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The CEU Global Citizen Program is a diverse activity/study program that aims to approach students with the skills and the knowledge they need to be successful in a world where it is increasingly important to be internationally competent. The program allows them to see the world from many different facets, and to act accordingly. Students will be exposed to a global approach in different ways throughout the program, namely through classes, activities and an international experience, to take into account cultural differences in their contact with people from around the world. This global perspective will be of great importance once they enter the workforce, especially if they work abroad or in global companies with interests in different markets. The aim of the CEU Global Citizen Program is that its students become global citizens familiar with different cultures.

The objective of the program is to promote the students to attend to the different activities simultaneously with their regular undergraduate or graduate program, to obtain a Global Citizenship Certificate after their graduation.

The Global Citizen program will have four different modules to help the student to acquire a comprehensive formation. These areas are related with different skills and activities that fulfill a complete range of experiences and knowledge.

The modules are: Language Skills, International Formation, International Experience Activities and International Mobility. Each module will allow the student to gain 25 International Credits (IC), depending on the activities or objectives completed by the student. The Certificate will have two different modalities Standard Certificate and Proficiency Certificate depending on the number of International Credits obtained. To get the Standard Certificate the minimum number of IC will be 55, with at least 10 IC corresponding to each module. To get the Proficiency Certificate the minimum number of IC will be 80, with at least 15 IC corresponding to each module.

A. Language Skills

To fulfill the competence related with the language skills, the students will have different possibilities, depending on their country of origin and the level of the certificate they aspire to obtain.

Activities

Language courses. The students could take classes in the foreign language of the countries where they are going to have their International Experience. Those courses can be taken previously to the departure or during the exchange.

Language certificates. The students can present their official certificates on foreign languages obtained during their formation years.

Language exams. The students can obtain the recognition of a certain level on a foreign language by passing the exam done by the language service of the University previous to their international experience.

They students can choose the other foreign languages from among the following: English, French, Portuguese, German, Italian, Chinese, Arabic, Russian and Spanish. Other languages would be taken into consideration.

International Credits

The mother language will not be taken into consideration in order to obtain IC.

Table of conversion for International credits depending on levels

Language/level	B1	B2	C1	C2
each language	3 IC	5 IC	10 IC	15 IC

B. International Formation

The international formation will consist in some different courses and lectures related with Internationalization. In this module the activities will belong to two different groups and have two different levels.

Groups. Courses on International Cultural Topics and International Specialization Courses.

Cultural courses. These courses are related to the country, or countries, where the students will go for their international experience(s). Thus, the country, or countries, where they will be living determine(s) which courses they can choose from. The student can choose between courses on general culture, history, art and literature. Those courses could be also taken as part of the activities developed at the CEU UCH.

Specialized courses. Those will be subjects or lectures specialized in any aspect related to the International Relations Formation. Those could be part of the thematic of the degree of the students or complementary and alternatively to the specific formation relation with the International Public Relations Degree.

Levels. International Lectures, International Weeks, International Credits subjects.

International Credits

Type of activity / duration	1-2 hours	2-5 hours	1-2 days	3-5 days
International Lectures	1 IC	2 IC	-	-
International Weeks	-	1 IC	2 IC	4 IC
International Credits subjects	-	2 IC	4 IC	6 IC
Others	1 IC	2 IC	3 IC	-

C. International Experience Activities

This part of the program is related with all the activities developed in the University that imply to have contact with other international students. Those activities can be organized by the Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations, by the Vice-Rector of Students and Campus Life, or by the International Office alone or in cooperation with any other service of the University.

The students can participate in Integration Activities, they can do an assistantship, volunteering, representatives, integration activities and they can be a Mentor or Buddy for international students. Also being part of the World Students Ambassadors Board will be specially taken

into consideration for this item.

Each activity will have a number of International Credits associated, and the number will be defined in the call of the activity. The minimum will be 1 IC for participating into an activity and the maximum for a single activity will be the 10 IC obtained when being part of the World Students Ambassadors Board. Usually the number of IC will be related with the number of hours associated to the activity, and the typical conversion rate considered will be 1 IC per 5 hours of activity.

D. International Mobility

The program specially seeks to promote the exchange and international mobility experience by the students. The mobility can be both for studies or internship experience.

In that sense there will be taken into consideration three different categories of activities depending on the duration.

- a. Short term mobility (less than 1 month) / 5 IC
- b. Middle term mobility (4 months) / 10 IC
- c. Long term mobility (8 months or more) / 15 IC

Mobility will not be considered for obtaining IC if it is done at the home country of the student.

When a student applies to a middle term or long term mobility grant it will be taken into consideration to have obtained previously a minimum achievement in the other three modules:

In the Language module a minimum skill in the destination country language will be mandatory to complete the mobility.

The total amount of IC previously obtained by the student will be considered as extra points for the assignation of the grant. Those extra points will be defined in the bases of the call.

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