

## SUMMER COURSE 2025-2026

### ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM

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## PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

### • DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

#### - SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

The University of Pécs is located in the uniquely beautiful and lively city of Pécs – a proper, multi-campus university town –, which was designated to be the European Capital of Culture in 2010. Pécs is one of the most beautiful Central European cities, with a rich culture dating back to the Roman Empire. There are many international students, who have become essential part not only of the university's everyday life but of the city's as well. Through the traditions of the first Hungarian university, Pécs is the centre of science and education in Southern Hungary. In terms of entertainment and events, the city offers a huge number of activities, excursions and festivals for everyone, regardless of taste or budget. Pécs is the fifth largest city in Hungary. Situated in South Transdanubia, Pécs is the seat of Barany County. Pécs is a gate to Croatia and to the regions of the Balkans and Northern Italy. The closeness of the Adriatic Sea, the southern-like climate, the zigzagged little streets of the old downtown and the teeming life at summer nights create a Mediterranean atmosphere. The city is renowned all over Europe for its museums. The Csontváry, the Vasarely and the Zsolnay Collections can be visited throughout the year. The early Christian cemetery, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage list can also be visited all year. The city Sopianae was founded by Romans at the beginning of the 2nd century, in an area peopled by Celts

and Pannoni tribes. By the 4th century, it became the capital of Valeria province and a significant early Christian center. The early Christian necropolis is from this era which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in December 2000. An episcopate was founded in 1009 by King Stephen the Saint, and the first university in Hungary was founded in Pécs in 1367 by Louis I the Great. Pécs was formed into a centre for culture and arts by bishop Janus Pannonius, great humanist poet. Pécs has a rich architectural heritage from the age of a 150-year-long Ottoman occupation, like the mosque of Pasha Qasim the Victorious on Széchenyi square. Pécs has always been a multicultural city, where many cultural layers are encrusted melting different values of two thousand years worth of history. Hungarians, Croats and Swabians still live together in peace in economic and cultural diversity. In 1998 Pécs was given the UNESCO prize for Cities for peace for maintaining the cultures of the minorities, and also for its tolerant and helping attitude toward refugees of the Yugoslav Wars. In 2010, Pécs was selected to be the European Capital of Culture sharing the title with Essen and Istanbul. The city's motto is: "The Borderless City". After receiving the title major developments commenced in the city. Many Public places, streets, squares and neighbourhoods were renovated, new cultural centres, a concert hall, a new library and learning centre and a cultural quarter were constructed. Pécs is also a city of grapes and wine: one of the first champagne factories of the country was established here and there is a living tradition of growing grapes and making wine. Pécs is widely known for its rich artistic life and colourful festivals. The university, the research centres, scientific and professional achievements, and international conferences have built up a fine reputation for the city. Students may also find a welcoming place within the walls of the 2000-year-old city, as already more than 20,000 students study at the university. Pécs has been a city of students for centuries, and the higher educational and scientific centre of Transdanubia. Besides the research centres of the university, there are three independent research centres in Pécs: the Hungarian academy of sciences' centre for regional studies, and the viticultural and vinicultural research centre. The city works towards strengthening its various international relations and sister city contacts (Fellbach, Graz, Osijek, Cluj-Napoca, Kutahya, Lahti, Seattle, Terracina, Tucson, Tuzla, Lyon) as much as possible. Within the framework of these international relations, Pécs is involved in a number of international programs, and in order to coordinate the economic development projects successfully, it also cooperates with the larger cities of the neighbouring regions (Osijek, Tuzla). The Science Building, the Kodály Concert Hall, the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter ensure that the town is one of the cultural centres of the region and of Hungary.

#### *- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS*

Pécs is famous for its aforementioned museums (Csontváry, Vasarely, Zsolnay museums), galleries, and for the festivals and cultural events that it hosts. Pécs National Theatre, Pécs Philharmonic Orchestra and the internationally known Ballet offer engaging theatre plays and concerts. The Pécs Light Festival, the summer festival, Pécs days, international folk dance festival, wine-song festival, Stephen the Saint days, and the heritage festival are only a portion of the festivities available in the city during the year. The colourful, eventful programs and festivals, as well as many seasonal exhibitions and conferences are hosted by the historic sites and the new buildings of the European Capital of Culture 2010: Kodály Concert Hall, Science Building, Zsolnay Cultural Quarter. Concerts and open-air programs are organized from spring until late fall on the main square of the city where hundreds of people gather to celebrate together. A special and very typical cultural event of Pécs is the "Winestreet" festival and the gastronomy festival that invite people to celebrate together the new wine and the nicely prepared and served dishes. When the temperature goes down, nice cafés and

art cinemas offer places for meetings, exhibitions, and concerts. One of the most spectacular festivals in Pécs is the Pécs Light Festival that has been organized seven times already. The beautifully illuminated downtown buildings and tons of entertaining programs attract not only the locals but a growing number of domestic and international visitors as well.

*- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)*

Most of the students arrive in Budapest (the capital city) by plane. After arrival, we would recommend to get to Pécs by either train or an airport shuttle service. If the students take the train, they will need to go to “Keleti Pályaudvar” (= eastern railway station) where trains depart to Pécs. The taxi or airport minibuses cost around 15000 HUF (about 40 EUR) but of course prices may vary. Public transport is cheaper. From the airport, students can also take a bus which takes them to the southern end of the underground line number 3 (blue line). The end station is called “Kőbánya-Kispest”. From there, go to “Deák tér” (it is the 10th stop of the underground), get off and change for the red line, line number 2. Take direction towards “Örs vezér tere” and get off at the third stop at “Keleti Pályaudvar”. The train schedule can be found here: <http://elvira.mav-start.hu/elvira.dll/x/index?language=2> The fastest and most convenient way, however, is to book an airport shuttle that picks the participant up right in front of the airport and takes him/her to the dormitory. For further information, please visit the following websites: <http://www.travel4you.hu/> <http://www.mistral-minibus.hu/>

*- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)*

Public transport is ensured by 61 local bus-lines in Pécs. Buses run every 5-50 minutes, however, the campus buildings are within walking distance to the city centre (max. 15 minutes). Buses run until 11 p.m., but night buses can be caught later as well. Reliable and cheap cab companies supplement public transport.

• SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION

The University of Pécs, the first university in Hungary, was founded in 1367. It is a university with an exceptionally wide experience and tradition in higher education. Today it is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the country and specializes in a wide spectrum of courses to some 22,000 students in approximately 500 different study programs. The university accommodates a unique range of scientific fields in its 10 faculties/schools: ● Faculty of Business and Economics, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Music and Visual Arts, Medical School, Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy The University of Pécs provides a truly international learning environment. The university has been running degree programs in English for more than 30 years and has become one of the most internationalized universities in Hungary. We are proud to host more than 5,000 international students each year – students who come from 114 countries across the globe. The university manages more than 80 degree-programs and preparatory courses for international students taught in English and German. The International Centre is part of the Rector’s Cabinet. The International

Centre acts as an umbrella organization: it represents the University of Pécs abroad and co-ordinates overall international relations and interaction with our various international partners. The International Centre also supports the internationalization efforts of our individual Faculties and works closely with the faculty international co-ordinators. The International Centre is active in the following major areas: • Establishing international partnerships, signing inter-university agreements • International student recruitment • Managing the institutional coordination of large mobility and scholarship programs (Erasmus+, Erasmus + International Credit Mobility program, CEEPUS program, Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program) • Implementing the Pécs Summer School Program In compliance with the strategic goals of the Internationalization program of the University of Pécs (approved by the Senate in 2016) a very important activity of the International Centre is to implement the so called Summer Trimester. The Study Abroad and Summer School Office at the International Centre is responsible for all the short-term programs, organized for incoming international students (including summer courses, winter courses, semester-long study abroad programs, etc.) Since 2016 our unit has been working on launching a growing number of summer programs for the current Hungarian and international students of the university as well as for other international students interested in our summer programs. The Study Abroad and Summer School Office offers two types of summer programs: regular summer courses (open to any student enrolled in higher education institutions abroad) as well as tailor-made summer courses organized for student groups of partner universities. The University of Pécs has successfully applied for the CEEPUS grant five times already to organize summer courses for the students of our CEEPUS partner institutions and 6 times for the Tempus Public Foundation grant to implement a summer course on ‘The Cultural Heritage of Hungary’. When organizing a summer program, the Study Abroad and Summer School Office works closely with the various Faculties of the University of Pécs. The Faculties are responsible for the academic program of the summer course, whereas the Study Abroad and Summer School Office is in charge of all the organizational matters, including market research, promotion, recruitment, handling the applications, managing the summer program and carrying out the evaluation. When tailor-made summer programs are organized, the Study Abroad and Summer School Office works also closely with the partner institutions where the student groups come from.

## • ACCOMMODATION

*- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK*

The summer school participants are provided with dormitory placements. The dormitory is located in quiet, residential areas of the city. The Faculties of the University as well as the city centre are easily accessible from the dormitories which have all been recently renovated. The rooms are nicely furnished and contain bathrooms and cooking facilities. Bedclothes and kitchenware (plates, cups and cutlery) are supplied.

## • MEALS

*- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)*

During the summer school program participants are provided with lunch on the teaching days. Vegetarian menus are offered as well so everybody can find something for his/her preferences. Markets and supermarkets can be found near the university and the dormitory. There are cooking facilities in the dormitory, too. There are numerous restaurants, snack bars, cafés, cafeterias, pizzerias and pubs in town. The variety of catering establishments - ranging from university canteens to luxury restaurants - can fulfil all individual needs. Being a university town and having many international students, the city of Pécs is well prepared for offering many different types of food, so any special demand of the international students can be met here. When evening programs are organized (Welcome Dinner, Intercultural Evening, Quiz Night, Farewell Night etc.), dinner is also provided for the participants.

## • RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

*- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)*

Before arrival, participants receive an information package about the city of Pécs, the University of Pécs, the dormitory and a detailed guideline about how to get to Pécs by the different means of transport. On the day of arrival, student mentors are waiting for the participants at the dormitory to guide them and give them any assistance needed. The program registration also takes place there by a registration desk. The student mentors guide the participants to the place of the lectures on each day. The program starts with an opening ceremony and orientation program where the participants receive all the necessary information about the university and the city of Pécs. The student mentors take special care of the group throughout their whole stay. They accompany the group to every meal and all the programs they have. The student mentors are also responsible for organizing two Teambuilding events during the summer program.

## • EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

*- SITE VISITS*

The summer school program has been designed to show all the most famous sites in and around Pécs for participants, since the cultural activities and field trips are essential parts of the summer course. However, they will also be provided with some free-time to discover the city and the surrounding area for themselves. Some of the famous sites of the town: the “street of museums”: Vasarely museum; Endre Nemes museum; Erzsébert Schaár’s “street”; Pierre Székely’s stone garden; Modern Hungarian Gallery; Town Art Gallery (Antal Luszti collection); renaissance stone carvings; Széchenyi square; Gazi Kasim pasha’s mosque; archeological exhibition; Zsolnay fountain; ethnographic exhibition; Jakovali Hassan mosque; franciscan church and monastery; Memi pasha’s bath; bishop’s library; Zsolnay ceramics factory and exhibition; Gyugyi-collection; Amerigo Tot exhibition; barbican garden; Csontváry museum; National Theatre; TV - tower; Misina peak; Pécs Zoo. The Zsolnay Cultural Quarter is a beautiful gem of the city, definitely worth a visit. The Zsolnay Quarter annually receives several hundreds of thousand visitors over an almost five-hectare area supplied with an informative visitors’ centre, a parking lot, academic community spaces and a vibrating cultural life. Besides permanent exhibitions, the pyrogranite court provides a perfect place

for festivals and outdoor performances. The E78 building can also be found here, a concert hall and conference room equipped with modern facilities, which was named after the former E78 factory building. The building of the Faculty of Visual Arts and its library, located in an old kiln, are both spectacular pieces of architecture. The street of artisans' shops includes a handicrafts shop, a live candy manufacture, a chocolate store, a café and a restaurant. Our countryside is very ideal for organizing field trips. Baranya county is a region with lots of attractions for visitors: the Mecsek hills, Villány - a wine producing area, fascinating old villages and historical castles (Siklós, Szigetvár, Pécsvárad). There are lakes suitable for swimming, e.g. in Orfű, which is a picturesque village in a beautiful setting, not far from Pécs. If someone likes spas, Hungary will not disappoint them: one of its many thermal spas is the world-famous Harkány Fürdő, which is an easy to reach from Pécs.

*- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)*

Many different types of sports are available for the students of the University of Pécs, which are also open for the participants of the summer program. The university has a swimming pool which is available for students all year round, as well as an open-air pool operating throughout the summer at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, where a special beach party will be organized for the participants. There is also a field for playing volleyball, and students can practice athletics as well at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The city of Pécs also offers many opportunities for those interested in sports. The available sports include tennis, squash, water-ski, open basketball courts. There are also many gyms in the city open from early morning till late night. If someone is interested in biking, there is an opportunity to rent a bike and enjoy the special biking route that has recently been built to connect downtown with the various university campuses.

*- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)*

Pécs, the European Capital of Culture 2010 offers numerous entertainment opportunities for the citizens as well as for the visitors. There are three cinemas in Pécs, one of them is a multiplex cinema with 10 big screens, and two other are art cinemas with cafés. There are several theatres offering a very wide range of plays and entertainment for young and old alike. The Pécs National Theatre has an opera and ballet section, there is a puppet theatre and Pécs also has an open-air summer theatre. There is a Croatian theatre and the so called 'third theatre', too. Pécs also boasts a folk dance house, clubs of ethnic minorities, a large number of galleries and museums. In downtown one may go to discos, to alternative music clubs or pubs with live music. The city is full of cafés, restaurants and bars with open terraces. It is easy to find entertainment opportunities in Pécs. There are many different cultural festivals organized throughout the whole year, in every season. Pécs has a philharmonic orchestra, playing regularly in the Kodály Music Hall. Pop, rock and jazz music concerts are also regularly organized there.

## *PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION (THEMATIC COURSE(S))*

COURSE NO:	1	
COURSE TITLE:	European Studies	
ADDRESS OF THE COURSE:	University of Pécs	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:	English	
COURSE PERIOD:	From: 2025-07-06 00:00:00	To: 2025-07-19 00:00:00

### • CULTURAL COMPONENT

#### *- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS*

A large number of cultural activities and field trips are essential elements of the program, which help complement the classroom activities and deepen the knowledge of the participants about the Hungarian cultural heritage. Pécs is a very ideal location for introducing Hungarian culture. During the summer program, student will visit the most famous museums of the city, including the Gyugyi collection and the pink exhibition (introducing the most magnificent Zsolnay porcelains), the University Museum and the Klimo Library. The participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter, a unique combination of art, culture, university campus and a running factory. They will also attend the Pécs Light Festival. A visit to the magnificent Kodály Music Hall will also be organized. Students will have the opportunity to visit the main sites of downtown, rich in history and introducing various religions: the Mosque, the Cathedral and the Synagogue. During the Hungarian dinner night participants will have the opportunity to learn about the wine culture of the region and will be able to taste the local gastronomy as well. During the Intercultural Evening students will have the opportunity to introduce their own culture and learn about the cultures of the other participants as well. The aim of the Quiz Night is to repeat the class materials in an entertaining way. There will be 3 Hungarian student mentors taking care of the group as well as organizing various optional cultural activities (a visit to lake Orfű, to the Siklós spa, to the famous Pécs Flea Market)

#### *- DURATION*

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	h. 70
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	h. 40
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	

#### *- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)*

ASSESSMENT, GRADING: 1. Assignment#1- Treasure hunt 40% 2. Assignment#2- Country

presentation 30% 3. Active participation in classes / on-site learning programs 30%

## • COURSE FACILITIES

### - TEACHING AIDS

(AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS, COMPUTER/SOFTWARE, HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS, TRANSPARENCIES, OTHER: (SPECIFY))

Films, videos, classical music, folk music

### LIBRARY

IF YES, SPECIFY (TIMES, OPENING DAYS, ADDRESS):

8.00-16.00 Universitas u 2.

## • LANGUAGE COMPONENT

### - SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

The European Studies summer course is offered to those who are interested in the political, economic, cultural, social achievements and challenges of the European Union and would like to learn about all these from Hungarian perspectives. The program is facilitated in English. The program provides a comprehensive introduction to the characteristics of the European and Hungarian cultural diversity, as well as the political, economic and social processes, and the institutions of the European Union. Moreover, participants will also have the opportunity to expand their knowledge on topics such as the art history, gastronomy and folk traditions of Europe and of Hungary. The teaching methods will include lectures, seminars, open discussions and group works.

### - DURATION

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES

h. 70

## • TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

	NUMBER OF...:
TEACHERS	7
ADMINISTRATORS	3
STUDENTS	3