

Central European University - University Preparatory Program

Applications & Scholarships Now Open

CEU-UP prepares students of refugee background for English-language Bachelor's or Master's programs.

CEU-UP is a full-time, six-month, in-person education program in Vienna.

Scholarships awarded to all accepted, full-time students (except those already receiving funding for studies) for the duration of this non-degree program.

The CEU-UP curriculum is carefully designed to

- Help you make a competitive application to CEU or other European universities;
- Equip you with the knowledge, skills, and academic English to succeed if admitted;
- Be delivered entirely in English.



Who Should Apply?

Consider applying if you

- Want to pursue university studies in the social sciences or humanities,
- Are a refugee based in Austria, Switzerland, or the European Economic Area,
- Would like to spend 6 months in a stimulating academic setting in Vienna,
- Speak English at an upper-intermediate (B2) level or above.

Program Dates: January 8, 2024 - June 2024

New Application Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at 23:59



Learn more and apply today

Website: <https://elkana.ceu.edu/up>

Email: up@ceu.edu

Please note that CEU-UP is a non-degree program and does not guarantee admissions to degree programs at CEU or elsewhere.

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Why CEU-UP?

Small, Inclusive Teaching

- CEU-UP classes are conducted as small-group seminars, ensuring close feedback from facilitators and lively exchange with peers.
- We aim to cultivate an environment that is welcoming to students of all faiths, genders, sexual orientations and ethnicities.

English-Language Teaching in an International Setting

- CEU is one of the world's most international universities, measured by the percentage of students born abroad. It is fully accredited in Austria and in the United States.
- CEU's working language is English.
- CEU-UP students are fully registered non-degree students, with access to facilities such as the library, career services and IT.

History of Impact

- CEU-UP builds on the internationally renowned OLIVE-UP program. Opened in 2017, approximately **70% of graduates of the predecessor program have gone on to study for a degree program at a university in Europe.**

Scholarships and Financial Aid for Accepted Students

- 1000 EUR/month scholarship available for all accepted students (with the exception of those already receiving funding for studying from a government or any other body)
- All tuition fees
- Private health insurance for accepted students
- Students with child dependents will be eligible for added support as per Austrian child support policies.

Important Notes

Participation in this preparatory program is not a guarantee of admission to degree programs at CEU or elsewhere. Degree programs maintain their admissions programs, wholly independent of CEU-UP.

CEU-UP is a full-time, non-degree program. Students must be present in Vienna for the whole program duration.

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How to Apply

Apply in Three Steps

Step 1: Research one or two English-language degree programs to which you would like to apply after the CEU-UP program. In your application, you will be asked to reflect on how the CEU-UP program will assist your further studies.

Step 2: Apply. Complete the CEU online application. You will be asked to upload several documents (details online).

Step 3: Interview. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview.

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Shortlisted candidates will be notified by mid-November for interviews.

Eligibility

CEU-UP accepts applications from individuals who have

- refugee status, have applied for asylum, or are in a refugee-like situation in Austria or have refugee status (or are in a refugee-like situation) in other countries in Switzerland or the European Economic Area with requisite residence permits. Please note that it is the responsibility of participants accepted to CEU-UP to complete the necessary formalities to study in Austria and to comply with any requirements in their current countries of residence. Limited assistance will be available.
- a strong interest in pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in English
- B2 English, corresponding to upper-intermediate level, or above
- a completed high school degree and ideally either a completed Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA or BSc) or substantial university coursework

Women and those who identify outside of binary gender identities are typically under-represented in programs like ours and are particularly encouraged to apply.

Learn more at an upcoming information session (webinar).

October 13 at 2 pm or October 31, 2023 at 11:30 am CET. Register [online](#).