

Philosophy, Politics, Economy Bachelor program

training program

For students who start in the fall semester of 2025/2026

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Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2025/2026/1 semester

General information:

Person responsible for the major: Réka Várnagy, Associate Professor

Place of the training: Budapest

Training schedule: full-time

Language of the training: English

Is it offered as dual training: no

Specialisations:

1. Politics and Economics
2. Contexts of the Economic Policy and Globalisation
3. Economics and Philosophy
4. Modern Political Problems
5. Politics and Philosophy
6. Modern Philosophy and Global Issues
7. Magyar politikai rendszer
8. Global Social Challenges

Training and outcome requirements:

1. Name of the Bachelor program in Hungarian: filozófia, politika, gazdaság

Name of the Bachelor program in English: Philosophy, Politics, Economy

2. The level of qualification to be acquired in the Bachelor study program and the specification of the professional qualification in the diploma:

- level of qualification: baccalaureus, bachelor (abbreviated: BA-) degree
- professional qualification in Hungarian: gazdaság és politikai kapcsolatok szakember
- English specification of the professional qualification: Expert in Political and Economy Studies

3. Field of study: social sciences

4. Duration of the program in semesters: 6 semesters

5. Number of credits to be collected to acquire the BA degree: 180 credits

- orientation of the study program: theoretically oriented (60-70%)
- credit value assigned to the preparation of the thesis: 10 credits
- minimum credit value to be assigned to free elective subjects: 12 credits.

6. Classification of the professional qualification according to the unified classification system of fields of study: 311/0312

7. The training purpose and professional competences:

The purpose of the program is to train economic experts acquiring a knowledge of philosophy, political sciences and economics by combining the knowledge of social sciences and humanities. By providing the basic conceptual and theoretical knowledge, the program will enable students to take and gain an interdisciplinary approach and understanding of social, political and economic processes and the interrelationships between national and global challenges of such a nature and to continue their studies in a master program.

7.1. Professional competences to be acquired

7.1.1. Experts in political and economy studies can be described as follows in terms of their

a) knowledge

- Knowledge of the basic questions, concepts, classical authors and trends in philosophy.
- Knowledge of the origins and concepts of the social sciences.
- Understanding and overview of the relationship between politics and the economy, the basic theories of political sciences and economics and their methods of analysis.
- Awareness of the most relevant national and international social, political and economic issues.
- Ability to ask the fundamental questions of this interdisciplinary discipline.
- Knowledge of the academic and evaluation criteria for independent scientific work.

b) skills

- Ability to interpret political and economic processes and phenomena in a complex way, and to recognise their ethical aspects.
- Ability to identify social, economic and political problems, to interpret, compare and critically analyse possible answers.
- Ability to interpret the works of classical authors and contemporary thinkers.
- Ability to follow the findings of the discipline and to interpret, apply and exploit its theories and models independently.
- Ability to apply the methods, manage and interpret data required for their independent work.

c) attitude

- Receptiveness to interdisciplinarity and a sensitivity to innovative approaches.
- Theoretically demanding, methodologically conscious approach.
- Thoughtfulness, curiosity and sensitivity to social problems.
- Seeking broader correlations in the study of political, economic and social phenomena.
- Focusing on the essence while paying attention to details as well.
- Task-orientation and a high level of motivation in problem solving.
- Critical thinking.
- Conscious contemplation on their future career.
- Demonstration of a responsible, tolerant attitude, respecting the opinions of others.
- Commitment to enriching the discipline.

- Being up to date and striving at the constant updating of knowledge.
- Ability to work professionally and responsibly both individually and in a team

d) autonomy and responsibility

- Working independently and backing up their findings with professionally sound arguments.
- Representation of their views independently, by looking for, presenting and being open to alternatives.
- Acceptance of ethical and professional responsibility for their own work.
- Confidence in placing their own findings in the web of scientific ideas, trends and models.
- Autonomy in problem detection, analysis and thinking.
- Exercising such autonomy by respecting and abiding the ethical standards of science.
- Complex approach in line with interdisciplinary awareness.
- Responsible participation in research and development projects.
- Setting an example to peers and others working around.

8. The characteristics of the bachelor program**8.1. Professional characteristics****8.1.1. Branches of science leading to the professional qualification, fields of expertise comprising the study programme:**

- basic and general studies [philosophy (classical philosophy, civilisation and culture, ethics), political science (basic political concepts, comparative political science), economics (basics of economic thinking, behaviour of individuals and institutions, analytical frameworks, models), methodology (logic, research methodology, statistics, academic writing), other studies in social sciences (psychology, sociology)] 40-50 credits;
- philosophical, political and economic multi- and interdisciplinary professional studies 60-80 credits:
- economic and social history, history of political and economic ideas, political and economic sociology, political and economic psychology;
- political philosophy, political and economic ethics, analytical philosophy, value theory, aesthetics, philosophy of science;
- political organisations and models; local and central government; political communication; international politics, geopolitics, security policy; public policy, state and public administration; European integration, globalisation and regionalism;
- community economics, community decision theory; international economics, development economics; economic systems, institutions and economic policy; experimental and behavioural economics; economic and policy applications of game theory; international finance and financial systems; innovation;
- economic law, public law, constitutional law, communication and media;
- advanced methodological skills (research design, econometrics, analysis of large databases, survey methods)

8.1.2. The specialisation offered by the educational institution provides theoretical and practical knowledge appropriate to the field of study, developing personal skills and leading to specific competences linked to individual interests. The credit value of elective profession-specific studies is 30-60 credits.

9. Thesis

The aim of writing a thesis is to demonstrate the student's knowledge and expertise on a topic of his/her choice, in the collection, systematisation, analysis and processing of scientific data related to the chosen topic, in the discussion of the phenomenon or problem chosen as a topic, in creating hypotheses, in problem-solving, in the analysis of alternative hypotheses, in arguing and disproving counter-arguments, and in expressing one's ideas, views, positions and messages in a coherent, consistent and linguistically sound written form.

10. The type of the thesis

Research thesis.

11. Requirements for the issue of the final certificate

The University shall issue a final certificate to a student who has

- met the academic and examination requirements determined in the curriculum and
- obtained the required number of credits.

12. Conditions for admission to the final exam

Joint conditions for admission to the final exam:

- a) the student has obtained the final certificate,
- b) the student has submitted the thesis by the deadline,
- c) the thesis has been assessed and awarded a mark other than insufficient by the deadline,
- d) the student has applied for the final exam by the deadline,
- e) the student owes no overdue debt owed to the University in the given programme,
- f) the student has accounted for the assets of the University (e.g. books, sports equipment, etc. borrowed).

A student who has not fulfilled any of the conditions in paragraphs a) - f) may not be admitted to the final exam.

13. The parts of the final exam

A final exam comprises the defence of the thesis and a comprehensive examination.

In the comprehensive examination, students are given a comprehensive question from a core subject of each of the three related disciplines and from the specialisation, through which they will have to demonstrate that they are capable of linking the different disciplines in their thinking. During the thesis defence, students present the findings of their thesis, respond to assessments and answer the questions asked by the committee.

Subjects of the comprehensive examination:

- History of Ideas I-II
- Comparative Politics
- Political Decision-making,
- Transformations;
- Economics I-II-III;
- Ethics
- Theories of Democracy and Leadership
- Global Political Economy

- Topics from Modern Economic Theory
- A magyar politikai rendszer intézményei, szereplői, működése
- Economy and Society

14. Final examination result

The weighted arithmetic average of the following three grades, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) the grade awarded by the referee(s) to the thesis, established on a five-grade scale, or, in the case of more than one referee, the average of the grades awarded by the referee(s), rounded to two decimal places
- b) the grade awarded for the defence of the thesis, i.e. the answering of the questions relating to the thesis, established on a five-grade scale
- c) the grade awarded for the comprehensive oral examination, established on a five-grade scale, to be considered at double weight.

15. Components of the diploma grade, method of calculation

The grade of the diploma is the arithmetic mean of the following two grades, rounded to two decimal places:

- a) the credit-weighted average of the marks of the compulsory and compulsory elective subjects (if the student has taken more than the compulsory elective subjects, then all the subjects taken) in the amount of credits prescribed in the curriculum, and
- b) a final examination result (grade).

16. Conditions for issuing a diploma

The issuing of a diploma attesting to the completion of higher education studies is subject to the successful completion of the final exam.

17. Specialization selection rules

Students can choose a specialisation at the end of semester 3. Students rank their choices in order of preference. The criteria and rule for ranking students in case of oversubscription is based on students' weighted average academic performance of the studies completed in the first and second semester. Minimum requirements for admission to the specialisation: completion of Methodology I and Methodology II

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			lecture	seminar				1	2	3	4	5	6				Code	Name	Code	Name	
								Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester								
Core courses																					
								33	33	30	0	6	6	108							
Fundamental and general knowledge fields																					
								33	9	6	0	0	0	48							
TARS048NABB	History of Ideas I.	C	2	2	6	ex	fall	6						Zoltán Balázs	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
IOK0330NABB	Academic Writing and Debating I.	C	0	4	3	pg	fall	3						Attila Klein	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research						yes
TARS043NABB	Comparative Politics	C	2	4	9	ex	fall	9						József Dúró	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
KOZG016NABB	Economics I.	C	2	4	9	ex	fall	9						Péter Zoltán Isztin	Institute of Economics						yes
TARS147NABB	A Survey of Research Methodology	C	0	4	6	pg	fall	6						Matthew Edward Bergman	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						no
TARS129NABB	Social Research Methods: Quantitative Data Analysis	C	0	4	6	pg	spring		6					Matthew Edward Bergman	Institute of Social and Political Sciences			A Survey of Research Methodology			no
IOK0331NABB	Academic Writing and Debating II.	C	0	4	3	pg	spring		3					Attila Klein	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research	IOK0330NABB	Academic Writing and Debating I.				yes
TARS050NABB	Individual, Community, and Society	C	2	2	6	pg	fall			6				Adél Pásztor	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
Philosophy, Politics, and Economy multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary knowledge fields								0	24	24	0	6	6	60							
TARS049NABB	History of Ideas II.	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6					Zoltán Balázs	Institute of Social and Political Sciences	TARS048NABB	History of Ideas I.				yes
TARS060NABB	Transformations	C	2	2	9	ex	spring		9					Gergő Medve-Bálint	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
TARS057NABB	Political Decision-making	C	2	2	9	ex	fall			9				Sándor Gallai	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
KOZG017NABB	Economics II.	C	2	4	9	ex	spring		9					Philipp Külpmann	Institute of Economics	KOZG016NABB	Economics I.				yes
KOZG018NABB	Economics III.	C	2	4	9	ex	fall			9				Klára Major	Institute of Economics	KOZG016NABB ÉS KOZG017NABB	Economics I. ÉS Economics II.				yes
GLOB038NABB	International Politics and Globalisation	C	2	2	6	ex	fall			6				Anita Szűcs	Institute of Global Studies						yes
TARS058NABB	The Prospects and Limits of Scientific Explanation	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Tamás Demeter	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
TARS042NABB	Cognitive Variations	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Tamás Demeter	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
Specialisations								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
Politics and Economics Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
TARS046NABB	Decision-making in the Central and Local Governments	C	2	2	6	pg	spring				6			Balázs Zoltán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
TARS056NABB	Political Communication	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Attila Gyulai	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
TARS059NABB	Theories of Democracy and Leadership	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Rudolf Tamás Metz	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
TARS051NABB	Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences						yes
KOZG019NABB	Topics from Modern Economic Theory	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Péter Zoltán Isztin	Institute of Economics						yes
ADIN034NABB	Methodology of Empirical Analysis	C	1	3	6	pg	spring				6			Ajna Erdélyi	Institute of Data Analytics and Information Systems						no

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			Fall semester	Spring semester				Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester										
KOZG015NABB	Applications of Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		József Golovics	Institute of Economics					yes	
TARS044NABB	Comparison in Political Economy	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Judit Kálmán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
Contexts of the Economic Policy and Globalisation Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
KOZG019NABB	Topics from Modern Economic Theory	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Péter Zoltán Isztin	Institute of Economics					yes	
ADIN034NABB	Methodology of Empirical Analysis	C	1	3	6	pg	spring					6		Ajna Erdélyi	Institute of Data Analytics and Information Systems					no	
KOZG015NABB	Applications of Economics	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		József Golovics	Institute of Economics					yes	
TARS044NABB	Comparison in Political Economy	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Judit Kálmán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
GLOB037NABB	Globalisation, Development, Inequality	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Özgün Sarimehmet D	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
GLOB036NABB	Globalisation and Civilisations	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Bernadett Judit Lehoc	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
GLOB035NABB	Global Political Economy	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Gábor Vigvári	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
GLOB034NABB	Global Governance and Security	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
Economics and Philosophy Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
KOZG019NABB	Topics from Modern Economic Theory	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Péter Zoltán Isztin	Institute of Economics					yes	
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TARS044NABB	Comparison in Political Economy	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Judit Kálmán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS052NABB	Metaphysics	C	2	2	6	pg	spring					6		Tamás Demeter	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS047NABB	Ethics	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Bulcsú Kál Hoppál	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS045NABB	Contemporary Political and Moral philosophy	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Balázs Mihály Mezei	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS055NABB	Philosophy of Art	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Bulcsú Kál Hoppál	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
Modern Political Problems Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
TARS046NABB	Decision-making in the Central and Local	C	2	2	6	pg	spring					6		Balázs Zoltán	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS056NABB	Political Communication	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Attila Gyulai	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS059NABB	Theories of Democracy and Leadership	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Rudolf Tamás Metz	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS051NABB	Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Attila Bartha	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
GLOB037NABB	Globalisation, Development, Inequality	C	2	2	6	ex	spring					6		Özgün Sarimehmet D	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
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GLOB035NABB	Global Political Economy	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Gábor Vigvári	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
GLOB034NABB	Global Governance and Security	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Zoltán Gálik	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
Politics and Philosophy Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
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TARS052NABB	Metaphysics	C	2	2	6	pg	spring				6			Tamás Demeter	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS047NABB	Ethics	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Bulcsú Kál Hoppál	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS045NABB	Contemporary Political and Moral philosophy	C	2	2	6	ex	fall					6		Balázs Mihály Mezei	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS055NABB	Philosophy of Art	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Bulcsú Kál Hoppál	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
Modern Philosophy and Global Issues Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
GLOB037NABB	Globalisation, Development, Inequality	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Özgün Sarimehmet D	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
GLOB036NABB	Globalisation and Civilisations	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Bernadett Judit Lehod	Institute of Global Studies					yes	
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TARS055NABB	Philosophy of Art	C	2	2	6	ex	spring						6	Bulcsú Kál Hoppál	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
Magyar politikai rendszer specializáció/Hungarian Political System Specialisation								0	0	0	24	12	12	48							
TARS131NMBB	Magyar politika-és gazdaságtörténeti összefüggések a XX-XXI. században/Hungarian political and economic historical linkages in the XXth and XXIst century	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Réka Várnagy	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS132NMBB	A modern magyar politikai gondolkodás története/History of Modern Hungarian Political Thought	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Csaba Molnár	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS133NMBB	Magyar politikai kultúra és szavazói magatartás/Hungarian political culture and voting behavior	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Gergely Rajnai	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS134NMBB	A magyar politikai rendszer intézményei, szereplői, működése/The institutions, the actors and the performance of the current Hungarian political system	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6			Réka Várnagy	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					yes	
TARS135NMBB	Nyugat-, közép- és kelet-európai politikai rendszerek/Political Systems of Western, Central and Eastern Europe	C	0	4	6	pg	fall					6		József Dúró	Institute of Social and Political Sciences					no	

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			lecture	seminar																	

Remarks

Type: C-compulsory courses, CE-core elective courses, E-elective (optional) courses

Methods of assessment: ex-exam (exam at the end of the semester, but other forms of assessment are possible during the semester), pg- grade based on the practical assignments given during the course of the semester, a=signature, ce- Comprehensive examination

A subject that can be completed in a preferential study order (I

Physical education

Physical education is a criterion subject, the condition for obtaining a diploma is the completion of two semesters. The two semesters of physical education can be completed at any time during the program. Students who have fulfilled the criterion can only take the subject in the form of reimbursement for a fee.

Foreign language

During their studies, students can study a foreign language free of charge for two semesters, including a specific language, within the framework of the elective subjects.

Students who have completed two semesters of language subjects may take additional language subjects only upon payment of a specified fee.

Curriculum

It is recommended to include the subjects in the schedule according to the sample curriculum. The student may deviate from this, taking into account:

1. the pre-study order,
2. semester of announcing subjects
3. completion of an average of 30 credits per semester
4. in addition to the compulsory subjects, students may take elective subjects from the offer of elective subjects (see Neptun) as well as foreign languages.
5. a minimum of 2/3 of the required amount of credit must be completed at Corvinus University.

*: Hungarian Language is a compulsory subject for the students participating in the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program in the first two semesters.

The detailed rules related to the admission of the subjects and the completion of the subjects are included in the Study and Examination Regulations!

Please note that curriculum changes are possible!