

Admissions in an International Environment: Challenges & Best Practices

A presentation by the CEU Office of Admissions



CEU: A Multifaceted Institution

- ❑ 20 years of CEU: from regional to global

- ❑ Accreditation:
 - United States – New York State Education Board, Middle States
 - Hungary – Hungarian Accreditation Committee

- ❑ Multinational aspects at various operational levels

Adapting to a growing international applicant pool: a lifelong learning process

- ✓ Communication with global audiences: cultural differences & language standards
- ✓ Clearly define accreditation & eligibility requirements
- ✓ Tracking new undergraduate/graduate degree programs worldwide (length, compatibility, recognition, etc.)
- ✓ Alertness and flexibility to accommodate unexpected circumstances applicants may face
- ✓ Study Visa: compliance with immigration office regulations; regular communication with immigration authorities and Hungarian consulates worldwide; accurate visa information for accepted students

CEU Admissions Requirements: A Delicate Balancing Act

Standardization

- standard language tests
- program-specific tests
- academic records
- CV
- motivation statement

Diversification

- essays
- interviews
- writing samples
- civic/volunteer engagement
- non-curricular activities