-faculty ratio of 7:1. CEU draws its faculty from top research institutions and liberal arts academies throughout the world. Faculty members have earned degrees and held posts at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Harvard University, Cambridge University, Yale University, Boston University, Stanford University, University of Lausanne, and Paris-Sorbonne University, among others. Students benefit from the rich diversity of ideas, expertise, and teaching styles of more than 130 permanent and 170 visiting faculty members.

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#### ACADEMICS

Students are challenged to employ critical thinking and rhetorical skills in seminar-style classes and are encouraged to be creative and independent thinkers and active global citizens. The Bard-CEU program, in coordination with the university’s departments, provides academic advisement to all students. Courses at CEU lead students to discover new academic goals and develop their ability to succeed in a graduate school environment.

#### Students may select courses from the following CEU departments:

Economics	Medieval Studies
Environmental Sciences and Policy	Nationalism Studies
Gender Studies	Philosophy
History	Political Science
International Relations and European Studies	Public Policy
Legal Studies—Human Rights Specialization	Sociology and Social Anthropology
Mathematics and Its Applications	

#### Students with an interest in language study may choose from among the following:

Arabic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Classical Hebrew, Classical Syriac, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Latin, Russian, Spanish, or Turkish.

CEU research centers operate large-scale projects; organize events, workshops, and conferences; and offer fellowships. The Open Society Archives (OSA) at CEU houses one of the world’s largest communism and Cold War archives—including materials of legendary “enemy” radio, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty—and the region’s most significant human rights materials collections, allowing students access to a wealth of primary-source research materials.

#### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Bard-CEU summer internship program is an opportunity for students to gain professional experience in international affairs, Roma rights, human rights, democratization, community action, social justice, and policy making. The program runs from early June to late July. Students develop skills in critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and oral expression through a core seminar that explores specific themes in international affairs, globalization, and civil society, and provides the theoretical framework for the internship.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT AND STUDENT LIFE

A full-time, on-site Bard-CEU program manager provides dedicated assistance with cultural, academic, administrative, and logistic concerns of participants. The program manager is a professional staff member of the CEU Student Services Office. Additionally, the Student Services Office coordinates the CEU Medical Center and Psychological Services Center, both of which provide care and referrals to all students.

CEU’s student union is the university’s elected student governance body. The student union supports clubs and sponsors social and cultural activities. Bard-CEU students have been members of the debate society and have been active in the student-run Human Rights Initiative.



#### ORIENTATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

The program begins with predeparture orientation in New York and an in-depth orientation upon arrival in Budapest and at CEU. The cultural program includes a tour of Budapest, group dinners, a trip to a neighboring country, visits to Hungarian towns and villages, and evenings at the theater and opera. Students receive a Hungarian student ID card, which provides discounts on rail travel, the Budapest transit system, museums, the cinema, and other cultural venues. Students may also participate in all CEU-sponsored activities, such as picnic and sports days, coffee houses, and club events.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOCATION

Students live independently in preselected and professionally managed rental properties, which consist of fully furnished apartments with Internet access, located in the city center and within walking distance of CEU.

CEU is located in Budapest’s District V on the Pest side of the Danube River. The university’s main downtown buildings occupy most of one city block; the campus consists of two period structures, a modern tower, and two adjacent buildings, all connected by courtyards and passages. CEU’s buildings include classrooms, offices, gallery space, wireless lounges, a library, auditorium, bookstore, gym, and cafeterias. A variety of student-friendly restaurants can be reached within a five-minute walk.

Budapest is considered the heart of Central Europe, and offers travel options to destinations throughout the region. In Hungary students explore rustic villages, artist colonies, vineyards, Lake Balaton, and towns with architectural remains from the Roman, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian empires.

#### FINANCIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Bard’s Institute for International Liberal Education offers need-based scholarships to assist students in bridging the gap between tuition at their home institution and program costs. Tuition and fee information is available on the program website, ceu.bard.edu. Scholarship instructions can also be found in the online program application.

#### PROGRAM DATES, DEADLINES, AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Fall term:** Early September to mid-December | Application deadline: April 1

**Spring term:** Early January to April 1 | Application deadline: November 1

**Summer internship program:** Early June to late July | Application deadline: March 1

Applications are accessible from the program website. Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Scholarship priority is given to those who apply early.



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