Erasmus+
Enriching lives, opening minds.

FACT SHEET FOR INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS 2027/2028

PROFILE

Central European University is a global hub where faculty and students from more than 100 countries come together for interdisciplinary education, advanced research, and the pursuit of solutions to today's most pressing challenges. CEU is recognized for excellence in teaching and research with a strong sense of purpose. Core principles guide our mission: the pursuit of truth wherever it leads, respect for cultural and human diversity, and a commitment to resolving differences through open debate.

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DATES & DEADLINES

Academic calendar

- **Fall Term:** September – December
- **Winter Term:** January – March
- **Spring Term:** April – June

Orientation Week: first week of September (mandatory)

Application deadlines

- **April 30** for Fall term
- **October 30** for Winter and Spring terms

Admissions info

COURSES

CEU offers more than 800 courses. Erasmus+ students must complete at least 50% of their courses (or ECTS credits) within their host department. The remaining credits may be taken from other departments, provided the courses are relevant to the student's current studies.

Course Catalogue

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Erasmus+ students study alongside degree-seeking students who have already demonstrated strong English skills. For this reason, Erasmus+ applicants are expected to have a comparable level of proficiency (B2–C1 on the CEFR scale).

GRADES

CEU evaluates student work using letter grades and grade points. The lowest passing grade is C+. At the end of each course, instructors provide a detailed breakdown of grade components. Transcripts also include GPA equivalents.

A = Excellent (3.67+ GPA)
B = Good (3.33 GPA)
C+ = Minimum Passing Grade (2.33 GPA)
F = Fail (0 GPA)

CEU Central European University

14 departments
3 undergraduate programs
35 graduate programs
11 doctoral programs

WHY CEU?

CEU offers an international atmosphere with students from over 100 countries, a high level of academic flexibility that allows students to take courses across departments, and the unique opportunity to live in Vienna—a city known for its safety, culture, and outstanding quality of life.

ACCOMMODATION

CEU does not operate dormitories. Students are responsible for arranging housing through partner providers or private student housing.
While CEU offers guidance, all leases are managed directly by students. It is strongly recommended to book accommodation early, as housing in Vienna fills up quickly.

- Housing

STUDENT LIFE

English is the official working language at CEU, and students can also take free German courses. A wide range of clubs and activities, including the Student Union, debates, film screenings, and sports, enrich campus life.

With a community representing more than 100 nationalities, CEU fosters a diverse and inclusive environment. Students also have access to dedicated support services, including the Disability Rights Officer, Counseling, and Career Services. Beyond our campus, Vienna offers a safe, vibrant environment as a cultural capital consistently ranked among the world's most livable cities.

- Student life
- Academic support
- Annual events
- Information for arriving students
- ID card discounts
- Cost of living
- Pre-departure checklist

INSURANCE & HEALTH

EU/EEA students must bring a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Non-EU/EEA students are required to obtain Austrian health insurance that is accepted by the local immigration authority (MA35). CEU provides advice on suitable insurance options.

- StudentCenter@ceu.edu

VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

EU/EEA students do not need a visa, but are required to register their residence in Vienna. Non-EU/EEA students staying longer than 90 days must apply for either a Visa D (for short-term stays) or a Residence Permit – Student (for long-term stays). CEU's Student Life Office offers support with visa and residence procedures.

- Residence documents

INCLUSION

We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students. If you face barriers associated with disability or a chronic condition, support and reasonable accommodations can be arranged to enable your full participation in academic and campus life.

- Accessibility