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Welcome to Hungary!

Whether you have arrived, or you consider applying to a Hungarian higher education institution, this guide will definitely help you along your journey.

Here we collected some useful information for you to make the most out of your Study in Hungary experience! On the following pages, you can read interesting facts about the country, learn more about study opportunities, and get practical advice about everyday life. With the help of this little booklet, you will be fully prepared for your Hungarian stay, so you only need to focus on your studies.

We believe that this journey will bring you professional knowledge, useful skills, thousands of memories, and new friends. Are you ready?

Study in Hungary team



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ABOUT HUNGARY

Find out more about Hungary! If you are interested in why Hungary is unique and what makes it different from other European countries, then read more about its historical background, famous inventions, the Hungarian language and many more in this section.

WHY STUDY IN HUNGARY?

Hungarian higher education represents academic excellence with more than 650 years of experience.

You can get a European degree for an affordable price.

Hungarian diplomas have internationally recognized quality giving you the perspective to the global labour market.

Hungarian research and innovation have a great international reputation – there are around 130 university research groups in all fields of study.

You can learn from knowledgeable, open-minded professors in modern learning facilities.

There are multiple scholarship opportunities for international students from all over the world.

Located in the heart of Europe, studying in Hungary gives you the opportunity to explore the whole Central European region easily.

According to recent statistics, Hungary is the 21st safest country in the world (*Global Peace Index 2019*).

Hungary has a vibrant cultural life with longstanding traditions that are really worth discovering.

You can never get bored in Hungary – exciting youth life, world-famous festivals and exhibitions are waiting for you!

HUNGARY IN BRIEF

LONDON 1,504 km

PARIS 1,260 km

BARCELONA 1,436 km

BERLIN 700 km

ROME 793 km

SIZE:	93,000 square kilometres	
DIMENSIONS:	250 km (North-South) and 524 km (East-West)	
POPULATION:	9.8 million	
CAPITAL:	Budapest (1.7 million)	
LARGEST OTHER CITIES:		

Debrecen, Szeged, Miskolc, Pécs, Győr CLIMATE: dry continental with four seasons OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Hungarian

NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES:

	Austria, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia,
	Serbia, Romania, Ukraine
GOVERNMENT:	parliamentary constitutional republic
CURRENCY:	forint (HUF)
TIME ZONE:	CET (GMT +1)



BRIEF HISTORY

The conquest of the Carpathian Basin and the foundation of Hungary

The Hungarian tribes from the mountains of the Urals arrived in the Carpathian Basin in 895-896, then conquered the territory and settled down. One hundred years later our first king, Stephen I, founded and established the Kingdom of Hungary as a Christian European country.

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Matthias Corvinus and the Hunyadi era

One of Hungary's most glorious eras was the time of the Hunyadi family in the 15th century, during which Matthias Corvinus the Righteous reigned as the greatest king in the Hungarian history and transformed the country into one of the most important European nations.

Turkish occupation

Following the battle of Mohács in 1526, the country was divided into three parts due to the Ottoman occupation in Hungary: the Habsburgs controlled the western and northern parts; the Turkish the central area; and as the successor and stronghold of Hungarian culture, the independent Principality of Transylvania held the south-east.

The Hungarian Revolution of 1848

Following the period of the Spring of Nations across Europe, the Hungarians revolted against the Habsburgs of Austria. As a result of this turbulent era, a compromise was reached with the Habsburgs in 1867 which resulted in the foundation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire – one of the most significant political and economic powerhouses in Europe.



Did you know? People in Hungary wear a red, white and green circular badge called a 'kokárda' on

World War I

After 4 years of war and as a result of the peace treaty in 1919, the Austro-Hungarian Empire was dismantled and the independent state of Hungary assumed its final geographic size and spread. Even today more than 2 million Hungarians live in the surrounding countries, such as Romania, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine, Austria and Slovenia.

World War II and the Soviet occupation

By the end of World War II, the Soviets drove the German troops out of the country in 1945 and occupied Hungary for the next four and a half decades.

The Hungarian revolution of 1956

As part of the revolutionary wave in the Eastern Bloc, the Hungarian revolution of 1956 is considered as one of the symbols of resistance against the Soviets during the cold war era. Although the revolution was eventually suppressed, it marked the beginning of a new era. Commemorating the heroes of the revolutions, 23 October is still a national holiday in Hungary.

The fall of the Soviet rule and the democratic transformation of Hungary

By the end of the 1980s, the swift changes in the Soviet bloc and in the Soviet Union itself led to the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9th November 1989, which affected the entire eastern part of Europe. Countries became free from Soviet rule and Hungary became an independent republic for the third time. The first democratic, multi-party elections were held in 1990.

Joining the European Union

After joining NATO in 1999, Hungary became a member of the European Union in 2004 along with 9 other countries. In 2011 Hungary held the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time.

Famous Hungarian Inventions

Hungarians have always been great at finding innovative ways to solve problems, often leading to the invention of objects that now surround us every day.



RUBIK'S CUBE By Ernő Rubik, Architect

Rubik's cube, or also called as "Magic Cube", is a 3D combination puzzle, which is still one of the world's best-selling puzzle toys. The World Cube Association organizes various competitions, where the contestants have to solve the Rubik's cube as fast as possible.



VITAMIN C BY ALBERT SZENTGYÖRGYI, MEDICAL RESEARCHER

The importance of vitamins in our health has long been well-known, but it wasn't until the 1930s that Hungarian scientist, Albert Szent-Györgyi discovered the chemical ascorbic acid—also known as vitamin C.

ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE By Kálmán Kandó, Engineer

High-voltage motors and generators were developed by Kálmán Kandó, who was also known as the father of electric locomotives. His work on railway electrification was essential to the birth of today's electric trains.





CARBONATED WATER BY ÁNYOS JEDLIK, INVENTOR

The first soda-water machine was invented by Ányos Jedlik in the 1820s, whose name is also linked to the first Hungarian soda manufacturing plant as well. By today, soda water is on the list of the Hungaricums.

BALLPOINT PEN By lászló bíró, journalist, inventor

Ballpoint pen, or also called as biro, is a pen that dispenses ink over a metal ball at its point. Today, it's one of the most widespread writing instruments in the world.



WORD & EXCEL BY CHARLES SIMONYI, COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

Microsoft Word and Excel are surely known by most people in the world. The first version of these office suite applications was invented by Charles Simonyi, a Hungarian born computer programmer.

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COLOR TELEVISION BY PÉTER KÁROLY GOLDMARK, PHYSICIST

Field sequential colour technology for colour television was discovered by Péter Károly Goldmark. Among several other inventions, he worked on developing new LP-related technologies as well.

PREZI BY ZUI LABS

The world-famous presentation software was founded by Zui Labs led by its three Hungarian founders. The word prezi is the short form of "presentation" in the Hungarian language.



SAFETY MATCH By János Irinyi, Inventor

The ancestor of the modern safety match was invented by a Hungarian chemist, János Irinyi. He made matches that ignited quietly and smoothly by replacing potassium chlorate with lead oxide.

TUNGSTEN LAMP By Sándor Just and Imre Bródy, Engineers

The Hungarian Sándor Just and Croatian Franjo Hanaman invented a tungsten filament lamp that lasted longer and gave brighter light than its foregoers. Tungsten filament lamps were first sold by the Hungarian company "Tungsram" in 1904.



FAMOUS HUNGARIANS



Ignác Semmelweis (1818-1965)

The physician who discovered that the principal reason behind childbed fever was improper hand washing, leading to him being known as the 'saviour of mothers'.

Béla BARTÓK (1881-1945)

One of the most significant musicians and composers of the 20th century, whose music is invigorated by the themes, modes and rhythmic patterns of Hungarian and other folk music traditions.

Zoltán KODÁLY (1882-1967)

Composer and ethnomusicologist, the creator of a special musicteaching technique known as the Kodály method.

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Dénes GÁBOR (1900-1979)

Electrical engineer, mechanical engineer and physicist, who won the Noble Prize in Physics for inventing holography.

János Neumann (1903-1957)

The ancestor of all modern computers was invented by János Neumann, a famous mathematician. His so-called "Neumann Principles" laid down the foundations of modern computers.

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Paul Erdős (1913-1996) Mathematician, best known for his work in number theory,

combinatorics and probability theory.

Ferenc PUSKÁS (1927-2006)

Legendary football icon who played in Hungary and then Spainfor Real Madrid, winning a combined total of ten league championships. The FIFA Puskás Award for 'the most beautiful goal' of the past year was named after him.

Imre Kertész (1929-2016)

The first Hungarian ever to win a Nobel Prize in Literature, for writing that upholds the fragile experience of the individual against the barbaric arbitrariness of history.

István Szabó (1938-)

Film and opera director, screen writer, the first ever Hungarian to win the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film with Mephisto (1981).

Iván FISCHER (1951-)

Conductor and composer, founder of one of the world's finest orchestras, the Budapest Festival Orchestra, and director of the Berlin Konzerthaus.

Judit Polgár (1976-)

Chess grandmaster, considered the strongest female chess player of all time.

László Nemes-Jeles (1977-)

Film director and screenwriter, the second Hungarian to win the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film for his movie Son of Saul (2016).

Katinka Hosszú (1989-)

Competitive swimmer, three-time Olympic champion and seven-time long-course world champion.









HUNGARICUMS

Hungaricums are high-value products of Hungary which show Hungarian uniqueness, speciality and quality, embodying the top performance of the Hungarian people. You might have already heard of some of them – maybe even tasted or participated in one – but here is a list of Hungaricums that you should know about!

Táncház Method

The Táncház (dance-house) model is a special method of teaching folk dance and preserving intangible cultural heritage: participants learn dances from tradition bearers by observation and imitation, with the accompaniment of live music.

Busó Festivities

This 6-day annual festival in Mohács, located in southern Hungary, marks the end of winter each February. The festival is named 'busó' in acknowledgement of the awesome-looking costumed men wearing wooden masks and large sheepskin coats. According to legend, the roots of the festival date back to the Battle of Mohács in 1526, when villagers dressed up as fearsome monsters to frighten away the occupying Turkish forces.

Pálinka

Pálinka is a generic name for the fiery fruit brandy often distilled by farmers from home-grown fruits, the most common ones being plums, apricots, apples, cherries and pears. Hungary's most famous pálinka distilleries can be found in Kecskemét.

Porcelain of Herend

The town of Herend offers luxury hand painted and gilded porcelain. Now amongst the biggest porcelain manufactories in Europe, the Herend Porcelain manufactory was founded in 1826 in a small Hungarian village. In 1855, the international exhibition in Paris brought the highest appreciation for Herend.

HUNGARICUMS

Matyó Embroidery

The Matyó community lives in and around the town of Mezőkövesd. The heritage of the community consists of the ethnographic group's living traditional culture, which is embodied by their characteristic style and cultural identity. This folk art is characterised by special floral embroidery filling on textile and ornamented objects.

Tokaji Aszú

Described by Louis XIV of France as "the king of wines and the wine of kings", Aszú is in fact even referred to in the Hungarian national anthem. It is one of the world's finest dessert wines.

Original Hungarian Winter salami

The PICK factory in Szeged has been producing this famous and popular salami brand for about 140 years, using a secret recipe. Made from pork and spices, winter salami is cured in cold air and is slowly smoked. Known as one of the best salami in Hungary and in the world.

Makó Onion

The town of Makó, situated in south-eastern Hungary, is famous for its onion which is an important ingredient of traditional Hungarian cuisine. An international onion festival is organised in the region each year, which lasts for three days.

Hungarian Paprika

Paprika powder is one of the most widely used spices in Hungarian cuisine. Due to the favourable climate and geographical conditions, Hungarian paprika has a bright red colour and a distinctively rich flavour. Kalocsa and Szeged in the southern part of Hungary are the heart of paprika production.

Find out more about these Hungaricums as well as the other 61 on the list <u>www.hungarikum.hu/en</u>

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Language

The official language of the country is Hungarian ("Magyar"), which is among the 24 official languages of the European Union. Hungarian is the member of the Finno-Ugric language group, and although the country is located in Central-Europe, it is not related to any of the major European languages. Hungarian is spoken by 10 million people in Hungary with several rural and urban dialects, but there are major populations of Hungarian speakers outside the country as well.

Although your studies are in English or in another foreign language, it is a good idea to learn a few basic words which may be necessary in your everyday life here in Hungary. It will be extremely well-received by native Hungarians, so don't worry about making mistakes!

Find out more about ways to develop your Hungarian language R skills in the Learning Hungarian section. Use our mini dictionary at the back of this guide as a quick reference guide.



Climate and weather

For many international students the Hungarian climate can be very different from that of their countries, as Hungary has four different seasons. Whilst summers are warm, winters can be really cold; average temperatures range from

-4 °C in January to 26 °C in July.

Hungary is in the temperate zone and has a relatively dry continental climate. The country is protected from extreme weather conditions by the surrounding mountain ranges, the Alps and the Carpathians.

It's not always easy to find the right clothes to suit the weather, but the beauty of each season is definitely worth the effort.



STUDY IN HUNGARY

Find out more about studying in Hungary! This section provides information about the structure of the Hungarian higher education system, universities and university towns, scholarship programmes, research opportunities and many more. "Studying in Hungary adds another level to your college experience. Experiencing other cultures around the world broadens your knowledge and teaches you to think and live differently."

ANIRUDH from India

"It is not only the theoretical knowledge gained during the studies. It is also about the knowledge gained from living happily in a foreign country, communicating and interacting with people from different nationalities and cultures, discovering new points of view and new perspectives of life. This is what made us expand our horizons and grow our personalities."

JOVANA from Macedonia

"Appreciating this opportunity is necessary as we have received a good education in the heart of Europe, the continent which has been and still is a dream to many people from far-away countries."

MAJD from Jordan

"Hungary has truly been my second home because I have had some amazing people as friends in this country. The environment and the people of this country are so welcoming and helpful, you don't feel away from home. The best thing about the education system here in Hungary is that they let you choose your own speed, and you are not judged by the scores on your grade-sheet."

MANGESH from India

Starting your academic studies in Hungary

Hungary is full of once-in-the-lifetime opportunities for international students. You can develop your personal career, receive high-quality education and earn a European diploma at the same time. During your journey in Hungary, you can learn from knowledgeable professors and boost your academic life by networking. However, before starting your journey, we collected all the necessary and useful information you need to know about Hungarian higher education.

www.studyinhungary.hu/video-gallery.link

The structure of the Hungarian higher education system

Hungarian higher education has been representing academic excellence for more than 650 years. The first university was founded in 1367 in Pécs, the Southern region of Hungary.



Higher education studies are offered at two types of higher education institutions, egyetem (university) and főiskola (college). Programmes of higher education are offered at three levels – Bachelor, Master and Doctorate – which are usually referred to as the three-cycle system according to the European Bologna system. Besides these integrated and cyclic programmes there are some one-tier programmes, where the Bachelor level and the Master level is undivided: veterinary medicine, architecture, dentistry, pharmaceutics, law and medicine.

Entry and admission requirements in Hungary also follow the standards of the Bologna Process. This means that a Bachelor's degree must be obtained to have access to Master's and PhD programmes. In order to be admitted to a Hungarian higher education institution, prospective students must demonstrate that they meet certain requirements. Although there is a general system of entrance exams, the entry requirements may differ at certain higher education institutions, so always check the conditions at each institution before applying.



Universities and fields of study

Today, there are 65 higher education institutions in total ranging from minor universities of applied sciences to top tier research universities. There are 28 statefunded, 11 privately-funded and 26 church-funded institutions to choose from. As a result of the institutions' internationalisation process, there are endless study opportunities for international students: they offer more than 500 courses in English, German, French and other languages. The foreign language programmes are of a high standard and tuition fees are very affordable. The range of study fields students can choose from is wide:

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LEGAL SCIENCE ECONOMIC SCIENCE		CE	MEDICAL AN	D HEALTH SCIENCE	
ARTS AND HUMANITIES, ARTS EDUCA			ΠΟΝ	ENGI	NEERING SCIENCE
SOCIAL SCIENCE	TEAC	HER TRAINING	SPOR	T SCIENCE	NATURAL SCIENCE

The largest institutions offer courses in all study fields, while smaller institutions have programmes in a few specific areas. Students can earn double degrees at many universities through *joint degree programmes* in which the Hungarian university works together with another European higher education institution. In case of applying for these programmes – students enrol in both universities and obtain a degree from both institutions.

Study Finder

The Study Finder database on the Study in Hungary website provides information about study programmes in English and other foreign languages offered by Hungarian higher education institutions. On this website, you can browse through more than 500 programmes – so you can see the "bigger picture" about what programmes in which fields you might choose for your further studies.

www.studyinhungary.hu » Study Finder



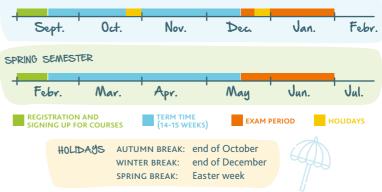
FIND A STUDY PROGAMME

Do you have friends who might like to start their academic studies in Hungary as well? Share the Study Finder with them so they can find the programme that suits them the best.

Academic year

The academic year is divided into 2 semesters including 14-15 weeks of lectures and seminars followed by an examination period that lasts for 6-8 weeks.





ECTS Credit System and Grading Credit System

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in Hungary ensures the transparency of the learning, teaching and assessment processes by facilitating recognition of your learning achievements and qualifications in many countries throughout the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS ensures that the grades you have achieved can be accepted by other European and non-European institutions in other countries.

At the end of each semester, the student's study achievement is evaluated with a grade in the Hungarian five-grade scale. For incoming international students, a Transcript of Records must be issued that contains a table of completed courses, credits, the Hungarian grade and the ECTS grade. The number of credits you have to achieve might differ from one institution and programme to another in an academic year or semester, so you may need to approach your local international coordinator to receive the relevant information about this.

The Hungarian academic credit system is an ECTS-compatible system. The calculation of the credits is based on the number of working hours of the student(one credit means 30 student working hours, on average).

At the end of the semester, the student's study achievement is evaluated with a grade (5-excellent, 4-good, 3-medium or satisfactory, 2-sufficient or pass, 1-fail). The ECTS conversion table ensures transfer procedures between the Hungarian academic credit system and the ECTS. The recognition of the courses completed abroad is based on the credit transfer regulation.

For incoming international students, a Transcript of Records is issued at the end of the semester, which contains the code and title of the completed courses, credits, grade, and its ECTS-compatible grade.

UNIVERSITY GRADE EQUIVALENT ECTS GRADE 5 (excellent) A, B (excellent, very good) 4 (good) C (good) 3 (satisfactory) D (satisfactory) E (sufficient) FX. F (fail)

Recognition of diplomas

2 (pass)

1 (fail)

There is no automatic EU-wide recognition of academic diplomas, which means you need to apply for this procedure to continue your studies in another EU country.

If you obtain your degree in Hungary and wish to study in another EU country, you need to go through a specific procedure to have your degree recognised in the other country. A "Statement of Comparability" of your earned university degree can be issued in your home country or in the host country of your studies. This certificate shows how your degree compares to the ones you can earn in the other country.

Before starting a recognition procedure, go to ENIC's website (European Network of Information Centres) to receive more information on the process and the required documents. All the national institutions are listed here so you can contact the responsible authorities.

www.enic-naric.net » higher education institution

Recognition of qualifications

If you plan to practice your profession in the EU, outside Hungary, you will need to go through a recognition procedure. On the official website of the European Union you can find out if your profession is regulated, in which case you will need full recognition of your qualifications.

For more information about the procedure, please visit the official website of www.europa.eu, where you can check if you need to apply for recognition of professional qualifications and what type of application you need to submit.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees in Hungary are affordable; they vary depending on the selected university and study programme, but below you will find the average fees of some study fields. To receive accurate information regarding tuition fees visit the website of the chosen university. Most institutions require the tuition fees to be paid before enrolment.

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Scholarship programmes

www.studyinhungary.hu » Find a scholarhsip

Erasmus+



If you are a citizen of the European Union, or another programme country of the Erasmus+, you are entitled to apply for Erasmus+ that provides opportunities for education, training, youth and sport.

You can also combine your study period in Hungary with a traineeship to gain work experience as Erasmus+ also offers internships. Opportunities to study in Hungary with Erasmus are available to students at Bachelor's and Master's levels, as well as Doctoral candidates. Students with physical, mental or health-related conditions may apply for additional funding after they have been selected to study. You can also gain some volunteer experience in Hungary through this programme for periods of 2-12 months or 2-8 weeks.

PROGRAMME COUNTRIES: > countries of the European Union

+ Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom

Erasmus+ internship

You can combine your studies with professional practice by taking an Erasmus internship in Hungary for a period of 3 to 12 months or you can only take part in an internship (2-12 months) without doing your studies at the same time. Your internship will be supported with a monthly stipend ranging from ξ 500- ξ 600 depending on the selected country's living standards. It is also possible to apply for an extra stipend of ξ 100 in specific cases.

PROGRAMME COUNTRIES: > all countries of the EU

+ Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom Useful links to find an intern position:

ErasmusIntern: www.erasmusintern.org Europlacement: www.europlacement.com AIESEC internship: www.aiesec.org

Stipendium Hungaricum programme

The Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme was launched in 2013 by the Hungarian Government with the mission to increase the number of interna-



tional students in Hungary and to encourage our education institutions to attract international students.

STUDY FIELDS supported by the Stipendium Hungaricum programme in 2019/2020

- > Agricultural Science
- > Art Education
- > Arts
- > Arts and Humanities
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- > Economic
- > Economic Science
- Engineering Science

FULL TIME STUDIES

- > BA/BSc (undergraduate, 3-3.5 years)
- > MA/MSc (graduate, 1-2 years)
- > PhD studies (doctoral, 2+2 years)
- > One-tier programme (5 years)

PART-TIME STUDIES

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMMES

(professional and language preparatory courses, specialisation courses

- Health Science
 - > Legal Science
 - > Medical and Health Science
 - Natural Science
 - > Science
 - > Social Science
 - > Sport Science
 - > Teacher Training

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How does the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme contribute to your professional development?

- > no tuition fee
- > monthly stipend:
 - for Bachelor or Master: cca. EUR 130
 - for Doctoral programmes: cca. EUR 325
- > free dormitory placement places or contribution to private accommodation: EUR 100
- > medical insurance

For more information, visit our website: www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu

Scholarship Programme for the Hungarian Diaspora



The main aim of the Scholarship Programme for

the Hungarian Diaspora is to give support to foreign students with Hungarian identity to pursue their studies in Hungarian higher education institutions. The Programme is organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, managed by Tempus Public Foundation.

The Programme includes members of the Hungarian diaspora communities in every country in the world, except in the Member States of the European Union, the Republic of Serbia and the Zakarpatska Oblast part of Ukraine.

The Call for Applications of the Programme will be announced for the first time by the end of 2020 in order to apply for admission to the 2021/2022 academic year.

For more information, visit the www.diasporascholarship.hu website.



CEEPUS

If you are from Central Europe or the South-Eastern part of Europe, you are eligible to apply for the CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) Programme that aims to promote teacher and student mobility in Central and South-East Europe. Students can spend a study period abroad and teachers can undertake a teaching period at a partner university. These opportunities are designed to strengthen professional and personal relationships among Central European scholars.

PERIOD OF MOBILITY: > 1 semester (3-5 months)

- > 1-2 months
- > 3-6 days (short-term excursion)

The funding of the programme is provided by the CEEPUS partner countries. Students receive their CEEPUS grant from the host country; therefore, the amount is tailored to local living standards.

MEMBER COUNTRIES:

Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia. Slovakia and Kosovo.

www.ceepus.info



Bilateral State Scholarships

Hungary has bilateral agreements with around 68 countries. Bilateral state scholarships are based on scientific and educational cooperation agreements signed by the governments of two coun-

tries. If your sending country has such an agreement with Hungary you may pursue a scholarship in Hungary as a nominee of your sending home country. It is also possible to apply individually from your country, without being nominated.

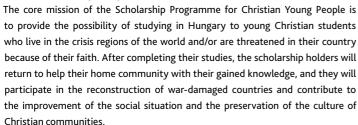
SCHOLARSHIP TYPES AVAILABLE (in 2019/20):

- bachelor or master or doctoral semester/partial studies (3-10 months)
- full degree bachelor or master or doctoral studies (36/24/36 months respectively)
- short- or long-term research (3 days-10 months)
- summer courses (2-4 weeks)

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Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People

Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People



Scholarships are available for bachelor, master, one-tier master and doctoral programmes.



Other funding options

If you come from an EEA state and want to find funding options as a self-financed student, you can take student loans (Diákhitel1 or Diákhitel2) with a favourable interest rate from the Hungarian Student Loan Centre.

To apply you need to be under 45 years of age and must hold a permanent residence or immigration card. To help with the repayment of the loan, an incomebased repayment scheme is available. This means that the amount of money a student needs to pay back and the deadline of repayment will depend on how much the student earns.

Another option to fund your university studies is to get a **student job** through student-job agencies. According to Hungarian law a student is entitled to have either a full-time (8 hours) or a part-time job (4 or 6 hours), however scholarship contracts may control the conditions under which a student can work. The minimum wage per month for unskilled work for 8 hours per day is around 460 EUR while the salary is approximately 600 EUR for skilled jobs.

Working while studying

Some of you might decide to work part-time during your studies or during the summer holiday to finance your living costs or to gain valuable work experience. Currently, depending on your citizenship, there are different rights and obligations apply.

- If you are a student from an EEA state (member states of the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Liechtenstein), there is no limitation regarding the working hours but you need to hold a registration card.
- If you are a citizen of a country that is not part of the European Economic Area (non-EEA state), you can be employed during your studies with a residence permit for study purposes and work 24 hours a week during your study period, or 90 days or 66 working days outside your study period.

CAREER OFFICES

Most higher education institutions in Hungary have their own career offices where students can receive information regarding available jobs. These offices offer job opportunities through databases as well as organising programmes for students looking for jobs, and they help you with career planning and management.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Student recruitment services are also great options if you are looking for job opportunities in Hungary. Usually, you need to register and become a member of the agency to apply for a job. After paying the registration fee, the agency organizes all the administration and paperwork connected to the application process and taxation in Hungary.

Internship

International internships are becoming more and more popular as they provide students with valuable real-life experience during their studies. Various options to do internships in Hungary include:

Dual education

Gaining practical experience in Hungary is provided by dual education, which is a unique system where university students have the chance to spend a few months at different companies or organisations to gain practice. Dual education means that a student is enrolled at a university while completing a traineeship at a company. Programmes that may include dual education:

> agriculture

engineering

> economics

- > natural sciences
- information technology

By taking part in this programme, you have the chance to gain some insight into the internal operation of a company and gain experience through professionals of a given field. By the end of your studies you will receive a significant amount of work experience, which will help you start your career and find a job. Information on programmes offered in dual education can be obtained from your university's website.

Research opportunities

Have you ever heard of the iKnife that finds cancer during an operation, or the E+grid smart energy-positive street lighting system? What about the Maven7 world class know-how on organizational network analytics?wThese are only some of those inventions that have been made at Hungarian universities. All universities in the country offer research opportunities in various fields of study, besides you can also find different research labs where you can take part in interesting research projects. Many universities offer Colleges for Advanced Studies as well, which are based on self-governed education and research activities with students who wish to expand their knowledge in a specific study field.

If you want to know more about the research possibilities at your institution, you should inquire at your faculty or department once you are enrolled. If you are interested in the latest research results and inventions, we advise you to visit the Researcher's Night events organised at many universities all over the country each year.



Learning Hungarian

If you are interested in learning Hungarian, you have several options to get started both face-to-face and online. There are many institutions offering Hungarian language courses for foreigners for a fair price, and here we have created a list of some of them.



Do not get discouraged when you hear that Hungarian is one of the most difficult languages. Take every opportunity to talk to native speakers right away to gain fluency - they will be very please by your effort."

BALASSI CULTURAL INSTITUTE

One of the institute's mission is to manage Hungarian education all around the world. They offer short and long term language courses for international students including a 4-week long summer university where students get acquainted with Hungarian culture and customs as well as participate in intensive Hungarian language classes for a period of more than 3 hours / day. Students can use the credits gained at the summer university at their own universities.

www.balassiintezet.hu/en/hungarian-language-courses

EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (ELTE)

ELTE offers three types of courses: a summer university during the summer break, an intensive course, and a regular course during the year. ELTE is one of the highest ranked universities and one of the bests in linguistic courses.

www.elte.hu/en/language-courses/hungarian

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN

Besides their regular language and cultural programmes, the university offers a course about Hungarian and Central-European history.

www.nyariegyetem.hu/kurzusaink.php

UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS

The International Studies Centre of the University of Pécs offers Hungarian courses for international students throughout the year and is open to anyone who wishes to learn Hungarian. They offer language courses during the autumn and spring semester consisting of 48 contact hours. The university offers a summer programme during the summer break, too, which can give you extra credit points for your studies.

isc.pte.hu/language_learning_opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED

The University of Szeged offers an intensive two-semester preparatory course for international students who wish to study at a Hungarian university. This Hungarian language and culture programme is ideal for students who want to become acquainted not only with the language but also with the local culture. The 4-week long summer university includes cultural programmes and 6x90minute classes every day.

www.hungarianstudies.hu 🛱

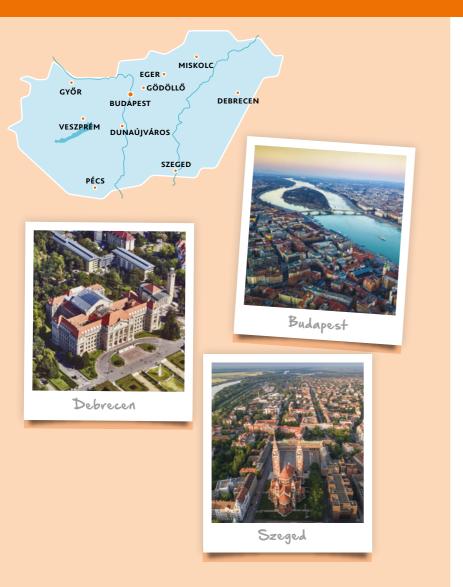
What do these courses offer?

- > international learning environment
- > effective language acquisition
- > diverse destinations in the region
- > housing and food is provided by the programmes

Language schools

Language schools also offer Hungarian courses for international students for a favourable price and sometimes also offer discounts. Choosing a language school can be a good option for you if you are a full-time student and have no time for a half-year course.

Download a language-learning app and practice your Hungarian on the go to and from campus!



University towns

BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital of Hungary, located in the heart of the country. With over 1700 000 inhabitants, Budapest is the largest and most densely populated city in the country, stretching along both banks of the Danube river. With areas inhabited since the Roman ages, Budapest is living and breathing history. It isn't just a city of numerous World Heritage Sites – it also has a vibrant cultural life with endless possibilities for indoor and outdoor activities.

Budapest is also considered a science hub – with multiple prestigious universities, strong international academic life, and a never-ending source of innovation. Choose from the **34 higher education institutions** that belong to this popular capital and with their communities shape the everyday life of the city.

DEBRECEN

After Budapest, Debrecen is the second largest city in Hungary. It is the regional centre of the Northern Great Plain region and the seat of Hajdú-Bihar County This city has preserved its rich cultural life. Each year, on 20th August, a flower carnival takes place in the city, offering a variety of entertainment such as folk dance, parades and concerts.

Debrecen is home to the **University of Debrecen**, whose main building is a widely-praised piece of architecture located in the "Great Forest" area. The university has many departments, is a major research centre in Europe and maintains a leading position in medical and information technology education.

SZEGED

Szeged is the regional centre of South-Eastern Hungary and the seat of Csongrád County at the meeting point of Hungary's second biggest river, the Tisza and a smaller river, Maros. The city and its area have been inhabited since ancient times and it has slowly grown into the third most populated locations of Hungary. The city's current landscape is based on a tragedy – the big flood of 1879 demolished most of the buildings, giving place to a newer, more picturesque building period. The city's most impressive monument is the Cathedral, located in the town centre. Every summer, the square in front of the Cathedral transforms into a huge openair theatre to host the Szeged Open-Air Festival.

The University of Szeged was founded in 1872, making it one of the oldest and most prestigious universities of the country. At present, the university consists of 12 faculties, and the 21 000 student body has a 14% international student ratio. You can study almost everything, ranging from humanities to business studies or health sciences.

MISKOLC

Miskolc is a city situated in north-east Hungary, and is mostly known for its heavy industry. Miskolc is the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is also the seat of Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County and the regional centre of the Northern Hungary region. By the 19th century, it had become an important commercial and industrial centre due to its geographical location.

Nowadays, it's one of the most popular choices for students who come to study in Hungary. Miskolc is full of hidden treasures like the Benedictine Monastery Ruins or the Cave bath of Miskolctapolca, it is also famous for the Castle of Diósgyőr where a medieval bustle is organised annually and for the Bükk National Park with all its fascinating landscapes.



The University of Miskolc is a relatively young institution, founded in 1949. Built in the style of the American campus model, it is surrounded by a large park and various sports facilities.

PÉCS

Pécs is located in the south-west of the country and serves as the administrative and economic centre of Baranya County. Pécs has a rich cultural life and hosts a wide variety of historical buildings, such as the Basilica of St. Peter constructed in the 11th century. Several Turkish buildings date back to the age of the Ottoman Empire and give the city a multicultural atmosphere. The city of Pécs was selected as one of the European Capitals of Culture for the year 2010.

The University of Pécs was founded in 1367, making it the oldest university in Hungary. It now ranks among the top European universities. It has 10 faculties and offers a wide range of programmes, covering nearly every possible field of study.

GYŐR

Győr is located in the north-western part of Hungary. The seat of Győr-Moson-Sopron County is located on one of the most important roads of Central Europe, halfway between Budapest and Vienna so it only takes one hour to reach the capital of Austria.

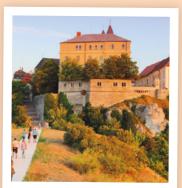
The area has been inhabited since ancient times. Győr has a charming town centre and is abundant in beautiful baroque buildings. The Széchenyi István University is located in Győr and it has an excellent reputation in electrical and mechanical engineering.

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Located in the Eastern corner of Hungary, Nyíregyháza is the 7th biggest town of the country with a population of nearly 120 000 and a highly dynamic development. The town is located next to the holiday resort area of the lake Sóstó ("Salty Lake Bath") with natural thermal water, an open-air museum, a spa, a great forest and one of the most famous zoos in Hungary known for keeping over 500 hundred different species in a natural environment.







Veszprém



The **University of Nyíregyháza** is one of the youngest universities in Hungary, offering a wide range of educational programmes focused on applied sciences like teacher-training or engineering.

VESZPRÉM

Veszprém is a quiet town only a few km from Lake Balaton. This city was built on five hills and has many ancient buildings such as the *Cathedral of St. Michael*. This city was given the title of "the town of queens" as Hungarian queens became patrons of the aforementioned cathedral. This town is very close to *Lake Balaton*, which is definitely worth a visit during the summer as well as the *Bakony Hills* and the *Balaton Uplands National Park* where you can take a day trip. There are many things to see and do in this mountainous, historical town like several festivals (Streetmusic Festival, Summer Festival, etc.) or the castle quarter or the Zoo. Veszprém will hold the title of European Capitals of Culture in 2023.

Pannon University was founded here in 1949 and offers multiple courses in English from 7 fields of study. Next to Veszprém, Pannon University has several other campuses: in Keszthely, Kőszeg, and Nagykanizsa as well.

EGER

Eger, located in Hungary's north-east, rests at the feet of the North Hungarian Mountains. With a long and remarkable history, the town's buildings tell the tales of the Mongol invasion and the Ottoman occupation. The historically significant *Castle of Eger*, the *Turkish Bath*, or the *Minaret* all shape the unique landscape of this town, which is also filled with beautiful buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries. The town is also the centre of a significant wine-producing region and is the original producer of the famous Bull's Blood wine. The town is alive with wine cellars and festivals, offering a lot of possibilities to immerse in its culture.

Eszterházy Károly University has 4 campuses across the country (Eger, Gyöngyös, Jászberény and Sárospatak) offering available courses ranging from economics and social sciences to pedagogy.



DUNAÚJVÁROS

Dunaújváros is situated in the centre of Hungary, quite near - only 67 km - away from Budapest. Dunaújváros was an industrial town; during the '50s it became the largest centre of iron and steelworks, and the predecessor of the university was founded in 1962 to educate heavy industry workers. Dunaújváros is famous for water sports, especially at speed boats and sailing.

The **University of Dunaújváros** is located in the heart of the city with a very modern campus of more than 2000 students enrolled. The university offers a wide range of courses from metallurgical and mechanical engineering to communication and media studies.

GÖDÖLLŐ

Proud of its green, panoramic areas, Gödöllő is a university town located very close to Budapest. The town's most famous sight is the Grassalkovich castle: the 18th-century building is one of the largest Baroque castles in Hungary. Later, it became the coronation present of Francis Joseph I and Empress Elisabeth of Austria. Gödöllő gained a lot of recognition and became an agrarian centre when in 1950 they relocated the Agrarian University there.

The **Szent István University** is currently operating not just in Gödöllő, but with one campus in Budapest, and one in Szarvas. With 8 faculties and 13 000 students, Szent István University has a wide range of possibilities to offer for international students.

Entry & admission

To become eligible for a BA degree you must have your language proficiency certificates, your diploma and other documents required by the programme.

To apply for a **Bachelor's degree (3 years)** prospective students need to have a high school diploma translated into Hungarian or English with the corresponding transcript of courses and grades. Some programmes may also require an entrance exam besides submitting these documents.

For a **Master's degree (2 years)** application applicants have to submit the photocopy of their Bachelor's diploma and probably have to take an entrance exam.

If someone wishes to obtain a **PhD degree (2+2 years)**, the minimum requirement is to have a university degree which is equivalent to a master's degree. The prerequisite for entering doctoral programmes is an MA/MSc degree or an equivalent to an MA/MSc degree.

Application timeline

Study in Hungary announces the actual application call on its official website so if you wish to receive the latest information about our available programmes visit our website at **studyinhungary.hu**.

Entry and admission requirements

Institutions in Hungary rank the applications based on the applicants' previous studies and the grade point average (GPA), also experience in work and research might be required by some institutions.

In order to be admitted to a Hungarian higher education institution, prospective students must demonstrate that they meet certain requirements. Although there is a general system of entrance exams **the entry requirements may differ at** certain higher education institutions therefore always check the conditions at each institution before applying.

Application procedure for self-financed students

Fee-paying students can submit their applications either electronically through the FELVI system (which requires advanced skills in Hungarian language) or by mailing their documents directly to the institution. Although the application procedure for enrolment may vary at different institutions and programmes, in general the procedure should be the following:

✓ 1. Find your university and programme

Visit the website of the chosen higher education institution and select the programme that suits you.

2. Check entry requirements and deadlines

Before you make your decision, always read the entry requirements for the degree programme you are applying for. Application period and exact dates for self-financed international students usually vary from one institution to another so first contact the chosen university to find out any relevant information. The deadline for the first round of admission procedures is usually in **November** for those programmes starting in February while the second round of admission procedures is in **February** for programmes starting in September.

🗹 3. Apply online

Fill out in the online application form of the programme on the website of the chosen university, then upload or submit the required documents. After submitting your papers, you may be required to arrange an appointment for a online interview. Contact the university or the college to find out if there is anything else you need to do.

✓ 4. Wait to receive confirmation from the university

If you are accepted, you will get a notification from your university around late July and the contact person from the institution will inform you regarding further steps. Fee-paying students are usually required to transfer (part of) the tuition fee prior to the enrolment in the academic period.

Generally, you'll need the following documents to be submitted:

• an up-to-date CV

- English translation of transcripts of records
- a letter of motivation
- English translation of obtained diplomas
- copy of your passport / ID
- two academic reference letters
- proof of language proficiency

Application procedure for Stipendium Hungaricum students



If you wish to apply for a Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship

- 1. check if your native country participates in the programme
- check which study fields and levels of study are available for your country and contact the local organisation responsible for helping you with starting the application procedure
- **3.** choose your study programme with the help of our Study Finder
- 4. read the annual Call for Applications on "stipendiumhungaricum.hu"
- prepare your online application on "apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu" and submit it before the application deadline.



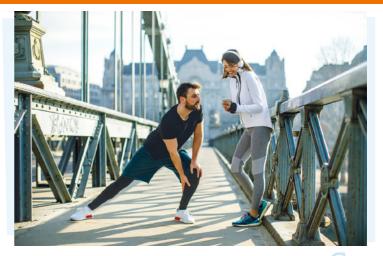
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Stipendium Hungaricum application timeline:

圴	1. October:	the announcement of the annual call for scholarships		
7	2. January:	deadline of application		
	3. February:	first selection point and nomination process		
	4. March - May:	second selection point – institutional admission process		
		for applicants for the $1^{\mbox{\tiny st}}$ and $2^{\mbox{\tiny nd}}$ selected programme		
	5. June - July:	notification about your selection results & starting		
		the visa process		
	6. until the end	of September: arrival in Hungary		







Campus life

As well as focusing on your studies, it is also important to take care of your mental and physical health.

Most Hungarian higher education institutions provide opportunities to do sports in a team or as an individual. Many of these opportunities are offered as part of the curriculum. Institutions have their own swimming pools and sports centres, which provide great sporting opportunities before or after a day of sitting in lectures.

Some universities offer you opportunities to engage in cultural activities and reflect on your unique experience through art. Become a member of a university choir, dance or drama group, or even an orchestra! You can also put yourself to the test by entering university poetry or photo competitions.

By joining these classes, you can make new friends, improve your skills through cooperation with your classmates and gain experience of what "team spirit" really is. Contact your international coordinator to know more about what your university can offer.

Student networks and mentoring

Almost every Hungarian university has its own student network or targeted mentor system to help international students and scholarship holders to become integrated into the local community. If you are interested, get in touch with them or with the international organisations via the links below.

Why should you join a youth organisation during your stay?

- > it's an opportunity to work and live in a fully international environment
- > you can make the most of your stay
- > they organise programmes specifically aimed at international students
- > they promote scholarships and internships to other countries
- > international and national workshops
- > you will gain some leadership experience through them
- Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network: www.shmentor.hu
 SN HUNGARY: www.esn.hu
 - AEGEE: www.locals.aegee.org/budapest/en/about-aegee
 - AIESEC: www.aiesec.hu





JOIN THE ALUMNI HUNGARY NETWORK



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Alumni Hungary Network

You are just about to start your academic studies in Hungary, but it is always good to start thinking



about your future early. Your studying in Hungary journey does not have to end with the graduation ceremony!

The Alumni Hungary Network is aimed at establishing and enhancing an interactive, highly engaged and vibrant alumni community of former full-time and part-time international students who have attended or graduated from any of the higher education institutions in Hungary. We would like you to maintain your positive impressions of the country and give you further opportunities with the aim of benefitting from your Hungarian experiences and connections, not to mention the huge networking potential of the community.

You do not have to wait until the completion of your studies to join the alumni community. Whatever academic year you are in, the Alumni Network Hungary is open to you.

What is in it for you?

- receive invitations to exclusive alumni events and networking opportunities organised in Hungary during your studies
- > receive vital information and news first hand
- > gain access to valuable professional development content both online and offline
- > get in touch with experienced alumni members and mentors to gain practical information regarding your stay and studies in Hungary
- > find partners and collaborators among present and former students and develop your professional network for your projects
- > get to know other international students from other Hungarian higher education institutions and become a member of vivid and fun international communities around Hungary

How to join and what to do?

You can easily become a member through registering on our Alumni Network Hungary website. After that, it is entirely up to you how much you can get out of your Alumni Network Hungary membership.

Here is a little help with some essentials:



Register on the Alumni Network Hungary portal: alumninetworkhungary.hu Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/alumnihungary

You also have the opportunity to make a real impact on the everyday operation of the network by becoming an international alumni volunteer. The call is announced every year on the Alumni Hungary Portal and on our Facebook page.

If you like to get in touch with the Alumni Hungary team, please write to <u>alumninetwork@tpf.hu</u>. Alumni ideas are very welcome as well.

LIVING IN HUNGARY



Find out more about living in Hungary! In this section, you can find practical tips for international students connected to everyday life in Hungary. Learn more about such topics as Hungarian culture, national holidays, or Hungarian cuisine.

First steps in Hungary

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- 1. Don't miss the orientation week, it is very helpful!
- In case you have already missed the orientation week, go to the international office of your institution and ask about any missed information.
- **3.** Visit your international coordinator, check that everything is OK with your documents.
- **4.** Always be open minded! Use the first couple of weeks to meet new people; connect with professors and classmates, too.
- **5**. If available, try joining to a Hungarian class to enhance the daily routine in Hungarian.
- O. The initial medical check-up is necessary. Whenever something is wrong, you can go back and visit the GP who carried out your initial check-up. Understand the doctor-visiting procedure before any real emergencies occur.
- **7.** Always check the expiry date of your residence permit and arrange an appointment to apply for a new residence permit card if needed. Especially when you want to travel to another Schengen country, you have to make sure the validity covers the travel.
- 8. Always bring your insurance card with you when travelling, in case of emergency.
- If you lose your passport you can contact your Embassy in Budapest. The address, telephone numbers and working hours are usually available on their website.
- **10.** Explore your city, collect as many memories as possible!
- 11. Try local food. You will not regret it!



Accomodation

There are several kinds of accommodation alternatives in Hungary but the cheapest one is usually a dormitory belonging to the students' homes section of the university you attend. One advantage is that it is cheap, you will always be surrounded by friends and great communities are often created by living together.

On the other hand, renting an apartment is also a feasible option if you prefer privacy. This way, you can get your personal insight of how Hungarians live. Costs can be very different depending on living in or outside of the capital. The average rental of private flats is between HUF 100 000 – 160 000, while shared flats are about HUF 60 000 – 100 000. The landlords usually require you to pay a deposit in advance, which usually equals a minimum of 2 months' rental fee (this will be paid back when you move out). Remember that in order to get a residence permit, you will need to sign a contract with your landlord to have a registered address.

If you need help, contact your international coordinator or mentor at your university, who will guide you in the right direction. There are usually dedicated Facebook pages. Some students find agencies useful in the process.

Wherever you live, the most important thing is to find a place where you can study comfortably and it is a plus if you can share it with your new friends.

Public transportation

Hungary has an extensive and well-connected network of public transport. Buses run in all cities, trolleybuses, trams and night buses in bigger cities, and you can also find metro services, suburban railway lines (called HÉV) and boat services in Budapest.

For the Budapest Public Transportation (BKK) you can buy tickets from newspaper kiosks, stations or vending machines. If you prefer online solutions, you can also buy your tickets through the Simple app or the BKK app. This latter even comes with a journey planner function where you can always find updates on scheduled departure times! Keep in mind that single tickets are only valid for one journey without transfer, so if your journey involves changes, you will need to validate multiple tickets. If you regularly use public transportation, it is economically more viable to buy a monthly or yearly pass.

If you like to travel within the country, you can either opt for coaches or take a train. Larger cities are easily reachable from Budapest by train, but a direct connection is not always available between them. You can buy tickets at the bus station or from the driver when boarding.

Train tickets can be bought at the train station or online through the MÁV app. Students with a valid student card are entitled to reduced fare rates for all kinds of public transport.

COACH NATIONWIDE www.volanbusz.hu/en

BUDAPEST PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION www.bkk.hu/en HUNGARIAN STATE RAILWAYS www.mavcsoport.hu/en



BY CAR

If you arrive from an EU Member State, you can use your own country's driving license to drive in Hungary, but you will need to keep all related documents (driving license and passport) on you to identify yourself if stopped by a police officer. If you have a driving license issued by a non-EEA state, you have the possibility to apply for the exchange (naturalization) of your documents. While on the road, safety is the most important thing to keep in mind. In line with this, Hungary has implemented a zero-tolerance policy. According to this, drink-driving is considered a serious offence and can result in your driving license being taken away on the spot.

BY TAXI



When taking a taxi, you should avoid hailing unmarked taxi cabs. You can hail a taxi in the streets, order by phone or an app. In Budapest, licensed taxis appear in distinct yellow.

BY BIKE

You can easily buy a brand new bike in many big stores or even a good quality old one in some second-hand bike shops. Another option is renting from a company or using a bike-share service such as MOL BuBi in Budapest or CityBike in Szeged. Whichever option you choose our environment will be grateful.

Currency

The forint (HUF) has been the local currency in Hungary since 1946. Here is a little help to see the differences between different currencies (valid in July 2020) but you should always check the actual exchange rate.

1.0 USD = 290 HUF	1.0 EUR = 344 HUF
1.0 GBP = 381 HUF	1.0 CNY = 42 HUF
1.0 JPY = 2,7 HUF	1.0 RUB = 3,9 HUF

Banknotes come in denominations of 500; 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000 and 20,000 and six different coins are in use: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 forint coins.

Major bank cards (Visa, Mastercard) are accepted in most places but there are cases when you can only pay with cash. ATMs and currency exchange offices are widely available.

You can also open a bank account as the non-residential account service is designed especially for foreign nationals. Before opening an account, it is advisable to ask the chosen bank about the documents required. Banks are usually open between 8.00-16.00 on weekdays.



Costs of Living





Dormitory HUF 25-45.000

Private flat HUF 100-160.000

One litre of petrol

HUF 400



HUF 60-100.000



Full-price monthly ticket for students HUF 3450



One litre of bottled water

One litre of milk HUF 240



One bottle of beer HUF 450



HUF 200

Bread

HUF 270



HUF 500

Lunch at canteen HUF 1200



Cinema ticket HUF 1600

Haircut men/women HUF 5-15.000

Visit the Cost Calculator on the Study in Hungary page to easily calculate your costs in the biggest Hungarian cities:

www.studyinhungary.hu » Your Costs of Living 🌐

Health insurance

Emergency treatment is free for every foreigner. However, make sure you have health insurance when you arrive in Hungary that covers you for the duration of your stay. Different regulations apply depending on your citizenship.

Based on the European Health Insurance policy, EU and EAA citizens can use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in Hungary. The card gives access to free medical care at state facilities except for pre-existing conditions. Citizens of these countries need to apply for the card at their home countries but it is free of charge.

Students of non-EU/EEA countries should arrange their health insurance by either enrolling in the Hungarian State Health Insurance System (TAJ) or any private health plan so make sure you have everything arranged before travelling to Hungary.

Recipients of a Hungarian Governmental Scholarship (like Stipendium Hungaricum) are entitled to have a social security card that grants them free medical care.

Medications

The Hungarian word for pharmacy is 'Gyógyszertár' or 'Patika'. These are located all over the cities, usually close to the city centres, supermarkets and, in some cases, nearby universities as well.

Opening hours may vary from pharmacy to pharmacy but usually they are open till 7 pm or 8 pm on weekdays. Drug stores, like DM and Rossmann, carry a minimum amount of light medicines, for example pain killers.

EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112

Legal stay

After your arrival in Hungary, you need to ensure your legal status in Hungary. Depending on your home country, different rules apply. Generally, EU/EEA member state students need to obtain a registration card, other students need to obtain a residence permit. Both documents are issued by the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság in Hungarian).

www.bmbah.hu/en

Student card

After your arrival in Hungary, it is obligatory to request a student card that will certify your student status. This will entitle you to the same reductions as Hungarian students: on public transportation tickets, museum entrance fees, Youth Hostel accommodation, library memberships and various other discounts.

Your first step is to submit your application at one of the offices of the Hungarian Integrated Customer Service (Kormányablak in Hungarian). Then you need to upload the personal ID you received to get your temporary card. Please consult with a coordinator or an administrative staff member from your university for further steps on how to obtain the permanent plastic card.

As being the member of the European Youth Card Association, the Hungarian student card is accepted not only in Hungary but in most EU countries as well. If you have a valid ISIC student card too, you can also use it for receiving different discounts in Hungary.

ISIC student card discount places in Hungary: isic.hu/en/kedvezmenyek-itthon/

Embassies and cultural institutes

While living in a foreign country it is important to know where to turn for help in need or for connecting with your culture to cure your homesickness.

EMBASSIES IN HUNGARY

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CULTURAL INSTITUTES www.studyinhungary.hu » Living in Hungary » Culture



National holidays

There will be some days when you don't have to go to university and others when you do but you might find others in "holiday mode". The reason behind this is that they are celebrating Hungarian holidays.

Here is a list of the public holidays:

1 st January	– New Year's Day	
15 th March	 Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848 	
Easter	– Usually in March or April from Good Friday through	
	Easter Monday.	
Pentecost Monday – 50 days after Easter. Usually in May or June.		
1 st May	– Labour Day	
20 th August	 Saint Stephen's Day (founder of the Hungarian state) 	
23 rd October	 National Day in memory of the 1956 revolution 	
1 st November	– All Saints' Day	
25-26 th December	 – 1st and 2nd day of Christmas 	





...and a few more that most Hungarians celebrate:

1 st Sunday in May	– Mother's Day
6 th December	– Saint Nicholas Day
24 th December	– Christmas Eve
31 st December	– New Year's Eve

Did you know?

Hungarians not only celebrate their birthday, but their nameday (in Hungarian: névnap) as well often as popular as a person's actual birthday.



10 things to add to your bucket list

Visit **Budapest**, the capital city of Hungary! Budapest is one of the most popular cities in Europe with its rich history, beautiful architecture, excellent panorama and vibrant cultural life. All we have to say is: Buda castle, Parliament, Heroe's square, river Danube. Can you continue the list?

Lake Balaton, the "Hungarian sea" is a lovely place at all times of the year but most find it the prettiest in the summer. The biggest lake in Europe is 600 square metres and it is surrounded by the Balaton uplands, one of the most famous vine regions in Hungary.

While we are on the topic of wine, we should not forget **Eger**, which is a pretty nice city to walk around, with its castle and impressive basilica. But the real reason to visit Eger is to spend a day at the nearby caves and touring the wine cellars.

Have you heard of **Buda Castle** and **Vajdahunyad Castle**? In Hungary, we have many more castles to visit, so here is a short list. Once you are there, you will surely be gobsmacked! **Festetics Palace** in Keszthely, **Grassalkovich Palace** in Gödöllő, **Esterházy Palace** in Fertőd and **Károlyi Castle** in Füzérradvány await you!

Hungary has many **delicious dishes** to try. What about not just eating but cooking? Learn the recipe of lecsó, the famous stuffed cabbage or cocoa rolls – your family will love your new gastronomical skills.

Mark your accomplished journeys :)



The river **Tisza** has always been important to Hungarian poetry, just like many cities on the river side. So once you get the chance to go there, do it in a kayak and join an organised trip on the river Tisza. It will be a "close-tonature" experience that you will never forget.

It is hard to find the best thermal spas in the country but the good thing is that the list is pretty long so you can choose to visit several of them. **Széchenyi Spa** and **Gellért Bath** might be the most popular ones in Budapest, but **Lake Héví**z is the world's largest biologically-active natural thermal lake, which can give a unique experience, just like the Cave Bath and sauna park in **Miskolctapolca**. Yes, real thermal water in a real cave.

Sziget Festival is one of the most popular music festivals in Europe. The week-long festival attracts more than 450.000 people from all over the world. Actually, VOLT Festival in Sopron, EFOTT in Velence and CAMPUS Festival in Debrecen can also be an exciting part of your studying in Hungary experience.

Have you ever seen a **Hungarian embroidery**? Or an authentic Hungarian folk dance maybe? If you liked it, stop watching and start doing it. Visit a cultural centre, a folk art festival or go to a dance and be part of the Hungarian tradition by enjoying these lovely activities..

Last but not least: enjoy your stay, travel a lot, meet as many people as possible and make new friends. After you have finished your studies, visit Hungary again, **come back** with your family and show them the beauty of this amazing country.



Hungarian cuisine

Food is a vital part of both life and culture, so in order to make the best out of discovering Hungary, we suggest you trying the delicious and diverse flavours of Hungarian cuisine too.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Hungarian cuisine is best known for its extensive use of paprika, black pepper, onion and garlic. Although traditional Hungarian dishes are primarily based on meats and dairy products, the country offers a wide selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables throughout the year thanks to its good geographical location.

To discover the hidden culinary treasures of the country, let us invite you to a day of eating traditional Hungarian meals.

A typical Hungarian breakfast starts with fresh white bread (popular alternatives are bread rolls called "zsemle", or the crescent moon-shaped "kifli") top it with cold cut meats ("kolbász" or "szalámi") and add fresh vegetables: tomatoes, onion or pepper. Hungarians tend to like their breakfasts on the savoury side, but if you have a sweet tooth, you can also choose milk bread ("kalács") with fresh fruits.

For lunch, which is the main meal of the day, get ready for a three-course menu: soup is usually followed by a main dish and a dessert. Chances are you have already

Learn how to prepare some of your own country's traditional dishes, it is a great way to introduce your new friends to your home culture! heard of the famous Hungarian **Gulyás soup** that was accredited as a Hungaricum in 2017. Traditional Goulash is made from root vegetables and beef, but you can opt for a vegetarian version too. Another famous soup is the fisherman's soup ("halászlé"): a velvety, paprika-infused broth with thick cuts of river fish in it. Since Hungary is rich in water resources as it has the river Tisza, river Danube and several lakes, it is easy to get fresh, tasty fish.

As for the main dish, meat cuts tend to dominate the traditional scene (such as "rostélyos" or "vadas") but vegetable stews called "főzelék" are also widely eaten. Pasta dishes, both sweet (such as plum dumplings - "szilvás gombóc") and savoury (as cottage cheese - "túrós tészta") are a popular choice too.

Dinner is usually served cold, including meat cuts, fresh cheese and dairy products (try cottage cheese "túró", or sour cream "tejföl" or the seasoned mixture of these two "körözött") with vegetables.

If you feel like having a drink after a good meal, taste one of the fine Hungarian wines. Hungary has 22 wine regions, the most well-known among foreigners are the Tokaj, Villány, Balaton Highland and Eger regions, but it is also worth visiting other regions for their special local wines. On the stronger side, two unique drinks





to Hungary are Unicum (herb infusion) and Pálinka (fruit brandy) that are often consumed as a digestive after a hearty meal.

There are some more options that didn't make the main list, but we could not leave out.

Savoury must-tries include "lángos" which is a plate-sized sheet of deep-fried dough, usually smothered with sour cream and topped with grated cheese. Stuffed cabbage called "töltött káposzta" is a popular dish too, large leaves of fermented cabbage, stuffed with meat and rice, cooked and then topped with sour cream or the well-known "lecsó", the paprika-based vegetable stew of onions, tomatoes and peppers with variations including sausage and egg.

Sweet must-tries: If you prefer sweet foods, don't miss out on the Dobos cake, a chocolate buttercream-layered sponge cake, topped with crystallized caramel and covered with nuts on the edges, chimney cake ("kürtős kalács") or the incredibly popular Túró Rudi, a dark chocolate bar filled with sweetened cottage cheese, available in different flavours or with jam fillings as well. Desserts often contain different fruits or jams since Hungary has internationally famous vineyards and orchards full of apples, pears, plums and other fruits.



HUNGARIAN CHICKEN STEW RECIPE

- 2 tablespoons oil 1 onion, chopped
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- 1 1/4 pounds (600 grams) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 onion, choppedskinless chicken breasts,2 garlic cloves, mincedbite-size pieces1 tablespoon paprika1 red bell pepper, chopped1 large tomato, peeled, seeds1/2 cup water 1-2 teaspoons sea salt

In a deep pan, heat the oil over a medium heat. Once heated, add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened. Stir in the garlic and cook until just fragrant, for about 30 seconds.

Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the paprika. Add the chicken pieces and return the pot to medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the edges of the chicken are browned. Mix in the tomato, bell pepper, and 1/2 cup water. Season with salt. Once the liquid begins to boil, reduce the heat to a simmer, cover, and cook for an hour, until the chicken is cooked through and tender. Season with additional salt if needed.

Serve hot with Nokedli or pasta.

World Heritage Sites

Besides high quality education, Hungary offers many breath-taking places which are definitely worth a visit. You may never get enough of your beautiful host city but we can recommend many other places for weekend trips and holidays.

Today Hungary has eight locations on the World Heritage List. Below you can find a brief description about them, so all you need to do is to put on your shoes and go!

Budapest: Banks of the Danube View, Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue

This site has the remains of monuments such as the Roman city of Aquincum and the Gothic castle of Buda. This quarter encompasses the area on the Buda side and attracts locals as well as tourists with its medieval style. Besides the Buda Castle, Matthias Church, and the Fisherman's bastion the fascinating view of the Pest side behind the river Danube is a good reason in itself to visit here – but the quarter often offers exhibitions, concerts and other amazing programmes.

On the Pest side, Andrássy Avenue was added to the list as it presents a unique architectural image of Budapest, connecting Elizabeth Square in the capital's innermost area with Heroes' Square. Now, you can choose from hundreds of exclusive shops, fancy restaurants on Andrássy Avenue. Once you are there, do not miss stopping at the Hungarian State Opera House.





The Old Village of Hollókő and its Surroundings

Are you planning a trip to the Hungarian past? Visit Hollókő! The old part of the village Hollókő, a settlement nestling in the Cserhát Hills, has preserved its distinctive traditions to this very day. Hollókő was the first village to be declared a World Heritage Site. The history of the village goes back to the 13th century, when after the Mongol invasion a castle was built on Szár Hill.

The village is not just an open-air museum, which exhibits folk traditions, but also a living village where traditions and everyday life go hand in hand. If you want to get the full-experience, go to Hollókő at Easter and feel the living tradition by taking part in games and wearing the most authentic costumes.

www.hollokotourism.hu 🌐

Aggtelek National Park

This area stretches across the Hungarian-Slovakian border and is extremely rich in caves. There is a spectacular 22-kilometre-long system of caves in the region. Dazzling rock and crystal formations with names including Dragon's Head, Tiger, Mother-in-law's Tongue and the Hall of Giants, as well as dozens of underground lakes and winding passages can be explored on a different range of guided tours. If you prefer active weekends, Aggtelek is one of the best choices!



Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma and its Natural Environment

You might not have heard of Pannonhalma before, but here you can find out why you shouldn't miss it out from your Hungarian bucket list for travelling.

The Archabbey is one of the oldest historical monuments in Hungary; the first Benedictine monks settled here in 996. The 1000-year-long history of the Archabbey is detectable in the succession of architectural styles of the monastic buildings (the oldest dating back to 1224), which house a school and a monastic community to this day.

People visit not just because of the special atmosphere of the place but also because of the "Lavender Days" festival which attracts many. Concerts and creative workshops are held in the huge herb garden of the Archabbey.

www.bences.hu

Hortobágy National Park

Hortobágy is a 6-thousand-hectare national park that presents how the land looked and how herdsmen and their animals lived here before the modern ages. Hortobágy was the first national park opened in 1973 and it is the largest protected area in Hungary. It is not only engaged in the conservation of wildlife but also plays an important part in environmental education, as well as organising field trips in collaboration with the University of Debrecen. The park is just a few kilometres from Debrecen and it's very easy to reach by train or by car.

www.hnp.hu/en 🌐





Did you know?

The Hungavian cowboys are called "csikós". They are the mounted horse-herdsmen of Hungary.

Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs

The ancient cemetery of Pécs (Sopianae) was founded by the Romans in the 4th century. This site consists of churches and chapels with ancient tombs underneath and excavations show that it worked as an ancient Christian cemetery.

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Lake Fertő (Neusiedler See)

Lake Fertő is around 20,000 years old. Situated on the border of Austria and Hungary and it is recognised as one of the most significant natural waters in Europe and considered Europe's largest salt-water lake. Even Celts and Romans lived here in the ancient times and nowadays it is the common territory of Austria and Hungary. The ethnic groups that followed each other in the area had a strong impact on the area's cultural landscape.

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Tokaj

Tokaj's name must sound familiar to all wine lovers around the world since this region is Hungary's greatest vineyard extending 11,000 hectares. The area has been protected since 1737 due to its landscape, ecosystem and tradition. The Tokaji aszú wine is accredited as a Hungaricum and it is the oldest natural sweet wine in the world. Tokaj is full of wine-tasting opportunities, wine museums and amazing landscapes awaiting your discovery.

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Did you know?

The world's very first vineyard classification based on quality was established for the region of Tokaj in 1700. Through a royal decree by Prince Rákóczi, a system of classes were set for 173 vineyards.

Culture

Hungary has a rich historical legacy: from wandering around exhibitions of the past to the vibrant music scenes of today – you definitely will have lots of options to choose from, all year round.



GET AN OVERVIEW

The best places to learn about Hungarian culture, art and history are exhibitions. The biggest exhibitions are located in museums of Budapest, like:

- > The Hungarian National Gallery www.mng.hu/en (largest public collection of fine arts in Hungary)
 - > Hungarian National Museum
 - > Museum of Fine Arts
- www.szepmuveszeti.hu

www.hnm.hu

- Museum of Ethnography
- www.neprajz.hu

But many smaller cities and towns have their own museums and exhibitions – from toy museums to historical castles telling old tales, you can learn a lot about the old days.

LISTEN

Whether you prefer classics or contemporary music, we have great news: in Hungary, you will always find concerts and festivals happening. Every year there are plenty of symphonic concerts and choirs performing all over the country, and many outdoor events, street music festivals and celebrations with live music.

For contemporary music lovers – we have to mention the huge festival culture Hungary has. Sziget Festival in Budapest, VOLT Festival in Sopron, Campus Festival in Debrecen and EFOTT attracts thousands of students from all parts of the country.

SEE

Besides Hollywood movies, Hungary offers a wide selection of art films as well from all over the world, not to mention Hungarian independent and art movies, thematic screening events and open-air cinemas during summer.

There is a very rich and active theatre life throughout the country. The season starts in September and ends in May, but there are some theatre festivals and open-air performances during summer-time as well.

For dance-performance lovers, we also have classical ballet and contemporary dance. Keep an eye out for the Ballets of Győr (Győri Balett) and Pécs (Pécsi Balett), and the dance companies of Pál Frenák or Yvette Bozsik.



Going to the **Opera House (www.opera.hu)** at least once is a must. Not just because of the imposing building itself, but also for the high-quality performances.

Since theatres, ballet and opera performances are highly popular in Hungary, we would advise booking your tickets well in advance to be sure to find places for the plays and performances of your choosing (for this it might be a good tip to use jegy.hu or jegymester.hu).

TRY IT YOURSELF

If you want to enjoy Hungarian folk traditions more actively, our best tip is to find your local Community, Cultural or Youth Centres, where you can join workshops, afternoon clubs, presentations, talks, sports events, concerts. A special thing quite popular among foreigners is the dance house movement, a real shortcut to understand another nation without even speaking.



Frequently asked questions

If you have read this guide carefully, you should know that all the most important information is already provided in this book but we tried to collect a few more questions in this section. If you feel something is missing, visit our website: **studyinhungary.hu**

> How many international students study at Hungarian universities?

Annually, about 25,000 international students from all over the world arrive in Hungary in order to study. International students are welcome to study not only in Budapest, but in the eastern, western and southern parts of Hungary as well. The list of Hungarian universities is available here:

studyinhungary.hu » Universities

> Is it easy to travel around the neighbouring countries of Hungary?

Hungary is situated in the heart of Central Europe. Capitals of Central European countries, such as Vienna or Bratislava, are easily accessible by train from Budapest. In Central Europe there are no big distances, therefore your trips should not take too long, only a couple of hours. The website of the Hungarian State Railways is available in English, therefore you can easily plan your journey to the surrounding countries.

> Are there any Kosher or Halal restaurants in Hungary?

Yes, there are numerous restaurants and supermarkets selling kosher and halal food. Due to its size, Budapest has the largest number of places where religious dietary options are available. However, bigger university towns, such as Debrecen or Szeged, also provide access to religious dietary.

> Can | get vegetarian / vegan food in Hungary?

Although Hungarian cuisine is famous for its goulash and being meat-based, you would be surprised how easy it is to find places to eat well without meat or animal products. There are numerous Hungarian dishes prepared with potato, cauliflower,

cheese, mushroom or zucchini. Salads are also well-known in Hungarian cuisine and are popular. There are several restaurants which specialise in the needs of vegetarians or vegans.

> Is it possible to keep a gluten-free or lactose-free diet in Hungary?

Just like any other European country, Hungary has caught up with healthy food trends. You can buy gluten- and lactose-free products in most supermarkets. For instance, a wide range of milk substitute products are available in stores. In addition, whole grain products have become ever so popular nation-wide.

> Do most people speak fluent English in Hungary?

Students in Hungary start learning English in primary school, therefore most young people can communicate in English. In a university environment, you should not have any problems in this respect.

> How difficult is to learn Hungarian? Why do people say Hungarian is one of the most difficult languages?

The Hungarian language is often described as one of the most unique and challenging languages in the world with its flexible word order and complex rules. However, with practice and hard work you can easily understand basic grammatical rules and expressions, which will be especially important during your Hungarian

stay. Interestingly, while most European languages belong to the Indo-European language family, Hungarian is in the Uralic language family together with Finnish and Estonian.



Dictionary

ENGLISH	HUNGARIAN	
Hello!	Szervusz / Szia!	
How are you?	Hogy vagy? / Hogy van?	
I'm fine, thanks.	Köszönöm, jól.	
What's your name?	Mi a neve(d)?	
My name is	A nevem	
Pleased to meet you	Örülök, hogy megismertelek /megismertem	
Good morning!	Jó reggelt!	
Good afternoon!	Jó napot!	
Good evening!	Jó estét!	
Good night!	Jó éjszakát!	
Goodbye!	Viszontlátásra!	
Have a nice day!	Szép napot!	
I don't understand.	Nem értem.	
Please say that again.	Megismételné(d)?	
Do you speak English / German / French?	Beszél(sz) angolul / németül / franciául?	
How much is this?	Mennyibe kerül ez?	
Sorry	Bocsánat	
Thank you	Köszönöm	
Yes	lgen	
No	Nem	
Please	Kérem	
I love you	Szeretlek	

For everyday use

ENGLISH	HUNGARIAN	
car	autó	
bus	busz	
tram	villamos	
train	vonat	
underground	metró	
When does it leave?	Mikor indul?	
Can I get a ticket to?	Kaphatok egy jegyet?	
railway station	vasútállomás	
bus stop	buszmegálló	
airport	repülőtér	
ticket office	jegyiroda	
ticket	jegy	
Where can I buy ticket?	Hol tudok venni egy jegyet?	
East	Kelet	
West	Nyugat	
North	Észak	
South	Dél T. II.	
street	utca tér	
square	tér	



ENGLISH	HUNGARIAN		
café	kávézó		
menu	étlap		
Can I have the bill please?	Kérhetném a számlá	Kérhetném a számlát?	
appetiser	előétel	előétel	
soup	leves	leves	
salad	saláta	saláta	
pastry	sütemény		
cake	torta		
juice	gyümölcslé		
water	víz		
beer	sör	Restaurant	
wine	bor		

Course	tantárgy
Department	tanszék
Doctoral Studies or Doctoral Programme	doktori iskola
Exam (oral - szóbeli, written - írásbeli)	vizsga
ECTS credits	ECTS kreditek
Diploma	diploma
Higher Education	felsőoktatás
Learning Agreement	tanulmányi megállapodás
Postgraduate Study	posztgraduális képzés
Study year	tanév
Transcript (of records)	index
Tuition Fees/Tutorial Fees	tandíj
University	egyetem

Academic Vocabulary Glossary



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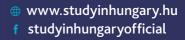
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