

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



**Student Manual**

**Central European Studies  
MA PROGRAM**

**2023/2024.**



## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



The Faculty of Arts was established in the 1992/1993 academic year at the University of Miskolc, promoting the ambition of the University to broaden its range of disciplines.

In the first academic year tuition started with two classes with students from the Association of Arts in Miskolc. The institute format proved to be too limiting already at the start, so the institute management applied to promote it to a faculty status as soon as possible. In 1997 the application was successful, and the Faculty became a fully-fledged member of the university.

Teaching and researching Arts, Social Sciences and Teacher Training has a history of more than a quarter of a century at the university. Although we are one of the younger faculties, our achievements speak for themselves. The initial few university and two college courses has been expanded since the introduction of the Bologna system. The Faculty now has 11 BA courses, 18 MA courses, 22 double major teacher training courses and several postgraduate training courses, and students wishing to continue their studies at an even higher level can obtain a PhD at our Doctoral School of Literary Studies.

For years national surveys have shown that we are on the right track. We are among the best regarding both the educators' level of qualification and student satisfaction. Of the approximately thirty institutions which offer Arts courses only a few long-established universities (ELTE, University of Debrecen, University of Szeged) rank higher than the Faculty of Arts at the University of Miskolc. This is further proven by the fact that nearly 90% of the students participating in an anonymous survey said that they would choose the Faculty of Arts at the University of Miskolc again, even if they had a chance to go to another university.

It also imposes responsibility on the Faculty's management and lecturers. It is only the high quality of education and research, the increasing integration of students into academic life, and the informal atmosphere of mutual respect that can inspire our students to spread the good reputation of our Faculty in- and outside the country. With their Arts, Social Sciences or Teaching degrees in their hands, good communication skills and reliable foreign language competence, our students can earn a good living, get good jobs and – more importantly – work in fields which they are interested in.

The Faculty of Arts at the University of Miskolc provides up-to-date, applicable knowledge for the people of the 21st century. The ever- widening range of courses include all the disciplines belonging to Arts and Social Sciences in the classical sense, but there are also several Teacher Training courses, the Special Education course has just been introduced. The list of courses is always becoming longer. We provide practice-oriented, practicable knowledge, which is an invaluable asset in today's accelerated world, for every student at our Faculty.

The heads of our Faculty, our educators and students all believe that our traditional greeting does not only determine our past and present, but also our future:

VIVA ARTS!

**Dr. Mária Illés-Kovács**  
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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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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-sates 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>

- **Useful link for using Neptun**

<https://neptun32.uni-miskolc.hu/hallgato/login.aspx>

[file:///C:/Users/aa000707/Downloads/User\\_guide\\_for\\_students.pdf.pdf](file:///C:/Users/aa000707/Downloads/User_guide_for_students.pdf.pdf)

## 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/>



## TDK Conference - Scientific Student Association

Volunteering to participate in activities beyond the curriculum is an integral part of university life for students. TDK is not just a single conference but is part of a longer process and a larger movement. Often a student will come across an aspect of their studies which they wish to study in more depth. With their teacher's support, this can be carried out within the framework of TDK. The process of writing an academic research paper for TDK often starts with an idea from paper or project written for class, or even whilst working on a thesis. It continues with the supervision of a teacher and culminates in an intensive collaboration between the supervising teacher and the student(s), and is later graded, evaluated and published.

TDK papers are evaluated and awards presented at the annual Scientific Student Association Conference organised by the university in the autumn semester. (This usually occurs in mid-November with papers due by early November.) Students present and defend their work in front of a board of renowned academics, teachers and fellow students. Conference boards are organised according to discipline. The conference provides an opportunity for dedicated students to discuss and defend their academic research in both written and oral rounds.

The evaluation and ranking of the academic research papers is a complex process and prizes are awarded to the authors of first, second and third places at an award-giving ceremony. The most outstanding students are given the opportunity to participate and present their papers at the biennial OTDK, National Conference of Scientific Students Associations. Student's participation and ranking in TDK will be taken into consideration in scholarship and grant selection processes as well as when applying to travel or study abroad and can have many additional benefits. The TDK movement provides a strong, well-founded foundation which supports promising academics.

### **More Information:**

<https://bolcsesz.uni-miskolc.hu/uj/tdk-en.php#tdk>

[https://bolcsesz.uni-miskolc.hu/uj/dok/TDK\\_FAQ\\_2023.pdf](https://bolcsesz.uni-miskolc.hu/uj/dok/TDK_FAQ_2023.pdf)

<https://tdk.iit.uni-miskolc.hu/en/news?menuId=63302d1a29dd391a5d17e16e>

## 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](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](http://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 2022/2023 SEMESTER 1

<https://www.uni-miskolc.hu/academic-calendar>



**CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES – MASTER’S PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>Neptune code</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>hours per week</b>	<b>hours per semester.</b>	<b>requirement</b>	<b>number of credits</b>	<b>Name of lecturer</b>
<b>1st semester</b>						
BTKETN101	Cultural History of Modern and Contemporary Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil Gyapay, László
BTKETN102	The Historical Concept of Central Europe: Approaches, Theories and Debates	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Dr. habil Tóth, Árpád
BTKETN103	Central Europe: Approaches from Social Theory and Social Psychology	2-0	28	Exam	5	Prof. Dr. Csepeli György
BTKETN104	Applied Social Research Methods	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Dr. habil. Szabó-Tóth Kinga
BTKETN105	Nations and Cultures in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. Kunt Gergely
BTKETN106	Trends of Philosophy in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Century I.	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil Nyíró Miklós
<b>Credit/semester total:</b>				<b>30</b>		
<b>2nd semester</b>						
BTKETN201	Jewish Integration, Anti-Semitism, and Holocaust in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam.	5	Dr. Sziszkoszné Dr. Halász Dorottya
BTKETN202	Roma Society in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil. Szabó-Tóth Kinga
BTKETN203	Religions, Churches, Religious Minorities in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil. Fazekas Csaba
BTKETN204	Literature, Politics and Oppositon in Socialist Eastern and Central Europe	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Dr. Kertész Noémi

Neptune code	Course title	hours per week	hours per semester.	requirement	number of credits	Name of lecturer
BTKETN205	Screen Politics and Film History	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Török Zsuzsanna
BTKETN206	History of Economy of Central European Countries	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. Havasi Virág
<b>Credit/semester total:</b>				<b>30</b>		
<b>3rd semester</b>						
BTKETN301	Trends of Philosophy in Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Century II.	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil. Nyíró Miklós
BTKETN302	East-Central Europe within the International World Order	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. Csizmadia Ervin
BTKETN303	Foreign Language Course	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Dr. habil. Szabó-Tóth Kinga
BTKETN304	Legal Constitutional and Social Situation of Ethnic and Religious Minorities in 20th and 21st Century in Central Europe	2-0	28	Exam	5	Prof. Dr. Papp Attila
BTKETN305	Theories of Identity and National Identities	2-0	28	Exam	5	Török Zsuzsanna
BTKETN001	Optional course unit I. (Political Culture in a Central European Country)	0-2	28	Term mar	5	Prof. Dr. Kürti László
<b>Credit/semester total:</b>				<b>30</b>		
<b>4th semester</b>						
BTKETN401	Social Protection and the Quality of Life in the V4 Countries	0-2	28	Term mark	5	Dr. habil. Szabó-Tóth Kinga
BTKETN004	Optional course unit II. (Intercultural communication)	2-0	28	Exam	5	Dr. habil. Szabó-Tóth Kinga
BTKETN004	Optional course unit II (European Values)	0-2	28	Exam	5	Dr. Colin Swatridge
BTKETN403	Degree Thesis			Signature of the tutor	20	Dr. habil. Fazekas Csaba
<b>Credit/semester total:</b>				<b>30</b>		
<b>Credit total:</b>				<b>120</b>		

### **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>