A unique gateway into the world of economic research and postgraduate study

Master in Economic Research + US PhD in Economics

- Alumni employed in more than 40 countries worldwide
- 3:1 student-faculty ratio
- All PhD students receive financial support toward living costs for 5 years
- EU accredited degree in 2 years

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About CERGE-EI

First-rate research
- Faculty publishing in top research journals
- Research seminars and public lectures delivered by leading economists
- Students often join in faculty research projects as full partners
- Students and faculty are successful in international grant competitions

Diverse community
- Students from more than 30 countries with a variety of backgrounds: economics, mathematics, physics, computer science, and business
- International faculty members
- Reading groups, coffee breaks, international food parties, student trips, sports club events, Graduation Gala

Unique location
- In the center of Prague, a 5-minute walk from Wenceslas Square
- Beautiful study environment in the historical Schebek Palace
- Excellent facilities: Jan Kmenta Library, Digital Media Center, students’ offices and lounges

Charles University is among the top 150 universities in economics according to the 2022 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects

CERGE-EI alumni live and work in more than 40 countries

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About the program

- High-quality program modelled on top Western PhD programs
- Integrated MA degree: 2 years of coursework and preparation for independent research
- Small-scale program: collaborative exchange of knowledge and individual approach
- Opportunities for research stays at best universities worldwide
- Presentation and communication skills courses
- Stipends for students simultaneously enrolled in the CERGE-EI US PhD program

Career prospects

- Graduates employed worldwide
- Research positions in public policy institutions (government ministries, central banks), international organizations, think-tanks, and private sector positions
- Job market preparation and placement assistance

Admissions

Deadline: 31 March

Requirements:

- Strong background in mathematics
- Proficiency in spoken and written English
- Previous education in economics highly recommended
- Completed BA or MA degree or equivalent
Orientation Week

- Registration of students
- Preparatory sessions (Mathematics, MATLAB)
- Social events

Year 1

- Mandatory courses
  (Microeconomics I, Macroeconomics I, Statistics and Econometrics)
- Core General Exams
- Choosing Master’s Thesis Topic

Year 2

- Elective courses
- Field General Exams
- Research Methodology Seminar
- Assistantship

Master’s Thesis Defense and Graduation
Year 3

- Dissertation Proposal Workshop
- Research Seminar Series
- Research Stay Abroad
- Teaching Assistantship

Year 4

- Dissertation Workshop
- Research Stay Abroad
- Research Seminar Series
- Teaching Assistantship

PhD Defense and Graduation
“CERGE-EI provided me with a strong analytical background so important in modern economics as well as gave me an opportunity to participate in many important research projects aiming to improve the living standards in the Czech Republic.”

Jakub Grossmann
Economic Analyst at Czech National Bank

“The Ph.D. program in Economics has given us excellent tools to succeed globally.”

Michaela Erbenová
Deputy Director at the Institute for Capacity Development, International Monetary Fund

“A first-rate PhD program. The fact that CERGE-EI has such high quality students with such diverse backgrounds makes it unique in the world.”

Joseph Stiglitz
Professor at Columbia University, Nobel Laureate in Economics