

SUMMER COURSE 2025-2026

ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM

INSTITUTION'S NAME:	University of Szeged
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

Szeged is situated near the Southern border of Hungary, just to the South of the estuary of the Maros River, on both banks of the Tisza River. Szeged is a cultural and economic center of southeast Hungary, and a thriving university town famous for its open-air theatre festival in the summer. The medieval tower of St. Demetrius marks the city center and the twin spires of the Roman Catholic cathedral (Dóm) built in the first decades of the 20th century to commemorate the rebuilding of the city after its near-destruction by the great flood in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city with its population of 170,000 people. The climate is very favorable. The mean temperature is about 16 centigrades, somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is often times called the city of sunshine as there is an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine annually. Szeged is the economic center of the region and is famous for food production, especially salami and paprika. Textiles, oil and natural gas processing are also significant, but the city is most famous for its culture, including its various institutions of higher education. Today's University of Szeged is the amalgam of former institutions of higher education, united in 2000. The number of students studying in this large integrated institution is thirty thousand. In spite of the fact that Szeged has the atmosphere of a quiet college town, the city is surprisingly cosmopolitan. The UNESCO-sponsored

International Center for Biological Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, as well as the various faculties of the university, host a great number of international scholars and students, conferences and meetings.

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

Open-air Theatre Festival Concerts in the City Hall Courtyard Szeged International Trade Fair Folk Dance Festival Paprika Festival Fish Soup Festival SZIN, the Szeged Rock-music Festival Art Exhibitions in Several Museums and Galleries Events Organized in the National Memorial Park in Ópusztaszer

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

Budapest is a two-hour and fifteen-minute train ride from Szeged. In order to get to Szeged from the capital the visitor must reach the West station (Nyugati pályaudvar), from where trains leave for Szeged every hour. From the airport a minibus service provides the easiest transport at reasonable prices, taking every passenger to the point of destination inside the city. Public transport is also available to get from the airport to Szeged railway station if you arrive at Budapest Liszt Ferenc airport terminal 2a or 2b you can travel to the train stop „Ferihegy” by bus 200E. It is 4 stops away, it takes 7 minutes, and the buses run very frequently. (You can buy your ticket from the driver if you have cash in Hungarian forints.) you can buy your train ticket at platform b at the railway station from the ticket vending machine. In Szeged Hungarian students will be waiting for international students coming from any direction and take them to the dorms or to the main building of the faculty where the department is located.

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

The university buildings and some student dormitories as well as banks, post offices, and shops are all located in the center of the town, within walking distance. Places which are further away from the city center such as the swimming pool and the sports center can be easily reached by public transport (buses, trolley buses, trams) which run every 5-10 minutes on weekdays and 10-15 minutes on weekends.

• **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION**

For many of us in Szeged, January 1, 2000, not only marked the turn of the millennium but also the foundation of the University of Szeged (USZ, or, with the Hungarian abbreviation, SZTE). The integration of the former institutions of higher education resulted in one of the largest universities in the country. Higher education in Szeged has a long-standing tradition of academic excellence, which is one of the major assets that the institutions have brought into the integration process. SZTE with its annual budget of 20 billion HUF and with its approximately 24,000 students, faculty, and staff who live in and around the city, is inevitably a key factor in the regional economy. Our department is the 1st Ethnological department in Hungary, established in 1929. In 2006 we started the dance research specialization, today this is the strongest program and Szeged is the only place in the country where you can study to become a dance ethnologist / anthropologist in Hungary. As of 2012 one can do

that in English as well in the international master program, Choreomundus, of which we are the founding partner institution.

• 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 central venue of the accommodation for the summer course is at Károlyi Dormitory. Students can stay in the guest rooms (with AC and a private bathroom), though places are limited. There are also regular student room (no AC, bathrooms are shared in the corridor). We will send up-to-date price and availability information to all applicants. We also offer help in finding alternative accommodation. Dormitory accommodation at other dormitories is also available for students in August. The dormitories are situated in the center of Szeged, there are double rooms with bathrooms, too. The dormitories are equipped with cooking facilities and TV rooms. Rental prices vary greatly (cc. HUF 70,000 per week). Other bed & breakfast facilities are also easy to find from HUF 15,000 per day. Kálmán Vendégház, Jósika u. 20. Students can stay in triple rooms (cc. HUF 33,000/ per night / room) or in double rooms (cc. HUF 42,000 / night / room) they can also choose half or full board here, but cooking facilities are also available. (Anna Panzió, Anna u.6.; Szivárvány Panzió, Tisza Lajos u. 27.; Marika panzió, Nyil u 6.; Sára Panzió, Zákány u.13.; Pálma Panzió, Árvíz u. 3.; Attila Panzió, Hétvezér u.) Hotel rooms in Novotel, Hotel Forrás, Hotel Tisza, Hotel Royal cost from HUF 25,000 per day. Many students also find places through www.Couchsurfing.org

• MEALS

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

The University of Szeged has several canteens and offers a large variety of cooked meals daily at reasonable prices (HUF 2000 for a two-course meal on average). Since Szeged hosts over 24,000 students during the academic year and many thousands of tourists in the summer, many restaurants, fast food restaurants, and bars offer good quality food at prices fit for students' budgets.

• RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

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

Our students will meet the international students at the train station and guide them to their accommodation (precise dates and times of arrival will be discussed). All classes will take place in the main building of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at 2 Egyetem Street. Students will be notified about the venue of the first meeting at 7 p.m. on June 22.

• EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

- *SITE VISITS*

Excursion to Ópusztaszer National Heritage Park Hungarian Social Dance Events International Folk Dance Festival of Szeged

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

A large new swimming pool complex with lots of slides is available. 3 other swimming pools are also open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. University fitness club and gym, football field, and tennis courts, open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Water sports facilities on the Tisza River are also arranged by the program

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

There are several cinemas in Szeged including the Cinema City of the plaza shopping center with 9 rooms. The open-air theater festival in Dóm Square, which counts as one of the major theatrical events in Hungary, has performances in July and August starring both national and international actors and singers. Many other summer festivals take place in the summer.

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

COURSE NO:	1	
COURSE TITLE:	Traditional Dance and Music in Central and Eastern Europe	
ADDRESS OF THE COURSE:	H-6722 Szeged, Egyetem utca 2.	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:	English	
COURSE PERIOD:	From: 2025-06-22 00:00:00	To: 2025-07-05 00:00:00

• CULTURAL COMPONENT

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

The aim of the course is to get a theoretical-methodological insight into dance and music research, focusing on examples from Central and Eastern Europe. The research of dance and music from a cultural and social science point of view in Hungary belongs to the fields of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology. The purpose of the interactive course is to familiarize the students with the basic concepts that are necessary in connection with the study of culture and society, including dance and music. Meanwhile, we also get to know each other and learn to look at our own and other cultures from a new perspective. Ethnochoreology, Ethnomusicology, Dance and Music Anthropology are the main fields that we are going to explore through theoretical knowledge, case studies, archival work, and dance practice focusing on topics such as Roma music culture, dance as cultural heritage, dance and tourism, dance and gender, the Hungarian social dance movement ('táncház'), proxemics. Our current education organization and teaching practices in the Choreomundus international program are feedback-based. The system is two-way: students receive textual answers, feedback, and evaluations for their own research and project work in addition to the grade. This is the method we aim to practice at the summer school, too. Interactive classes and discussion-focused learning are what we find the best way to talk about dance music, culture, and society.

- DURATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	h. 60
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	h. 48
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	12 hours archival practice (Institute of Musicology) and museology classes in Budapest (Heritage House, House of Hungarian Music)

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

Oral presentations in small groups at the end of the course

• COURSE FACILITIES

- TEACHING AIDS

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

The department is well equipped with modern technology, we have laptops and projectors / smartboards available in each room. We are supplying students with handouts as well.

LIBRARY

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

University Library: 9 AM – 5 PM Somogyi Library: 10 AM.– 5 PM Opening Days: Monday – Friday
Address: University Library: Szeged, Ady tér 10.

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

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

not relevant

- DURATION

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES

h. 80

• TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

	NUMBER OF...:
TEACHERS	12
ADMINISTRATORS	3
STUDENTS	20