

Central European University

Doctoral School of History

Regulation

General information

The Doctoral School of History (DSH) accredited in Hungary arose from the association of two doctoral programs accredited by the New York Board of Regents, US, namely, the Doctoral Program of Medieval Studies (1996) and the Doctoral Program of History (1997).

The aim of both these programs is to integrate the comparative study of regional cultures, multidisciplinary methodologies, a unique geographic location, a truly diversified, multinational faculty, as well as modern facilities and assets so as to provide new directions of research into the historical issues associated with a region of major importance.

A common doctoral school facilitates the research on these issues on the basis of sources spanning a wider historical period; in this way doctoral candidates working on post-medieval topics will achieve a better knowledge of the historical roots of their subjects and, at the same time, doctoral candidates working on medieval topics will acquire a wider and more modern context for integrating the results of their research.

The Doctoral School of History has two separate programs:

1. Comparative History (hereafter **Comparative History Program**)
2. Late Antique, Medieval and Renaissance Studies (hereafter **Medieval Studies Program**).

Detailed regulations of the two programs

Each program has its detailed doctoral regulations and each program is administered by its own doctoral committee, members of which are the program director, the head of department, one faculty member appointed by the department, and a doctoral student elected by the student body.

The Doctoral Committee of the DSH is constituted by the above mentioned committees and led by the Head of the Doctoral School of History appointed by the University Doctoral Committee (UDC) from among the *'egyetemi tanár'* core members of the school, and appointed by the Rector for a period of maximum 5 years. Responsibilities of the Head of the DSH include: organizing the meetings of DSH, reporting to the Provost, making decisions in some of the individual cases. Decision on the removal of the Head of the DSH falls within the competency of the UDC.

The Doctoral Committee of the DSH deals with the educational and disciplinary matters of the entire DSH.

Each program of the DSH is responsible for:

- overseeing the operation of the doctoral program;
- designing and updating the general aims and objectives of the doctoral programs;
- passing regulations consistent with the University Doctoral Regulations;
- enforcing university doctoral regulations;
- making recommendations for the UDC for the members of the Admission, Comprehensive Examination, Prospectus Defense, Complex Exam, and Dissertation Defense Committees;
- appointing supervisors, subject to approval by the UDC

The detailed doctoral regulations of the programs include:

- Eligibility and admission
- Organization of Doctoral Studies and Program Requirements
- Student status, rights, responsibilities, and awards
- Coursework, examinations
- Supervision and supervisory committees
- Dissertation submission, doctoral defense

Structure and main characteristics of the educational and research activities

The Doctoral School of History is run jointly by the departments of History and Medieval Studies and Students successfully completing all requirements will receive **a doctoral degree in History**, with a specialization in either of the two programs

PhD in Medieval Studies ("Középkortudományi program")

PhD in Comparative History ("Összehasonlító történettudományi program")

The language of education is English.

Doctoral students pursuing a doctoral degree accredited in Hungary must enroll in the Hungarian Doctoral Training. On enrolling in the Hungarian Doctoral Training, doctoral students must sign the following statement:

“Currently I have no other doctoral procedure in the same discipline in progress. I did not initiate such a doctoral procedure that was rejected during the last two years.”

Students pursuing a doctoral degree accredited in Hungary must fulfill all the requirements prescribed in the relevant doctoral program regulations.

As indicated, in order to earn the number of credits necessary for a doctoral degree accredited in Hungary, candidates have to collect more than the minimum number of credits required: 120 CEU (240 ECTS) credits.

To collect the necessary number of credits students are free to choose the activity they prefer.

Besides the courses designed exclusively for doctoral students, doctoral candidates may attend courses offered for MA students as well.