

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU)

Central European University is launching a **certificate program** (offering ECTS credits) for junior and senior undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA and PhD) students from Ukraine, whose studies have been affected by the war, whether still residing in Ukraine or in refuge. The name of this transnational solidarity program evokes the various nineteenth and twentieth-century **underground and exile educational initiatives** in Eastern Europe, as well as the tradition of Invisible Colleges formed after 1989 in the region.

The program offers an **intensive learning experience**, placing questions relevant for Ukrainian students into a **transnational comparative perspective**. It aims at familiarizing the students with various cutting-edge interpretative paradigms and methodological traditions in the humanities and social sciences. Our goal is to prepare students for deeper integration into the international academia and broad ongoing discussion on the role of Ukraine in changing European and global contexts. The program is **not meant to replace or duplicate the existing online education** in Ukrainian universities, but to support them and provide help for filling the lacunae that temporarily emerged due to the Russian military invasion.

The program is designed in a **hybrid format** (online teaching with a possibility of shorter on-site visit to Budapest in the form of a summer school). It is administered by the Budapest Campus of CEU, and intended to be implemented in cooperation with Ukrainian (Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Lviv), and EU-based (Warsaw) university partners.

The courses can be pursued **on site** at CEU's Budapest Campus, or **online**.

The program is comprised of **three components**:

- thematic courses (in the humanities and social sciences),
- mentoring (in English and Ukrainian)
- skill-building (academic English, academic writing).

Who is eligible? Any student who has been pursuing a BA, MA, or doctoral degree program in a Ukrainian university in the academic year 2021-22. Participation in the program is free of charge.

Timeline: The envisioned duration is **April - July 2022**. It includes course-work between **mid-April - mid-June 2022**, and a summer school in **July 2022**. The mentoring and career support component would run from mid-April to mid-July 2022.

How to apply? Applications should contain a short (up to 2 pages) motivation letter including a description of the applicant's thematic interests (e.g., research topic or thesis topic if applicable) and indicating a major field of intended course-work (please select one from the list below); and a short CV with information on previous studies, level of English language competence, current institutional status, current location, and e-mail address. The applications can be submitted in English or Ukrainian.

Language of instruction: The language of instruction is English and Ukrainian. Lectures will be mostly in English, but for students with weaker language skills mentoring will be also available in Ukrainian.

Structure of the program:

Each course consists of 12 sessions (100 minutes of contact); equal to 4 ECTS credits; participation in less than the full duration of the program earns proportionately fewer credits.

i, Course-work:

Instruction consists of hybrid courses, in English and in Ukrainian as working languages, using digital resources.

History – focusing on questions of reshaping of the symbolic geography of Europe, studying communist and post-communist Central and Eastern Europe comparatively, political violence, memory politics

Culture and Heritage Studies – memory cultures and urban heritage management, narratives, journalism and new media, cultural diplomacy and art

Politics – politics of European integration, studying post-communist authoritarianism, varieties of democracy and constitutionalism, human rights

Society – social integration and national minorities, socio-economic approaches to inclusion and exclusion, gender, transnational networks and diasporas, corruption and transparency

ii, Mentoring:

In person and small-group instruction, helping the students to develop their existing research projects and also reflecting on the thematic lectures. The small thematic groups of PhD students are open also to their Ukrainian supervisors if they wish to participate.

iii, Skill-building:

English for social sciences / humanities (offered on basic / advanced levels)

Academic writing in English

Prospective team of teachers: The program is taught by prominent scholars linked to the Central European University (including members of its faculty, as well as researchers of CEU Democracy Institute and the Open Society Archives), international partners, as well as Ukrainian and Polish partner institutions. The mentoring is offered by advanced doctoral candidates from these institutions. **Program director:** Ostap Sereda, Associate Professor in History at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and recurrent guest professor at CEU.

With questions about the application please turn to the **student coordinators:**

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Deadline for applications: 14 April 2022. Applications should be submitted to the following address: Mrs. Kinga Ágnes Páll at Pallk@ceu.edu