

Central European University

Doctoral School of History

Additional language requirements for those pursuing a Hungarian doctoral degree

Doctoral students pursuing a Hungarian doctoral degree must produce evidence of appropriate command of two languages other than their mother tongue ('foreign languages'). Where the documents proving the fulfillment of this requirement fall into the category of documents 'equivalent' to the Hungarian state administered language certificates (as detailed below) the doctoral student must submit documentation or information demonstrating the equivalence and are strongly encouraged to produce appropriate documentation as early as possible in their doctoral studies. Doctoral students are responsible for providing the required documentation by the time of the pre-defense.

Students whose mother tongue is English must produce evidence of appropriate command of the first foreign language upon opting for the Hungarian doctoral degree.

1. First foreign language

The first of these languages must be one of the following languages: Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Hebrew, Hindi, 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 shown 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 the equivalent), type 'B2, intermediate' ('középfokú') level or higher.
3. Completion of secondary education in a foreign language.
4. Degree in a foreign language in an accredited institution of higher education.

2. Second foreign language

Evidence of sufficient command of a second foreign language, to be chosen from any of the languages indicated above, can be shown 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 a foreign language in an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Completion of a foreign language course in a secondary or higher education institution.
5. Language classes given by CEU's Academic Writing Center (40 teaching hours of approximately 45 minutes per class)
6. Source Language classes (12 meetings of approximately 100 minutes)
7. Text Reading classes (12 meetings of approximately 100 minutes)

Successful completion of CEU language classes taken for grade is required from the start of such classes.