



WELCOME

Academic Year 2015–2016

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 are equally proud that the name of our university has high reputation not only in Europe, but in other continents, as well. A great number of outstanding experts, scholars and public personalities have graduated from the university (or one of its legal predecessors) 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 the opportunity to study at one of Hungary's best institutions. You've achieved a great deal academically to get this far, as – in a competition with other applicants - you succeeded in meeting the high entry requirements of the university. Your challenge from now on will be 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 any difficulties you may face, so please do not hesitate to turn to us for help. We hope that your determination and drive will remain undiminished in the coming years and that 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. Your future diploma will be competitive with the degrees issued in other EU member states not only in terms of the curricula, but also as regards your knowledge and professional training.

Corvinus University of Budapest considers well-founded knowledge to be of primary importance. This is expressed in the choice of the university's name – Corvinus, referring King Matthias Corvinus, the most famous Hungarian king in the Renaissance era, when science and the arts played a prominent role. It is also reflected in the university's motto: *Scientia mea - adiutor meus* (My knowledge is my helper). We support students in all possible ways to help them in their trek along 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 be independent.

The two campuses of the Corvinus University of Budapest, "Közgáz Campus" and "Buda Campus", with 3 Faculties each, offer a wide range of Bachelor and Master Programmes. Those who are interested in a scientific/academic career can choose from 10 doctoral school programmes. Corvinus also offers specialized training programmes for those who have already entered the job market, but wish to advance further in their career.

Important steps were taken in one of our most important strategic goals, in the field of internationalisation. Many bachelor, master and doctoral programmes have been launched in English, while we also offer programmes in German, and a number of courses in other languages (e.g. French and Spanish). Amongst the Hungarian higher education institutions, Corvinus University is placed first as regards offering foreign language programs. These programmes and courses are popular amongst foreign students and Hungarian students, alike. Corvinus is also a member (at times the only Hungarian member) – through different cooperation agreements - of many international networks bringing together higher education institutions. Our infrastructure has been significantly refurbished in recent years. Our main building at Fővám square has been renovated; we also have

a new, modern, well-equipped educational building set up with the latest technology, which also gives home to the Corvinus Library. A large territory of the Buda Campus was redesigned and expanded with new, modern laboratory buildings, and the beautiful Royal Botanical Garden.

Corvinus strives to be a “student-friendly” university in all possible aspects, therefore, in addition to the high academic standards it provides, high quality services are also ensured for all students in other areas, as well as, including dormitory residence or IT services. A wide range of student organisations and colleges for advanced studies also offer a very high standard professional support and other programmes for students.

Interest in our university and programmes continues to be significant. In most of our specialist programmes the number of applicants far exceeds the number of students we can accept. This is in no way accidental: all the surveys of the past years have showed that employers value the Corvinus degree as the most marketable, thus, it is relatively easy for students to find good job opportunities .

Corvinus University of Budapest provides excellent education in the fields of 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 you will enjoy your time at our institution. Benefit from the opportunity of studying together 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 take advantage of studying in a truly international environment.

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

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