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IN PRAGUE IN ONE YEAR

# MA in Applied Economics

Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute  
Dedicated to excellence and innovation in economics research and education



# About CERGE-EI

*“In a remarkably short period of time, CERGE-EI has become one of the most prominent places in Europe to study economics.”*

Orley Ashenfelter  
Professor, Princeton University

## CERGE-EI

Founded in 1991 in Prague, Czech Republic, the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute (CERGE-EI) has established itself as one of the world’s top centers of excellence in economics education and research. A joint workplace of Charles University in Prague and the Czech Academy of Sciences, CERGE-EI provides a world-class graduate education in English and produces cutting-edge research.

## Successful Alumni

Our influential alumni network spreads across more than 30 countries worldwide, from Canada to Australia. Our graduates hold high-level positions in international organizations, government ministries and central banks, think-tanks, and private-sector organizations including major banks and consulting firms. Recent graduates of the MA in Applied Economics work, for example, at the Central Bank of Azerbaijan and the Croatian National Bank, for the Czech government, at companies such as Accenture, AVG Technologies, Boston Consulting Group, EY and KPMG, and some start their own businesses.

## International Faculty and Expert Professionals

Students are taught by our international faculty and industry experts. Faculty members publish widely and hold PhDs from prestigious US and European institutions. Professionals from government organizations, central banks, and private enterprises bring real-world experience into the classroom.

## International Student Community

Our students come from almost three dozen countries on five continents and have a wide variety of academic backgrounds, including economics, mathematics, international relations, physics, computer science, engineering, law, business, sociology, and agriculture.

## Individual Approach

Thanks to the relatively small size of the institution, our students receive personal attention from the faculty, the Study and Support Office and Personal and Professional Development staff. Our Academic Skills Center works with students to develop their written and oral communication skills to the highest professional level.

# MA in Applied Economics Program

*“The MA in Applied Economics program provides a strong basis in applied economics, econometrics, and statistics. In other words, the qualifications you need in today’s business world.”*

Zdeněk Tůma  
Partner, KPMG, Czech Republic

## We Develop Data-Driven Changemakers

The MA in Applied Economics is a tuition-based, one-year, three-semester-long intensive masters program. We are here to develop curious, impact-driven individuals who will help build more prosperous societies. Our graduates can crunch the numbers. But they also experiment with human-centered design approaches to test ideas on real-world challenges.

The MA in Applied Economics program has an absolute charter from the New York State Board of Regents. The degree has been nostrified in the Czech Republic by Masaryk University.

## What Distinguishes Our Graduates?

- They **possess deep curiosity**, and strive to understand effective tools and interventions in economics and related fields in order to use them innovatively beyond university.
- They **have the skills and knowledge** to achieve impact, namely strong quantitative skills, superior communication skills, and experience with problem-solving techniques tested on real-world problems.
- They **are astute, reflective students** with their own interests, values, strengths and growth areas, able to identify opportunities to catalyze change.

## Start Date

Every September

## Duration

- Full-time, 1 year
- 3 semesters with 2 breaks
- Free, need-based summer preparatory semester online (8 weeks, part-time) for Math and Economics

## Language

English

## Location

Prague, Czech Republic

## The Program Consists of

- 5 core courses (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Quantitative Methods 1 and 2, and Project Seminar).
- 4 elective courses and Intervention Module or 6 elective courses without Intervention Module
- 3 Communication for Impact courses
- Pass/Fail: Discovery Week (1 week orientation)
- Pass/Fail: Intensive mathematics review (1 week course)
- Pass/Fail: Requirements for Personal and Professional Development (throughout the 3 semesters)

# How do I apply?

*“Thanks to CERGE-EI, I realized which path I want to take in life. I have a dream job now, where I apply behavioral economics and related scientific research to help individuals and companies grow.”*

Veronika Jelínková  
2013 Graduate  
Co-Founder, Werifi Inc., San Francisco, USA, previously  
Partner at Procrastination.com and Area Manager  
for Europe in GrowJOB Institute

## Eligibility Criteria

- Bachelor’s or master’s degree or equivalent
- Some background in mathematics, ideally at basic calculus level or more

## Not Required for Admissions but Considered an Advantage

- Previous education in economics or related fields, such as other social sciences, mathematics, statistics and various technical fields
- Standardized English test report (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)
- Proficiency tests proving your readiness to study at graduate level, such as GRE, GMAT, or other
- Relevant work or internship experience

## Documents Required

- Online application form
- Filled out motivation form
- Scans of all your diplomas and transcripts translated into English
- Scans of all your original diplomas and transcripts, in the original language
- Scan of the main page of your passport
- Contact details of two referees
- Optional: TOEFL, IELTS, or other certified English language exam score / GRE or other proficiency test score

## Application Deadline

Early: 30 November  
Regular: 31 March

No application fee

## Admission Process

After your application is complete, you will be invited for a phone or Skype interview. Please allow 60 minutes for your interview. The interview consists of two parts:

- Mathematics assignment (45 minutes)
- Interview (15 minutes)

## Tuition

- 7,500 USD when you apply by 30 November
- 9,500 USD when you apply by 31 March
- We have a number of financing options to meet the financial needs of our students, including tuition discounts and fellowships. No full scholarships are granted; the minimum tuition level is 1,900 USD for Public Service Fellows.

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