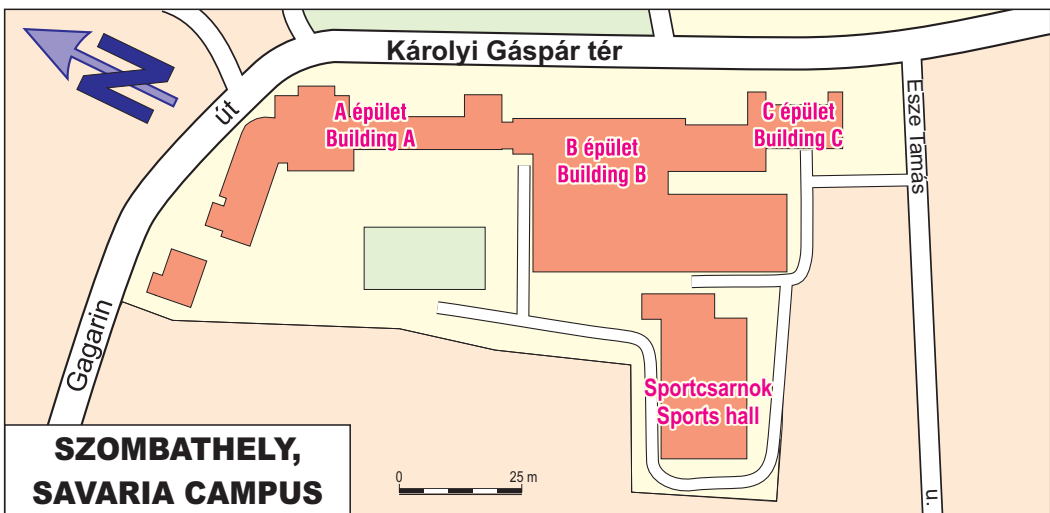
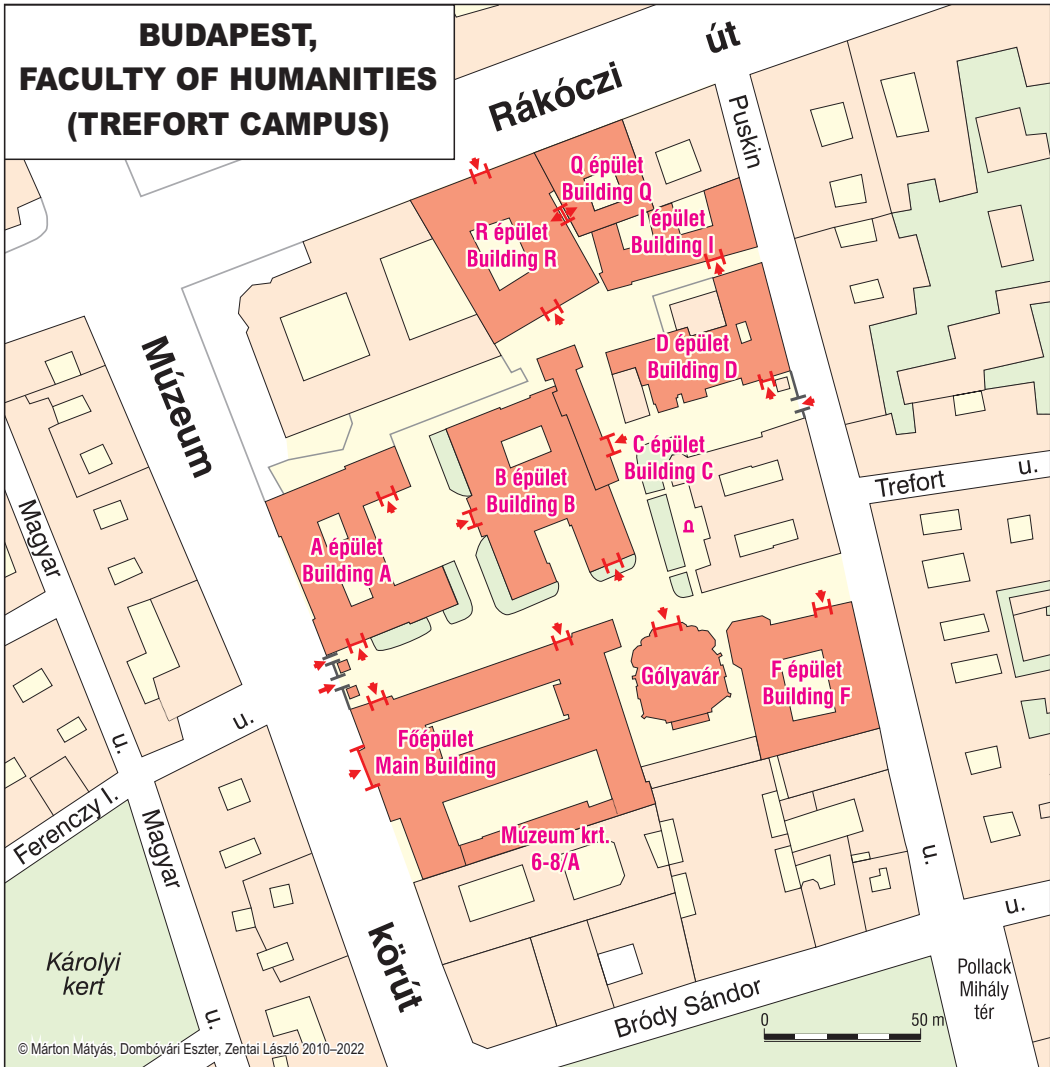




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






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-  Épület / Building
-  Zárt terület  
Fenced area
-  Sportpálya  
Sports field
-  Parkolóhely  
Parking place
-  Szobor, emléktábla  
Statue, memorial plaque
-  Járda / Pavement
-  Bejárat / Entrance

**Egyetemi Sportközpont  
University Sports Centre  
(BEAC)**




**ELTE  
Északi tömb  
North Building**

**ELTE  
Déli tömb  
South Building**



## Egyéb fontos épületek Other important buildings

Science Park:

-  1 A épület / Building A
-  2 B épület / Building B
-  3 Magyar Szentek  
Plébánia / Parsonage

Oikumene

-  4 Egyetemi Gyülekezet  
University Congregation

EIT Digital Budapest



-  5 Társult Partner  
Associate Partner

BME épületek

-  6 BME épületek  
BME Buildings

-  7 MTA épület  
MTA Building

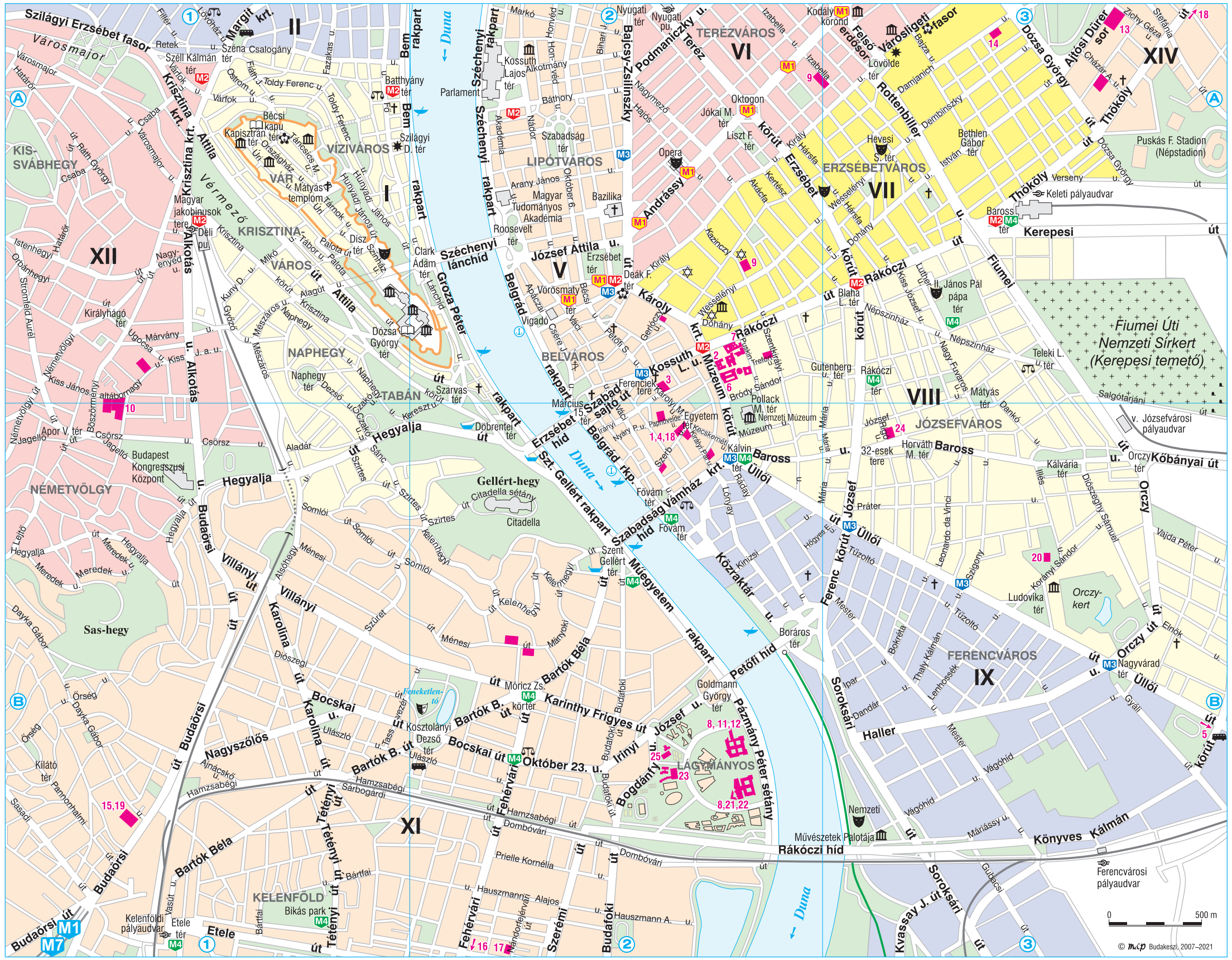
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










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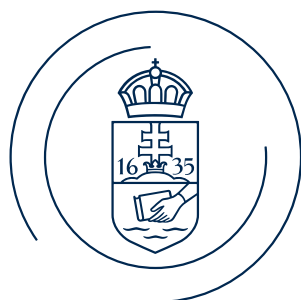


## JELMAGYARÁZAT LEGEND

	Egyetemi épület University Building		Múzeum Museum
	Metró Underground		Könyvtár, Levéltár Library, Archives
	Pályaudvar Railway Terminal		Templom Church
	Távolsági autóbusz-pályaudvar Long-Distance Bus Terminal		Zsinagóga Synagogue
	HÉV-állomás Suburban Railway Station		Színház Theatre
	Nemzetközi hajóállomás International Landing Place		Szabadtéri Színpad Open-Air Theatre
	Hajóállomás Landing Place		Gyógyfürdő Medicinal Bath
	Piac Market-place		

1	Quaestura Hallgatói Ügyfélszolgálati Iroda	Quaestura Office of Student Services	1053 Budapest V, Egyetem tér 5 1117 Budapest, XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A
2	Egyetemi Hallgatói Önkormányzat	Students' Union	1088 Budapest VIII, Múzeum körút 4/A, 160 below stairs
3	Egyetemi Könyvtár	University Library	1053 Budapest V, Ferenciek tere 6
4	Állam- és Jogtudományi Kar	Faculty of Law	1053 Budapest V, Egyetem tér 1-3
5	Bárczi Gusztáv Gyógypedagógiai Kar	Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education	1097 Budapest IX, Ecseri út 3
6	Bölcsészettudományi Kar	Faculty of Humanities	1088 Budapest VIII, Múzeum körút 6-8
7	Gazdálkodástudományi Kar	Faculty of Economics	1088 Budapest VIII, Rákóczi út 7
8	Informatikai Kar (Szombathelyi campus: Savaria Egyetemi Központ)	Faculty of Informatics (Campus in Szombathely: Savaria University Centre)	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/ (Campus in Szombathely: 9700 Szombathely Károlyi Gáspár tér 4.)
9	Pedagógiai és Pszichológiai Kar	Faculty of Education and Psychology	1075 Budapest VII, Kazinczy utca 23-27, 1064 Budapest VI, Izabella utca 46
10	Tanító- és Óvóképző Kar	Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education	1126 Budapest XII, Kiss János altábornagy utca 40
11	Társadalomtudományi Kar	Faculty of Social Sciences	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A
12	Természettudományi Kar	Faculty of Science	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A
13	Ajtósi Dürer sori Kollégium	Ajtósi Dürer Dormitory	1146 Budapest XIV, Ajtósi Dürer sor 23
14	Damjanich utcai Kollégium	Damjanich Dormitory	1071 Budapest VII, Damjanich utca 41-43
15	Kőrösi Csoma Sándor Kollégium	Kőrösi Csoma Sándor Dormitory	1118 Budapest XI, Dayka Gábor utca 4
16	Erdős Pál Kollégium	Erdős Pál Dormitory	1223 Budapest XXII, Nagytétényi út 162-164
17	Nándorfejérvári Úti Kollégium	Nándorfejérvári Út Dormitory	1117 Budapest XI, Nándorfejérvári út 13
18	Vezér Úti Kollégium	Vezér Út Dormitory	1141 Budapest XIV, Vezér út 112
19	Művészeti Együttes	Eötvös Art Ensemble	1118 Budapest XI, Dayka Gábor utca 4
20	Füvészkert	Botanical Garden	1083 Budapest VIII, Illés utca 25
21	Biológiai és Paleontológiai Gyűjtemény	Biological and Paleontological Museum	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C
22	Ásvány- és Kőzettár	Mineral and Rock Collection	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C
23	BEAC Budapesti Egyetemi Atlétikai Klub	University Athletics Club	1117 Budapest XI, Bogdánfy utca 10
24	ELTE Origo Nyelvi Centrum	ELTE Origo Language Centre	1082 Budapest VIII, Baross utca 62
25	EIT Digital Budapest Társult Partner	EIT Digital Budapest Associate Partner Group Co-Location Centre	1117 Budapest XI, Bogdánfy utca 10/A

# Information guide for international students 2023/2024



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# Welcome MESSAGE

## Welcome

*Dear Student,*

*On behalf of Eötvös Loránd University, I am pleased to welcome you as one of over 4,600 international students who choose our university as their higher education institution each year. It is my strong belief that you have made an excellent decision by turning to ELTE to prepare you for your professional future.*

*You have just been admitted to one of the best universities in Europe, the most prestigious higher education institution in Hungary. I am confident that the drive and dedication that helped you to achieve this will govern you in your academic studies, and you will find numerous opportunities to broaden your horizons, both in the classroom and beyond.*

*It is a great source of pride for my colleagues and for myself to have students from over 100 countries studying at ELTE. At the same time, it is a superb opportunity for all our university citizens to form lasting friendships and bonds in this wonderfully diverse community.*

*This booklet aims to assist you in every step of the way – at least during your first weeks and months – so that Hungary becomes a second home to you. Here, you will find general information about ELTE and an overview of your rights and administrative obligations, as well as the extra-curricular opportunities that ELTE offers you throughout the academic year. Apart from that, the brochure contains a great deal of additional information on Hungary, Hungarian culture, entertainment opportunities, and so on. I can assure you that both the university staff and your fellow students will be happy to help you during your stay.*

*I hope you will find at ELTE everything you are looking for in a university, and that you will look back on the time you have spent here with delight and satisfaction.*

*I wish you a successful and fruitful academic year at ELTE.*

**Prof. Dr. Imre HAMAR**  
**Vice-Rector for International Affairs**



# International STUDENT AMBASSADORS

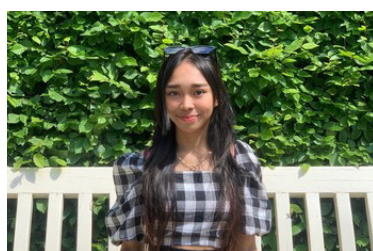


## **An from Vietnam, International Business Economics BA**

ELTE facilitates a cooperative environment that enables me to team up with others when tackling a problem. Coming from various parts of the world, my classmates bring to the table various viewpoints about international business issues. Because of this, I can easily relate to them and find practical solutions with them while exploring new ideas from others.

## **Omar from Mexico, Doctoral School of Biology**

*After five years of searching for the research area I wanted, the Mexican government shared the call to study in Hungary. I immediately understood that it could be my opportunity since Europe is known for its research in the field of speleology. Without hesitation, I looked for the best-ranking university in Budapest, and thanks to covers from Mexico and Hungary, I found the people and the Department in ELTE that work in my area of interest. Now I am here doing what I am passionate about.*

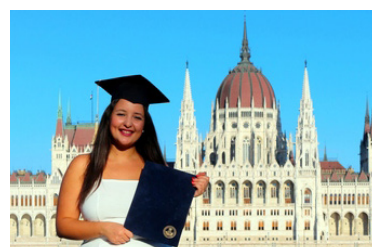


## **Eunice from the Philippines, International Relations BA**

*ELTE itself speaks for the prestige it holds as the top institution for public higher education in Hungary. Since it has been the leading (and also the largest!) university in the country for many years now, I just knew that the education and research provided would be of high value and excellence. It offers wide and varying specializations with outstanding faculty members that enable students to nurture their passion into goals and prepare them for the path they will follow as future professionals.*

## **Wijdene from Tunisia, Doctoral School of Linguistics**

*Located in one of the most beautiful and scenic cities in Europe, ELTE ought to be a number one choice for any newcomer. The cosmopolitan and diverse university atmosphere ensures that all its members get the best out of their university experience. The wide range of programmes offered provides students with enriching and valuable academic input and incites promising output.*





Are you having a great time at ELTE? Would you like to share it with prospective students of the university? Become an International Student Ambassador at ELTE.

International Student Ambassadors are the faces of the university. They are international students at ELTE who share their study experiences with prospective students of ELTE. They participate in the promotional activities of the university, share their advice in printed brochures, on online platforms (e.g. the university website, social media) and during various events, and they also submit content for the international Instagram account of ELTE (elteinternational). Additionally, they have the opportunity to improve their organisational and presentation skills and take part in group discussions and workshops organised specifically for them. Not to mention that it looks great on their CVs, as well.

Students can become International Student Ambassadors for one or more academic years. Anyone can apply who is currently enrolled as a student in the second/third/fourth year of any degree programme at ELTE. Application period: the beginning of each academic year.

At the end of the academic year, Student Ambassadors receive a certificate confirming their participation in the programme.

Check out the former International Student Ambassadors of ELTE and what they say about the university here: <https://www.elte.hu/en/international-student-ambassadors>.

We hope to see you soon among our Ambassadors.



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# Facts and FIGURES

- In terms of student and staff excellence, it is the best university in Hungary
- The number of Hungarian applicants rose in almost all programmes in 2021.
- Market research shows that it is one of the most popular Hungarian brands
- Among the top **300 universities in Europe** (CWTS Leiden Ranking)

## ELTE offers the widest range of higher education qualifications Hungary

- **9** faculties (Economics, Education and Psychology, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Primary and Pre-School Education, Science, Social Sciences, Special Needs Education)
- over **170** degree programmes in Hungarian
- over **100** degree programmes for international students (no Hungarian required)
- international students from more than **120** countries

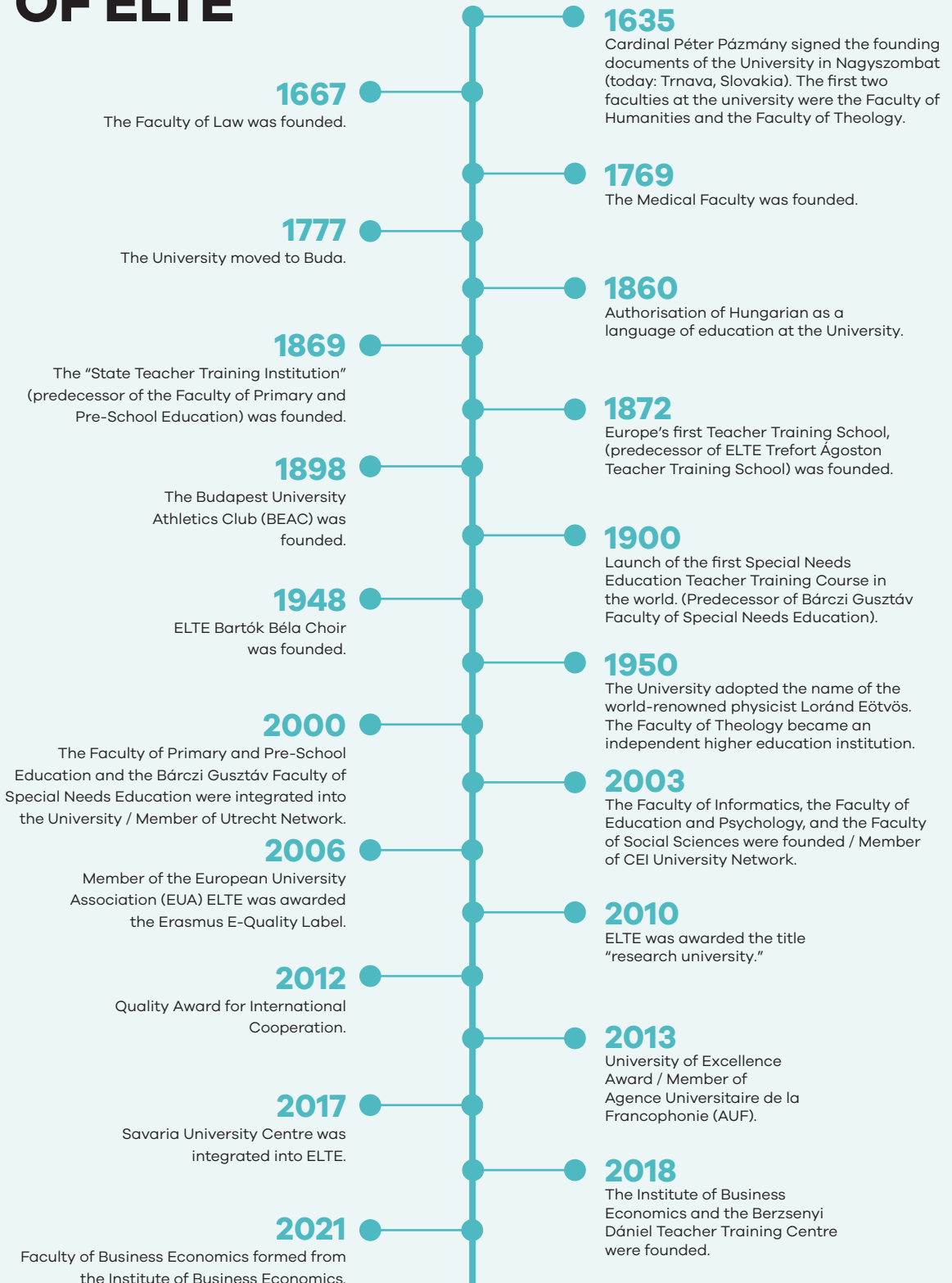
## Hungary's largest scientific establishment

- **72** academicians (20% of all academicians) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- **17** Doctoral Schools, **128** Doctoral Programmes
- **7** Colleges for talented students

## Hungary's most popular university

- **35,870** students
- The best University in Hungary (HVG Diploma 2021)
- Every fourth applicant chooses ELTE in Hungary

# Short history OF ELTE











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# Academic system

## AT ELTE

ELTE is an internationally recognised higher education institution, and its programmes are accredited by the Hungarian Accreditation Board. Degrees issued by Eötvös Loránd University are acknowledged worldwide, and its course credits are transferable in all countries in the European Union.

Eötvös Loránd University, and Hungarian higher education in general, have joined the Bologna Process. Accordingly, the consecutive training cycles of higher education leading to a tertiary degree are alapképzés (Bachelor's programme), mesterképzés (Master's programme) and doktori képzés (Doctoral programme). Bachelor's and Master's courses are taught in consecutive cycles, in the form of separate BA and MA programmes, or in cases specified by law in the form of unified, one-tier programmes.

### Structure of Studies

Students studying in Bachelor's and Master's programmes complete their studies by passing a final examination. The final examination may consist of the defence of the Bachelor's or Master's thesis, and additional oral, written or practical examinations.

### First/Second Degree (Two-Tier) Programmes

The first higher education degree is the alapfokozat (Bachelor's degree) along with a professional qualification. A Bachelor's programme involves obtaining 180-240 credits. The length of the programme is 6-8 semesters.

The second higher education degree is mesterfokozat (Master's degree) along with a professional qualification. The Master's programme is built on a Bachelor's programme: you need to have a Bachelor's degree to start a Master's programme, which involves obtaining 60-120 credits. The length of the programme is 2-4 semesters.

### Integrated "Long" (One-tier) Programmes

A unified one-tier programme leading to the mesterfokozat (Master's degree) lasts 10-12 semesters and requires the completion of 300-360 credits. Besides religious education and some arts programmes, the following Master's courses are offered as one-tier programmes: veterinary medicine, architecture, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, law, medicine and teacher training.

### Doctoral Programme

Built on a Master's programme and a Master's degree, the doktoriképzés (Doctoral programme) involves at least 240 credits. Since September 2016, the programme is 8 semesters (4 years) long. Following a Doctoral programme, in a separate degree procedure, the academic degree "Doctor of Philosophy" (abbreviation: PhD), or in arts education "Doctor of Liberal Arts" (abbreviation: DLA) may be awarded.



# ECTS Credit System AND GRADING

The Hungarian academic credit system, in line with the relevant Hungarian law, is ECTS-compatible. The calculation of credits is based on the number of academic hours completed by students (one credit equals 30 academic hours on average).

At the end of the semester, the assessment of knowledge is generally carried out according to a five-grade scale: excellent **(5)**, good **(4)**, satisfactory **(3)**, pass **(2)**, and fail **(1)**; a three-grade scale: excellent **(5)**, average **(3)**, unsatisfactory **(1)** or a two-grade scale: completed **(5)**, not completed **(1)**.

The ECTS conversion table ensures transfer procedures between the Hungarian academic credit system and the ECTS. The recognition of courses completed abroad is based on the credit transfer regulations. 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, grades, and the ECTS-compatible grades.



## System of Assessment: ECTS Conversation Table

ELTE grades	Equivalent ECTS grades
5 (excellent)	A, B (excellent, very good)
4 (good)	C (good)
3 (satisfactory)	D (satisfactory)
2 (pass)	E (sufficient)
1 (fail)	FX, F (fail)

- 1 full academic year = 60 credits
- 1 semester = 30 credits

# International STUDENTS AT ELTE

About 4000 international students from more than 120 different countries study at ELTE.

**“Full degree” Bachelor, Master or PhD students** undertake their entire course of studies here. In addition to self-funded students, Hungarian governmental scholarship holders (Stipendium Hungaricum, the Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People and Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship) also obtain their degrees at ELTE.

**Erasmus+ students** come from a European university with whom ELTE has an Inter-Institutional Agreement for a study period of one or two semesters.

**Erasmus+ international credit mobility students** come from non-EU universities with whom ELTE has a bilateral exchange agreement for a study period of one or two semesters.

**Further incoming mobility students** study at ELTE for one or two semesters within the framework of institutional bilateral agreements, via ELTE’s membership of university networks, or further (mainly governmental) scholarship programmes (e.g. CEEPUS, Hungarian State Scholarships, Visegrad Fund).



# About Hungarian Governmental SCHOLARSHIPS

## HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

### Stipendium Hungaricum (partial studies are also available)

**Stipendium Hungaricum**, funded in 2013, is the most prestigious Hungarian higher educational scholarship programme, offering a wide range of courses for international students with excellent academic track records. The scholarship aims to support the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education and its constant development, and to strengthen the international relations of the academic and research community, as well as to promote the good reputation and competitiveness of Hungarian higher education throughout the world.

**It is based on bilateral education** agreements between Hungary and the governments of the sending countries, and is already available on five continents in almost 100 countries and territories, attracting thousands of international students each year worldwide. ELTE is expecting to welcome approximately 750-800 of these students who will start in the 2023/2024 academic year. This means that we expect more than 2,000 Stipendium Hungaricum students to be studying here, which is **6%** of the whole community and **50%** of international students.

**The Students at Risk Sub-programme** is an addition to the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme; its goal is to provide assistance to Ukrainian students and doctoral candidates fleeing the war in their country. The sub-programme provides scholarships for studies in Hungarian higher education institutions.

**Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship** is another sub-programme, whose purpose is to provide support for the studies of foreign students with internationally recognized sporting achievements in Hungarian higher education institutions, and for their participation in competitive university sports and non-university competitive sports, as well as to assist the development of sporting life in Hungarian higher education.

More information:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/current-students/stipendium-hungaricum>

<https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/about/>



## Scholarship for Christian Young People

The Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People (SCYP) was founded in 2017. The core mission of the SCYP is to provide opportunities to pursue higher education studies in Hungarian host institutions for young Christians who live in crisis regions of the world or who are being persecuted in their home countries because of their faith.

**After completing their studies**, scholarship holders can become catalysts for development in their own countries and contribute to building capacities and strengthening resilience at the local level with the knowledge they have acquired in Hungary.

**About 300 students are studying** or will soon study in the framework of the Programme country-wide from nine different countries: Syria, Pakistan, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Armenia. From the academic year of 2023/2024 on, ELTE is expected to welcome about thirty students with the Scholarship for Christian Young People.

More information:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/current-students/christian-young-people>

<https://hungaryhelps.gov.hu/about-the-programme/>



**HUNGARY HELPS**

## Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

**The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship** was established for those who belong to the Hungarian diaspora outside Europe and wish to study at a Hungarian higher education institution to develop their personal, professional, and cultural ties with Hungary.

**The programme aims to support** the professional advancement of the scholarship holders with high-quality Hungarian higher education in addition to improving their Hungarian language skills and strengthening their Hungarian identity. After graduation, scholarship holders will return to their home country with competitive skills and knowledge that will enable them to support their community, preserve Hungarian values, and reinforce the links between the diaspora and Hungary.

**ELTE welcomed the first Diaspora** scholarship holder student in 2021/2022 and will host about 30-40 students in the upcoming academic year.

More information:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/current-students/diaspora>

<https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/>

**ELTE Summer University participants** visit ELTE for summer programmes organised at ELTE.



Hungarian  
**DIASPORA**  
Scholarship



# Academic CALENDAR

## SEMESTER 1 (AUTUMN)

Autumn registration period	Until 10 September 2023 (Sunday) (check Faculty notices)
Orientation Days (for international students, in English)	End of August - 10 September 2023
Opening Ceremony (for Hungarian faculty and students, in Hungarian, by invitation only)	8 September 2023 (Friday)
UNESCO International Day of University Sport	20 September 2023 (Wednesday)

### Study period

First day of the academic year	11 September 2023 (Monday)
Autumn break	30 October - 3 November 2023 (Monday-Saturday)* - National holiday: 23 October 2023 (Monday) - All Saints' Day: 1 November 2023 (Wednesday)
Last day of tuition	16 December 2023 (Saturday)*

### Examination period

First day	18 December 2023 (Monday) No exams take place on: - Christmas Eve: 24 December 2023 (Sunday) - Christmas (no class): 25-26 December 2023 (Monday-Tuesday) - New Year's Day: 1 January 2024 (Monday) Important! International offices are usually closed during the Christmas holiday!
Last day	3 February 2024 (Saturday)*



**SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)**

Spring registration period	Until 18 February 2024 (Sunday)
Orientation Week (for international students, in English)	during registration period

**Study period**

First day of tuition	19 February 2024 (Monday) - National holiday (no classes): 15 March 2024 (Friday)
Spring break	27 March - 2 April 2024 (Wednesday-Tuesday) No classes are held on: - Good Friday: 29 March 2024 (Friday) - Easter Sunday: 31 March 2024 (Sunday) - Easter Monday: 1 April 2024 (Monday) - Labour Day: 1 May 2024 (Wednesday) - Pentecost: 19-20 May 2024 (Sunday-Monday)
Last day of tuition	25 May 2024 (Saturday)*
Pázmány Day	10 May 2024 (Friday)

**Examination period**

First day	27 May 2024 (Monday)
Last day	13 July 2024 (Saturday)*

\*Saturdays only concern correspondence and evening study programmes.





# Administrative To-Do List

Please read the following information carefully to see what you need to arrange before you leave your country and right after you arrive at ELTE.



## To-Do List

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE

- ✓ **Check the academic calendar (p. 18),** where you can see the semesters and the registration, study and examination periods as well. For administrative deadlines, please visit: <https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx/Idorend>.
- ✓ **Contact your faculty international coordinator (p. 90, Appendix B)** While you are here at ELTE, your faculty international coordinator will give you information about administrative issues related to your studies.
- ✓ **Registration/Enrolment**  
 Enrol (if you are a new student), register (if you are an exchange student)  
 Enrolment: If you are a new student, your student status will be established by enrolment, which is therefore a compulsory procedure consisting of two parts, an electronic and a personal administration section. If the personal data given during the enrolment procedure are correct and you have received your "Neptun code" in advance, you can start the electronic part even before leaving your home country (p. 20), if not you can do it after arriving at ELTE. Check the list of documents you have to bring with you for the procedure (originals are needed!). If you have any questions please contact the FACULTY coordinator.  
**Registration:** If you are an exchange student at ELTE, please ask your faculty international coordinator to help you with the registration process. It is important that you register so that your faculty coordinator can arrange your official student status in the "Neptun" online registry system at ELTE before your arrival.

**Ask for a mentor (p. 47)**

An English-speaking local student mentor (a member of the student organisation ESN ELTE or the Stipendium Hungaricum mentoring system <https://www.esnelte.hu/mentorsystem>) will help you find your way at ELTE and in Budapest. Your local student mentor is available for you throughout the whole period of your stay at ELTE.

**Arrange your visa application (p. 30)**

Citizens of the states of the European Economic Area (EEA) are entitled to enter the territory of the Hungarian Republic in possession of a valid identity card or passport and may stay, for up to 90 days, without any special authorisation.

If your stay is going to exceed 90 days, you have to apply for a Registration Certificate during the first 90 days on the Enter Hungary website of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>

If you are a student from a non-EEA country, you need to obtain a **residence permit for the purpose of study**. If you need a visa to enter Hungary, you have to submit the residence permit application form at the Hungarian Consulate or at other locations authorised to issue residence or nationality permits. You are strongly advised to apply for the residence permit for the purpose of study in your home country as soon as you receive the Letter of Acceptance, but at least one month before arriving in Hungary. With this procedure, you are also applying for the residence permit visa (D-visa) which allows you to enter Hungary only once and stay for 30 days before receiving your residence permit. If you come from a visa-waiver country, you may arrive in Hungary and stay here legally for 90 days. After your arrival, you have to apply online for a residence permit for the purpose of study on the Enter Hungary website of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>

**Arrange travel and health insurance to cover your journey and the period until you receive insurance from ELTE (p. 38)**

All international students can arrange private health insurance at ELTE for the duration of their studies.

Note that if you hold a Hungarian governmental scholarship, you are eligible for health insurance that will be arranged by the university after you are enrolled, if you have requested it and have all the necessary documents.

**Arrange your journey to HUNGARY**

Please arrange your journey to Budapest, Hungary so that you arrive before the academic year starts (or preferably, before the Orientation Week).

First day of tuition: 11 September 2023

**Arrange accommodation in BUDAPEST (p. 58)**

International students at ELTE can apply for places in the ELTE dormitories, or they can ask the Housing Office for help in finding an apartment in Budapest.

**Read the academic regulations at ELTE and the GUIDE of your respective scholarship programme**

As a student enrolled at ELTE, you need to know all your rights and obligations. Please read the academic regulations at ELTE carefully, and make yourself familiar with your rights and obligations. Also, please read all additional information that is relevant to your scholarship.

[www.elte.hu/en/regulations](http://www.elte.hu/en/regulations)





- ✓ **Sign up for a Hungarian Language Course already in the summer (optional, p. 46)**  
 ELTE offers Hungarian language courses for international students both in the summer and during the semester. If you would like to learn some basic Hungarian in advance, sign up for the Summer University.
- ✓ **Sign up to the Orientation Week and the Welcome Ceremony (p. 40)**  
 We strongly advise you to attend the Orientation Week organized for international students at ELTE. Sign up for the programmes here: [www.elte.hu/en/orientation](http://www.elte.hu/en/orientation)
- ✓ **Finalise your tasks at [apply.elte.hu](http://apply.elte.hu) (only for degree students)**  
 Check all of your tasks at [apply.elte.hu](http://apply.elte.hu) and get ready to travel to Hungary and start your studies at ELTE.



## To-Do List

# AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE

- ✓ **Meet your mentor (p. 47)**  
 When you arrive at the airport or your accommodation, contact your local student mentor who can show you around the campus and the city.
- ✓ **If you are an exchange student, check in at your FACULTY coordinator, who will:**

  - help you register at ELTE and for the semester as well;
  - set your status as “active” in the Neptun electronic registry system;
  - give you your Neptun code;
  - give you a certificate to prove that you have student status at ELTE.

**If you are a student, get your Neptun code and password (p. 28)**

You need to have both your Neptun code, and your Neptun password in order to be able to use the Neptun registry system. Your FACULTY coordinator will send your Neptun code in advance, or give it to you upon arrival and then you can create your own Neptun password by following the instructions here: <https://neptun.elte.hu/Account/NewPassword>

If you don't succeed you can request your Neptun password in person at Quaestura Office during opening hours

(<https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx/Elerhetoseg>).

**If you are a student, check the enrolment information of the FACULTY**

If you are a student, check the enrolment information of the FACULTY Enrolment: the procedure is a compulsory and consists of two parts, an electronic and a personal administration section. Log in to Neptun to register for the next semester and print the "enrolment package" (consisting of different forms and declarations). If you have any problems with this, please contact your FACULTY coordinator. The personal part can only take place after the electronic part, as the documents produced during the electronic part have to be signed and handed in. Do not forget to bring the necessary documents with you for the personal part. If you have a scholarship, as part of the enrolment you also have to sign the scholarship agreement; if you are a self-financed student you have to sign an educational agreement.

**Course registration**

Log into Neptun with your Neptun code and password and you can sign up for the courses of the AUTUMN semester 2023/2024. Check the deadlines for Neptun administrative procedures here: <https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx>. ELTE offers Hungarian language courses for international students during the semester. When you sign up for your mandatory courses, you can also sign up for these as optional ones.

**Request a residence permit (p. 32)**

After your arrival, you need to register at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing. This registration is very important because it proves that your stay in the country is legal.

**Request a Student Identity Card (p. 29)**

After your arrival and enrolment, you can obtain a Student Identity Card or a Temporary Student Certificate depending on the length of your studies at ELTE.

**Attend the Orientation Week (p. 40)**




There is an Orientation Week organised for all newly arriving international students at the beginning of each semester. We strongly advise you to attend the events, where you can meet fellow international students and hear about the university and practical matters.





# Administrative TO-DO LIST

Only for recipients of a scholarship funded by the Hungarian Government:

-  **Request your health insurance: TAJ card (p. 38)**  
Health care services are available for students holding a Hungarian governmental scholarship. They are entitled to receive a social security card, called a "TAJ" card. Information on requesting a TAJ card can be found here: <https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx/GyIK-TAJ>
-  **Open a Hungarian bank account (p. 85)**  
In order to receive the scholarship, you need to open a Hungarian bank account and register it in the Neptun system.
-  **Request a Tax Identification Number and Card (p. 85)**  
The National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary issues the Tax Identification Number and Card. Please contact any of their offices. If you do not register your Tax ID number in the Neptun system (ask the Quaestura Office for help in registering), scholarships cannot be transferred to you.



# To-Do CHECKLIST

## Before you arrive at ELTE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check the academic calendar  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange accommodation in Budapest   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contact your faculty international coordinator   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Read the academic regulations at ELTE and the GUIDE of your respective scholarship programme        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Enrol/Register   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sign up for a Hungarian Language Course   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ask for a mentor   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sign up to the Orientation Week and the Welcome Ceremony  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange your visa application  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Finalise your tasks at <a href="https://apply.elte.hu">apply.elte.hu</a> (only for degree students) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange travel and health insurance to cover your journey and the period until you receive insurance from ELTE |                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange your journey to Hungary  |                          |   |

## After you arrive at ELTE

- Meet your mentor
- Check in at your faculty coordinator (only for exchange students)
- Get your Neptun code and password
- Check the enrolment information of the faculty
- Register for your courses
- Request a residence permit
- Attend the Orientation Week

## Only for the recipients of a scholarship funded by the Hungarian Government

- Request your health insurance: TAJ card
- Open a Hungarian bank account
- Request a Tax Identification Number and Card





# Quaestura

## OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

After your arrival in Hungary, you need to complete some administrative procedures in order to begin your studies at ELTE. The Quaestura Office will give you a helping hand during the administrative procedure.



### Services provided by the Quaestura Office:

- Student Identity Card management
- Acceptance of Student Loan Contract
- Providing the Neptun code/user name and password for students and professors
- Health insurance management (for scholarship holders and self-financed students)
- Social Security Card (TAJ card) management
- Providing information regarding finances
- Providing Certificate of Student Status
- Recording and correcting personal data in the Neptun system
- Transmission of the contracts of the Career Centre at ELTE

For more information on these services and to find relevant contact information, please visit the Quaestura Office website at [qter.elte.hu](http://qter.elte.hu).

### Quaestura Office of Student Services

1053 Budapest V, Egyetem tér 5 (central office)

1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A (Q-Point at Lágymányos Campus)





# Neptun, the electronic registry system AT ELTE

Neptun is the online electronic registry system at ELTE, which makes the administration of your studies easier and faster. You can register for the semesters, apply for your courses and exams, follow the results of your courses and financial matters, receive official notifications, and communicate with your fellow students and professors via Neptun.

When you visit [neptun.elte.hu](https://neptun.elte.hu), click on 'Log in' at the top right corner of the page, then type in your Neptun ID (6 characters) as the 'Identifier' and your password and click on 'Log in'. After logging in, click on 'Student web' on the top of the page.

For more information on how to obtain a Neptun ID, please contact your faculty coordinator. After you have the Neptun ID, you can create a password using this website: <https://neptun.elte.hu/Account/NewPassword>. After you arrive at ELTE, you can also request your Neptun password in person at the Quaestura Office.

Please read the "Neptun User Guide For Students", which you can download from the opening page of Neptun by clicking on 'Help' on the top at the page.

W: [neptun.elte.hu](https://neptun.elte.hu)



# Student IDENTITY CARD

Your Student Identity Card or Student ID will certify that you are a student of ELTE and will make you eligible for student discounts in several places (e.g. a monthly pass for public transportation, museum tickets, etc.). It is highly recommended that you request a Student Identity Card for yourself once you arrive in Hungary. Remember, first you have to enrol at the faculty; only then are you eligible for a Student ID valid from the first day of the study period (September 12, 2023).

## For students studying at ELTE for less than 12 months: Temporary Student Certificate

To get your temporary Student ID document, valid from the first day of the study period (September 12, 2023), please visit the Quaestura Office with your passport. The Temporary Student Certificate is valid for 60 days and you need to renew it after 60 days at the Quaestura Office. You can also initiate a request to obtain a permanent student card – this is optional.

## For students studying at ELTE for more than 12 months: Plastic Student Card

If you are a student staying at ELTE for more than 12 months (e.g. a full-time student), you need to request a permanent student card. This is a plastic orange-brown card, similar in size to a bank card.

### Obtaining a Student Card (the main steps)

- First, you need to visit one of the offices of the Hungarian Integrated Government Customer Service (in Hungarian “Kormányablak”). Since staff members are not required to speak English in these offices, you need to ask your mentor to help with this step.
- The official of the Integrated Government Customer Service will ask you **to register in the system** there and **will take your photo** for your Student Identity Card.
- After registration you will receive a “NEK” document.

(In the first half of the registration period in September you will have a chance to arrange your NEK document at the on-site services of the “Kormányablak” at the university after registration. For details, please contact your faculty’s International Office.)

- Next, you have to create a request in Neptun using the NEK-document. Please read carefully through the detailed step-by-step guide on the website of the Quaestura Office before starting the application <https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx#5>.
- Once you have finished creating a student card request, the **Quaestura Office will issue your Temporary Student Certificate** at your request until the permanent student card is issued.
- It takes a few months for your permanent student card to be manufactured; therefore, we strongly advise you to request a temporary student certificate as well. The student card will be posted to the Quaestura Office, who will notify you in a Neptun message as soon as it arrives and is ready for collection.

**Detailed information on how to request a Student Identity Card is available here:**

<https://qter.elte.hu/Statikus.aspx/GyIK-Diakigazolvany#5>





# Legalising your stay IN HUNGARY

After you have successfully passed the entrance exam, you will receive an official notification from ELTE that you have been admitted to the study programme (a Letter of Admission/Acceptance document is issued and sent to you). Before you start your studies at ELTE, you need to ensure your legal status in Hungary. Considering what part of the world you are coming to Hungary from, choose the appropriate way to make your stay legal.

If you are a **citizen of an EU/EEA member state** (EEA = EU member states and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Lichtenstein), you may travel to Hungary without a long-term study visa, but you need to obtain a **registration card** for the duration of your studies in Hungary.

If you are a **citizen of a country that is not part of the European Economic Area (non-EEA)**, you are required to obtain a **residence permit** (and in the case of most countries, a visa), and you need to register your accommodation after your arrival in Hungary.

If you are a non-EEA citizen and come from a country **that is under visa obligations** according to the Schengen acquis, you need to apply for a D-visa and a residence permit for the purpose of study at a Hungarian consulate/embassy before traveling. We advise you to apply for an appointment as soon as you receive the Letter of Acceptance, because the application process may take several weeks!

If you come from a visa-waiver country, after you arrive in Budapest, you can arrange your registration card (EEA) or residence permit (non-EEA) online, on the Enter Hungary website of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (in Hungarian: "Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság", abbreviated as OIF): <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>. On the website, you can apply for your registration card, extend your residence permit, register your accommodation, etc.

## Office of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing for students in higher education: Client Service II (Budapest)

Address: 1135 Budapest, District 13, 35-37 Szegedi út (Twin Office Building, Ground floor)

E-mail: [bp2@bah.b-m.hu](mailto:bp2@bah.b-m.hu)

Web: [www.bmbah.hu/](http://www.bmbah.hu/)

Phone: +36 1 463 9100

A short guide on how to book an appointment at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing is available at <https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure>



# If you are an EEA national

## REGISTRATION CARD FOR EEA NATIONALS

Citizens of the states of the European Economic Area (EEA) **are entitled to enter** the territory of Hungary in possession of a valid identity card or passport and may stay for up to 90 days, without any special authorisation. EEA citizens planning to **stay for more than 90 days** in Hungary have to **apply for a registration card to be issued.**

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN HUNGARY

- ✔ You need to have a valid identity card or passport to enter Hungary. You do not need to arrange anything else in advance.

### AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN HUNGARY

- ✔ If you are an EEA student studying at ELTE for more than 90 days, you need to apply for a registration card.

### How to apply for a registration card?

You need to submit your request with the required documents in person at the **National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing.**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
<b>Completed "Data sheet for the issuance of registration certificate and for the registration of residence"</b>	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it, and fill it in.
Valid passport or identity card	
Certificate of student status/Certificate of school attendance	You can obtain this from the Quaestura Office or in person from your faculty coordinator.
<b>Certificate of accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dormitory certificate; or</li> <li>• Proof of student hostel; or</li> <li>• If you rent a flat: Contract of Lease (the original document and a copy of it)</li> </ul>
Certificate of the financial conditions	Scholarship, bank account statement, or a bank account statement of your parents and a declaration from your parents that they support you financially, etc.
Certificate of health insurance	Any health insurance valid in the territory of the EU (e.g.; European Health Insurance Card).
<b>Declaration of the day of crossing the HUNGARIAN Border - last time, no more than 90 days ago</b>	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it and fill it in.
<b>Registration fee: 1000 HUF</b>	The administrative service fee is payable via an electronic payment instrument (bank card).

You will receive the registration card in an official letter by post to the address in Hungary that you declared on the registration form within two weeks after your visit at the Office. After you register your accommodation, you will receive a QR code, which will function as your address card. This is an official document that is only valid together with your residence permit.

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE HUNGARY

- ✔ Before you finish your studies at ELTE in Hungary and move back to your own country, it is advisable to go back to the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing and cancel your registration card and your address card.

# If you are a non-EEA national

## RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR NON-EEA NATIONALS

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE TO HUNGARY

- ✓ You need to obtain a residence permit for the purpose of studies if you are a student from the non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) and you wish
  - to study in a registered secondary or Hungarian higher educational institution
  - to participate in a preparatory course for higher education organised by a higher educational institution, which ensures that you have sufficient command of the language for your studies.

If you are coming from a **visa waiver country** (check it here: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary>), you can **apply for the Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies at the Hungarian Consulate of your home country before (recommended)** or after you arrive in Hungary.



If you come from a **country that is under visa obligations** according to the Schengen acquis, you need to **apply for the Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies** and besides this, also a **residence permit visa (D-visa)** through a residence permit application before you come to Hungary. With the **residence permit visa (D-visa)**, you can **enter Hungary only once** and this document entitles you to **stay** in Hungary only **for 30 days**. This time gives you an opportunity to receive your residence permit and remain in the country as long as your permit allows you to.

### RESIDENCE PERMIT APPLICATION IN YOUR COUNTRY

You need to submit the residence permit application to the Hungarian Consulate (check it here: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/embassies#hungarian-embassies-abroad>) or at other locations authorised to receive residence permit applications which operates in the country of your permanent residence or nationality.



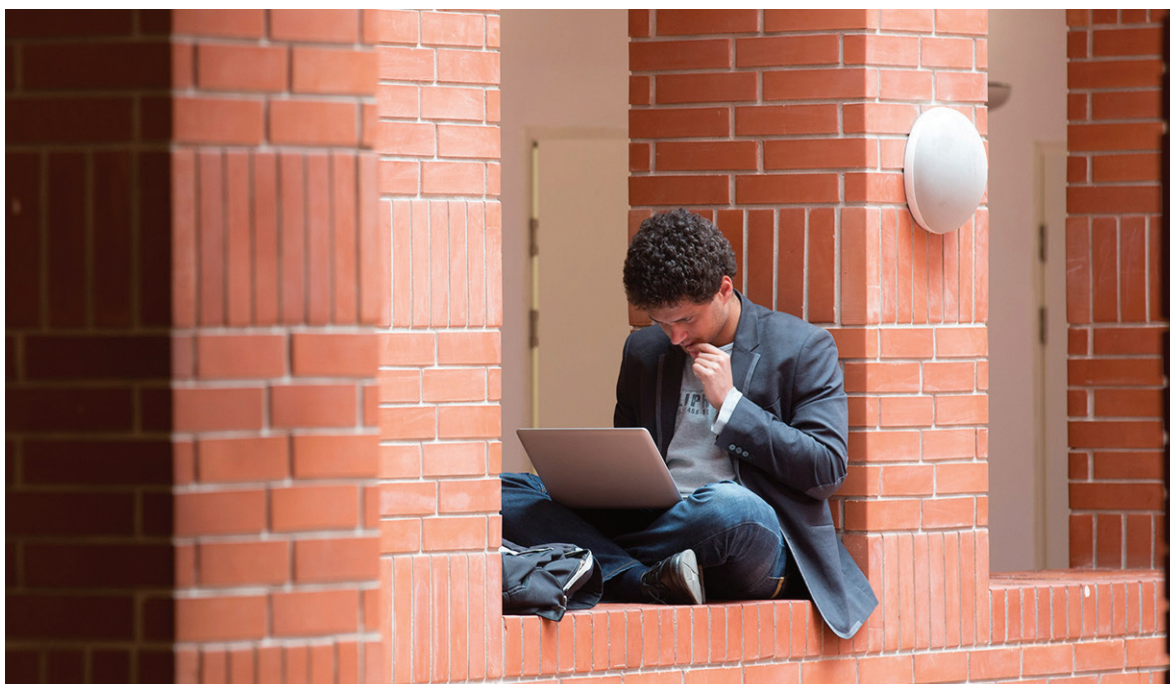
### AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN HUNGARY

- ✓ **If you have already applied for a residence permit at the Hungarian consulate/embassy** in your home country, you need to go to the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing as soon as possible in order to register your accommodation in Hungary and to receive the residence permit.
  - If you come from a visa-waiver country and have not yet applied for a residence permit**, you need to apply for a residence permit for the purpose of study and register your accommodation on the Enter Hungary website: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>
- Please note that after you submit your application, you have to visit the office of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing personally within 15 days.



**(1/A) APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT**

<b>Completed form of "Application for Residence Permit for the Purpose of Study"</b>	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it, and fill it in.
<b>Valid passport</b>	
1 passport-size colour photo	
Certificate of active student status	You can obtain this at the Quaestura Office
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dormitory certificate</b> (stamped and signed by the dormitory management); or</li> <li>• <b>Proof of student hostel</b> accommodation (stamped and signed by the hostel management); or</li> <li>• <b>Contract of Lease</b>, which should contain your own and your landlord's personal data (ID Card /Passport number, mother's maiden name), the exact address (postal code, city, street/square/road, house number, floor number, door number), period of stay (definite/indefinite time), signed by you and your landord, and by two witnesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Completed "Notification of accommodation"</b>	You can download the document from: <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea">https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea</a>
Certificate of financial conditions	Scholarship, bank account statement, or a bank account statement of your parents' and a declaration from your parents that they support you financially, etc.
Certificate of health insurance	Any health insurance valid in the territory of the EU
<b>Completed form of "Declaration to undertake voluntary leave"</b>	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it, and fill it in.
<b>Fee: 110 EUR or 23,000 HUF</b>	The fee for of the procedure is payable via electronic payment instrument (bank card). Holders of state scholarships are exempted from the application fee!
Completed form of "Declaration" on how you would like to receive your residence permit	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it, and fill it in.



## (1/B) IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT AT THE HUNGARIAN CONSULATE IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

<b>Completed "Data sheet for the issuance of the residence permit"</b> , called "Adatlap a tartózkodási engedély kiadásához" in Hungarian	Download this from <a href="http://bmbah.hu">bmbah.hu</a> , print it, and fill it in.
<b>Valid passport</b>	
1 passport-size color photo	
Certificate of active student status	You can obtain this at the Quaestura Office
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dormitory certificate</b> (stamped and signed by the dormitory management); or</li> <li>• <b>Proof of student hostel</b> accommodation (stamped and signed by the hostel management); or</li> <li>• <b>Contract of Lease</b>, which should contain your own and your landlord's signature, personal data (ID Card/Passport number, mother's maiden name), the exact address (postal code, city, street/square/road, house number, floor number, door number), period of stay (definite/indefinite time), signed by you and your landlord, and by two witnesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Completed "Notification of accommodation"</b>	Please download this from <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea">https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea</a> and <b>ask your dormitory/landlord/agent to sign it before you visit the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing.</b>





## VALIDITY OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

Please note that the residence permit is only valid together with your Address card and your passport.

- **If the course is shorter than two years**, the duration of the permit reflects this.
- **If the course takes two years or more**, the permit is issued for **at least one and a maximum of two years**, which can be extended if appropriate by one or at most two years.
- **Students with passive status are not entitled to have a residence permit for the purpose of study!** Please note that if you “passivate” your semester, your residence permit will be invalidated by the authorities and you will have to leave the country until you have active student status again (unless you have another kind of residence permit, e.g. for the purpose of employment or “other” purposes).

## EXTENDING YOUR RESIDENCE PERMIT

Before your residence permit expires, you need to apply for the extension of the permit.

### How to apply?

You need to submit your request online on the Enter Hungary website **at the earliest 90 days and at the latest 30 days prior to the expiry of the right of residence**. Please note that in order to have the permit extended, you need to spend more than 90 days in Hungary in the 180 days prior to the application!

When you apply for the extension of a residence permit, you need to present a **valid passport** (it must cover the whole period of authorised stay); **the previous residence card** and previous address card issued by the authorities; and the **same documents as in the case of the first application (see the list above)**. If your address has not changed, it is enough for you to present the former address card and make a declaration that your accommodation has not changed. **Please note** that the contract of lease must cover the whole period of your stay in Hungary. (When you sign the lease agreement, please bear in mind that your contract should contain the possibility for an extension.)

## WORKING IN HUNGARY DURING YOUR STUDIES WITH A RESIDENCE PERMIT

You can be employed during your studies with a residence permit for the purpose of studies for **30 hours a week during the study period, or 90 days or 66 working days outside the study period on a full-time basis**.





## (2) REPORTING OBLIGATIONS OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (NON-EEA) LIVING IN HUNGARY

If you are a non-EEA student and you plan to stay in Hungary **for longer than 30 days**, you are required to **register your accommodation** and **any subsequent changes at the regional directorate** or at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing within **three days of taking up residence**.

**NOTE! The evidence of registration of accommodation** issued by the authorities must be **kept and carried on** their person by the third country national and presented to the authorities if requested.

### HOW TO APPLY?

You are required to submit the notification of accommodation online, on the Enter Hungary website. This procedure is free of charge.

### Required Documents

"Notification of accommodation" form	Please download this from <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea">https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure/non-eea</a> and ask your dormitory/landlord/agent to sign it before submitting it online.
Valid passport	
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dormitory certificate</b> (stamped and signed by the dormitory management); or</li> <li>• <b>Proof of student hostel</b> accommodation (stamped and signed by the hostel management); or</li> <li>• <b>Contract of Lease</b>, which should contain your and your landlord's personal data (ID Card/Passport number, mother's maiden name), the exact address (postal code, city, street/square/road, house number, floor number, door number), period of stay (definite/indefinite time), signed by you and your landlord, and by two witnesses..</li> </ul>
Former "Address card" as the evidence of registration of the accommodation issued by the authority.	If you have already registered your accommodation, please take the "Address card" with you as evidence of the registration of the accommodation issued by the authorities.

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE HUNGARY



You are not allowed to stay in Hungary after your residence permit has expired. When your residence permit expires, you need to leave Hungary.







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# Healthcare and health INSURANCE

Have you heard the saying that "health is your greatest wealth"? We believe it is true, and we want you to have the best experience during your stay in Hungary, without any interruptions due to health issues. Of course, we are fully aware that you are young and have an unbeatable immune system, but in case of pandemics, slippery icy roads, and summer evenings packed with way too much fun it is better to have something to fall back on (not quite literally).

Here at ELTE, we give you all the assistance you need to find the best health insurance you can obtain with your student status. However, you still have to complete the administrative procedures. We ask you to keep up to date about the relevant information in relation to your insurance. But that should not be a problem for you; after all, you are a capable international student at Hungary's best university.

This page is dedicated to students' health insurance - please pay close attention to it.

For detailed information on the type of health insurance that suits you, and for all the updates, please check this website: <https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance>

Please note that your health and your health insurance are your responsibility. Pay attention to the administrative procedures, and visit the website (<https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance>) frequently for all the relevant information. Should you need medical care without having health insurance you will be liable for all costs of treatment, which are generally high in Hungary.

**If you are an EEA (EU member states, Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland, United Kingdom) student,** please apply for a European Health Insurance Card from your health insurance provider in your home country before you leave home.

<https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance>

**If you are a non-EEA student** please be aware that you have to take care of your own health insurance before leaving your country. After your arrival you have to arrange your health insurance at ELTE for the semesters you spend at the university. Besides the European Health Insurance Card, you are still able to buy the private health insurance package offered by ELTE. For further information please visit this website: <https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance>

**If you are a student with a scholarship offered** by the Minister of Education in Hungary, you are entitled to a social security card (in Hungarian "TAJ card") with your social security number ("TAJ number") on it that enables you to use public healthcare services.

<https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance>





## European Health Insurance Card – EHIC

Citizens of the EEA and Switzerland can access all healthcare services if they have a European Health Insurance

Card. This can be obtained free of charge in your home country.

The card does not cover health issues that can wait until you return to your own country (e.g. some types of dental care); it only covers healthcare that is normally covered by a statutory healthcare system in Hungary. The main purpose of the card is to make sure that you do not have to interrupt your stay here, because you can get the same medical care that Hungarians would. The expiry date may vary from country to country, so it is advisable to enquire about it when you obtain the card at your local health authority.

**NOTE!** The health insurance card is valid only together with your passport. Please always have your health insurance card and your passport on you.

## Health insurance for holders of Hungarian Governmental Scholarships (e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum, Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People, Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship)

As a scholarship holder, you are entitled to have both supplementary private health insurance and a social security "TAJ card". The supplementary private health insurance provides you with emergency healthcare services in English. The costs of the insurance are covered by the scholarship programmes. With the "TAJ card" (the card for Hungary's national health insurance scheme), scholarship holders are insured by the state and they are able to access **public healthcare for free**, not just emergency or urgent care. Scholarship holders can request the social security card ("TAJ card") online on the official homepage of the Quaestura Office at ELTE.

You should take care of the whole process of obtaining your social security card from the first step (registration) to the last (receiving the actual plastic card).

This also means that you have to follow the administrative procedures and read the emails and Neptun system messages sent by ELTE administrators.

## Private health insurance

ELTE offers private health insurance for those who wish to **extend the services of their health insurance** in the territory of the Republic of Hungary. You can purchase this fee-for-service health insurance in person at the **Quaestura Office of Student Services**. Fee-for-service health insurance covers the costs of medical and healthcare services, within the framework of an insurance policy. After completing and signing the insured's statement, you will receive a health insurance card which provides proof of the insurance coverage to the healthcare service provider.



# University life and services for international students

## Orientation WEEK

The Orientation Week is organised for international students at ELTE at the beginning of each academic semester. The programme is designed to introduce the University, staff, and organisations that you will come into contact with during your stay at ELTE in Budapest. It also provides information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the learning environment of the University and life in Budapest.

**More information:** <https://www.elte.hu/en/orientation>



# Libraries

## University Library and Archives

The University Library (<https://konyvtar.elte.hu/en>) was **founded in 1561** by the Jesuit order; it is **one of the oldest libraries in the country**, and was opened to the public in 1876. Until 1949, it collected works from all disciplines taught at the university, later it was limited to philosophy and medieval and early modern history, as well as religion and the history of religion. Since then, the library has a nation-wide responsibility for the collection of publications in these fields. The historical collection, as part of the National Cultural Heritage of Hungary, includes 185 codices, 1,200 incunabula, 11,000 works from the 16<sup>th</sup>, 15,000 from the 17<sup>th</sup>, and 75,000 from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Registration is free for all employees and students of ELTE** and your Student Identity Card can be used as a library card. Our **ELTE Library WebApp** is a web application optimised for smart phones. The application replaces the paper-based library card and also offers a number of additional features.



In addition to the traditional library services, **the Library provides access to e-books, e-journals, and databases** and, if licences allow, they are made available for the students of ELTE also from home.

Courses in database management, literature searching, publishing, and library use are organised regularly with the aim of fostering the independent use of library services and information resources, as well as basic research activities. The Library supports open access publishing by aiding submission of articles to open access journals and enhancing self-archiving. The portal of the University Library Service (ULS) ([eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en)), based on the cooperation of the network of libraries, offers full-scale information on all the libraries of the eight ELTE faculties. **The OPAC ([opac.elte.hu](http://opac.elte.hu)) contains records of almost 1.5 million copies of documents**, such as books, journals, special and electronic documents, and dissertations found at the University Library and other libraries belonging to the ELTE network.

## ELTE University Library

### OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 20:00  
Saturday 10:00 – 18:00

### CONTACT

1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6.  
+36 1 411-6500 / 3417  
info@lib.elte.hu

<https://konyvtar.elte.hu/en>

[facebook.com/ELTEkonyvtar](https://facebook.com/ELTEkonyvtar)  
[instagram.com/eltekonyvtar](https://instagram.com/eltekonyvtar)  
[twitter.com/ELTEEEK](https://twitter.com/ELTEEEK)  
YouTube

Self-service in the lobby is available two hours before and after opening hours with a valid library card.

## ELTE Faculty Libraries:

Every faculty of the university has its own library, and most of their institutes and departments have their own libraries, as well.

- **Library of Faculty of Law** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-faculty-law](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-faculty-law)
- **Library of Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-barczy-gusztav-faculty-of-special-needs-education](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-barczy-gusztav-faculty-of-special-needs-education)
- **Libraries of Faculty of Humanities** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-humanities](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-humanities)
- **Library of Faculty of Informatics** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-informatics](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-informatics)
- **Libraries of Faculty of Education and Psychology** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-education-and-psychology](http://eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-education-and-psychology)



### [library-service/library-of-faculty-of-education-and-psychology](#)

- **Library of Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-primary-and-pre-school-education](#)
  - **Némedi Dénes Library of Faculty of Social Sciences** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/nemedi-denes-library](#)
  - **Library of Faculty of Science** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/library-of-faculty-of-science](#)
  - **Library of Faculty of Economics** – [konyvtar.elte.hu/en](#)
- The ELTE University Library and Archives performs the library tasks of the ELTE Faculty of Business Economics, paying increased attention to the faculty's special literature needs.
- **Other Libraries (not belonging to faculties)** – [eltekonyvtarak.elte.hu/en/university-library-service/out-of-faculty-libraries](#)

Some ELTE dormitories operate libraries in their buildings. For more information on the services, please contact the staff of the dormitory.



## Other libraries in Budapest:

It is worth taking the opportunity to visit some notable libraries elsewhere in the capital:

- ✔
**National Széchényi Library – [www.oszk.hu](http://www.oszk.hu)**  
 Located in the rear wing of the Royal Palace, in Buda. It is a national library with the biggest collection in the country, including some surviving books from the library of King Matthias, the renowned Renaissance Monarch. (They are known as “Corvina”, since the heraldic animal of the king was the raven, called ‘corvus’ in Latin.)
  
- ✔
**Library of Parliament – [www.ogyk.hu](http://www.ogyk.hu)**  
 The House of the Hungarian Parliament established its own library at the end of the 1860s. In 1902 the library moved to the newly built Parliament on the banks of Danube. It only became a public collection in 1952; until that time, access was permitted only to institutions and professionals.
  
- ✔
**Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – [https://konyvtar.mta.hu/index\\_en.php](https://konyvtar.mta.hu/index_en.php)**  
 This is a special national research library. Since its foundation in 1826, it has dedicated itself to supporting scientific and scholarly research and safeguarding its precious collections.
  
- ✔
**Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library – [www.fszek.hu](http://www.fszek.hu)**  
 Located in a magnificent neo-Baroque palace completed in 1889, as well as in a new wing, it now boasts one of the most interesting library interiors of Europe. The café is to be found in the former stables.
  
- ✔
**National Library of Foreign Language – [www.oik.hu](http://www.oik.hu)**  
 Originally built for the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), a Russian language-library was opened in 1956 under the name of “Gorky Library”, which later started to collect other foreign language items, as well. Many people in Budapest still call it “Gorky” today. It has a very pleasant atmosphere with a rich selection of journals.
  
- ✔
**Central European University Library – <https://library.ceu.edu/>**  
 Founded by George Soros in June 1992, the CEU Library is located in the heart of downtown Budapest.

## Library Days at ELTE

The Library Days event is held in Trefort Garden at the Faculty of Humanities at the beginning of each academic year. Library Days are organised every autumn, and most of the libraries in Budapest take part and introduce their services. This event will help you find the most appropriate library for your studies, and you will have a chance to register for the services on the spot.









# IT SUPPORT

## WIFI at ELTE

**All ELTE campuses offer free WIFI access to ELTE students.** To access the Campus WIFI, you need to register on "IIG". As a first step, follow this link in your browser: [ugykezeslo.elte.hu/](https://ugykezeslo.elte.hu/) and click on "Belépés" below ("belépés" means "login"). Select authentication via Neptun by clicking on the Neptun icon in the top right corner, then type your Neptun ID, your password, then log in. Now you can choose your own IIG username (which is "Választott IIG Azonosító"). Choose wisely, because your IIG username will form the first part of your e-mail address at ELTE. Choose your password and type it in at the section "Választott IIG Jelszó" ("Chosen IIG password") and the same password at "Választott IIG Jelszó Megerősítés" ("Validating your chosen IIG password").



At the bottom of the page, there is a sentence "Kérem a WIFI azonosító létrehozását is" (which means: "I would like to create a WIFI identifier too") and a box beside this sentence. Tick the box and then click "Igénylés" ("Application"). You will be redirected to a page where the system confirms your request and your IIG identifier is ready. If you have any further questions, visit this website (<https://iig.elte.hu/en>) or send an e-mail to the following address: [operator@elte.hu](mailto:operator@elte.hu).



Your Personalised ELTE E-mail Address

**Every student of the university is entitled to a personalised ELTE e-mail address.**

When you request WIFI access at ELTE, you will be automatically assigned an e-mail address called: [yourusername@student.elte.hu](mailto:yourusername@student.elte.hu) with 100 GB storage.

You can access your messages with the help of the usual programmes (Microsoft Outlook, Thunderbird, etc.). During your studies, you can deal with official issues faster and more easily. You will receive your NEPTUN messages on time without any delay.



# Learn HUNGARIAN

ELTE offers Hungarian language courses to its international students while they are studying at ELTE. Courses are available at different levels. The type and level of courses depend on the demand of applicants for the given semester. <https://btk.elte.hu/hungarian-language-courses>

## General Hungarian Language Courses

Eötvös Loránd University offers courses on Hungarian language and culture at all levels from complete beginner (A1) to proficiency level (C2). They offer diverse course types: language and culture, general language courses.

The 10-11-week courses start at the beginning of both spring and autumn semesters. The curriculum has been developed for one or two 90-minute classes per week for a period of one semester. Students receive 3 or 6 ECTS credits after successfully completing the course.

More information: <https://www.elte.hu/en/language-courses/hungarian>



## Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture

If you want to learn Hungarian during the summer break, you can apply for the Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture.

More information: [https://btk.elte.hu/en/summer\\_university](https://btk.elte.hu/en/summer_university)





# Mentoring SYSTEM

Eötvös Loránd University offers a targeted **student mentoring programme system to all incoming students** who would like to have personal mentoring before their arrival and/or during their stay in Budapest.

**Mentors help international students with everyday problems**, and they guide students through their international experience during their stay at ELTE in Budapest. They are enthusiastic, open-minded, and helpful ELTE students. International students can turn to their mentors for help any time they need it. Mentors will be there to support international students during their first steps in Hungary and at the university in issues, such as university administration, finding a flat or room, the best pubs, shops, restaurants, etc. There are mentors working at each ELTE faculty, so international students can turn to their mentors with faculty-specific questions as well.

There are two main mentoring systems at ELTE:

**Erasmus Student Network (ESN)** ELTE offers mentors to all incoming exchange students and organises activities for all international students and the volunteers of the organisation itself. Meet the Team of ESN ELTE virtually here: <https://www.esnelte.hu/members>

**Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network (SHMN)** offers mentors to ELTE students with a Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship.





The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe. It was legally registered in 1990 to support and develop student exchanges. It is present in more than 1,000 higher education institutions in 40 countries, and the network is constantly developing and expanding. It has around 15,000 active members in many sections supported by “mentors” or “buddies” mainly taking care of international students. Thus, ESN involves a total of around 40,000 young people offering their services to around 350,000 international students every year.

ESN ELTE is also a part of this international community. Both their programmes and the mentor system aim to facilitate the integration of incoming students.

The local section, ESN ELTE, works on behalf of international students. Besides representing the rights of students with a scholarship at our university, it is our primary aim to help incoming students by offering assistance in academic, social, and practical integration. This is mainly provided through cultural and social activities, such as trips to various places within the country, film events, language projects, international food festivals, sports events, and parties.

## How to request a mentor?

You can request a mentor by registering on “Papaya (ESN)” (<https://papaya.iter-idea.com/auth>) – also available on iOS (App Store) and Android (Play Store). Log in with Facebook right after you receive your profile. After you register, the faculty coordinators will be able to choose a mentor for you.



If you have any further questions concerning the mentor system, please contact ESN ELTE.

E-mail: [info@esnelte.hu](mailto:info@esnelte.hu)

## Where to find us?

### ESN ELTE Office

1088 Budapest Múzeum krt. 4, 6-8. Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Youth Building (Ifjúsági Épület), 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. You can find the opening hours updated on the official website and Facebook page of ESN ELTE.

Visit the office to purchase tickets for events, to buy an ESNcard, or just to hang out with the ESNers.

### ESNcard

The ESNcard is the membership card of the Erasmus Student Network. It is a proof of membership in an ESN section and so indirectly of the wider ESN Network. The ESNcard also serves as a discount card in many cities and countries around Europe, including Budapest, Hungary. Discounts are available at several bars, hostels, shops, beauty parlours, and sports clubs.

**Please visit our ESNcard website (<https://www.esnelte.hu/esncard>) and the website of ESN ELTE for more information.**



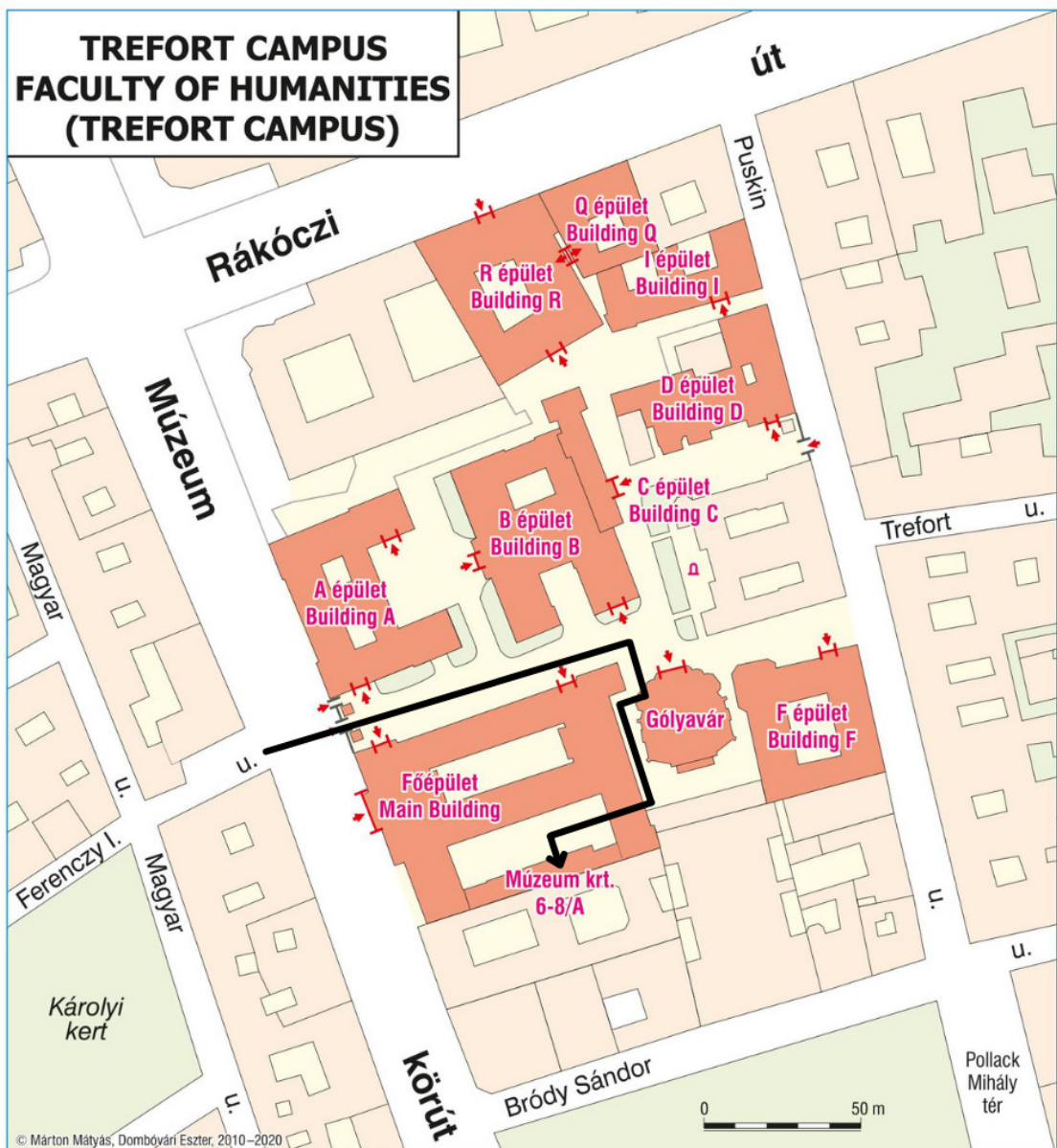
### You can get an ESNcard if you belong to one of the following groups:

- you have been an international student
- you are currently an international student
- you are a member of an ESN section

### What benefits do you receive in Hungary as a card holder?

- Leisure: discounts on parties, bars, clubs
- Trips: discount on ESN trips and events
- Accommodation: discounts in hostels
- Services: phone cards, taxis, shops, beauty parlours
- Sports: fitness clubs

The ESNcard can be obtained exclusively from your local ESN section. You can obtain it either during the Orientation Week at the beginning of the semester or in the Office of ESN ELTE throughout the semester.



# Stipendium Hungaricum

## MENTOR NETWORK

The Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network (SHMN) assists **Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders** specifically with everyday problems, questions regarding their stay at ELTE, in Budapest, Hungary. Personal mentors guide Stipendium Hungaricum (SH) students through their international experience. They are motivated, open-minded students studying at ELTE. Each mentor participates in special trainings courses to be able to take care of SH students during their studies at ELTE.

**SH students may turn to their mentors for help at any time.** There are mentors working at each ELTE faculty, so SH students can turn to their mentors with faculty-specific questions as well. The network organises several cultural and tourist programs for its members, which are free of charge.

Mentors will be there for the students from the very first steps till the end of their studies and even later. During their time in Budapest, students are supported by mentors in the following activities:

- arranging visa/residence permit,
- arranging Health Insurance and Tax Identification number,
- arranging range a bank account,
- arranging registration at ELTE,
- arranging a Student Identity Card and a Neptun password,
- university administration,
- finding a flat or room,
- finding the best pubs, shops, restaurants, etc.,
- anything else!

**To ask for a mentor, please register here (registration will be open from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August):**

<https://shmentor.hu>





# Students' Union System OF ELTE

## University Students' Union (ELTE HÖK)

Like our University, the Student's Union has a long tradition. **The Union's main role is to represent Hungarian and international students at ELTE in different issues**, such as studies, allowances and remedy issues. The student organisation ESN ELTE (Erasmus Student Network) and HÖÖK SHM (Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network) will help you as an international student to become familiar with the Hungarian language and culture, the faculties, and student life at ELTE. In principal questions concerning your studies or credits, you can turn to the Students' Union for help; they will give you a helping hand in every situation.

The Students' Union has a **two-tier structure**: first, the students directly elect the representatives from among themselves, then the faculties delegate members from the representatives to the University Students' Union (ELTE HÖK). ELTE HÖK coordinates the work of the Faculty Students' Unions, represents students in the university management and in the National Students' Union (HÖÖK), and organises student community life. The Students' Union is an autonomous organisation, which elects representatives in a democratic way and, all in all, they are the heart of the students' fellowship.

### The motto: Represents interests, represents values.

Address: 1056 Budapest, Szerb utca 21-23.  
W: ehok.elte.hu

E: kulugy@ehok.elte.hu  
T: +36 1 411 5600/ ext. 8256



## Faculties

### Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education

The Student Council of Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education is a community based on cooperation, open-mindedness and acceptance. We welcome international students to our programs. During the academic year, we organize events, film nights and several programs for students. We work in close cooperation with the International Office. Starting from September this year, our aim is for Hungarian and foreign students to meet each other as much as possible and get to know as many cultures as possible!

**International Office:** international@barczi.elte.hu, T: +36-1-358-5534

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Noémi Gáspár - kulugy@barczi.hok.elte.hu

**Erasmus+ Coordinator:** Gréta Kövecses - E: erasmus@barczi.elte.hu T: +36-1-358-5503



## Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

Let us introduce to you the Students' Union at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of ELTE . Its activities are carried out by several committees: academic, communication, events, integration, social, economic. Community-building programmes are organised on a weekly basis, which are varied enough to suit everyone. In addition to academic advocacy, the provision of information to students in a timely and comprehensible manner is of paramount importance. Charity programmes are also a priority, with a unique scholarship scheme to support talented students.

**If you have any questions, please contact us at these e-mail addresses:**

Mellisa Diki Sáfrány - Foreign Affairs Officer of ELTE ÁJK Student Union: [kulugy@ajkhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@ajkhok.elte.hu)

Levente Nagymihály - President of ELTE ÁJK Student Union: [elnok@ajkhok.elte.hu](mailto:elnok@ajkhok.elte.hu)



## Faculty of Social Sciences

With a focus on inclusivity and collaboration, the Students' Union aims to provide a platform for students to voice their concerns, participate in meaningful activities, and shape the campus community. We invite all members of the university to join us in fostering a vibrant and supportive environment that enhances the student experience for everyone. Never forget: TáTK accept and include!

**Feel free to contact us at [kulugy@tatklok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@tatklok.elte.hu) or [elnok@tatklok.elte.hu](mailto:elnok@tatklok.elte.hu)**

Committee for Social Affairs: [szocialis@btkhok.elte.hu](mailto:szocialis@btkhok.elte.hu)





## Faculty of Humanities

The Students' Union of the Faculty of Humanities is made up of representatives elected by the students of the Faculty. The Union works constantly to make the everyday life of the students easier and more enjoyable; they offer help and guidance in connection with university studies, and they organise social events. The organization also serves as a bridge between the leadership of the Faculty and the students. Through the work of the Students' Union, students of the humanities can be part of a vibrant and vivid community, which defines their university years.

### Contact us!

Committee of Educational Matters: [tanulmanyi@btkhok.elte.hu](mailto:tanulmanyi@btkhok.elte.hu)

Committee of Foreign and Transborder Affairs: [kulugy@btkhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@btkhok.elte.hu)



## Faculty of Informatics

The Students' Union of the Faculty of Informatics is proud to represent the technology-oriented students of ELTE. With regular Boardgame and Roleplaying Nights, we promote the strengthening of the community. Furthermore, we work with numerous volunteer organizations to help students improve and bond, such as the Pixel Media Group, a media-oriented self-development group, or the animator system, a volunteer event-organization group.

Feel free to reach out to us at [kulugy@ikhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@ikhok.elte.hu), or visit our website at [ikhok.elte.hu](http://ikhok.elte.hu)!





## Faculty of Education and Psychology

Our goal, as the Students' Union of ELTE PPK is to represent the students in all phases of their University life. Creating honest and straightforward communication with them makes their relationship with the Students' Union close, friendly and ready to generate the necessary solutions to their problems. We would always like to be a group of fellow students to them, who they can ask for help when problems arise, and who are responsible for making sure their time at the University is well-spent, by organizing both traditional and novel events to their liking.

Should you have any questions about our Students' Union, our events or university life in general, you can always **reach out to us at [kulugy@ppkhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@ppkhok.elte.hu)**



## Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education

We are the Students' Union of ELTE TÓK. Students at the faculty study Primary and Pre-School Education. The specialized fields of Primary School Teacher Training, Pre-School Teacher Training, and Infant and Early Childhood Education offer BA level qualifications, and also the option of continuing studies on MA level.

We warmly welcome you!

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact us on any of these emails!**

[kulugy@tokhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@tokhok.elte.hu)

[elnok@tokhok.elte.hu](mailto:elnok@tokhok.elte.hu)

[elnokhelyettes@tokhok.elte.hu](mailto:elnokhelyettes@tokhok.elte.hu)



## Faculty of Economics

The ELTE GTK Student Council is responsible for representing the interests of the students of the ELTE Faculty of Economics. The Student Council is led by a President, who is supported by a team of Vice-Presidents. Each vice-president is responsible for one sub-area. The Student Council is responsible for the organisation of events, academic representation, welfare representation and representation of foreign students.

To contact the Student Council, write to: [info@gtkhok.elte.hu](mailto:info@gtkhok.elte.hu)



## Faculty of Science

Students' Union of the Faculty of Science: ELTE TTK HÖK

Like every other faculty, the Faculty of Science has its own students' union. We are here to represent the students and to help their life on campus. We started a mentoring program for international students this year called MIS. It will help you navigate through the difficulties of the first year at ELTE and organize events where you can meet with Hungarian and other international students. We have a commissioner for foreign affairs and a **mentorcoordinator for foreign students who can help you in case of need.**

Email of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs: [kulugy@ttkhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulugy@ttkhok.elte.hu)

Email of the Mentorcoordinator for Foreign Students: [kulkoordinator@ttkhok.elte.hu](mailto:kulkoordinator@ttkhok.elte.hu)





# Sports

## AT ELTE

If you want to stretch your muscles, there are plenty of sports opportunities at our university, from swimming to basketball, from cheerleading to hiking. Sporting life at ELTE is organised around two major categories: courses offered by BEAC and sports courses for credits.

### Training organised by the University Athletics Club (BEAC)

The University Athletics Club (BEAC) was founded 124 years ago, in 1898, as one of the very first Hungarian sports clubs. The well-known scientist and statesman Loránd Eötvös was elected as its first president. Since its foundation, members of the University Athletics Club have won 6 Olympic and more than 400 Hungarian champion titles. Sports courses offered by BEAC can be found at [www.beac.hu](http://www.beac.hu).

### Sports available:

Aerobics, Athletics, Aerial hammock & silk, Aerial hoop, Argentine tango, Balance training, Boxing, Curling, Darts, Floor gymnastics, Fencing, Gymnastics, Hip-hop, Kayak-canoe, Orienteering, SUP, Table tennis, Badminton, Basketball, Cheerleading, Chess, Climbing, Cycling, Functional training, Running, Football, Futsal (women, men), Goju-ryu karate, Belly dancing, Jiu-jitsu, Yoga, Kettlebell, Handball (women), Hiking, Kick-box, Kung-fu, Modern jazz dance, Muay thai, Polefitness, Triathlon, Volleyball (women, men), Spinning, Swimming, Waterpolo

### Details and contact:

W: [www.beac.hu/en](http://www.beac.hu/en)

E: [info@beac.elte.hu](mailto:info@beac.elte.hu)

FB: [www.facebook.com/elte.beac](https://www.facebook.com/elte.beac)

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/beac1898/?hl=hu>

### ELTE-BEAC Sport Office

Office: 1117 Budapest,  
Bogdánfy Ödön utca 10.  
Phone: 061-209-06-17

### EHÖK Sports Referent

E: [sport@ehok.elte.hu](mailto:sport@ehok.elte.hu)





### Do sports for credit.

You can apply for these sports classes just like all the others available in your department via the Neptun electronic registry system. The fee for each course is 6,000 HUF per semester. Sports courses in the Neptun system can be found under the VTN code.

### Sports available:

Aquafitness, Archery, Argentine tango, Kickboxing, Online sports, Salon dance, Nautical sports - motor boat, Self-defence, Shaping, Nautical sports - additional sailing, Snowboard, Soccer, SUP, Fencing, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Functional training, Hiking, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, Kung-fu, Jazz dance, Muay thai boxing, Running, Squash, Swimming, Volleyball, Yoga, Body conditioning - coordination skills development, Body coordination - own weight training, Canoeing, Dodge ball, E-sport, Fashion dances, Frisbee, Goalball, Indoor climbing, Falling techniques.



### ELTE Sports Events

- **5vös5** (each September and May)

5vös5 is a running competition over a distance of five kilometres on the Lágymányos Campus. The competition is organised every September and May and this is one of the biggest and most popular events of the year at ELTE.

- **ELTE Sport7** (each September, first week of the semester)

Start your year with the biggest free sports event at the university. You can try various types of sports from the courses offered at ELTE for a week each September.

- **University Sports Festival Budapest** (try outs and championships each November)

- **KEK Run**

- **BOCI** - five-a-side football championships

Form a team among the exchange students and join the biggest university tournament in Budapest. Try your student team in the university championship.

Details: <https://www.beacfoci.hu/en/news/play-football-in-beac>

# ELTE Dormitory Centre

Accommodation is essential for your studies in Hungary. The University helps you by offering you two services: **you can apply for one of our dormitory places, or you can get housing assistance** from the ELTE Housing Office and our partners. With eight dormitories in Budapest and three in Szombathely (along with other specialised facilities), ELTE has the largest dormitory capacity in Hungary.

The dormitories are popular for many reasons. They are not only affordable and comfortable - more than half of the places have been completely renovated in the past few years -, but the community makes both your everyday life and your studies much easier.

**Applications are centrally organised by the ELTE Dormitory Centre.** Announcements are available on the website. Any ELTE student, regardless of their level of studies or scholarship, can apply. The applications are for specific periods, like an academic year or the summer break.

Though, fortunately, ELTE can provide hundreds of places to its international students, our capacity is limited, and we cannot accept every applicant. Those who do not wish to join the waiting list for places, can request assistance from the ELTE Housing Office as well (for more information, see the next chapter).

**For more information about the ELTE dormitories and ongoing and future applications, please, visit the website of the ELTE Dormitory Centre:**  
<https://www.elte.hu/en/dormitory-centre>



## Students' Union - Dormitories

The student council or dormitories is a vital part of foreign students' life, representing the student body and advocating for their interests. This organization is run by elected student representatives who work to improve the quality of life for students living in college dormitories. They organize social events, provide support and advice to students, and serve as a liaison between the administration and the student body. Through their efforts, the student council helps to create a vibrant and inclusive community within the dormitories.

Feel free to reach out to us at [kommunikacio@kolhok.elte.hu](mailto:kommunikacio@kolhok.elte.hu), [info@kolhok.elte.hu](mailto:info@kolhok.elte.hu) or [kolhok.elte.hu](http://kolhok.elte.hu)!





# ELTE Housing Office

**The housing services are available only in Budapest. Please note that this is a limited market, and thousands of international and Hungarian students are looking for accommodation before the next semester. We strongly advise you to book your place as soon as possible!**

Accommodation is essential for your studies in Hungary. The University helps you by offering you two services: **you can apply for our dormitory places, or you can get housing assistance** from the ELTE Housing Office and our partners. If you are not interested in the dormitories, or your dormitory application has been rejected, you can ask the ELTE Housing Office and our housing partners to help you find accommodation.

Our partners include apartment houses, private dormitories, real estate agencies and advertising sites with a wide range of offers in every district of Budapest. Whatever you are looking for, there is a good chance you will find it with them. Why do we recommend them?

- We have been working together for years. Our partners are trustworthy - you won't be taking any risks.
- They specialise in international students. Multilingual services (administration, fast maintenance, etc.), supporting visa applications with the necessary documents, and a student-friendly attitude are our basic requirements.
- Quality accommodation and reasonable prices. You can choose from flats, apartments, hostels, private dormitories, a room alone or shared with others, in every price range, at every location. They even help you find a roommate.
- Most of them offer discounts for ELTE students. It can make a big difference if the deposit is only one month's rent instead of the standard two or three.

We suggest contacting them directly, but you can ask the ELTE Housing Office for help as well.

**You can read more about the ELTE Housing Office and our housing partners here:**  
<https://www.elte.hu/en/housing-office>



# Savaria University Centre

## Valuable ELTE Diploma – now also available in Szombathely

In February 2017, the integration of Eötvös Loránd University and Savaria University Centre was completed. In the Savaria University Centre, four structural units of ELTE offer courses:

– **Berzsenyi Dániel Teacher Training Centre**

Full range of teacher training courses from elementary-school teacher's diploma to Master's degree

– **Faculty of Informatics**

Dual training in mechanical engineering and computer programming: from vocational training to diploma

– **Faculty of Education and Psychology**

Courses in sports science and the highly popular humanities courses: psychology, community development

– **Faculty of Social Sciences**

A wide range of courses in economics: from higher education vocational training through dual training to graduate economics courses

The Savaria University Centre is a bastion of applied knowledge at ELTE, where the results of ELTE's market-leading basic research are utilised for the first time in competitive practice-oriented training courses relevant to society and industry. Strong emphasis is placed on talent management and on training teachers who can respond to the challenges of education in the 21st century.

Beyond factual knowledge, successful adaptation to a future job market is only guaranteed by the continuous development of skills. Successful adaptation to a future job market will depend on competences beyond mere knowledge. Collaboration and adaptability and a high-level IT skills, as well as language skills, are all necessary for successful career planning. The ELTE Szombathely unit, the Savaria University Centre, places great emphasis on the development of these competences.

Dual courses are essential. They are based on very close and continuously expanding cooperation with partner companies that are key players in the regional economy. Our professional structure is constantly expanding and changing in response to market needs, particularly in the fields of engineering and economics. Our teacher training is in a leading position on the national level, as well. A few years ago, ELTE launched a psychology major in Szombathely, which has attracted a steady stream of students ever since.

Szombathely offers modern education, an inspiring environment, a wide range of international contacts, modernised dormitories, and scipious monthly scholarships. We are diverse, but we become diverse through our students.

### CONTACT US

**Website:** <https://sek.elte.hu>, <https://www.felvi.hu>

**E-mail:** [felveteli@sek.elte.hu](mailto:felveteli@sek.elte.hu)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/elte.sek](http://www.facebook.com/elte.sek)

**Instagram:** [#eltesavaria](https://www.instagram.com/eltesavaria)



# Culture

## EÖTVÖS ART ENSEMBLE

**The Eötvös Art Ensemble consists of three cultural groups:**

- Béla Bartók University Choir
- University Chamber Orchestra
- Folk Dance Ensemble

The groups consist of non-professional singers, musicians, and dancers, primarily current and former students, as well as lecturers of the University.

The choir was founded in 1948, the orchestra in 1957. The repertoire of the ensemble comprises works by Baroque, Classical, and Romantic masters, as well as contemporary composers. The orchestra regularly plays symphonies and concertos, whereas the choir performs a cappella pieces. However, the choir and the orchestra often perform oratorios together. They also have experience in crossing the borders between classical and popular music.

The Folk Dance Ensemble was established in 1957 and it is led by László Kovács today. The repertoire of the Folk Dance Ensemble includes a wide range of folk dances of the ethnic groups living in the Carpathian Basin. The Ensemble is a prestigious amateur folk dance movement and was awarded Gold Grade at the last nationwide qualification. There are two groups, the beginner-intermediate group and the advanced group.

### WANT TO JOIN?

[info@zene.elte.hu](mailto:info@zene.elte.hu)



## ELTE Museums and Natural Sites to Visit



### ELTE Botanical Garden

The first Hungarian Botanical Garden was founded in 1771 by the predecessor of Eötvös Loránd University. The Botanical Garden boasts about 7,000 species and varieties of plants. The cactus, bromeliad, and orchid collections are especially rich. The arboretum with its 800 species of trees and bushes, as well as 500 types of floral plants are well worth a visit.

*"Trees give peace to the souls of men"* Nóra Waln

- **Address:** Illés utca 25, H-1083 Budapest, Hungary
- **Website:** [www.fuvesz kert.org](http://www.fuvesz kert.org)
- **Phone:** +36-1-314-0535
- **Opening hours:** every day 9-17, from 1 April to 31 October
- **How to get there:** by Subway No. 3 (Klinikák station), by Bus No. 9 or Trolleybus No. 83 (Kálvária tér)



### Biological and Paleontological Museum

The museum is located in South Buda, in the new building of the Faculty of Science, under an imposing pyramid roof. This university collection – which is unique in Hungary – demonstrates the evolution of mankind and the world's fauna with the relevant paleontological materials, full body replicas and anatomy.

- **Address:** Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C, H-1117 Budapest, Hungary
- **Phone:** +36-1-209-0555, ext. 8329 or 8645



### Mineral and Rock Collection

The Collection was established in 1774. It is the oldest scientific artefact collection at the university and the biggest such mineral and rock collection in Hungary. The Collection contains about 1,000 mineral types and almost all rock types can be found here.

- **Address:** Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C, H-1117 Budapest, Hungary
- **Phone:** +36-1-209-0555, ext. 8328
- **Fax:** +36-1-381-2110
- **E-mail:** [asvanytar@abyss.elte.hu](mailto:asvanytar@abyss.elte.hu)





### Nature Reserve and Open-Air Geological Museum of Tata

This special geological nature reserve was established on a 3.5-acre plot on Kálvária Hill in Tata since 1953. It has also functioned as an open-air geological museum since 1991.

The nature reserve displays the geological epochs, the flora and fauna of millions of years, as well as curiosities from botanical, cultural, and mining history.

It plays an important role in the education of Hungarian students of geology, cartography, geophysics, meteorology, environmental studies and geography.

The University was appointed as the trustee of this unique nature reserve in 1994, and with the financial help of the Environmental Fund it was transformed between 1995 and 1997.

- **Address: Fekete út 2, H-2890 Tata, Hungary**
- **Phone: +36-34-381-587**



### Gothard Astrophysical Observatory

The University Observatory – founded in 1881 – is a modern research and educational base. The exhibition inside demonstrates the achievements of a new, blooming science in the 19<sup>th</sup> century through the original tools and works of the founder, Jenő Gothard. With the inspiring help of the “genius loci” – the spirit of the place – internationally recognised research is performed here. The research includes the observation of light changes of magnetic stars, young emissive objects (T Tauri stars), and the perceptibly rapid changes in the atmosphere of high-mass hot stars.

- **Address: Szent Imre herceg utca 112, H-9707 Szombathely, Hungary**
- **Phone: +36-94-522-870**
- **Fax: +36-94-509-165**
- **Email: [obs@gothard.hu](mailto:obs@gothard.hu)**
- **Web: [www.gothard.hu](http://www.gothard.hu)**





# Equal OPPORTUNITIES

According to the Hungarian Higher Education Act (2011), disability covers persons with:

- visual impairment (blindness, low vision, partial sight)
- hearing impairment (deafness, difficult hearing, cochlea implant)
- physical disability
- specific learning difficulties and neurodevelopmental disorders (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD)
- speech impairment or language disorders
- Autism-spectrum disorder

The University's Disability Centre is responsible for providing direct and indirect services to ELTE citizens, including international students and staff members.

## Services:

- Forming the inclusive policy of the University
- Providing advice on universal design and accessibility
- Organising sensitivity training for students and staff
- Supporting and managing faculty disability coordinators
- Hiring and training personal non-medical assistants, note-takers, and volunteer students
- Personal guidance and counselling
- Courses and support groups (e.g. Asperger support group; Effective Learning Strategies course)
- Assistance in negotiating with the academic staff (if applicable and where appropriate)
- Adaptation of any learning materials (e.g. digitalisation)
- Making tactile materials
- Making audiomaps
- Teaching routes to persons with white cane or guide dogs
- Teaching accessible ICT techniques
- Counselling

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Head of the Disability Centre

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International students with any disability should register with the faculty's disability coordinator.

More information:

Disability coordinators at the Faculties:

[www.elte.hu/en/equal/contact](http://www.elte.hu/en/equal/contact)



# Student Support at the COUNSELLING CENTRE

During your time at the university, you may experience personal and emotional issues that have an impact on your academic work and university life.

The counselling services at ELTE offer **free and confidential support to students** to help them overcome difficulties.

Experienced psychologists at the Faculty of Education and Psychology are available to help students cope with their difficulties, understand themselves better, and find ways to manage their situations.

They are professionally trained and widely experienced clinical and counselling psychologists, all of whom are accustomed to helping people with many different backgrounds and cultures, and dealing with a wide range of issues.

## Counsellors can help you with a wide range of difficulties:

- **Family problems and parental separation**
- **Relationship difficulties**
- **Work-related problems**
- **Academic difficulties**
- **Managing transitions**
- **Anxiety and stress**
- **Mood disorder**
- **Problems with establishing contacts**
- **Problems with self-esteem**
- **Lack of motivation, doubts about the career path you have chosen**
- **The loss of an important person**

## How to meet a counsellor?

- 1) Ask for an appointment via email: [counselling@ppk.elte.hu](mailto:counselling@ppk.elte.hu)
- 2) After scheduling an appointment, you can meet a psychologist on 1-6 occasions free of charge. The psychologist will help you reconsider your problems, provide you with support, and help you manage change. Counselling sessions are held in complete confidence, in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the Psychological Ethical Code, and Counselling Centre employees are covered by the obligation of confidentiality.

## Counselling sessions are held at different locations:

1071 Budapest Damjanich utca 41-43, Building C/506, 507,114

1075 Budapest, Kazinczy utca 23-27., Ground Floor 2.

## Peer Counselling

The ELTE Peer Counselling Group and the International Peer-Counselling Organisation (IPCO) are voluntary organisations of students majoring in Psychology. These groups are devoted to helping ELTE students by offering peer counselling (under professional supervision by the Counselling Centre) regarding difficulties in studies, relationships, family or any kind of issues in a student's everyday life. IPCO offers international students six peer-counselling sessions during each academic semester. The sessions are 50 minutes long and can be held in person or online. IPCO ensures complete privacy and



confidentiality in all sessions as all peer-counsellors adhere to the ethical principles and code of conduct of psychologists. If you are an active student at ELTE and would like to book a free appointment with a peer-counsellor, contact IPCO at [ipco@ppk.elte.hu](mailto:ipco@ppk.elte.hu)

**For more information, visit IPCO's webpage and social media accounts:**

Web: <https://sites.google.com/view/ipcoppk>

Instagram @ipco\_budapest

Facebook @ipco.budapest

**ELTE Peer Counselling Group** [www.kortars.elte.hu/english](http://www.kortars.elte.hu/english);  
[www.facebook.com/eltekortarssegitocsoport](https://www.facebook.com/eltekortarssegitocsoport); [info@kortars.elte.hu](mailto:info@kortars.elte.hu).  
**International Peer-Counselling Organisation**  
<https://m.facebook.com/ipco.budapest/>; e-mail: [ipco@ppk.elte.hu](mailto:ipco@ppk.elte.hu)

# Career Guidance and COUNSELLING

ELTE, as students' alma mater, finds it essential not only to offer them quality education but also professional help with forming their careers. The ELTE Career Centre helps ELTE students plan their career sensibly and assists them in preparing for their professional activities after graduation.

**Email:** [info@karrier.elte.hu](mailto:info@karrier.elte.hu)

**Web:** [karrierkozpont.elte.hu](http://karrierkozpont.elte.hu)









# Volunteering for Sustainability and Environmental Protection

ELTE Together for Environmental Consciousness (ELTE Együtt a Környezettudatos Szemléért, abbreviated as ELTE EKSZ) is a volunteer-based institutional sustainability programme that has been operating since 2008. It has been developed and run by students, employees, and volunteers. They provide the necessary conditions for this community, thereby promoting the development of their higher education community towards sustainability. **The programme considers the application of the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG 17) as its main objective since 2015.** The continuity of the activities is supported by donations, grants (NEA), and volunteer work.

The EKSZ programme provides an opportunity for both individual and community responsibility to gain meaning through action and to show through examples that both types of activity have a significant *raison d'être*. The programme is run 100% by volunteers, and the organisers welcome university students and university employees. The mandatory 50 hours of School Community Service can also be accounted for by the environmental protection activities carried out here.

## The basic activities of the movement are the following:

- organising and conducting selective waste collection
- developing attitude-forming campaigns
- Animal-Friendly University programme
- gardening
- running a DIY and craft workshop that uses waste as raw material
- The completion of the Environmentally Conscious University programme (including offices, departments, dormitories, etc.) examines the degree of environmental awareness.
- The sustainability programme has achieved significant results through the volunteer system: it operates 1,500 collectors, 100,000 litres of selective waste are collected per week, and approximately 35,000 litres of composting capacity are available, but the most significant result is that university citizens can join long-term volunteer projects, which means 50-200 volunteers per year.







The financial savings are not negligible, either. The savings from the selective collection of waste since 2014 have been 15 million HUF, and the value of the volunteers' work is around 18 million HUF.

### **Come and be a part of sustainability work and change!**

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." (Gandhi)

**Registration:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde\\_QxTSixuFR8DskxbkGxq\\_8UT7qEZTjyQg77SWLWT0hAS7A/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde_QxTSixuFR8DskxbkGxq_8UT7qEZTjyQg77SWLWT0hAS7A/viewform?c=0&w=1)



**Website:** [www.fenntarthatosag.elte.hu](http://www.fenntarthatosag.elte.hu)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ELTEEKSZ>

The ELTE EKSZ programme cooperates with the UNI-ECO project, which is a movement to raise awareness at universities. **The website of UNI-ECO:** <https://uni-eco.umontpellier.fr/>

# About Hungary

## Facts AND FIGURES



Official name Hungary



State form Republic



Area 93,030 km<sup>2</sup>



Population 9,730,000



Capital city Budapest



Official language Hungarian



Memberships EU, NATO, Schengen Zone, UNESCO



Currency Forint (HUF)



Time zone CET (UTC+1)



Date formats yyyy.mm.dd



Country calling code +36



Internet domain .hu



Name format 1. Family Name 2. First Name



Weather continental climate, 4 seasons



Summer 23 to 28 Celsius (average)



Winter -3 to -7 Celsius (average)



# Public Holidays, and interesting Hungarian traditions

- January 1** **New Year's Day:** Hungarians eat lentil soup and pork, which is said to bring wealth and luck to the family for the whole year.
- March 15** **Anniversary of the 1848 Revolution and War of Independence**  
 Hungarians wear a "Cockade" in the national colours attached to the coat above their heart.
- Good Friday** (Movable)
- Easter Sunday and Monday** (Movable)  
 Men sprinkle women with perfume (in extreme cases with a bucket of water), women give men chocolate eggs, painted eggs and, of course, "pálinka" (Hungarian spirits). Typical meals are ham, served with horseradish and boiled eggs.
- May 1** **Labour Day**
- Pentecost Sunday and Monday** (Movable)
- August 20** **Day of Hungary's first king, St. Stephen,** the greatest national holiday, celebrated with all-day festivities followed by a spectacular firework display on the banks of the Danube.
- October 23** **Anniversary of the 1956 Revolution**
- November 1** **All Saints' Day**
- December 25-26** **Christmas** On December 24, Hungarians celebrate Christmas Eve, a Christmas tree is decorated, families gather together. Typical meals on Christmas Eve: fish soup, stuffed cabbage, fried fish, beigli (a traditional walnut or poppy seed roll).







# Hungarian CUISINE

Hungarian food is often regarded as one of the spiciest in Europe.

The most popular spices are paprika, black pepper, and onions. Potatoes are used in many dishes. Hungarians are also famous for using sour cream and other dairy products in their soups, desserts, stuffed pancakes, and vegetable dishes. White bread is popular accompaniment to Hungarian dishes.

## A few basic dishes to taste in the country:

**Fish Soup** – made of freshwater fish and paprika, served best in the city of Szeged

**“Gulyás” Soup** – a soup of meat and vegetables, seasoned with paprika and other spices.

**“Pörkölt”** – a delicious, juicy meat stew, prepared from beef or pork, chopped onion, paprika and other spices. You can eat it with either boiled potatoes or noodles

**Stuffed cabbage** – cabbage leaves stuffed with rice and minced pork with spicy tomato

**Somlói dumpling** – whipped cream and chocolate with a creamy character



## Climate and weather

Hungary has a typical continental climate with hot, dry summers and mildly cold snowy winters. There are four seasons in Hungary: winter (December, January, February), spring (March, April, May), summer (June, July, August), and autumn (September, October, November).

The average annual temperature is 9.7 °C. The average temperature in the summer is 23 to 28 °C, but temperatures can reach 38 °C on the hottest days in July–August. The average temperature in the winter is –7 to –3 °C and it can drop below –10 °C on the coldest days. Generally, the weather is warmest from May to September.

## Geography

Hungary is situated in the Carpathian Basin. Its two longest rivers are the Danube and the Tisza, which divide Hungary into three parts, so it is worth visiting the banks of these too. Hungary's highest point is Mount Kékes (1,015 metres) located in the Mátra mountain range. Two-thirds of Hungary's geographic area are less than 200 metres above sea level. The lowest point, near Szeged, is 77 metres above sea level.

Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe, 78 km long and between 3 and 14 km wide. Sometimes referred to as the 'Hungarian Sea', it is one of the biggest tourist attractions in the country; many Hungarians spend the summer holiday in one of the towns or villages by the lake.



# World HERITAGE SITES

Hungary has eight world heritage sites, seven in the cultural, one in the natural categories:

**Budapest, /Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter, and Andrásy Avenue/**

<http://unesco.hu/en>



**The old village of Hollókő and its surroundings**

[www.hollokotourism.hu](http://www.hollokotourism.hu)



**Aggtelek National Park**

[anp.nemzetipark.gov.hu](http://anp.nemzetipark.gov.hu)



**The Benedictine Archabbey of Pannonhalma and its natural environment**

<https://pannonhalmifoapatsag.hu/>



**Hortobágy National Park – the Great Plain (Puszta)**

[www.hnp.hu](http://www.hnp.hu)



**Early Christian necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae)**

[pecsorokseg.hu](http://pecsorokseg.hu)



**Cultural landscape of Lake Neusiedl (Fertő tó)**

[www.fertopart.hu](http://www.fertopart.hu)

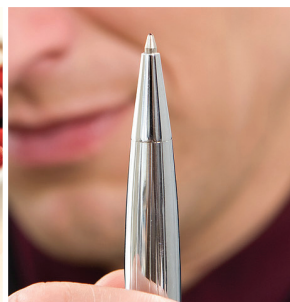
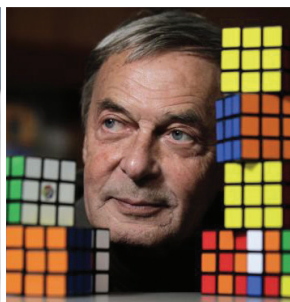


**Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape**

[www.tokaj.hu](http://www.tokaj.hu)



# Did you KNOW?



## Beware! Vampires ahead!

Although Vlad the Impaler (1431 -1476), more commonly known as Dracula, was born in the Kingdom of Hungary, he was in fact of Romanian origin. He was also imprisoned in the castles of Visegrád and Buda. Not actually for sucking blood, but for high treason. Interestingly, Hungarian actor Béla Lugosi became the most famous Dracula on the silver screen in the first half of the 20th century: his character was famous for his thick Hungarian accent and his line "I will suck your blood!"



## Hungarian language

The official language of Hungary is Hungarian and it is one of the official languages of the European Union. Hungarians call their language "Magyar". It is a member of the Finno-Ugric language family and it is not related to any of the languages in neighbouring countries. Hungarians tend to attach great importance to the uniqueness of their language; they are even proud of it. Hungarian can be considered an exception among European languages, primarily due to the fact that it does not belong to the Indo-European language family which includes most other European languages. Oh, and as for its type: Hungarian is an agglutinative language, meaning that endings are attached to words in a prescribed order – in layman's terms, we love long word monsters. Otherwise, Hungarian is rather politically correct. In fact, it does not know grammatical gender – there's no difference between his ball and her ball. It is a less known fact that Hungarian also loaned some words to the English language: coach (kocsi), hussar (huszár), itsy-bitsy (ici-pici) and sabre (szablya).



## Some inventions

If you ask a Hungarian to mention some Hungarian inventions, they will come up with a list that includes basically everything that is of any importance in the world, including computers and helicopters. Well, there is always some truth in these claims, but they tend to exaggerate. Here are some actual Hungarian inventions and discoveries though: the ballpoint pen (László Bíró), Rubik's Cube (Ernő Rubik), holography (Dénes Gábor), the safety match (János Irinyi), the concept of nuclear chain reaction (Leó Szilárd), the theory of the hydrogen bomb (Ede Teller), the electric motor (Ányos Jedlik), the cure for puerperal fever (Ignác Semmelweis), vitamin C, discovering the components and reactions of the citric acid cycle (Albert Szent-Györgyi), mRNA technology in immunology and therapies (Katalin Karikó).



## Hungary, ELTE, and the Olympic Games

Strangely enough for such a small country, Hungarians are ranked number ten in the All-Time Olympic Games medal table. We are very proud that six ELTE students participated in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. One of them, the swimmer Boglárka Kapás, won a bronze medal in the Women's 800m Freestyle. Áron Szilágyi became the fifth fencer in the history of the modern Olympic Games since 1896 to win back-to-back individual gold medals. Csaba Burján, a student of the ELTE Faculty of Science, also became an Olympic champion when he won a gold medal for Speed Skating in the 2018 Winter Olympics.





### ✓ Hungarian names

In Hungary, as in China, Japan, and Korea, the so-called Eastern name order (family name followed by given name) is used. Interestingly, while Japanese and Hungarian names are usually reversed when individuals with such names are mentioned in Western countries (e.g. Puskás Ferenc becomes Ferenc Puskás), Chinese and Korean names, as well as the names of historical Japanese figures are usually left in the Eastern order (e.g. Mao Zedong). Hungarians also celebrate name days. Each given name is assigned to one or more days in the calendar.

People usually give some minor gifts, like flowers or sweets, to each other on this occasion.

### ✓ DA DA DA! Da da da da da dadada dadada da da da da da dada!

Should you have not recognised the quoted "lyrics" in the title, we'll help you: it is the fanfare of the major American film studio 20th Century Fox. It was founded by William Fox (born as Vilmos Fried in Tolcsva, Hungary), a Hungarian Jew. Adolph Zukor, founder of Paramount Pictures, and Michael Curtiz, Hungarian film director, are two more founders of Hollywood filmmaking. Other Hungarian-born figures that were present at the birth of Hollywood are actor Béla Lugosi and director George Cukor.

Recently, it seems Hungarian films have done well in the film award seasons. In 2016, László Nemes Jeles with his debut feature film, "Son of Saul" ("Saul fia" in Hungarian) won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In the next year, Kristóf Deák's film "Sing" ("Mindenki" in Hungarian) won the 2017 Academy Award for "Best Live Action Short Film". "On Body and Soul", written and directed by Ildikó Enyedi, was selected as the Hungarian entry for the Best Foreign Language Film and was nominated for the Oscar at the 90th Academy Awards.

### ✓ The Renaissance of Hungarian Wine-making

If you are from a country that has no wine-making traditions, you'll surely be surprised to find that you can purchase good quality bottled wines for as little as 1,500 HUF. Hungary's internationally best known wine is probably the white dessert wine Tokaji, but there are many more wine regions in the country, such as Badacsony, Eger, Szekszárd, and Villány. "Fröccs" (spritzer), a mixture of wine and soda water, has recently become popular again. It is a true Hungarian speciality. Depending on the ratio of wine to soda water, there are various types of "fröccs" drinks. The name of the "fröccs" reflects the proportion of wine.

#### Here are some examples:

"Kisfröccs": 1 dl wine + 1 dl soda water

"Nagyfröccs": 2 dl wine + 1 dl soda water

"Hosszúlépés": 1 dl wine + 2 dl soda water

"Házmester": 3 dl wine + 2 dl soda water

"Viceházmester": 2 dl wine + 3 dl soda water



# Living in Budapest

## Famous sights

### IN BUDAPEST



#### **Buda Castle Hill**

The Castle Hill, which houses the Royal Palace, the Fisherman's Bastion, and Matthias Church, is easily visible from everywhere in Budapest. Exploring the beautiful buildings and cobblestone streets in the Castle District can take an entire day, but it is time well spent. The Royal Palace, rebuilt in Neoclassical style in the place of the once-famous medieval palace, is home to the Hungarian National Gallery, the Budapest History Museum, and the National Széchényi Library. The Fisherman's Bastion is one of the most fascinating sights on the Castle Hill. Although fishermen from Watertown reputedly defended this part of the city during the Middle Ages, the Fisherman's Bastion was built in the 1890s for purely decorative purposes.



#### **Chain Bridge (Lánchíd)**

The Chain Bridge was the first bridge to permanently connect Buda and Pest. At the time of its completion, the Chain Bridge was considered to be one of the wonders of the world. Crossing the bridge is just a short walk, and no matter which direction you go, the view is beautiful.



#### **Opera House (Operaház)**

The Opera House is not only one of the most significant artistic monuments of Budapest, but also the symbol of the Hungarian operatic tradition. Designed by Miklós Ybl, a major figure of 19<sup>th</sup> century Hungarian architecture, the construction lived up to the highest expectations. Ornamentation included paintings and sculptures by the leading figures of contemporary Hungarian art: Károly Lotz, Bertalan Székely, Mór Than, and Alajos Stróbl. Many renowned artists were guests here, including Gustav Mahler, the composer who directed the institution from 1887 to 1891 and founded the international prestige of the institution.



#### **Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) and City Park (Városliget)**

Heroes' Square is the largest and most impressive square in the city. The Millennium Monument standing in the middle of the square was erected in 1896 to commemorate the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarians' arrival in the Carpathian Basin. The Museum of Fine Arts (Szépművészeti Múzeum) is located on the northern side of the square. The Hall of Art, an exhibition hall for contemporary art, is on the southern side. The City Park, which is just behind the square, provides a refreshing escape from the bustle of the city. The 1896 Millennium Celebrations took place here, leaving many attractions behind. Vajdahunyad Castle was built to exemplify various architectural styles of Hungary, and has Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque elements. There is a boating lake next to the castle, which is turned into an ice skating rink in winter.





### **Margaret Island (Margit-sziget)**

Margaret Island now serves as a recreational park in the middle of the Danube. It is a great place to take a walk, swim a few laps or go for a run. During the summer months, bicycles are also available for hire. Since vehicles are prohibited, the island is a fantastic place to escape from the city's traffic.



### **Central Market Hall (Központi Vásárcsarnok)**

The spectacular Central Market Hall is a good place to buy Hungarian products. You can also stop by for a quick bite of traditional Hungarian food when touring the city. Shop with the locals for meat, cheese, fruits, vegetables, and pastries.



### **Andrássy Avenue (Andrássy út)**

This elegant avenue, recognised as a World Heritage Site, is often referred to as the Champs-Élysées of Budapest. It is also called a cultural avenue, as the Opera House, the best theatres in the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, and several museums and theatres are located on the avenue or nearby.



### **Váci Street and Vörösmarty Square (Váci utca and Vörösmarty tér)**

Váci Street is perhaps the most famous street in Budapest. It runs from Vörösmarty Square to the Central Market Hall and features a large number of restaurants, shops, and cafés. Vörösmarty Square, located at the heart of Budapest, is always busy. This is where the famous Gerbeaud Café, as well as one of the terminuses of the Millennium Underground, can be found.



### **The Hungarian National Assembly (the House of Parliament) (Országház or Parlament)**

The Parliament building, a magnificent example of Neo-Gothic architecture, is just over 100 years old. It is the third largest Parliament building in the world and also home to the Hungarian Crown Jewels. Guided tours start from the Visitor Centre, located next to the northern façade of the building, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 or 6 p.m., depending on the season. Visits to the House of Parliament are restricted when the National Assembly holds its plenary sessions.

For further information, visit the website of the Hungarian Tourism Agency ([gotohungary.com](http://gotohungary.com)) or one of Tourinform's offices (e.g. Tourinform Center close to Deák Ferenc Square, address: 1052 Budapest, Sütő utca 2), where you can pick up free brochures, city maps, and guidebooks.



# Arrival in BUDAPEST

## AIRPORT

Budapest Airport, officially called Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (former name: Ferihegy) is the main international airport in the country. It is situated approximately 20 km south-east off the city centre. For more information about the airport and the flights it serves, visit [www.bud.hu](http://www.bud.hu).

### How to reach the city centre from Budapest International Airport?

**Bus 100E** takes passengers from the Airport to Deák tér and back.

The first bus leaves from the airport each morning at 5 a.m., and the last one at 1.20 a.m. It leaves from Deák tér every thirty minutes from 3.40 a.m. to 0.40 a.m. Bus 100E stops at the BKK bus stop at the Airport between the two terminals on the Arrivals level.

Passengers may get off the bus on the way to Deák tér at Kálvin tér and Astoria stations.

**PLEASE NOTE!** A special ticket must be purchased for bus 100E for HUF 1,500 – other tickets or season tickets are not valid for this service. You can buy this ticket from a ticket vending machine at the Airport, or from the bus driver on the bus (please keep in mind that the bus driver only accepts HUF in cash, not debit cards or other currency, but you can use your debit card while paying at one of the vending machines).

**Bus 200E** takes passengers to Kőbánya-Kispest underground/metro station (line M3) from the Airport and back. From the Kőbánya-Kispest metro station, passengers can take the M3 metro towards Újpest Központ to reach the city centre. It is possible to change for metro lines M1 and M2 at Deák Ferenc tér station in the city centre.

Tickets for public transportation (such as bus 200E) priced 350 HUF are available at the Airport from BKK at the customer service points, the post office, the newsagents (Relay), and the ticket machines at the bus stop. It is also possible to purchase a ticket from the bus driver for 450 HUF. The post office is located on the mezzanine level in Terminal 2A, where 24-hour, 72-hour, weekly, and monthly travel passes for Budapest public transport are also available. Newsagents only sell single tickets, 10-piece ticket booklets, and short section tickets.

#### BudapestGO APPLICATION

(You can download the app from Google Play, from the App Store or for Windows)

Use the application to plan your journey in Budapest using BKK public transport services.

All operating buses, trams, and trolleybuses are displayed on the map.

On the nearby departures screen, the app collects departing routes from stops in the area, which will start in the near future.

By clicking on a stop on the map, real-time upcoming departure times and the full timetable for that stop are shown.

You can mark a place or a stop as a favourite to be able to access it more quickly.



## RAILWAYS

Hungarian State Railways (Magyar Államvasutak or MÁV) is the national railway company in Hungary.

### There are three international railway stations in Budapest:

- Eastern Railway Station or Keleti pályaudvar (1087 Budapest, Kerepesi út 2-4)
- Western Railway Station or Nyugati pályaudvar (1062 Budapest, Teréz körút 55)
- Southern Railway Station or Déli pályaudvar (1013 Budapest, Krisztina krt. 37/A)

Each railway station is part of the Budapest underground railway network ("metró" in Hungarian). The Southern and Eastern Railway Stations are situated at metro stations along line M2 (Red Line) and Western Railway Station is situated on metro line M3 (Blue Line).



More than fifty trains provide direct links between Budapest and twenty-five other European capitals. Direct trains to Vienna run every one or two hours, departing from Budapest between 5.40 a.m. and 8.40 p.m.

**Timetables:** [www.mavcsoport.hu/en](http://www.mavcsoport.hu/en)



## INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC COACH SERVICE

VOLÁNBUSZ operates most of the international and domestic coaches from Budapest, and also the regional lines and those crossing the agglomeration. During the day, there are coaches every hour or more often in the direction of Eger, Salgótarján, Gyöngyös, Jászberény, Kecskemét, Székesfehérvár, Veszprém, Tatabánya, and there are many lines to the Mátra Mountains, the Great Plain, Lake Balaton, and other destinations.

**More information:** <https://www.volanbusz.hu/en>



The main International Coach Station is situated in Népliget, on metro line M3 (1091 Budapest, Üllői út 131). To find specific connections, please check the websites of the main international coach companies (e.g. EUROLINES, Flixbus, or Student Agency).

## PASSENGER VESSELS ON THE DANUBE

Hydrofoil services operate during the summer months (from April to October) linking the heart of Budapest with Vienna and Bratislava. International moorings on the Danube in Budapest are between Lánchíd (Chain Bridge) and Szabadság híd (Liberty Bridge).

## DRIVING

All motorways and most of the main roads radiate from Budapest. Most motorways are toll ways, so you have to buy e-vignettes that are available at the border, at larger petrol stations, or online ([www.hungary-vignette.eu](http://www.hungary-vignette.eu)). Road signs conform to continental standards. It is mandatory to wear seatbelts in both the front and back seats, and drivers may not use mobile phones while the vehicles are in motion. The alcohol limit is zero. Speed limits are 50 km/hour (31 mph) in built-up areas and 90 km/hour (56 mph) elsewhere, except on dual carriageways (110 km/hour, 68 mph) and motorways (130 km/hour, 80 mph).



# Getting around IN BUDAPEST

Budapest has an efficient, diverse, and low-cost network of transportation, including buses, underground railways, trolleybuses, trams, suburban railways (HÉV), and boat services. The Centre for Budapest Transport (Budapesti Közlekedési Központ, BKK) is responsible for the main transport services in Budapest (including the bus, tram, metro, suburban railway and trolleybus networks) in an integrated system. BKK Customer Service Offices can be found in and around Budapest Airport, major train and subway stations and the city centre.

## Transportation tickets and passes

If you want to use public transportation, keep in mind that you must have a valid ticket or pass. Tickets are available all around the city at metro stations, tram stations or street kiosks. Once you have a ticket or pass, you can use it on the whole network, regardless of the service. Exceptions are: Danube public boat services at weekends, the Buda chairlift, and the Castle Hill Funicular services. Note that Budapest Passes (such as the BKK Monthly Student Pass) are only valid within the administrative borders of Budapest; you might need to purchase additional tickets if you intend to travel to neighbouring municipalities using the bus or suburban railway services. On the other hand, Budapest Passes are valid on the lines of service providers other than BKK within the borders of Budapest (MÁV, Volán), so you can use some train or regional bus services in Budapest. As for single tickets, you need to validate a new ticket for each journey. If you are in hurry, single tickets are available from the bus/tram driver at a higher price.

You can also download the "Közlekedési Mobiljegy" app with which you can easily purchase your monthly pass (with a credit card). The app has an English menu and you can open the pass on your phone when needed.

### Ticket types and prices (August 2023):

- Single ticket: 350 HUF (450 HUF if purchased from the driver)
- Monthly Budapest pass for students 3,450 HUF (with a valid student ID)

**Note!** Passengers travelling without a valid ticket or pass can be fined. Ticket inspectors are liable to appear at any time on board. The fine is HUF 8,000 on the spot; 16,000 HUF if paid afterwards using a postal cheque. You can only access the subway network upon presenting your ticket or pass.

## Buses

Budapest has more than 200 bus routes covering most of the inner city and suburban areas. Some routes offer an express service, indicated with an "E" following the bus number. On the main routes, services are available even at night.





## Subways

### The Budapest subway network has four lines:

- M1 or the Yellow Line: between Vörösmarty tér and Mexikói út
- M2 or the Red Line: between Déli pályaudvar and Örs vezér tere
- M3 or the Blue Line: between Újpest Központ and Kőbánya-Kispest
- M4 or the Green Line: between Kelenföld vasútállomás and Keleti pályaudvar

The Yellow Line is the oldest subway line in Hungary and also in mainland Europe. It was opened in 1896 for the Millennium celebrations. The newest line is the Green Line which was opened in 2014. Subways run from 4.30 a.m. until 11.30 p.m.

## Suburban railway (HÉV)

The suburban train service of Budapest (HÉV) connects Budapest with the suburban areas. A popular journey for tourists is from Batthyány tér to Szentendre. Keep in mind that if you leave the area of Budapest, you need to purchase an additional ticket to your destination in the suburbs.

## Boat

### Budapest has two operating public boat lines:

- BKK-MAHART boat services in the city centre\*
- D-14: Csepel-Királyerdő - Soroksár, Molnár-sziget\*\*

\* One single ticket for this public transport boat is HUF 1,500, but you can travel with your monthly Budapest pass free of charge from Tuesday to Thursday.

\*\* One single ticket for this public transport boat is HUF 110 but you can travel with your monthly Budapest pass free of charge every day.

More information:

<https://bkk.hu/utazasi-informaciok/kozossegi-kozlekedes/hajozaratok/#mahart>



## Taxi

You can always hail a cab in the street, but it is cheaper to book one over the phone, online or with apps. You should avoid hailing unmarked taxi cars. Even if they have a taxi sign on the roof and are seen standing at taxi ranks, do not get in the car unless they have a company name on the outside of the car. Since September 2013, every taxi has been uniformly yellow in Budapest.

## Biking in Budapest – The MOL Bicycle-Sharing Network, BUBI

The MOL Bubi is a bicycle-sharing network in Budapest. The apple-green bikes can be hired from and returned to any docking station found at major transport hubs in the city centre. Currently 1,200 bikes can be hired from 158 docking stations in the centre of Budapest.

More information on fees and on how to use the system: [molbubi.hu](http://molbubi.hu)



## Car-sharing service in Budapest - GreenGo Car Europe

A new car-sharing service, GreenGo Car is available from November 2016 in Budapest. The objective of GreenGo Cars is to provide a new, convenient, fast, and environment-friendly means of transport. Electric cars are available at many points of the city, you just need to download an app and register for the service.

More information on the fees and on how to use the system: [www.greengo.hu](http://www.greengo.hu).



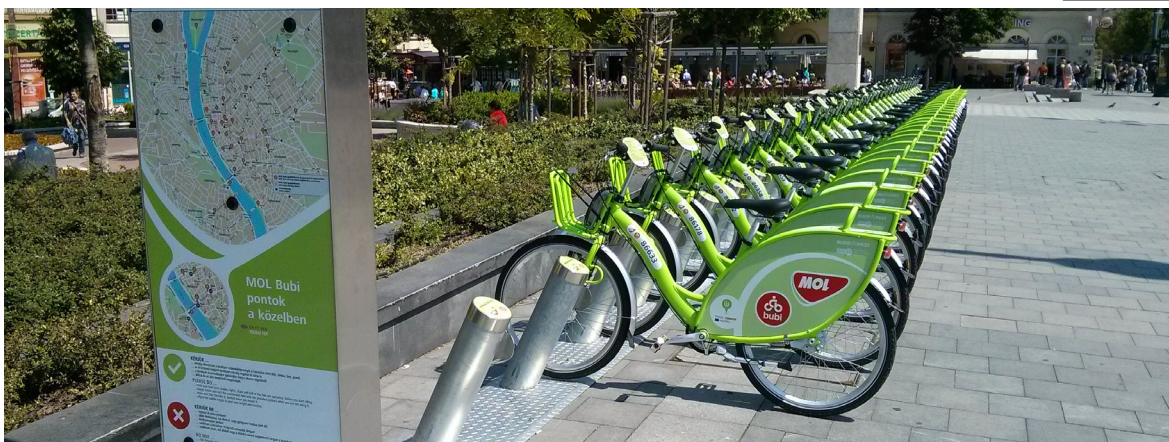
## Night buses

The night transport service in Budapest is one of the best in Europe. You will find that you can get anywhere in the city using night buses. Night buses usually start at midnight and run until 4 a.m. every night. The numbering of night buses starts with No. 9.

**Note that some night buses on very busy lines run quite often (every 10 or 15 minutes), but lines running to the suburbs run only once or twice an hour.**



For more information on timetables, check the website of BKK ([www.bkk.hu](http://www.bkk.hu)).



# SAFETY

Hungary is generally a safe country, and people in Hungary are hospitable. Violent crime is relatively rare in Budapest, but pickpockets may be active on public transport vehicles, in crowded shops, food markets, and popular tourist venues.

### A few tips:

- Wallets should not be kept in the back pockets of your trousers or in the outside pockets of your bag.
- Keep your money, documents, mobile phone safe and secure in an inside pocket.
- Passports and travel documents should be kept in a safe place.
- Do not show your cash, particularly large banknotes, unnecessarily in public places.
- In general, do not do anything that you would not do in your own country.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Ambulance: **104**
- Police: **107**
- Fire Brigade: **105**
- European Emergency Number: **112**

# Pharmacies and HOSPITALS

## Pharmacies (gyógyszertár):

Pharmacies are usually open until 8 p.m., but some are open around the clock with dispensing chemists on night duty. Note if you go to a pharmacy in the evening or during the night, you have to go to a special window and sometimes ring a bell too.

### Here is a list of some 24-hour pharmacies:

#### City centre:

Teréz gyógyszertár: 1067 Budapest, Teréz körút 41

#### Other districts:

Óbuda gyógyszertár: 1032 Budapest, Vörösvári út 84

Elefánt gyógyszertár: 1101 Budapest, Pongrácz út 19

Déli gyógyszertár: 1123 Budapest, Alkotás út 1/B

Örs vezér gyógyszertár: 1148 Budapest, Örs vezér tere 23

Nagyicce gyógyszertár: 1163 Budapest, Veres Péter út 11/B

Thököly gyógyszertár: 1183 Budapest, Thököly út 3

Hétkorona gyógyszertár: 1195 Budapest, Ady Endre utca 122

Tília gyógyszertár: 1212 Budapest, Görgey Artúr tér 8

#### Hospitals (kórház)

##### Merényi Gusztáv Kórház

1097 Budapest Gyáli utca/út 17-19

##### Péterfy Sándor utcai Kórház

1076 Budapest, Péterfy Sándor utca 8-20

##### Szent István Kórház

1097 Budapest, Nagyvárad tér 1

##### Szent László Kórház

1097 Budapest, Albert Flórián út 5-7

##### Szent Imre Kórház

1115 Budapest, Tétényi út 12-16

##### Uzsoki utcai kórház

1145 Budapest, Uzsoki utca 29-41

## General cost of living

Hungary is considered to be an affordable country compared with Western Europe. Still, please be careful about your expenditure, because living in Budapest is getting more and more expensive. Especially on the main tourist sites, the city offers a huge variety of bars, restaurants, and shops with a high prices. You just need to take a short walk from the centre, and you will find places with more reasonable prices. Considering the different expenditures, you can calculate with the following rate: 1 EUR = approx. 370 HUF June, 2023.



# Paying taxes in Hungary

If you study at ELTE with a Hungarian government scholarship (e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum), you are required to apply for a Tax Card after your arrival in Hungary. You need to request a Tax Card in person at the National Tax and Customs Administration (Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal). First application for a Tax Card is free of charge. You will need to take your passport with you.

You need to pay taxes if you have a job in Hungary or you receive any other income from any source in Hungary.



Read more: [www.elte.hu/en/content/tax-card.t.122?m=69](http://www.elte.hu/en/content/tax-card.t.122?m=69)



## Banking in HUNGARY

If you study at ELTE with a Hungarian governmental scholarship (e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum), you are required to open a Hungarian bank account where your scholarship will be transferred.

You are free to choose any bank that will accept your application. That is a private business decision for the bank. Before opening a bank account, the bank needs to get to know its potential clients. This may require more care in assessing bank account requests from non-residents. Some banks may, therefore, have a policy not to accept non-resident costumers.

To open a bank account, you must present your passport and another identification document (such as a driver's license, tax card, etc.). If you are a non-EEA student, it is usually necessary to have a valid residence permit and address card to open a bank account, although some banks

allow foreigners to open an account on presentation of a passport. In Hungary, banks are typically open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Banks are not open on Saturdays, except for some branches in shopping centres.

*If you need help to open a bank account, you can ask your mentor to assist you.*

### Automatic teller machines (ATMs)

ATMs can be found all over Hungary and Budapest. Hungarian banks charge a commission on the use of ATMs. Note that higher fees might apply for using an ATM that is not operated by the bank that issued your bank card.

You do not need to worry about exchanging Hungarian Forints before your arrival and carrying cash. ATM machines are widely available in major cities, and they accept Visa and Mastercard debit cards.



# Postal and telephone services

Magyar Posta (the Hungarian Post Office) is the postal administration of Hungary. Besides normal mail delivery, Magyar Posta also offers logistics, banking, and marketing services.

Typically, you can post a letter at a post office, or you can just drop it, properly stamped, into a post-box in the street. You can easily find post offices in Budapest and the main branches are usually open until 8 p.m. As with post offices, always check when the postbox is emptied.

The country code for Hungary is 36. Calls to international destinations are in the format 00 + country code + number. On mobile phones, + can be used instead of 00.

Mobile phone use is very widespread in Hungary. There are three main service providers in the country: T-mobile, Yettel, and Vodafone. There is no major difference in the mobile phone tariffs, but fees per minute within the network are typically cheaper, so you might want to join the same provider as your friends use. You can choose either a pre-paid or a monthly payment system for phone usage.

At the beginning of each semester, ESN ELTE and the SH mentoring network helps new international students to obtain a Hungarian SIM card shortly after their arrival.

# Shopping

There are plenty of opportunities for shopping in Budapest. Most stores are open from Monday till Saturday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and, on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Shopping centres have longer opening hours from Monday till Sunday, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. On public holidays, all shops are closed. You can find the following supermarket chains in Hungary: Spar, Tesco, Lidl, Aldi, CBA, Coop.

Food markets (like the Central Market Hall) are the best places if you want to buy fresh fruit or vegetables at a reasonable price. They are open from Monday till Saturday between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Many locals do their shopping there.

One of the main and most famous shopping areas in Budapest is Váci street. It is a shopping promenade, which runs from Várház körút (Central Market Hall) to Vörösmarty square, with a large number of fashionable shops, restaurants, and cafés. Andrásy Avenue can offer another great shopping experience if you have a larger budget. It is a place where famous designer shops (like Gucci, Armani, Louis Vuitton, Dolce & Gabbana) can be found.

If you want to purchase unique gifts, there are numerous art shops in the city centre. Budapest has an expanding design community. Király utca, also known as the Design Street in Budapest, is filled with interior design and furniture stores, funky boutiques, and modern art galleries.



# Cultural programmes in Budapest

Budapest has a rich and varied cultural life. We have collected the most important current places of Hungarian culture for you.

## Cinema

Hungarians like the cinema. Budapest is full of opportunities to watch a good movie. You just need to choose whether it will be a classic Hollywood or art movie, in a 3D or art cinema, dubbed or subtitled. Ticket prices range from 1,500 to 2,500 HUF. If you present your student card, you are eligible for a discount ticket price.

If you want to watch the most popular Hollywood movies, you should go to one of the cinemas belonging to the "Cinema City" ([www.cinemacity.hu](http://www.cinemacity.hu)) chain. There is a Cinema City in almost every major shopping centre.

Art cinemas do not only offer movies but also act as a meeting point where you can drink a coffee or beer with your friends.

### Here are the most popular art cinemas in Budapest:

- Művész Cinema 1066 Budapest, Teréz körút 30 [muveszmozi.hu](http://muveszmozi.hu)
- Puskin Cinema 1053 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos utca 18 [puskinmozi.hu](http://puskinmozi.hu)
- Toldi Cinema 1052 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 36-38 [toldimozi.hu](http://toldimozi.hu)
- Uránia National Film Theatre 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 21 [www.uranianf.hu](http://www.uranianf.hu)

## Theatre

Budapest offers a huge selection of excellent plays during the theatrical season (September- May). Plays in foreign languages are regularly staged at the following theatres:

- Budapest Operetta Theatre: <http://www.operett.hu/>
- Jurányi: <https://juranyihaz.hu/hu>
- Trafó: <https://trafo.hu/en>

## Museums and Art Galleries

The museums in Budapest offer a wide variety of exhibitions: you need never be bored in the city. Museums are open from Tuesday till Sunday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you present your student card, you are entitled to a discount ticket price. Here is the list of some of the most famous museums in Budapest:

**The Hungarian National Museum** collects archaeological, historical, ethnic objects on the history of Hungary and the Carpathian Basin. It is one of the oldest and largest museums in Hungary. [mnm.hu/](http://mnm.hu/)

**The Museum of Fine Arts** was founded in 1896 and opened in 1906. The museum's collection consists mostly of international works of art, including over 120,000 items from all periods of European art. [www.szepmuveszeti.hu/](http://www.szepmuveszeti.hu/)

**The Hungarian National Gallery** was established in 1957 as the national art museum. It is located in the Buda Castle in Budapest. It has the largest public collection documenting and presenting the rise and development of fine arts in Hungary. <https://en.mng.hu/>

**Ludwig Museum – Museum of Contemporary Art** collects and displays masterworks of modern and contemporary art. The permanent collection contains valuable pieces of American pop art (Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg etc.). <https://www.ludwigmuseum.hu/en>

**Hall of Art (Műcsarnok)** is the centre of contemporary Hungarian fine art, and a key institution in the formation of an artistic canon. It is a national institution with the mission of exhibiting the most significant trends of both contemporary Hungarian and international fine art in Budapest. [www.mucsarnok.hu/](http://www.mucsarnok.hu/)

**The House of Terror Museum** is a museum and a monument at No. 60 Andrassy Avenue, the former headquarters of the communist secret police (ÁVH). Its exhibitions commemorate the victims of the fascist and communist regimes in Hungary in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including those detained, interrogated, tortured or killed in the building itself. <https://terrorhaza.hu/en>


The main goal of the Hungarian House of Photography in **Mai Mano House** is to provide a venue for Hungarian, international, historical, and contemporary photo exhibitions. [maimano.hu/](http://maimano.hu/)

# Appendix A:

## ERASMUS DATA SHEET

<b>Erasmus code of Institution</b>	HU BUDAPES01
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<b>Erasmus webpage</b>	<a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility/erasmus">https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility/erasmus</a> 
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<b>Nomination for Erasmus</b>	<p>Nominations must be sent by the Erasmus coordinator of the Home University by email to <a href="mailto:erasmus@elte.hu">erasmus@elte.hu</a> or directly to the relevant Faculty Erasmus coordinator (<a href="http://www.elte.hu/en/international-offices/faculty-international-offices">www.elte.hu/en/international-offices/faculty-international-offices</a>)</p>  <p>Please note that since 2020 the Faculty of Humanities accepts only ONLINE nominations via this link: <a href="https://btk.elte.hu/en/incoming-nomination">https://btk.elte.hu/en/incoming-nomination</a></p>  <p>Necessary information for nomination: University name and Erasmus code, name and personal data of nominated student(s), field of study, academic year and semester (autumn or spring), number of Erasmus months</p>
<b>Nomination and application deadlines</b>	
<b>Autumn semester</b>	Nomination deadline: 10 May; Application deadline: 10 May
<b>Spring semester</b>	Nomination deadline: 10 November; Application deadline: 30 November



<p><b>Application submission for Erasmus</b></p>	<p>Please contact the relevant Faculty Erasmus coordinator (<a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/international-offices/faculty-international-offices">https://www.elte.hu/en/international-offices/faculty-international-offices</a>)</p>  <p>Forms required for acceptance are the Application form and the Learning Agreement</p>
<p><b>Language requirements</b></p>	<p>Attending the courses requires at least intermediate-level (B2) knowledge of the relevant foreign language</p>
<p><b>Minimum requirement for incoming students</b></p>	<p>Min. 20 ECTS per semester in their field of study. Students are also allowed to take courses in other fields to a maximum of 10 ECTS. (A maximum of 30 ECTS can be received for the courses taken.)</p>

# Erasmus+



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# Appendix C:

## INTERNATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT ELTE

Study programmes	Preparatory year: 1 year	Bachelor's: 3 years	Master's: 2 years LL.M.: 1 year
<b>Economics</b>			
Finance and Accounting		x	
International Business Economics		x	
<b>Education and Psychology</b>			
Psychology		x	x
Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience			x
Educational Science			x
Human Resources Counselling			x
Social Integration			x
<b>Humanities</b>			
Foundation Course in English – General English	x		
Intensive Hungarian Foundation Course	x		
English and American Studies*		x	
Germanic Studies, Specialized in German Studies*		x	
Germanic Studies, Specialised in Netherlandistic Studies*		x	
Hungarian*		x	
Motion Pictures		x	
Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures, Specialised in French Studies *		x	
Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures, Specialised in Italian Studies*		x	
Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures, Specialised in Portuguese Studies*		x	
Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures, Specialised in Romanian Studies*		x	
Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures, Specialised in Spanish Studies*		x	
American Studies*			x
Archaeology			x
Assyriology			x
Bulgarian Language and Literature*			x

Study programmes	Preparatory year: 1 year	Bachelor's: 3 years	Master's: 2 years LL.M.: 1 year
Central European Studies			x
Communication and Media Studies			x
Croatian Language and Literature*			x
Cultural Heritage Studies			x
Czech Language and Literature*			x
Dutch Language and Culture Studies*			x
English Studies*			x
Film Studies			x
French Language, Literature and Culture*			x
German Language, Literature and Culture*			x
Indology			x
Instruction of English as a Foreign Language*			x
Italian Language, Literature and Culture*			x
Logic and Theory of Science			x
Philosophy			x
Polish Language and Literature*			x
Portuguese Language, Literature and Culture*			x
Romanian Language, Literature and Culture*			x
Russian Language and Literature*			x
Scandinavian Studies*			x
Semiotics			x
Serbian Language and Literature*			x
Slovakian Language and Literature*			x
Slovenian Language and Literature*			x
Spanish Language, Literature and Culture*			x
Ukrainian Language and Literature*			x

\* All literature and linguistics programmes are taught in the relevant languages.

### Informatics

Mechanical Engineering		x (7 semesters)	
Cartography			x
Computer Science	X (for BSc and MSc)	x	x
Computer Science for Autonomous Systems			x

Study programmes	Preparatory year: 1 year	Bachelor's: 3 years	Master's: 2 years LL.M.: 1 year
<b>Law</b>			
European Human Rights (part-time)			× (LL.M.)
European and International Business Law (part-time)			× (LL.M.)
International and European Taxation Programme for Economists (part-time)			×
International and European Taxation Programme for Lawyers (part-time)			× (LL.M.)
<b>Primary and Pre-School Education</b>			
Kindergarten Education		×	
Kindergarten Education (part-time)		×	
<b>Science</b>			
Applied Mathematics			×
Astronomy (Master's degree)			×
Biology			×
Chemistry			×
Environmental Science			×
Geology			×
Materials Science			×
Mathematics			×
Meteorology			×
Physics			×
<b>Social Sciences</b>			
Cultural Anthropology			×
Ethnic and Minority Policy			×
Community and Civil Development Studies			×
Sociology		×	
International Relations		×	×
<b>Doctoral Schools/Programmes (4 years)</b>			
<b>Education and Psychology</b>			
Doctoral School of Education			
Doctoral School of Psychology			
<b>Humanities</b>			
Doctoral School of History			
Doctoral School of Linguistics			
Doctoral School of Literary Studies			
Doctoral School of Philosophy			



**Informatics**

Doctoral School of Informatics

**Science**

Doctoral School of Biology

Hevesy György Doctoral School of Chemistry

Doctoral School of Earth Sciences

Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences

Doctoral School of Mathematics

Doctoral School of Physics

**Social Sciences**

Doctoral School of Sociology

**European joint programmes for specially talented students**

EIT Digital Master School: Autonomous Systems	EIT Digital Master School	<a href="http://www.eitdigital.eu">www.eitdigital.eu</a>
EIT Digital Master School: Cyber Security	EIT Digital Master School	<a href="http://www.eitdigital.eu">www.eitdigital.eu</a>
EIT Digital Master School: Data Science	EIT Digital Master School	<a href="http://www.eitdigital.eu">www.eitdigital.eu</a>
EIT Digital Master School: Financial Technology	EIT Digital Master School	<a href="http://www.eitdigital.eu">www.eitdigital.eu</a>



# Appendix D:

## ELTE DICTIONARY

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Faculty of Humanities	Bölcsészettudományi Kar (BTK)
Faculty of Informatics	Informatikai Kar (IK)
Faculty of Science	Természettudományi Kar (TTK)
Faculty of Social Sciences	Társadalomtudományi Kar (TÁTK)
Faculty of Education and Psychology	Pedagógiai és Pszichológiai Kar (PPK)
Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education	Bárczi Gusztáv Gyógypedagógiai Kar (BGGyK)
Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education	Tanító- és Óvóképző Főiskolai Kar (TÓK)
Faculty of Economics	Gazdaságtudományi Kar (GTK)
Berzsenyi Dániel Teacher Training Centre	Berzsenyi Dániel Pedagógusképző Központ (BDPK)
Campuses	
KAZY, IZU	Abbreviations for Faculty of Education and Psychology campuses
KAZY	The Institute of Education is situated in Kazinczy utca (=street name)
IZU	The Institute of Psychology in Izabella utca (=street name)
Lágymányos	Campus in Buda where the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Informatics are located.
SEK	Savaria University Centre (Szombathely)
Trefort	Campus of the Faculty of Humanities
MUK	Múzeum körút campus of the Faculty of Humanities
Organisations and activities	
Quaestura	Student Service office (student cards + Neptun passwords will be issued there)
BEAC	Budapest University Athletics Club
EHÖK	University Students' Union
ESN ELTE	Erasmus Student Network of ELTE
OTDK	National Scientific Student Conference
Other useful ELTE expressions	
Neptun	Electronic registry system at ELTE
Egyetemi Könyvtár	University Library







# Appendix E:

## ENGLISH – HUNGARIAN

### MINI PHRASE-BOOK

#### Greetings and wishes

Hi/Hello	Szia!/Sziasztok!
Good morning/afternoon/evening	Jó reggelt!/napot!/estét!
How are you? (friendly)	Hogy vagy?
Fine/Not so good	Jól/Nem túl jól
Thank you	Köszönöm
And you? (friendly)	És te?
You're welcome	Szívesen!
Have a nice day	Legyen szép napod!
Have a nice weekend.	Jó hétvégét!
Good night.	Jó éjszakát!
Good bye.	Szia!/Viszlát!/Viszontlátásra!
Enjoy your meal. (or: bon appetit)	Jó étvágyat!
Cheers!/Bless you (when someone sneezes)	Egészségedre!

#### Introduction and socialising

What's your name?	Hogy hívnak?
My name is (John Doe)	(Doe John)-nak hívnak.
Nice to meet you.	Örülök, hogy találkoztunk!
Where are you from?	Honnan jött(él)?
I'm from (the U.S./Hungary)	(Az Egyesült Államokból/Magyarországról) jöttem.
Do you speak (English/Hungarian)?	Beszélsz (angolul/magyarul)?
Just a little	Csak egy kicsit.
I'm trying to learn Hungarian.	Próbálok magyarul tanulni.
Are you free tomorrow evening?	Ráérsz holnap este?
I would like to invite you to dinner.	Meghívnálak vacsorázni.
I'm single.	Egyedülálló vagyok/Nincs senkim.
I like you/I love you.	Kedvellek/ Szeretlek.

## Solving a misunderstanding

Sorry. (or: I beg your pardon.)	Bocsánat! (Bocsánatot kérek!)
Sorry. (for a mistake)	Elnézést!
No problem.	Semmi baj!
Can you repeat that please?	Meg tudnád ismételni?
I don't understand.	Nem értem.
I don't know.	Nem tudom.

## Asking for directions

Excuse me! (before asking someone)	Elnézést!
I'm lost.	Eltévedtem.
Can you help me?	Tudna segíteni?
How do I get to the airport?	Hogyan jutok el a repülőtérre?
Airport	Repülőtér
Bus station	Buszpályaudvar
Train station	Vasútállomás
Downtown (city centre)	Belváros
Historic centre (old city)	Óváros
How long does it take to get there?	Mennyi idő odaérni?
It's near here.	Közel van/Nincs messze.
It's far from here.	Messze van.
Go straight on.	Menj egyenesen!
Then	Majd
Turn left/right.	Fordulj balra/jobbra!

## Services

Do you accept credit cards?	Lehet kártyával fizetni?
I'd like to rent a car.	Szeretnék autót bérelni.
How much does it cost?	Mennyibe kerül?
Is this seat taken?	Foglalt ez a hely?
I'm vegetarian.	Vegetáriánus vagyok.
I don't eat pork.	Nem eszem sertéshúst.
I don't drink alcohol.	Nem iszom alkoholt.
What's the name of this dish?	Hogy hívják ezt az ételt?
Do you like it? (food/item)	Ízlik?/Tetszik?
I really like it! (food/item)	Nagyon ízlik/tetszik!
I don't like it. (food/item)	Nem ízlik/tetszik!
Can we have the bill, please?	Kérem a számlát!/Fizetni szeretnék!

# UNIVERSITY DICTIONARY

## Departments and representatives

(state) university	(állami) egyetem
rector	rektor
vice-rector	rektorhelyettes
chancellor	kancellár
vice-chancellor	kancellárhelyettes
(full) professor	egyetemi tanár/professzor
assistant lecturer	tanársegéd
assistant professor	adjunktus
associate professor	docens
visiting lecturer	meghívott előadó
research fellow	tudományos munkatárs
faculty	kar
dean	dékán
vice-dean	dékánhelyettes
department	tanszék
head of department	tanszékvezető
(Student Affairs and) Registrar's Office	tanulmányi hivatal
academic registrar/head of registrar's office	tanulmányi hivatalvezető
(faculty) international (relations) office	(kari) nemzetközi (kapcsolatok) iroda
head of international office	nemzetközi irodavezető
(faculty) international coordinator	(kari) nemzetközi koordinátor

## First steps and information

visa application/procedure	vízum ügyintézés
residence permit	tartózkodási engedély
National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing	Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság
student (identity) card/student ID/student certificate	diákigazolvány
(private) health insurance	(magán) egészségbiztosítás
certificate of student status	hallgatói jogviszony igazolás
accommodation	szállás
contract of lease	bérleti szerződés

## Being a university student

state-funded student	állami ösztöndíjas hallgató
self-funded/self-financed student	önköltséges/fizetős hallgató



tuition fee	tandíj
scholarship [received for a period after submitting an application], stipend [received monthly]	ösztöndíj (pályázat alapján egy időszakra kapott ill. havonta kapott)
scholarship/stipend holder	ösztöndíjas hallgató
scholarship/stipend agreement	ösztöndíj szerződés
<b>Studying at the university</b>	
orientation week	orientációs hét
admission	felvétel
enrolment, registration	beiratkozás
preparatory year	előkészítő év
bachelor('s degree), first degree, undergraduate level	alapképzés/alapfokozat
master('s degree), graduate level	mesterképzés/mesterfokozat
one-tier programme (leading to a master's degree)	osztatlan képzés
PhD/doctoral course, doctorate	doktori képzés
summer school/ university	nyári egyetem
academic year	tanév
semester	félév/szemeszter
course	kurzus
curriculum	tanterv
exam	vizsga
exam period	vizsgaidőszak
study period, term-time	tanulmányi/szorgalmi időszak
autumn/winter/spring/summer break	ősz/téli/tavaszi/nyári szünet
absolutorium/ pre-degree certificate [a certificate stating that all courses have been completed]	abszolutorium
(degree/MA/MSc) thesis	diplomamunka
thesis defence	diploma/disszertáció védés
(university) degree (certificate)	(egyetemi) diploma
doctoral/PhD thesis	doktori disszertáció
doctoral/PhD comprehensive examination	doktori szigorlat







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# Stay connected and join the ELTE ONLINE ALUMNI SYSTEM

(<https://www.alumni.elte.hu/>)

Did you know that you have the possibility to join the growing international alumni community at ELTE?

All students who spend at least one study semester at ELTE (including exchange students and guest students) can join the ELTE alumni community after they graduate at their home university.

Five reasons to pre-register and register for the ELTE alumni community:

Once you graduate, you will be able to...

1. use ELTE Online Alumni System (<https://www.alumni.elte.hu/>),
2. enjoy the ELTE Alumni Card discounts,
3. reconnect with your schoolmates and friends from ELTE,
4. read about ELTE alumni community events, such as movie clubs
5. become part of an ELiTE community.

ELTE International Alumni Network

Former international students can join the ELTE International Alumni Network. The ELTE International Alumni Chapter organises events for and with international alumni. Also, discounts on various university facilities and events are available for all international alumni.

Membership is free of charge. Once you apply, you will be able to enjoy the benefits that the Alumni Network has to offer. Besides our online courses and events, our plan is to organise local events in various countries. These regional events will offer international alumni of ELTE the opportunity to connect with other Network members, revive their memories of ELTE, and cherish their relationship with the university.

If you are looking for new opportunities or you would like to meet old friends, the ELTE Alumni Network is your place.

More information:

Email: [international.alumni@elte.hu](mailto:international.alumni@elte.hu)

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**Sign up and stay connected!**



# Nappali közösségi közlekedés










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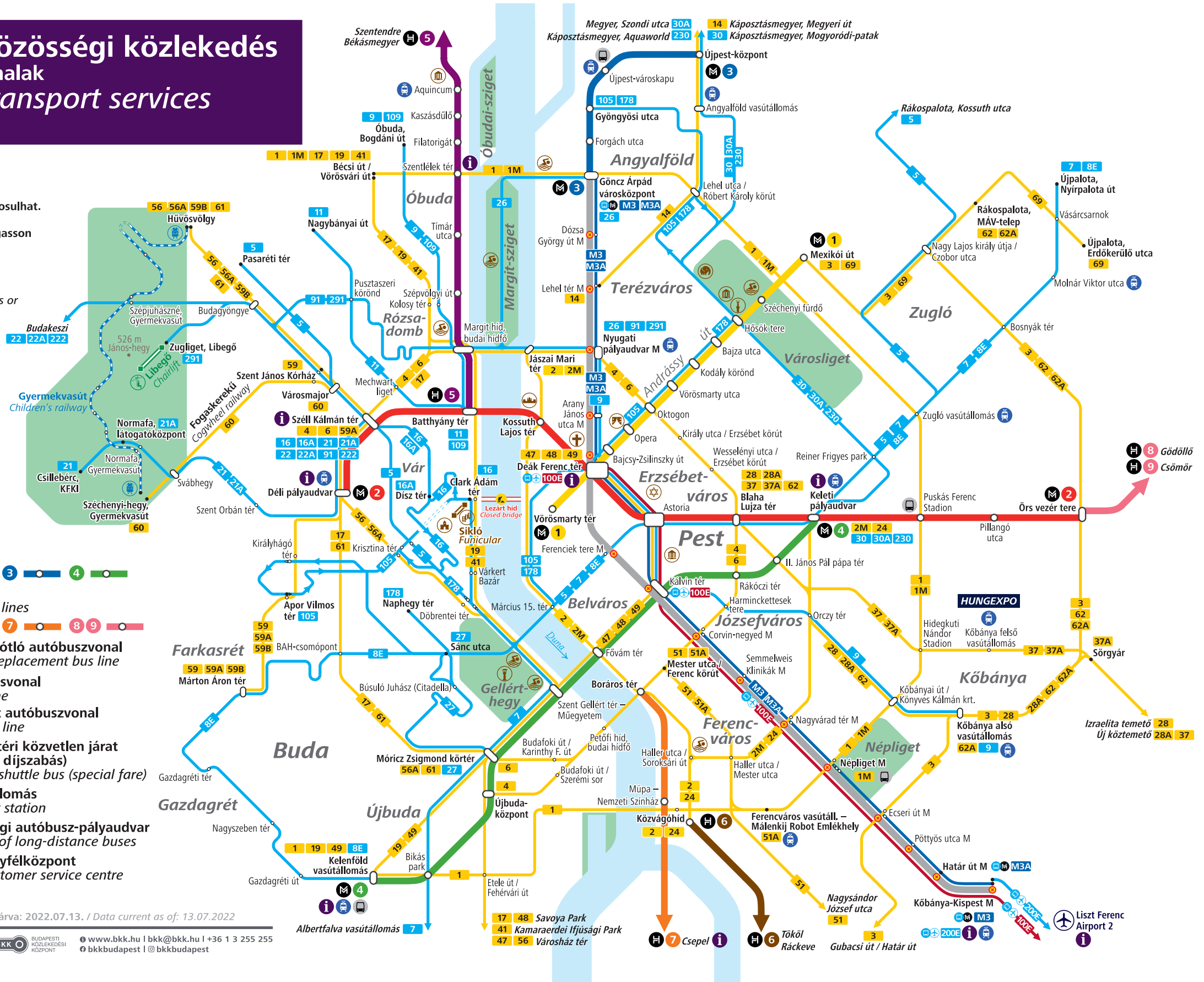
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