Name(s) of postgraduate program(s)	**Public Policy and Management (PUMA) MSc. (Master of Science)**
Type of the exam	**Oral**
Name of the exam	assessment of motivation and professional background
Duration of the exam	20 minutes
Method of the exam	Online
Short description of the exam	1.Introduction (4') a. Please, summarize briefly your academic and professional progress so far. [if applicant is currently working] Why did you choose your current job? b. What are you proud of from your academic and professional career? c. [if applicant is currently working] Is your current job related to your previous studies? [if the job is related] How do you apply what you have learned in your current job? Could you give an example of a work project where you applied those skills in practice? How successful were you and what would you do differently now? 2.Assessment of motivation (8') a. Why did you decide to continue your studies at the master's level at this point in your career? b. Why would you like to study at Corvinus University of Budapest? c. What would you like to achieve by completing this program? How did you choose this program? d. What are your professional plans and prospects after completing our program? e. What are some of your strengths and weaknesses? f. Do you have any questions to us? 3.Assessment of academic competence (based on readings, prior written material can be requested, 8') a. Could you explain one of the main social / economic issues with which the chapter is concerned? b. Is that problem relevant in your country of origin / current country of residence? [if the issue is relevant to applicant] Could you explain that situation briefly? d. What sort of policy solutions are proposed in the chapter (or your country case)? Do you agree with the proposed solutions? f. [if the issue is not relevant to applicant] Could you explain a related, major social / economic issue from your country of origin / current country of residence? What do you think could be done about the problem? Throughout the interview we mainly assess whether the applicant… • possesses the attitudes necessary to study and practice the program's area of knowledge (e.g. problem-oriented, analytical, open to different views, communicative); • has a general overview of the area; • presents their views convincingly, utilizing proper academic English; • gives thoughtful, competent answers to the interview questions; • is able to reason coherently, considering arguments for and against a position.
Materials that can be used during the exam	-
Recommended reading materials	World Development Report 2018: Learning to Realize Education's Promise. (available at: https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2018) World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. (available at: https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2019) CORE Team: Economy, Society, and Public Policy (available at: https://www.core-econ.org/project/core-espp/) Betchoo: Public Sector Management. A Millennial Insight. Chapters 7-10. (available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/309380610_PUBLIC_SECTOR_MANAGEMENT-A_MILLENNIAL_INSIGHT)

Topics	1. Contemporary challenges in education policy (World Development Report 2018: Learning to Realize Education's Promise. Overview: Learning to realize education's promise) 2. Policy issues arising from technological progress and the changing nature of work (World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. Chapter 1: The changing nature of work) 3. Economic and social policy issues related to employment (World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. Chapter 5: Returns to Work) 4. Social policy solutions to contemporary work and employment issues (World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work. Chapter 6: Strenghtening social protection)
Sample questions	a. Could you explain one of the main social / economic issues with which the chapter is concerned? b. Is that issue relevant in your country of origin / current country of residence? Could you explain that situation briefly? c. What sort of policy solutions are proposed in the chapter (or your country case)? Do you agree with the proposed solutions?