



WELCOME

Academic Year 2014–2015

Dear Student,

I wish to extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of all my colleagues at the Corvinus University of Budapest.

You are starting your studies at a university that has deservedly gained high recognition in Hungarian higher education. We can be equally proud that the name of our university has high reputation in Europe and on other continents of the world, too. A great number of outstanding experts, scholars and public personalities have graduated from the predecessors of our institutions and have become well known not only in Hungary but all over the world. If you enter our building as a first-year-student, you have opened up the opportunity for yourself to study at one of Hungary's best institutions. You've done a lot to get this far, since on the basis of your previous studies you succeeded in meeting the high entrance requirements, having competed with many others. It will be an additional challenge for you to achieve excellent results in a new environment far from your home country and national culture. We will do our best to help you overcome the difficulties; please don't hesitate to turn to us for help at any time. We hope that your determination and drive will remain undiminished during the coming years and with the guidance of your professors you will learn all you need to know about the profession you have selected in order to start a successful career. I am confident that your future diploma will be competitive with the degree issued in other EU member states not only in terms of the curricula, but regarding your knowledge and professional training as well. This is what we are striving towards here at the university.

Corvinus University of Budapest considers knowledge as the primary value. It was also expressed in the choice of name - referring to the humanism and the Renaissance, the prominent role of science and the arts - as well as the university's motto: *Scientia mea - adiutor meus* (My knowledge is my helper). Our university aims to give the utmost help to our candidate students on the long road of acquiring knowledge, in the lifelong process of learning, not only by providing theoretical and practical professional knowledge and skills provision, but also by encouraging them to think and to form independent opinions.

The 3-3 faculties of the two campuses of the Corvinus University of Budapest, "Közgáz Campus" and "Buda Campus", offer a wide range of Bachelor and Master Programmes. Those who are interested in scientific careers can choose from 10 doctoral school programmes, and for those who already have some kind of position, but want to go further, specialized training programmes are available.

Important steps were taken in one of our most important strategic goals, in the field of internationalization. Many bachelor, master and doctoral programmes have been launched in English, while we offer programmes in German and French, and many other courses are advertised in several other languages. Among Hungarian higher education institutions, the Corvinus University is in the first place of schools who offer foreign language courses in 2013/14. These programmes and courses are popular among all of those, who came from abroad and among the Hungarian students as well. Foreign universities have entered into a series of cooperation agreements, and we are members of numerous international networks bringing together higher education institutions. Our infrastructure has also been significantly revised in recent years. Our main building at Fővám square has been renovated, and was expanded

with a new, modern, well-equipped educational building with the latest technology. This building also houses the Central Library. A large territory of the Buda Campus was redesigned, like the new, modern laboratory buildings, and the beautiful Royal Botanical Garden.

Corvinus University strives to be “student-friendly” in all aspects, therefore next to high academic standards it provides high quality services in other areas to Hungarian and foreign students, including dormitory residence or IT services. Wide range of student organisations, colleges for advanced studies also offer very high standard professional support and other programmes for students.

The interest in our university remains significant. Most of our specialist courses are regularly oversubscribed many times. This is not accidental: in all the surveys of the last years, employers are always evaluating the degree of Corvinus as the most marketable and, consequently, with this degree students are well placed to obtain employment.

Corvinus University of Budapest has been providing an excellent education in business administration, economics, public administration, various fields of social sciences (e.g. political science, sociology and international relations), horticulture, food science, and landscape architecture. I hope that you will enjoy your time at our institution. Benefit from the opportunity of studying in the same group with Hungarian and other international students. You can prepare for the classes together and also spend your free time together. Explore Hungary, the Central and Eastern European region and culture.

And later, after the joyful and colourful university years full of experiences, be proud of having a Corvinus alma mater and cherish it in your memories. You are welcome to be our ambassador in the world!

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Rector