

MSc in Public Policy and Management (PUMA)

Our programme offers a well-balanced selection of studies in the field of **public policy and management, economics, empirical, analytical and research methodology**, and also has a strong **comparative perspective**. Within the programme, students have the ability to gain further specificity of knowledge by choosing from **different specialization modules**: Public Policy Analysis, Public Management and Public Policies for Human Development. Our students also can choose from a wide range of elective courses.

The two-year PUMA programme – awarding an MSc degree “**Economist in Public Policy and Management**” – consists of **4 academic semesters** and 120 credits. All the courses are taught in **English**, and they are offered for both the foreign and the Hungarian students. This provides opportunity for international and Hungarian students to study together, allowing for a multi-cultural environment. The programme has close ties with leading Western universities. From the 2016/2017 academic year [some of the most renowned scholars](#) of Public Policy and Management studies will be among our regular lecturers.

Our MSc in Public Policy and Management programme

- ✓ Guarantees the level of European standards as it has been accredited by the [European Association for Public Administration Accreditation](#) (EAPAA).
- ✓ Cooperates with several partner universities in the framework of the [Erasmus programme](#), which provides many opportunities for studying in other European countries as well.
- ✓ Has a [double degree programme](#) with Romania’s largest, public university, the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj. Enrolled students acquire a second full MA degree with no additional time or cost.
- ✓ Is a member of the EMPA network involving many of the most renowned European universities of the field. The EMPA programme provides a [European Master’s in Public Administration](#) certificate.

Our programme offers modern and internationally competitive education at a competitive price. Tuition fee is **1480 EUR** for EEA-students and **1990 EUR** for non-EEA students per semester. [Many types of scholarships](#) are available.

Admission requirements

Applicants are required to present an authenticated copy of at least a **BA/BSc degree** both in the original language and in English, as well as an official copy of the transcript of their studies. We accept a wide range of diplomas from the field of economics, business, political science, sociology, law and administrative studies, international relations, etc.

Entrance exam to the programme consists a **telephone or Skype interview** assessing the applicant's verbal competences, motivation, and basic knowledge on the subjects and disciplines of the programme. English Proficiency Language Test or Certificate is not required. The English language skills of applicant are tested through the entrance exam.

You can apply by 30 April 2016. Application package will be sent by e-mail. The application fee is 110 EUR.

For more details about the application and the programme, please visit our website at

<http://kozpol.uni-corvinus.hu/> or contact us at puma@uni-corvinus.hu.

About Hungary, Budapest and the University

Hungary is located literally in the heart of Europe, and it is easy to access from all over the world. Budapest, the capital of Hungary has a population of 1,8 million people, and it is the 9th largest city of the European Union.



Budapest has a uniquely rich historical and cultural heritage starting from the ancient Romans, continuing with the Hungarians who settled the Carpathian Basin 1100 years ago, the Germans, who had colonies here in the medieval times, the Ottoman Turks, who conquered the city in the 16-17th century, the Serbians, Slovaks, Romanians, and other nations, who are living in the neighbouring countries... and of course Budapest has some remnants from the past communist era too.

Nowadays, Budapest is a real multicultural city which is well-known for its breathtaking location at the two sides of Danube, colourful architecture, plenty of monuments, museums, galleries, world famous thermal baths, city parks, forests, hills, sport venues, exciting cultural events, concerts, theater shows, and for its amazing night-life with wide range of restaurants, bars, night clubs (some of them are worldwide known) and, of course the typical Hungarian 'ruin pubs'.

Many other places of Hungary are definitely worth to visit as well, for example the Lake Balaton which is the largest fresh lake in Central Europe. All of these places can be accessed from Budapest in a few hours. Hungary hosts some of the best festivals in Europe during the whole summer, such as the Sziget Festival in Budapest.



It is an additional advantage that Budapest is not an expensive city. You can study here at a moderate living cost. For example, you can get a proper meal for 4-5 EUR and drink a beer for 1-2 EUR in the center of the city. You can also try the world famous Hungarian wine and palinka at a reasonable price. (It will help you to learn some expressions in Hungarian, which is said to be one of the most difficult languages of the world.)



The Corvinus University of Budapest is located in the very center of Budapest at the side of the Danube. Our campus combines *tradition* with our main building, and *progression* with our brand new, super-modern building. Our University has a very eventful student life, with student organizations, interesting lectures, cultural events, sport life, and, of course student parties. The Corvinus University of Budapest - as the only university in Hungary - won [StudyPortal's Excellent International Student Satisfaction Award](#) in 2015.