Central European University
Doctoral School of History

Foreign Language requirements for students pursuing the HUN-degree
(as of 1 December 2013)

NB: These requirements have to be fulfilled by students of all years.

Doctoral Candidates who intend to earn a degree accredited in Hungary must produce evidence of appropriate command of two languages other than their mother tongue ("foreign languages").

First foreign language

The first of these languages must be one of the languages following: Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Modern Greek, Old Church Slavonic, Old Greek, Ottoman Turkish, Persian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Syriac, Turkish, Ukrainian, Yiddish.
Evidence of sufficient command of this language can be produced in one of the following ways:
1. English is recognized without further evidence in the case of all non-native speakers of English accepted in a CEU doctoral program
2. Hungarian state administered language certificate (or equivalent), type "B2, intermediate" ("középfokú") level or higher
3. Completion of secondary education in a foreign language
4. Degree in an accredited higher education institution in a foreign language

Second foreign language

Evidence of sufficient command of a second foreign language, to be chosen from any of the languages indicated above, can be produced in one of the following ways:
1. Hungarian state administered language certificate (or equivalent), type "B1", "beginner" ("alapfokú") level
2. Completion of secondary education in a foreign language
3. Degree in an accredited higher education institution in a foreign language

PhD Program in Comparative History

Students may complete two classes in the same language from the following formats:
1. Language classes given by CEU's Academic Writing Center (40 teaching hours of approximately 45 minutes per class)
2. Source Language classes (12 meetings of approximately 100 minutes).
3. Text Reading classes (12 meetings of approximately 100 minutes).
Students have to notify the teacher in advance that they take the class for credit; they have to participate regularly in the class and fulfill all course requirements (including homework and the final exam) with a passing grade.

<u>Late Antique, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Program</u>

1. Toronto Latin Exam Seminar (24 meetings of approximately 100 minutes) given by faculty of the Medieval Studies Department
2. Medieval Studies Department administered Latin examination comparable to the Toronto Medieval Latin Proficiency Test. The exam comprises a written translation in post-classical Latin comparable to the 'Toronto Medieval Latin Proficiency Test' (i.e., four paragraphs of different types of texts to be translated within 180 minutes without using a dictionary). No grades are given, this is a pass/fail type of exam.
3. Examination in a source language (other than Latin) organized by the Medieval Studies Department. The exam takes one hundred (100) minutes; a dictionary (as specified by the examiner) may be used. (The minimum passing grade is B+.)
4. Secondary language examination organized by the Medieval Studies Department. The exam takes sixty-minutes and consists of a three-page excerpt from a scholarly article, about which four to five questions must be answered (minimum passing grade is B+).