

# Double degree between ICES France &

Pazmany Catholic University, Budapest

International relations
Master Degree

## **Principles**

- Framework agreement since 2011 (MoU and then Erasmus agreement)
- Exchange agreement (undergraduate students) in History,
   Political sciences, French litterature + teaching mobility
- Universities sharing the same spirit and wishing to strengthen their cooperation
- ➤ In 2013: wish to extend cooperation by developing a joint Master Program in International relations providing a double degree to students from both Masters

### Basis of the joint degree

- Two pre-existing Master programs in the same field > program shaped on the basis of the existing courses structures, not an « ad hoc » program
- Both programs = 120 european credits
   (1 year = 60 ECTS = 30 US credits)
- Credits and grades are mutually recognised
- Quite the same academic calendar (2 semesters)
- The directors of each Master are responsible for tuition and courses
- The two universities agrees to recognize the validity of the degrees previously acquired by students at their home university

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- Before the beginning of each academic year universities agree:
- on the number of students that can be reciprocally admitted (since 2013: total of 7 students)
- The list of courses are reciprocally agreed and both universities accept the curriculum of the partner
- Students must successfully pass an exam in every subject and they must pass their exams at both universities to get the double certification (no compensation with the grades obtained in the other university)

#### **Structure**

#### Master 1rst year:

- 1rst semester at ICES
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at Pazmany

#### Master 2<sup>nd</sup> year:

- 1rst semester at ICES
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at Pazmany
- \* Thesis during the last year is always overseen by home university
- \* Program taught mainly in English and in French
- \* In both universities, this joint degree is an option chosen by some students, a regular simple Master degree still runs.