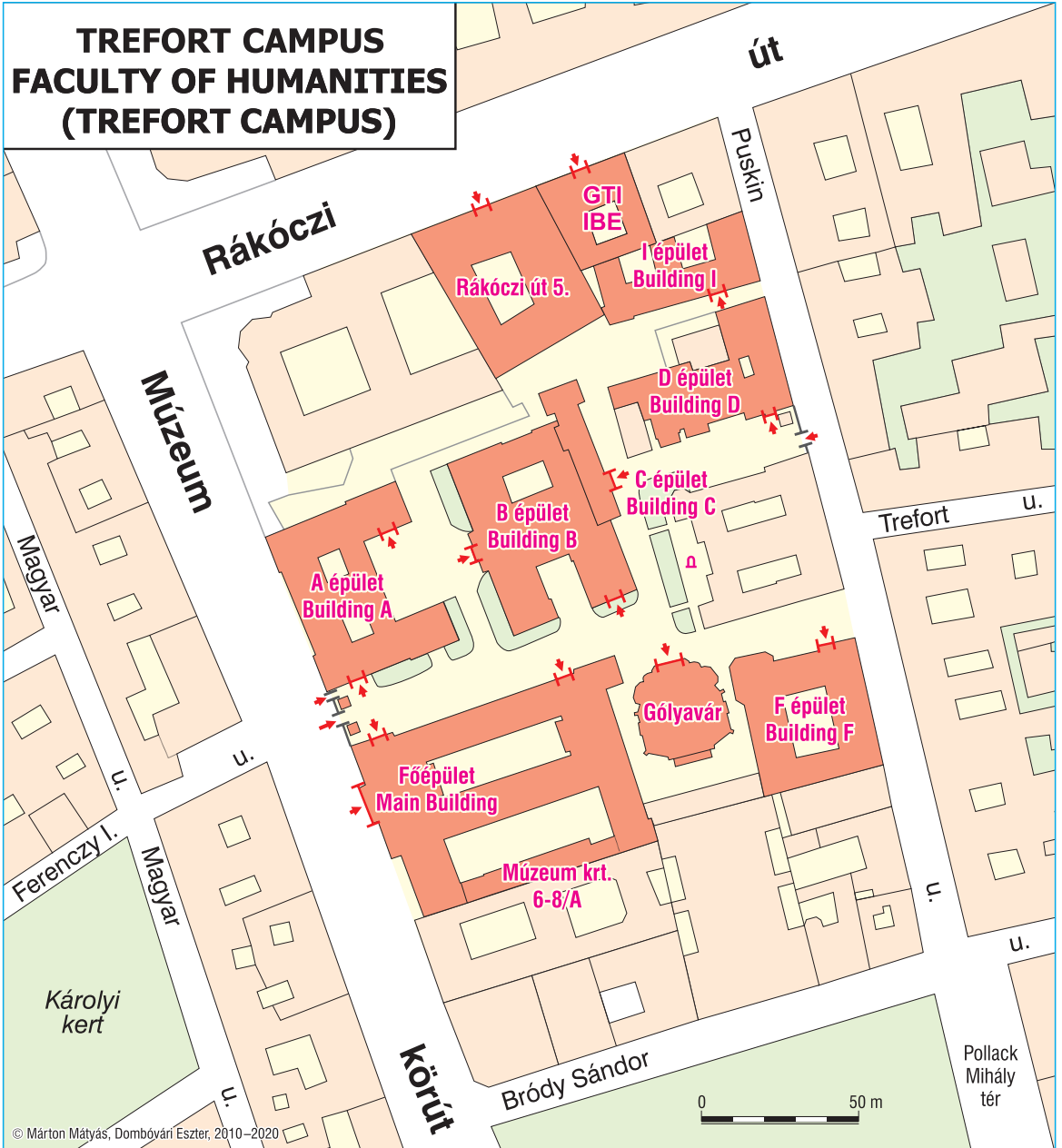




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FOR INTERNATIONAL
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2020/2021**

EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

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(TREFORT CAMPUS)**



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-  Épület / Building
-  Zárt terület / Fenced area
-  Sportpálya / Sports field
-  Parkolóhely / Parking place
-  Szobor, emléktábla / Statue, memorial tablet
-  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
-  4 Oikumene Egyetemi Gyülekezet / University Congregation
-  5 EIT Digital Budapest Társult Partner Associate Partner
-  6 BME épületek / BME Buildings
-  7 MTA épület / MTA Building

Infopark:

-  8 A épület / Building A
-  9 B épület / Building B
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-  13 G épület / Building G
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-  15 Evosoft Székház / Evosoft Building
-  16 Ericsson

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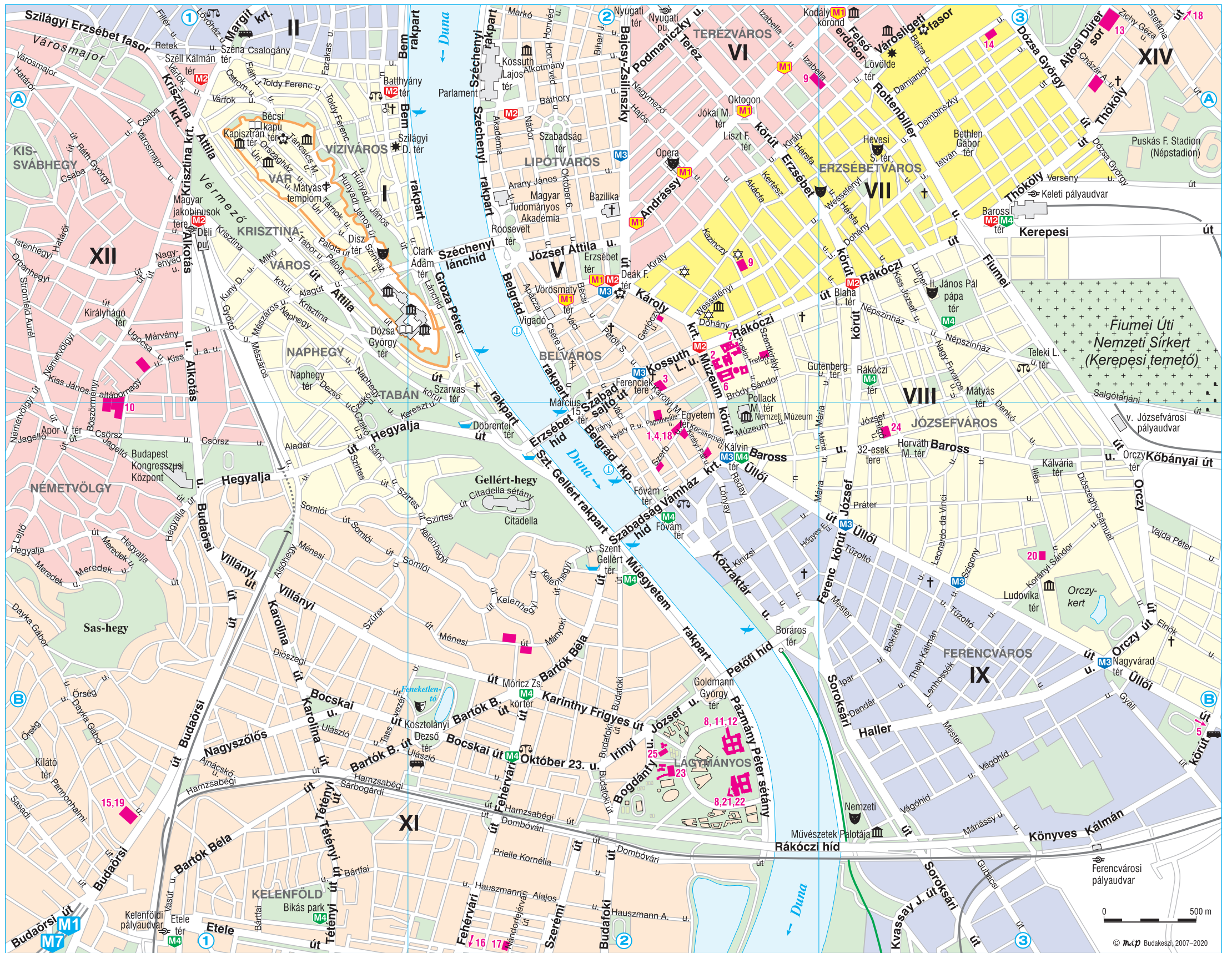
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










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	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	1053 Budapest V, Egyetem tér 5
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 Education	1097 Budapest IX, Ecseri út 3
6	Bölcsészettudományi Kar	Faculty of Humanities	1088 Budapest VIII, Múzeum körút 6-8
7	Gazdálkodástudományi Intézet	Institute of Business Economics	1088 Budapest VIII, Rákóczi út 7
8	Informatikai Kar	Faculty of Informatics	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C
9	Pedagógiai és Pszichológiai Kar	Faculty 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
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14	Damjanich Utcai Kollégium	Damjanich Utca 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	Nagytétényi Úti Kollégium	Nagytétényi Úti Dormitory	1223 Budapest XXII, Nagytétényi út 162-164
17	Nándorfejérvári Úti Kollégium	Nándorfejérvári Úti 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

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About ELTE

Welcome

Dear International Student,

You have worked hard and dedicated a considerable amount of time to achieve your goal to be accepted as a student at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Hungary. Congratulations! It is a great pleasure and delight for the community of the University to have you amongst our 2000 international students, who chose to study at ELTE – the most prestigious higher education institution in the country.

2020 has not been an easy year for students striving to study abroad, but getting here was only the beginning of your adventure. Now you can utilise this opportunity to make new acquaintances, form lifelong friendships, discover intriguing places and make the most of your stay in the heart of Europe.

You must have countless questions about ELTE, Budapest, and Hungary. With this booklet we aim to guide you along the way. Here you can find an overview of ELTE's organization, your rights and administrative obligations, your extra-curricular possibilities. We can assure you that both the university staff and your fellow students will be there to assist you during your stay.

We hope that ELTE will become more to you than just a place where you have spent a semester or a few years; that ELTE will become your alma mater, a home away from home for you in this new world you are about to experience.

On behalf of the University, we welcome you to Hungary, and wish you good luck with your studies,

**Department of Erasmus+ & International Programmes
Eötvös Loránd University**



Facts and FIGURES

- According to student and staff excellence, it is the best university in Hungary
- It is at the top of Hungarian university rankings compiled by 15-25-year-olds
- Market research shows that it is one of the most popular Hungarian brands
- The only Hungarian institution among the top five hundred universities in the Best Global Universities ranking
- ELTE is among the top three hundred institutions in the Leiden University Ranking at European level

Elte offers the widest range of higher education in Hungary

- **8** faculties (Education and Psychology, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Primary and Pre-School Education, Science, Social Sciences, Special Education)
- **45** bachelor's degree programs
- **101** master's degree programs
- **295** undivided teacher training major-pairings- **10** teacher training schools and kindergartens and institutions of public education, including 4 nationwide renowned practicing grammar schools, **15,173** courses
- More than **75** degree programs in foreign languages

Hungary's largest scientific establishment

- **79** academicians (20% of all academicians of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- **16** Doctoral Schools, **126** Doctoral Programs
- **5** Colleges for talented students

Hungary's most popular university

- **27,000** students
- The best university in Hungary (HVG Diploma 2018)

Short history OF ELTE

In **1635** Péter Pázmány signed the founding documents in Nagyszombat (today: Trnava, Slovakia) establishing the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Theology. The language of education was Latin. The Faculty of Law was founded 30 years later.

In **1777** the University moved to Buda, the language of education became German. In **1860** the University was relocated to Pest, in **1869** the language of the education became Hungarian. In 1950 the university adopted the name of the world-renowned physicist Loránd EÖTVÖS.

Between **2003** and **2006** other faculties were established: Faculty of Primary and Pre- School Education, Faculty of Special Education, Faculty of Informatics, Faculty of Education and Psychology and Faculty of Social Sciences. In **2020** ELTE has 9 faculties with the Faculty of Business Economics.

Recent awards:

2010 title of "Research University"

2012 Quality Award for International Cooperation

2013 University of Excellence





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Academic system

AT ELTE

ELTE is internationally recognized, and its programs are accredited by the Hungarian Accreditation Board. The diplomas 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 the Hungarian higher education in general takes part in the Bologna Process. Accordingly, the consecutive training cycles of the higher education leading to a higher education degree are alapképzés (Bachelor program), mesterképzés (Master program) and doktori képzés (Doctorate). Bachelor and Master courses are taught in consecutive cycles, in the form of divided training, or in cases specified by law in the form of undivided, one-tier training.

Organization of studies

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

First/Second Degree Programs (Two-tier)

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

The second higher education degree is the mesterfokozat (Master degree) along with a professional qualification. Built on a Bachelor programme, Master programmes require gaining 60-120 credits. The length of the programme is 2-4 semesters.

Integrated "Long" (One-tier) Programs

An undivided one-tier programme resulting in mesterfokozat (Master degree) is a training with the length of 10-12 semesters, requiring the completion of 300-360 credits. Besides religious education and some programmes of arts, the following programmes are conducted within one-tier Master courses: veterinary medicine, architecture, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, law and medicine.

Doctoral Program

Built on a Master programme and a Master degree, the doktori képzés (Doctorate programme) requires gaining at least 240 credits. From September 2016, the length of the programme is 8 semesters (4 years). Following a Doctorate programme, in a separate degree awarding procedure, the scientific degree "Doctor of Philosophy" (abbreviation: PhD), or in art education "Doctor of Liberal Arts" (abbreviation: DLA) may be awarded.

ECTS credit system AND GRADING

The Hungarian academic credit system following the Hungarian law is an ECTS-compatible system. The calculation of the credits is based on the number of working hours of the students (one credit is 30 student working 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)** or a three-grade scale: excellent (5), satisfactory (3), fail (1). The students' study achievement is evaluated with a grade (1-fail, 2-sufficient or pass, 3-medium or satisfactory, 4-good, 5-excellent).

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



System of assessment: ECTS conversion table

ELTE grade	Equivalent ECTS grade
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

Each semester about 2500 international students from over 80 different countries study at ELTE.

“Full degree” Bachelor, Master or PhD students undertake their entire studies at ELTE. In addition to self-funding students, Hungarian governmental scholarship holders (Stipendium Hungaricum or the Scholarship Programme for Young Christian People) are also obtaining their diploma 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 the membership of ELTE in university networks, or further (mainly governmental) scholarship programs (e.g., CEEPUS, Hungarian State Scholarships, Visegrad Fund and etc.).

ELTE Summer University participants visit ELTE, for summer programmes organized at ELTE.



Academic CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1 (AUTUMN)

Autumn registration period	1-6 September 2020 (check the Faculty notices)
Orientation Days (for international students, in English)	1-6 September 2020 (online, with on-campus faculty events)
Opening Ceremony (for Hungarian faculty and students, in Hungarian, by invitation only)	4 September 2020 (Friday)
UNESCO International Day of University Sport	25 September 2020 (Friday)

Study period

First day of the academic year	7 September 2020 (Monday)
Autumn break	26-31 October 2020 (Monday–Saturday)
Last day of tuition	11 December 2020 (Friday)

Examination period

First day	14 December 2020 (Monday)
Last day	29 January 2021 (Friday)

SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)

Spring registration period	1-7 February 2021 (check the Faculty notices)
Orientation Week (for international students, in English)	during registration period

Study period

First day of tuition	8 February 2021 (Monday)
Spring break	31 March–6 April 2021 (Wednesday–Tuesday)
Last day of tuition	15 May 2021 (Friday)
Pázmány Day	7 May 2021 (Friday)

Examination period






First day	17 May 2021 (Monday)
Last day	2 July 2021 (Friday)

Administrative to-do's

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

Please note that due to the emergency measures introduced against COVID-19 all procedures are subject to change. Make sure to consult the University homepage (www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility and www.elte.hu/en/coronavirus) and official statements released by the Hungarian government (www.abouthungary.hu)

To-do's before YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE

- 
Check the academic calendar (p 13)
 You can see the semesters, examination period, and national days
- 
Contact your faculty international coordinator (Appendix B)
 While you are here at ELTE, your faculty international coordinator will give you information about administrative issues related to your studies.
- 
Register at registration.elte.hu (only for exchange stUDENTS)
 If you are an exchange student at ELTE, please visit the online registration form and fill it in: registration.elte.hu. It is important that you register on this site so that your faculty coordinator can arrange your official student status in the online study system "Neptun" at ELTE before your arrival.
- 
Ask for a mentor (p 36)
 An English-speaking local student mentor (a member of the student organization ESN ELTE [https:// www.esnelte.hu/mentorsystem](https://www.esnelte.hu/mentorsystem) or the Stipendium Hungaricum mentor system <https://shmentor.hu/>) 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 22)
 If you are a student from an EEA country, you need to have a valid identity card or passport to enter Hungary. You do not need to arrange anything else in advance. If you are a student from a non-EEA country, you need to obtain a residence permit for the purpose of studies. You need to submit the residence permit application at the Hungarian Consulate or at other locations authorized to receive residence or

nationality. It is strongly advised to apply for the residence permit for the purpose of studies in your home country approximately one month before arriving to 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 residence permit.

 **Arrange travel and health insurance for the travel and for the time until you receive an insurance from ELTE (p 29)**

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 and you have all the necessary documents.

 **Arrange your travel to HUNGARY**

Please arrange your travel to Budapest, Hungary and arrive until the academic year starts (or preferably until the Orientation Week).

Important dates:

Orientation Week: 1-6 September 2020

First day of tuition: 7 September 2020

 **Arrange accommodation in BUDAPEST (p. 42)**

International students at ELTE can stay at one of 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 program**

As a student enrolled at ELTE, you need to know all your rights and obligations.

Please read the academic regulations at ELTE carefully, and get familiar with your right and obligations. Also, please read all additional information that is relevant to your scholarship. www.elte.hu/en/regulations

 **Sign up for a Hungarian Language Course (optional, p. 35)**


ELTE offers Hungarian language courses for international students in the summer and also during the semester. If you'd like to learn some basic Hungarian, sign up for the course.


 **Come to the Orientation Week and the Welcome Ceremony (p. 30)**


We strongly advise you that you attend the Orientation Week organized for international students at ELTE. Sign up for the programs here: www.elte.hu/en/orientation


To-do's right


AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE


- 
Meet your mentor (p. 36)
 When you arrive at the airport or your accommodation, contact your local student mentor who can show you around on campus and in the city as well.


- 
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 study system;
 - give you your Neptun code;
 - give you a certificate to prove that you have a student status at ELTE;
 - provide you with the scholarship agreement that you need to sign.

- 
Get your Neptun code and password (p. 19)
 You need to have both your Neptun code, and your Neptun password in order to be able to use the Neptun study system. Your faculty coordinator will give you your Neptun code and you can request your Neptun password in person at Quaestura Office.

- 
Request Neptun password
 Your faculty coordinator will give you your Neptun code and you can request your Neptun password in person at Quaestura Office. (<https://www.elte.hu/en/neptun>)
 Log into Neptun with your Neptun code and sign up for the courses for the AUTUMN semester 2020/2021

- 
Request a residence permit (p. 22)
 After your arrival, you need to register at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing. This registration is very important because it proves that you stay legally in the country.

- 
Request a student ID (p. 20)
 After your arrival and enrolment, you will receive a Student Certificate (Student ID) at ELTE. First, you will receive a temporary student card as it takes a bit longer time to arrange the regular (plastic) student card.

- 
Attend the Orientation Week (p. 30)
 There are Orientation Week organized 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 you can hear about the university and practical matters.

Administrative TO-DO'S



Request your health insurance: TAJ card (p. 29)

Health care services are available for students holding a Hungarian governmental scholarship. They are entitled to have a social security card, called TAJ card.



Open a hungarian bank account (p. 62)

In order to receive the scholarship, please open a Hungarian bank account and add it to the Neptun system.



Request a Tax Identification Number and Card (p. 63.)

The National Tax and Customs Administration issues the Tax Identification Number and Card. Please contact any of the offices. Without registering your Tax ID number to the Neptun system (ask the Quaestura Office for help in registering) scholarships cannot be transferred to you.



Quaestura Office

OF STUDENT SERVICES

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

Please note that due to the emergency measures introduced against COVID-19 all procedures and office hours are subject to change. Make sure to consult the University homepage (www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility and www.elte.hu/en/coronavirus), official statements released by the Hungarian government (www.abouthungary.hu) and the Quaestura notices (www.qter.elte.hu).

Services you can arrange at the Quaestura Office:

- Student ID card management
- Acceptance of Student Loan Contract
- Providing the Neptun code/user name and password for students and professors
- Health insurance management
- Providing information regarding Finances
- Providing Certificate of Students Status
- Correcting personal data in the Neptun system
- Posting service: forgotten Neptun password; temporary Student Certificate; validated plastic student card, certificate of student status.
- Transmission of the contracts of the Career Centre of ELTE
- Transmission of the Alumni registration form

For more information on the services and to find their contact information, please visit the website of Quaestura www.qter.elte.hu.

Neptun, the online study system

AT ELTE

The Neptun Education System is the electronic study system at ELTE, which makes the administration of your studies easier and faster. You can take your lectures and exams, follow the results of your courses and financial matters, and communicate with your fellows and professors via Neptun.

You can reach your Neptun account by clicking on the "Student web interface" on the opening page of Neptun. Please type your Neptun ID (6 characters) and your password and log in.

For more information on how you will get a Neptun ID, please contact your faculty coordinator. After you have the Neptun ID, you can generate a password using this [website: **https://qter.elte.hu/UjJelszo.aspx**](https://qter.elte.hu/UjJelszo.aspx). After you arrive at ELTE, you can also request your Neptun password in person at Quaestura Office.

Please read the "Neptun User Guide For Students" that you can download from the opening page of Neptun.

W: neptun.elte.hu



Student CARD

Student Card or Student ID will certify that you are a student of ELTE and will provide you with student discounts in several places (eg. monthly pass for public transportation, museum tickets etc.). It is obligatory to request a Student Card for yourself once you arrive to Hungary.

Remember, first, you have to enroll at the faculty, only then are you eligible for a student ID from the first day of the study period (September 7, 2020).

For students studying at ELTE shorter than 10 months: Temporary Student Card

To get your temporary student ID document from the first day of the study period (September 7, 2020), please visit Quaestura Office with your passport. The temporary student card is valid for 60 days and you need to renew it after 60 days at Quaestura. You can also start a request to get a permanent student card – it is optional.

For students studying at ELTE longer than 10 months: Plastic Student Card

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

Arrangement of Student Card (the main steps)

- First, you need to go to one of the offices of the Hungarian Integrated Government Customer Service (in Hungarian: “Kormányablak”). Since staff are not required to speak English in these offices, you shall ask the help of your mentor for help at this step.
- The officer of the Integrated Government Customer Service will ask you **to register in the system** there and **will take your photo** for your Student Card.
- After registration you will receive a personal ID (in Hungarian NEK azonosító)

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

- Next, you have to **upload** this ID number into the Neptun system based on instructions given by Quaestura Office /your mentor (log in to Neptun -> go to Administration -> Student card request).
- Once you uploaded your ID, **Quaestura Office will issue your temporary Student Card** until the permanent one is made.

Detailed information on how to request a student card is available here:

https://www.elte.hu/en/stUDENT_card?m=80



Your legal 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 program (a Letter of Admission document is issued and sent to you). Before you start your studies at ELTE, you need to ensure your legal status in Hungary. Considering from what part of the world you are coming to Hungary, choose the appropriate way to make your stay legal.

Please note that due to the emergency measures introduced against COVID-19 all procedures are subject to change. Make sure to consult the University homepage (www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility and www.elte.hu/en/coronavirus) and official statements released by the Hungarian government (www.abouthungary.hu)

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 you need to register your accommodation after your arrival in Hungary.

After you arrive in Budapest, you can arrange your registration card (EEA) or residence permit (non-EEA) at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (in Hungarian: Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság, abbreviated as OIF). In the office, you can arrange your registration card, prolongation of the national permit, authority's approval of invitation letter, report of accommodation.

Visiting address to the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing for students in higher education:

Client Service II (Budapest)

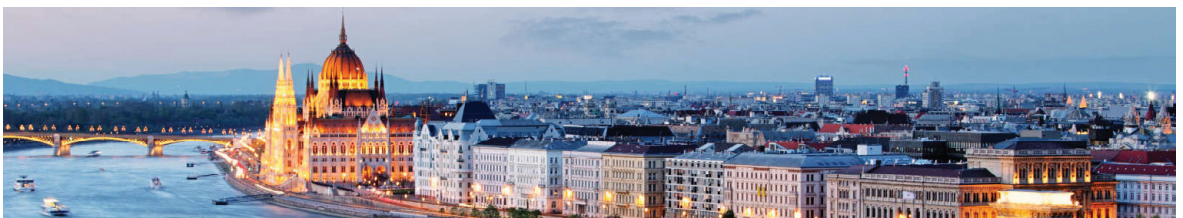
Address: 1135 Budapest, District 13, 35-37 Szegeci út (Twin Office Building, Ground floor)

E-mail: bp2@bah.b-m.hu

Web: 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 might stay, not exceeding 90 days, without any special authorization.**

EEA citizens planning to **stay for more than 90 days** in Hungary have to **apply for the issuance of a registration card.**

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	
Completed form of "Data sheet for the issuance of registration certificate and for the registration of residence"	Download it from bmbah.hu print it and fill it in.
Valid passport or identity card	
Certificate of student status/Certificate of school attendance	You can receive it at the Quaestura Office or in person from your faculty coordinator.
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormitory certificate; or • Proof of student hostel; or • If you rent a flat: Lease Contract (the original document and a copy of it)
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 in a financial way, etc.
Certificate of health insurance	Any health insurance valid in the territory of the EU e.g.; European Health Insurance Card
Declaration ABOUT the day of crossing the HUNGARIAN Border - last time, no more than 90 days ago	Download it from bmbah.hu , print it and fill it in.
Registration fee: 1000 HUF	The administrative service fee is payable by way of electronic payment instrument (bank card) or in the form of bank deposit (using the cheque supplied by the regional directorate). In respect of yellow cheques, in the "comment" box the client's name and date of birth, and the case type "registration certificate" shall be indicated.

Please note that you will receive the registration card on the spot when you are at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing. You will receive the address 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.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HUNGARY

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

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 organized by a higher educational institution, and it certifies that you have the knowledge of language necessary for your studies.

If you are coming from a **visa waiver country** (check it here: konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements), you can **apply for the Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies at the Hungarian Consulate of your home country before (it is recommended) or after you arrive in Hungary.**

If you are coming 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 with this, also a **residence permit visa (D-visa)** in a permanent residence application before you come to Hungary. With the **residence permit visa (D-visa)**, you can **enter Hungary only once** and you are allowed to **stay** with this document in Hungary only **for 30 days.**

RESIDENCE PERMIT APPLICATION IN YOUR COUNTRY

You need to submit the residence permit application at the Hungarian Consulate (check it here: www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions) or at other locations authorized to receive residence permit applications which operates in the country of your permanent residence or nationality. The decision on residence permit with study purposes will be made **within 15 days.**



AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN HUNGARY

- ✓ If you are staying in Hungary for more than 30 days (all non-EEA students: students from visa-waiver countries and students from countries with visa obligations), you need to go to the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing as soon as possible in order to **register accommodation in Hungary and to receive the residence permit.**

(1) APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT

Completed form of „Application for Residence Permit for the Purpose of Study“	Download it from bmbah.hu , print it and fill it in!
Valid passport	
1 passport-size color photo	
Certificate of school attendance	You can receive it at the Quaestura Office or in person from your faculty coordinator.
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormitory certificate (stamped and signed by the management); or • Proof of student hostel (stamped and signed by the management); or • Lease Contract, 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) and signatures by two witnesses.
Completed "Accommodation reporting form"	Please ask for an empty form from your faculty coordinator and ask your dormitory / landlord/ agent to sign it before you go to the Office.
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 in a financial way, etc.
Certificate of health insurance	Any health insurance valid in the territory of the EU
Completed form of "Declaration to undertake voluntary leave"	Download it from bmbah.hu , print it and fill it in!
Fee: 18 000 HUF	The costs of the procedure is payable by way of electronic payment instrument (bank card) or in the form of bank deposit (using the cheque supplied by the re- gional directorate). In respect of yellow cheques, in the "comment" box the client's name and date of birth, and the case type "Application for Residence Permit" shall be indicated.
Completed form of "Declaration" on how you would like to receive your residence permit	Download it from bmbah.hu , 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

Completed form of „Data sheet for the issuance of the residence permit” also called “Adatlap a tartózkodási engedély kiadásához” in Hungarian	Download it from bmbah.hu , print it and fill it in!
Valid passport	
1 passport-size color photo	
Certificate of school attendance	You can receive it at the Quaestura Office or in person from your faculty coordinator.
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormitory certificate (stamped and signed by the management); or • Proof of student hostel (stamped and signed by the management); or • Lease Contract, 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) and signatures by two witnesses.
Completed “Accommodation reporting form”	Please ask for an empty form from your faculty coordinator and ask your dormitory / landlord/ agent to sign it before you go to the Office.



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 for which the permit is issued adapts.
- If the coUrse takes 2 years or more, then the permit is issued for **at least one and the maximUm of two years**, which can be extended occasionally by one and the maximum of two years.

EXTENSION OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

When your residence permit is about to expire, you need to apply for the extension of your residence permit.

How to apply?

You need to submit your request in person at the **National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing at latest 30 days prior to the expiration of the right of residence.**

When you apply for the extension of a residence permit, you need to present a **valid passport** (it must cover the period of authorized stay at most); **the former residence card** and former address card issued by the authority; and the **same document as in the case of the first application (see the list above)**. In case your address didn't change, it is enough if you present the former address card and make a declaration that your accommodation did not change. **Please note** that the lease agreement must cover the period of your stay in Hungary at most. (When you sign the lease agreement, please bear in mind that your contract shall contain the opportunity 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 **24 hours a week during study period, or 90 days or 66 working days outside 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 **longer than 30 days**, you are required to **register your accommodation** and **any consequent changes at the regional directorate** or at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing within **3 days of taking up residence.**

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



HOW TO APPLY?

You are required to appear **in person, at the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing** when submitting the application to the authority. This procedure is free of charge.

Required Documents

"Accommodation reporting form"	Please ask for an empty form from your faculty coordinator and ask your dormitory /landlord/ agent to sign it before you go to the Office!
Valid passport	
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dormitory certificate (stamped and signed by the management); or • Proof of student hostel (stamped and signed by the management); or • Lease Contract, 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) and signatures by two witnesses.
Former "Address card" as the evidence of the registration of the accommodation issued by the authority.	If you already registered your accommodation, please take with you the "Address card" as the evidence of the registration of the accommodation issued by the authority.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HUNGARY



You are not allowed to stay in Hungary after the expiration of your residence permit. When your residence permit expires, you need to leave Hungary.



Health INSURANCE

www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance

When you arrive in Hungary, make sure that you have a health insurance with you that you can use for health care services during your stay in Hungary.

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

If you are a non-EEA student, you should take care about your health insurance on your own in your home country before you start your travel. After your arrival, you have the possibility to arrange a health insurance at ELTE for the semesters you spend at ELTE.

If you are a student with a scholarship offered by the Minister of Education in Hungary, you are eligible for health care services in Hungary and you will receive a "TAJ card". With the „TAJ” health insurance ID, you are eligible to use the health services in Hungary.

European Health Insurance Card – EHIC

Citizens from the EEA and Switzerland can access all healthcare services if they own a European Health Insurance Card. It can be issued free of charge in your home country.

The card does not cover issues that can be delayed until you return to your nation (e.g. some types of dental care), it only covers healthcare which is normally covered by a statutory healthcare system in Hungary. The main goal behind the card is that you don't have to suspend your stay here, you can get the care that Hungarians would.

The expiry date can vary from country to country, so it is advisable to ask about it when you obtain the card at your local health authority.

NOTE! When using the card, don't forget to bring your passport or ID card with yourself. The health insurance card is valid only together with your passport. Please always keep with you your Health Insurance Card and your passport.

If unfortunately you need to go to a hospital, treatment is normally provided through a referral from a GP. In urgent cases, no referral is necessary.

If you have forgotten or lost your card, you can ask your local authority to fax or e-mail you a Provisional Replacement Certificate. This will give you the same entitlement as the card does. You will need to forward it via fax in the following 15 days otherwise the healthcare provider will charge you a fee for the treatment and will issue you an invoice. You can still apply for a reimbursement though in your own country.

Public Health Insurance Card (TAJ card)

Students with a Hungarian Governmental Scholarship (e.g.; Stipendium Hungaricum, Scholarship Program for Christian Young People) are entitled to enjoy health care services and they are entitled to have a social security card ("TAJ card"). Furthermore, you are also eligible for a supplementary private health insurance, providing you with 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 publicly ensured and they are able to access public healthcare for free, not just emergency or urgent care.

Scholarship holders can request the public health insurance card (TAJ card) online on the official homepage of the Quaestura Office at ELTE.

Private health insurance

ELTE offers a private health insurance for those who want to extend the services of their health insurance within 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. The fee-for-service health insurance covers costs of medical and health care services, within the framework of an insurance policy. After the written agreement by and between you and the insurance company (i.e., after completing and signing the insured's statement), you will receive a health insurance card which is designed to be proof of the insurance coverage at the health care service provider.

University life and services for international students

Orientation WEEK

The Orientation Week is organized for international students at ELTE at the beginning of each academic semester. The program is designed to introduce the University, staff, and organizations you will have 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 to living in Budapest.

Please note that under the current circumstances the Orientation Week will be held exclusively online with smaller on-campus events organized by the faculties. For further information, consult your Faculty Coordinator and the University homepage (www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility and www.elte.hu/en/coronavirus).

More information:

<https://www.elte.HU/en/orientation>



Libraries

University Library and Archives

The University Library was founded in 1561 by the Jesuit order; it is one of the oldest libraries in the country, which was opened to the public in 1876. Until 1949 its collection interest covered works from all disciplines taught at the university, later it was limited to philosophy, medieval and early modern times history, and 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, a part of the National Cultural Heritage of Hungary, includes 185 codices, 1200 incunabula, 11 000 works from the 16th, 15 000 from the 17th, and 75 000 from the 18th century.

Registration is free for all employees and students of ELTE and the student card can be used as library card.

Besides 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, and 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) (konyvtar.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) contains records of almost 1.5 million copies of documents such as books, journals, special and electronic documents, and dissertations of the University Library and other libraries belonging to the ELTE network.

ELTE University Library

OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 20:00

CONTACT

1053 Budapest, Ferenciektere 6.
+36 1 411-6500 / 3417

info@lib.elte.hu konyvtar.elte.hu/en
facebook.com/ELTEkonyvtar
instagram.com/eltekonyvtar
twitter.com/ELTEEEK

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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** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/library-faculty-law-and-political-sciences
- **Library of Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/library-barczy-gusztav-faculty-special-education
- **Libraries of Faculty of Humanities** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/809
- **Library of Faculty of Informatics** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/library-faculty-informatics
- **Libraries of Faculty of Education and Psychology** – <https://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/pedagogiai-es-pszichologiai-kar-kazinczy-utcai-konyvtar-en>
- **Library of Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/library-faculty-elementary-and-nursery-school-teachers-training
- **Némedi Dénes Library of Faculty of Social Sciences** – <https://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/tatk-nemedi-denes-kari-konyvtar>
- **Library of Faculty of Science** – www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries/library-faculty-science
- **Other Libraries (not belonging to faculties)** – <https://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/libraries-archives>

Most of the dormitories of ELTE operate Libraries in their buildings. For more information on the services, please contact the colleagues of the dormitory.

Other libraries in Budapest:

It is worth to take the opportunity and visit some imposing libraries across Budapest:



National Széchenyi Library – www.oszk.hu

It's located in the rear wing of the Royal Palace, facing toward Buda. It's a national library, the biggest collection including some surviving books of King Mathias, the legendary king of the Renaissance (their name is "Corvina", as the ensign of the king was the raven (called corvus in Latin)).



Library of the Parliament – www.ogyk.hu

The house of the Hungarian Parliament established the library at the end of the 1860's. In 1902 the library moved to the newly built Parliament on the bank 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

It's 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

It's located in a magnificent neo-Baroque palace completed in 1889, as well as in a new wing – presently one of the most interesting library interiors of Europe. The café is found in the former stables.



National Library of Foreign Language – www.oik.hu

Originally built for 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 pieces as well. Many people in Budapest call it "Gorky" even today. It has got 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 and holds the largest collection of English-language materials in the social sciences and humanities in Central and Eastern Europe.

The holdings of the Library reflect the extensive and specialized curriculum and research conducted at CEU, initially focusing on subjects that helped develop and sustain open societies in Central and Eastern Europe. These subjects include comparative constitutional and business law, history, environmental issues, democracy, political and cultural pluralism, tolerance, questions of nationalism and ethnicity, and gender studies.

With a broad focus on democratic values, human rights, and open societies worldwide, the collections also support global studies and the increasingly diverse student body and faculty members from over 100 countries.

Library Days at ELTE

The event Library Days is held in Trefort Garden at the Faculty of Humanities at the beginning of each academic year. Library Days are organized in each autumn, and most of the libraries in Budapest take part in it 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.

NOTE! This event might not take place in the 2020/2021 Autumn Semester in obligation with the preventive measures introduced against COVID-19. Please check the Library's homepage for updated information.



IT SUPPORT

WIFI at ELTE

All ELTE campuses have free WIFI access for ELTE students. To access the Campus WIFI, you need to register at "IIG". As a first step, open this in the browser: 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 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 (iig.elte.hu/forusers) or send an e-mail to the following address: operator@elte.hu.

Your Personalized ELTE E-mail Address

Every student of the university is allowed to possess a personalized ELTE e-mail address.

When you require WIFI access at ELTE, you will be automatically assigned an e-mail address called: yourusername@caesar.elte.hu with 5 GB storage.

You can reach your messages anywhere via an online platform (webmail.elte.hu), or you can download them with the help of the usual programs (Microsoft Outlook, Thunderbird etc.). During your studies, you can deal with your official issues easier and faster. You will receive your NEPTUN messages on time without any delay. You can also require an own homepage with 5 GB storage.



Language COURSES

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” Nelson Mandela

ELTE offers Hungarian language courses to its international students, while they are studying here, at ELTE. Courses are available at different levels. The type and level of courses depend on the demand of applicants for the given semester.

Hungarian Language Courses

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

The 10 or 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 get 3 or 6 ECTS credits after successfully completing the course.

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

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



Mentor SYSTEM

Eötvös Loránd University offers targeted student mentor system to all incoming students who would like to have personal mentoring before 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, 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 mentor systems at ELTE:

Erasmus Student Network ESN

Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network (SHMN)



Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe. It was legally registered in 1990 for supporting and developing student exchange. It is present in more than 500 higher education institutions from 40 countries, and the network is constantly developing and expanding. It has around 13,500 active members that are in many sections supported by so-called mentors or buddies mainly taking care of international students. Thus, ESN involves in total around 29,000 young people offering its services to around 180,000 international students every year.

ESN ELTE is also a part of this international community. Both their programs and the mentor system aims to help the integration of the incoming students.

The local section, ESN ELTE works in the interests of international students. Besides, representing the rights of students having a scholarship at our university, it is our primary aim to help incoming students by offering aid 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 as well as parties.

How to request a mentor?

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

If you have any further question considering the mentor system, please write to ESN ELTE.
 E-mail: info@esnelte.hu

Where to find US?

ESN ELTE Office

1088 Budapest Múzeum blv. 4.,6-8. Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Youth Building, 3rd 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 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 ESN Network. The ESNcard is also used 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 ESN card website

(www.elte.esn.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 for 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 get it either during the Orientation Week in the beginning of the semester or in the Office of ESN ELTE throughout the semester.

Stipendium Hungaricum

MENTOR NETWORK

Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network (SHMN) assist specifically Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders with everyday problems, questions regarding their stay in Hungary, Budapest, ELTE. Personal mentors guide Stipendium Hungaricum (SH) students through their international experience. They are motivated, open-minded students of ELTE. Each mentor participate in special trainings 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.

Mentors will be there for the students from the very first steps till the end of their studies and maybe further. During their life in Budapest, mentors will support students in the following activities:

- arrange visa/residence permit
- arrange Health Insurance and Tax Identification number
- arrange Bank Account,
- arrange registration to ELTE
- arrange student ID, Neptun password,
- university administration,
- finding a flat or room,
- finding the best pubs, shops, restaurants, etc.
- or in any case.

To ask for a mentor, please register here (The registration will be open from the 1st of August):
<https://shmentor.hu>



6-8. épület

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Students' Union System OF ELTE

ELTE HÖK (University Students' Union)

Not only our University but also the Student's Union has a long tradition. The Union's main duty is to represent Hungarian and international students at ELTE in different issues, such as study, allowance and remedy issues. As an international student, the student organization ESN ELTE (Erasmus Student Network) and HÖÖK SHMH (Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network) will help you to get familiar with the Hungarian language and culture, the faculties, and the student life at ELTE. In principal questions concerning your studies or credits, you can turn to the Students' Union for help who 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 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 government and in the National Students' Union (HÖÖK) and organizes the student community life. The Students' Union is an autonomous organization, which elects the representatives in a democratic way and all in all the heart of the students fellowship.

The motto: Represents interests, represents values!



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Sports AT ELTE

If you want to stretch your muscles, there are plenty of sports opportunities at our university, including swimming, basketball, cheerleading or hiking. The sport life of ELTE is organized around two major ideas: courses offered by BEAC and sports courses for credit.

Trainings organized by the University Athletics Club (BEAC)

The University Athletics Club (BEAC) was founded 122 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 available:

Aerobics, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cheerleading, Chess, Climbing, Conditioning, Cycling, Functional training, Running, Football, Futsal (women, men), Goju-ryu karate, Belly dancing, Jiu-jitsu, Yoga, Kettlebell, Handball (women, men), Hiking, Kick-box, Kung-fu, Modern jazz dance, Muay thai, Polefitness, Triathlon, Volleyball (women, men), Spinning, Swimming, Tennis, TRX, Waterpolo

Details and contact:

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ELTE-BEAC Sport Office

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EHÖK Sports Referent

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Do Sports for credit!

You can apply for these sport classes just like all the other ones in your department via Neptun study system. 6000 HUF is required to pay per course per semester.

Sports available:

Aerobics, Argentine tango, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Belly dancing, Bicycle tour, Box, Cheerleading, Chess, Dynamic yoga, Floorball, Football, Functional training, Futsal, Goju-ryu karate, Handball, Hiking, Indoor climbing, Jiu-jitsu, Kettlebell, Kick-box, Kung-fu, Modern jazz dance, Muay thai, Musical gymnastics, Running, Speedminton, Spinning, Squash, Swimming, Swing Dance, Table tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, TRX, Yoga, Volleyball, Zumba

ELTE Sports Events

- **5vös5 (each September and May)**

5vös5 is a running competition in a distance of five kilometers on Lágymányos Campus. The competition is organized in each September and May. This is one of the biggest and most popular events in the year at ELTE.

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

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

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

- **ELTE Fit Night (each April)**

ELTE Fit Night is the first outstanding sport event in the Spring Semester. From early afternoon to late night, you will have a chance to know and try out each sports course. Moreover, you can get some pieces of advice on healthy lifestyle from professional counselors.

Housing

As an international student, you also need to arrange a place to stay in Hungary. The university helps you with the following services to get an accommodation for the time of your studies.

If you would like to stay in an ELTE dormitory during your studies, or need help to find some other accommodation, apply with the help of the online registration form shared by the Dormitory Center and the Housing Office:

www.elte.hu/en/student-residence-halls/registration

You can apply for a dormitory place at the ELTE Dormitory Center, where we offer places for hundreds of international students. The dormitories are not only comfortable and cheap, but the community makes both your everyday life and your studies much easier. Though most of the international students who apply get a dormitory place, we can't house every applicant. We have a dormitory waiting list for them, and the Housing Office will help, too.

More information about the dormitories, frequently asked questions, other information:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/student-residence-halls>

It is common among students that they look for private accommodations. The ELTE Housing Office helps you find a place that fits your expectations. You can rent an apartment or just a room, alone or with other students. If you need help with the accommodation hunting, please, fill out the form linked above. We will forward your preferences to our qualified real estate agency partners, who are ready to find the best solution for all the students searching for a nice place to stay for the next semester.

Please note that the real estate market is also limited in Budapest. Thousands of international students are looking for accommodation for the new semester. We firmly advise you to book your accommodation as soon as possible!

More information about the dormitories and the housing services: www.elte.hu/en/housing



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 and 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 capella 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 today is led by Gábor Valach. 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 of the amateur folk dance movement, and was qualified Gold Grade at the last nationwide qualification. There are two groups, the beginner-intermediate group and the advanced group.

WANT TO JOIN?

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Museums and Natural sites of ELTE 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 7000 species and variations of plants. The cactus, bromeliad and orchid collections are especially rich. The arboretum with its 800 species of trees and bushes and 500 types of floral plants is also well worth a visit. *„Trees give peace to the souls of men”* Nóra Waln

- **Address:** Illés utca 25., H-1083 Budapest, Hungary
- **Phone:** +36-1-314-0535
- **Opening hours:** every day 9-16, from 1 April to 31 October
- **How to get there:** by Subway 3 (Klinikák Station), by Bus Nr. 9 or Trolleybus Nr. 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 dome. This university collection – which is unique in Hungary – demonstrates the evolution of mankind and the fauna with the relevant paleontological materials, full body products and anatomy.

- **Address:** Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C, H-1117 Budapest, Hungary
- **TEL:** +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 of the university and the biggest such mineral and rock collection in Hungary. The Collection contains about 1000 mineral types and almost all rock types can be found here.

- **Address:** Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C, H-1117 Budapest, Hungary
- **TEL:** +36-1-209-0555, Ext. 8328
- **Fax:** +36-1-381-2110
- **E-mail:** asvanytar@abyss.elte.hu



Nature Reserve and Open-Air Geological Museum of Tata

This special geological nature reserve has been located on a 3.5 acre land 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 episodes, flora and fauna of millions of years, as well as botanical, cultural and mining history curiosities.

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

The University was appointed as the trustee of the unique nature reserve in 1994, and with the financial help of the Environmental Fund it was improved 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 most modern research and educational base. The exhibition inside demonstrates the achievements of a new, blooming science of the 19th century through the founder's (Jenő Gothard) original tools and works. With the inspiring help of the "genius loci" – the spirit of the place – internationally recognized 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 great-mass hot stars.

- **Address:** Szent Imre herceg utca 112., H-9707 Szombathely, Hungary
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Equal OPPORTUNITY

According to the HUNGARIAN Higher EdUCation Act (2011) disability covers persons with:

- visual impairment (blindness, low vision, partial sight)
- hearing impairment (deafness, hard of 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 Center is responsible for providing direct and indirect services to any ELTE citizens, including the international students and staff.

Services:

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

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Any international students with a disability should do the registration via the university disability coordinator. Each faculty has its own disability coordinator as well.

More information:

Disability coordinators at the Faculties:

www.elte.hu/en/equal/contact

Student support at the COUNSELLING CENTER

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

The counseling services at ELTE offer free and confidential support to students to help them develop ways of overcoming difficulties.

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

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

Counselors can help you With a wide range of difficulties:

- **Family problems and parental separations**
- **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**

What to do in order to meet a counsellor?

- 1) Ask for an appointment via email: counseling@ppk.elte.hu or 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 to reconsider your problems, provide you with support, and help you manage change. Counselling sessions are held in complete confidence, in accordance with the instructions laid down in the Psychological Ethical Code, and Counselling Centre employees are covered by the obligation of confidentiality.

Counselling sessions are held at several locations:

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

1088 Budapest Múzeum körút 4., Building D/-117 and D/-119

Peer Counselling

The ELTE Peer Counselling Group is a voluntary organisation of students majoring in Psychology. Our group is devoted to help ELTE students. We offer 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.

For further information about our members and programs, please visit www.kortars.elte.hu, www.facebook.com/eltekortarssegitocsoport or contact us via email: info@kortars.elte.hu.

Address: Faculty of Humanities, ELTE (1088 Budapest, Múzeum körút 4/D) Building D, Room-119

Career Guidance and COUNSELING

ELTE finds it essential that students have quality help from their alma mater with forming their career besides offering them quality education. ELTE Career Centre helps ELTE students plan their career in a conscious way and helps them prepare for their professional career after graduation.

Email: info@karrier.elte.hu



About Hungary

Facts AND FIGURES



Official name Hungary



State form Republic



Area 93,030 km²



Population 9 772 756



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



Exchange rate 1 EUR= approx. 346 HUF*



Weather continental climate, 4 seasons



Summer 23 to 28 Celsius



Winter -3 to -7 Celsius

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 during the whole year.
- **March 15** **Anniversary of the 1848 Revolution and War of Independence**
Hungarians wear "Cockade" attached to the coat above their heart.
- **Good Friday** (Movable)
- **Easter Sunday and Monday** (Movable)
Men sprinkle the women with perfume (in extreme cases with a bucket of water), women give men chocolate eggs, painted eggs and of course "pálinka" (Hungarian shot). Typical meals are ham, served with horseradish and boiled eggs.
- **May 1** **Labour Day**
- **Pentecost Sunday and Monday** (Movable)
- **August 20** **Hungary's first king St. Stephen's Day** the greatest national holiday, celebrated with day-long festivities followed by spectacular fireworks displayed on the bank of Danube.
- **October 23** **Anniversary of the 1956 Revolution**
- **November 1** **All Saints Day**
- **December 25-26** **Christmas** On December 24, Hungarians celebrate Christmas Eve, the Christmas tree is decorated, families gather together. Typical meals of Christmas eve: Fish soup, Stuffed cabbage, Fried fish, Beigli.

Hungarian CUISINE

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

Our cuisine frequently utilizes a wide range of spices to enhance the taste and culinary experience of traditional Hungarian food.

The most popular spices are paprika, black pepper and onions. Potatoes are commonly used in many dishes, also Hungarians are infamous of their tastes in using sour cream and other dairy products in their soups, desserts, stuffed pancakes and pottage dishes. The most popular side food of the Hungarian kitchen is white bread.

A few basic dishes to taste in the country:

Fish SoUP – is made of fish and paprika, served best in Szeged city

Goulash SoUP – is a soup of meat and vegetables, seasoned with paprika and other spices.

Stew "Pörkölt" – is a delicious, juicy meat stew, prepared from beef/pork, chopped onion, paprika, other spices, you can eat it either with boiled potato or noodles

Stuffed cabbage - cabbage leaves stuffed with rice and ground pork with tangy and spicy tomato

Somlói dUmpling – whipped cream and chocolate with a characteristically creamy character Combo-Cuisine for advanced culinary explorers, who seek to experience the Hungarian lifestyle: Lángos + Beer

Lángos is a deep fried dough. The name comes from láng, the Hungarian word for flame, but actually this is not a spicy food. Best to have at the beach at Lake Balaton with a pint of beer. Fried SaUSage + Fröccs (spritzer)

A classic with hot sausage downed with a mix of good Hungarian wine and soda is the best when discovering various markets of Budapest. Did you know that you can have different types of "Fröccs" in Hungary?

Bread and dripping + Pálinka

A combination of extremes in their category, which is appreciated by everyone in the country- side. Pálinka is a very typical shot in Hungary. Best to try a homemade version.

Pancake + Lemonade

A refreshing dessert for those who want to escape the hot summer days or just want to enjoy themselves.

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 (49.5 °F). The average high temperature in the summer is 26 to 32 °C (78 to 89 °F) and temperature can climb up to 38 °C on the hottest days in July-August. The average low temperature in the winter is -7 to -3 °C (19 to 27 °F) and temperatures might 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. The country's major river is the Danube, dividing the country almost in half. Its two longest rivers are called Danube and Tisza, divide Hungary into three parts, so it is worth to visit the banks of these too. Hungary's highest point is the mountain Kékes (1015m) located in the Mátra mountain range. Two-thirds of Hungary's geographic area are less than 200 meters above sea level. The lowest point, 77m above sea level lies near Szeged.

Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe, sometimes referred to as the 'Hungarian Sea'. It is 78 km long and between 3-14 km wide. One of the biggest tourist attractions of the country, most of the Hungarians spend the summer holiday in one of the towns by the lake.

Brief History of Hungary

450 BC-430 AD

Roman and Celtic periods

9th century

Prince Árpád led the Magyar tribes to the Carpathian Basin

1000 AD

The Hungarian state was founded by King Stephen I

13th century

The medieval Hungarian Kingdom suffered great losses as a result of the Mongol invasion

16-17th century

Roughly 150 years of partial Ottoman occupation

1867

A compromise with the Habsburgs was concluded, establishing the Austro-Hungarian Empire

1914-1918

By the end of the World War I, Hungary lost 2/3 of its territory (Treaty of Trianon)

1941-1945

During World War II, Hungary suffered enormous damages as a result of the war. Hungary was occupied by the Soviet Union

1956

Revolution against the Soviet occupation

1989

Hungary become an independent state as a Republic

2004

Hungary joined the European Union

World HERITAGE SITES

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

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

www.vilagorokseg.hu

The old village of Hollókő and its surroundings

www.hollokotourism.hu

Aggtelek National Park

anp.nemzetipark.gov.hu

The Benedictine Archabbey of Pannonhalma and its natural environment

bences.hu

Hortobágy National Park – the Puszta

www.hnp.hu

Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianaë)

pecsorokseg.hu

Cultural landscape of Lake Neusiedl (Fertő tó)

www.fertopart.hu

Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape

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. Well, not for sucking blood, but for high treason. Interestingly, Hungarian actor Béla Lugosi became the most famous Dracula on the silver screen in the rest half of the 20th century, whose character is known for his terribly 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 other surrounding countries.

It might seem strange, but Hungarians tend to attach importance to the uniqueness of their language, and they are even proud of it. Hungarian can be considered a weirdo among European languages, primarily due to the fact that it does not belong to the Indo-European language family, to which most other European languages do. Oh, and as for the title: Hungarian is an agglutinative language, i.e. 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, but Hungarian also loaned some words to the English language: coach (kocsi), hussar (huszár), itsy-bitsy (ici-pici), sabre (szablya).



Some inventions

If you ask a Hungarian to tell you some Hungarian inventions, they will give you a list that includes basically everything that is of any importance in the world, including computers and helicopters. Well, there's always some truth to these, but they tend to exaggerate. Here are some actual Hungarian inventions and discoveries though: ballpoint pen (László Bíró), Rubik's Cube (Ernő Rubik), holography (Dénes Gábor), noiseless match (János Irinyi), the concept of nuclear chain reaction (Leó Szilárd), the theory of the hydrogen bomb (Ede Teller), electric motor (Ányos Jedlik), cure for puerperal fever (Ignác Semmelweis).



Hungary and the Olympic Games

Strangely enough for a small country like Hungary, Hungarians are ranked as the 8th in the All-Time Olympic Games medal table. We are very proud that six ELTE students participated as Olympians in Rio 2016. One of them, Boglárka Kapás swimmer, won a bronze medal on the Women's 800m Freestyle. Áron Szilágyi, ELTE student became only the fifth fencer in the history of modern Olympic Games to win back-to-back individual gold medals since 1896. Csaba Burján student of ELTE Faculty of Science also became an Olympic champion when he won a gold medal of Speed Skate in 2018 Winter Olympics.



✓ Hungarian names

In Hungary, similarly to 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 “switched” when individuals having such names are mentioned in Western countries (cf. Puskás Ferenc > Ferenc Puskás), Chinese and Korean names, as well as 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 of the calendar. People usually give some smaller symbolic gift, like flowers or dessert 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. Mr Fried, whose name means “love” in Yiddish, was deeply involved with helping poor Jews and others in America, as he never forgot that he had been helped by others in his time of need. Interesting that Adolph Zukor, founder of Paramount Pictures and Michael Curtiz, Hungarian film director are other two founders of Hollywood film making. Further Hungarian-born figures at the birth of Hollywood are Béla Lugosi actor and George Cukor film director. Recently, it seems Hungarian films have good series in the film award season. 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”.

✓ The Renaissance of Hungarian Wine-making

If you’re from a country that has no wine-making traditions, you’ll be surely surprised that you can purchase good quality bottled wines from a mere 1500 HUF. Hungary’s probably most internationally known wine is 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 specialty. Based on the portion of the wine and soda water there are various types of fröccs. The name of the fröccs reflects the portion 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 includes the Royal Palace, the Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church, is easily visible from everywhere in Budapest. Exploring 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 after the Allied bombings during World War II to evoke the baroque and neo-baroque palace that was built in the place of the once-famous Medieval palace, is home to the Hungarian National Gallery, the Budapest History Museum and the National Library. Fishermen's Bastion is one of the most fascinating sights on Castle Hill. Although fishermen from Watertown (Víziváros) reputedly defended this part of the city during the Middle Ages, Fishermen's Bastion was built in the 1890s for purely decorative purposes.
-  **Chain Bridge**

The Chain Bridge was the first bridge to permanently connect Buda and Pest. At the time of its completion, 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**

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

Heroes' Square is the largest and most impressive square of the city. The Millennium Monument standing in the middle of the square was erected in 1896 to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the Magyars' arrival to the Carpathian Basin. The Museum of Fine Arts is located on the northern side of the square. The Kunsthalle (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 great escape from the bustle of the city. The 1896 Millennium Celebrations took place here, leaving many attractions behind. Vajdahunyad Castle was built to show the various architectural styles of Hungary, and has Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque parts. There is a boating lake next to the castle, which is turned into an ice skating rink in the winter.



- ✓ Margaret Island**
Margaret Island now serves as a recreational park in the centre of the Danube River. It is a great place to walk, swim a few laps or go for a run. During summer months, bicycles are also available for rent. Since vehicles are prohibited, the island is a fantastic escape from the city's traffic.
- ✓ Central Market Hall**
The spectacular Central Market Hall is a good source of Hungarian products. You can also make it a pit- stop for a quick bite of traditional Hungarian food when touring the city. Shop with the locals for meat, cheese, fruits, vegetables, and pastries.
- ✓ Andrásy Avenue**
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 Pest, the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music and many museums are located on the avenue or nearby.
- ✓ Váci Street and Vörösmarty Square**
'Váci utca' 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 in the heart of Budapest is always busy. This is where the famous Gerbeaud Café, as well as the first station of the Millennium Underground, can be found.
- ✓ The Hungarian National Assembly (the House of Parliament)**
The Parliament building, a magnificent example of Neo-Gothic architecture, is just over 100 years old. It's the third largest Parliament building in the world and is also home to the Hungarian Crown Jewels. Guided tours start from the Visitor Centre, located next to the northern façade of the building (open daily from 8 am to 4/6 pm depending on the season). Visits to the House of Parliament are restricted during weeks in which the National Assembly holds its plenary sittings.

For further information go to the website of the Hungarian Tourism Agency (gotohungary.com) or visit one of Tourinform 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 of the country. It is situated some 20 km to the south-east from the city centre. For more information about the airport and the flights it serves, visit www.bud.hu

How to reach the city centre from Budapest International Airport?

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

The first bus leaves from the airport each morning at 05:00, and the last one 1:20. It leaves from Deák tér every thirty minutes from 03:40 to 00:40. Bus 100E stops at the BKK bus stop at the Airport between the two terminals on the arrival level.

Passengers may get off the bus going to Deák tér at Kálvin tér and at Astoria stations. Please click [here](#) for figures illustrate the described travel options:

<https://bkk.hu/apps/docs/terkep/repter.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE! A special ticket must be purchased for bus 100E for HUF 900 – other tickets or season tickets are not valid for this service. You can buy this ticket in the ticket vending machine at the Airport, or from the bus driver on the bus (please keep in mind, the bus driver only takes HUF in cash, no debit card, 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 metro (M3) terminal from the Airport and back.

From the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal, passengers can take the M3 metro towards Újpest Központ to reach the city centre. It is possible to change to metro lines M1 and M2) at the Deák Ferenc tér stop in the inner city.

Tickets for public transportation (such as bus 200E) priced 350 HUF are available at the Airport from BKK at its customer service points, from the post office, the newsagents (Relay) and from 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 of Terminal 2A, where 24 and 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.

BKK-FUTÁR APPLICATION

(You may download the app from [Google Play](#), from the [App Store](#) or for [Windows](#))

Download the application for planning your journey in Budapest using BKK's public transport services. All operating buses, trams and trolleybuses are displayed on the map.

On 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 is shown.

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

Please make sure to wear a mask or cover your face with a scarf at all times when using the BKK public transport services for the safety of your own and of others. For further information on preventive measures, visit www.bkk.hu/en

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 system (Metro). Southern and Eastern Railway Stations are situated at stops along metro 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 capital cities. 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



INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC COACH SERVICE

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

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 SHIPPING ON THE DANUBE

Hydrofoil services operate during the summer months (from April to October) linking the heart of Budapest with Vienna and Bratislava. International ports 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 Windscreen stickers are available either at the border or at larger petrol stations. You can also purchase motorway sticker at www.hungary-vignette.eu. Road signs conform to continental standards. The wearing of seatbelts is compulsory both in the front and back seats, no mobile phones are allowed whilst 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 bus, metro, trolley bus, tram, suburban railway (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 or around Budapest Airport, bigger train and metro stations and the city centre.

Transportation titles

If you would like to use public transportation, keep in mind that you have to have a valid ticket or pass. Tickets are available all around the city at metro stations, tram stations or street kiosks. Once you bought a title (ticket or pass), you can use it on the whole network, regardless of the service. Exceptions are: Danube public boat services on week-ends, the Buda chairlift and the Castle Hill Funicular services. Note that Budapest Passes (such as the BKK Monthly Student Pass) are only valid inside the administrative borders of Budapest Capital; you might need to purchase complementary 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 inside the borders of Budapest (MÁV, Volán), so you can use some train or regional bus services inside Budapest. As for single tickets, you need to validate a new ticket for each journey. If you are in a hurry, single tickets are available from the bus/tram driver for a higher price.

Ticket types and prices (August 2020):

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

Note! Travelling without a valid ticket or pass can be sanctioned by fines. Ticket inspectors might appear suddenly on board. Fine is HUF 8000 on the spot; HUF 16000 if paid afterwards through postal cheque. You can only access the underground network upon presenting your ticket or pass.

Buses

Budapest has more than 200 bus routes covering most 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 during the night.

Metro

Budapest metro 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. Metro services run from 4:30 until 23:30.

Suburban railway (HÉV)

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

Boat

Budapest has three public boat lines:

- D-11: Újpest, Árpád út - Müpa-Nemzeti Színház H
- D-12: Rómaifürdő - Müpa-Nemzeti Színház H
- D-14: Csepel-Királyerdő - Soroksár, Molnár-sziget

One single ticket for public transport boat is HUF 750, but you can travel with your monthly Budapest pass free of charge on weekdays.

Taxi

You can always hail a cab on the street, but it is cheaper to book one over the phone, online or with apps. Tourists 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. From September 2013 every taxi is uniformly yellow in Budapest.

Biking in Budapest – Bicycle-Sharing Network of MOL BUBI

The MOL Bubi bike-sharing scheme 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. So far 1,150 bikes can be hired from 99 docking stations in the centre of Budapest.

More information on the fares and the usage of the system: molbubi.hu

Car-sharing service in Budapest - GreenGo Car Europe

A new car-sharing service, GreenGo Car is available from November 2016 in Budapest. GreenGo Car's aim is to provide a new, convenient, fast and environment friendly way of transport. Electric cars are available in many points of the city, you just have to download an app and register for the service.

More information on the fees and the usage of the system: 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 by night buses. Night buses usually start at midnight and run until 4:00 a.m. every night. The numbering of night buses starts with the number 9.

Note that some night buses on very busy lines run quite often (every 10th or 15th minute), 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).

Please make sure to wear a mask or cover your face with a scarf at all times when using the BKK public transport services for the safety of your own and of others. For further information on preventive measures, visit www.bkk.hu/en

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 places.

A few tips to consider:

- Wallets should not be kept in the back pockets of your pants 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 bills, unnecessarily in public places.
- In general, do not do anything that you would not do in your country.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

Pharmacies and HOSPITALS

Pharmacies (gyógyszertár):

Pharmacies are usually open until 8 pm, but there are ones that are open around the clock where there are 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:

Fővám téri gyógyszertár: 1056 Budapest, Fővám tér 4

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

Tilia gyógyszertár: 1212 Budapest, Görgey Artúr tér 8

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

Pharmacies and HOSPITALS

Hungary is considered to be an affordable country from a perspective of Western Europe. Still, please be conscious about your expenditure, because living in Budapest is becoming more and more expensive. Especially on the main tourist sites, the city offers a huge variety of bars, restaurants and shops at a higher price. You just need to take a short walk from the center, and you will find places with friendlier price level. Considering the different expenditures, you can calculate with the following prices (1 EUR = approx. 345 HUF July, 2020):

Cost of living in Budapest

- accommodation, if you rent an apartment or a room: HUF 70,000-120,000
- one single ticket (bus, tram): HUF 350
- one monthly pass for public transport for students: HUF 3,450

Shopping in Budapest

- one litre of milk: HUF 280
- one litre of bottled water: HUF 100-150
- one loaf of bread: HUF 200

Nightlife in Budapest

- one small bottle of beer: HUF 400-700
- one bottle of red table wine: HUF 600-1500
- one cinema ticket: HUF 900-1500

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.

The bank is free to choose if they 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 due diligence 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 driver's li- cense, tax card, etc.). If you are a non-EEA student, it is usually necessary to have a valid residence permit and address card in order to open a bank account, although some banks allow foreigners to open an account with just the presentation of a passport.

In Hungary, banks are typically open on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Banks are not open on Saturdays except some branches in shopping centres.

If you need help in opening a bank account, you can ask your mentor to assist you.

Automatic teller machines (ATMs)

ATMs can be found anywhere in Hungary and Budapest. Hungarian banks charge a commission for using ATMs. Note that higher services charges might apply for using an ATM that is not operated by the bank that issued your bank card.

You don't have to worry about exchanging Hungarian Forint before your arrival and carrying cash. ATM machines are widely available in major cities, and they accept Visa and MasterCard

Paying taxes in Hungary

If you study at ELTE with a Hungarian governmental 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 are required to take with you your passport.

Read more: www.elte.hu/en/content/tax-card.t.122?m=69

Postal and telephone services

Magyar Posta (Hungarian Post) 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 in the post office, or you can just throw it with valid stamps into a postbox on the street. You can easily find post offices in Budapest and the main post offices are usually open until 8:00 p.m. As for post offices, always check it on the postbox when they empty the box.

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 in Hungary is very widespread. There are three main service providers in Hungary: T-mobile, Tele- nor, and Vodafone. There is no major difference in the mobile phone tariffs but minute fees within the network are typically cheaper so you might get the same provider that your friends use. You can also decide if you pre-pay for the phone usage or purchase a monthly payment.

At the beginning of each semester, ESN ELTE and the SH mentor network helps new international students with getting a Hungarian SIM card fast after their arrival.

Shopping

There are plenty of chances to do shopping in Budapest. Most stores are open from Monday till Saturday between 8:00-19:00 and on Sunday between 10:00-18:00. Shopping centres have longer opening hours from Monday till Sunday between 10:00-20:00. 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 Central Market Hall) are the best places if you want to buy some fresh fruit or vegetables at a good price. They are open from Monday till Saturday between 6:00-18:00. Many locals do their shopping there.

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

If you want some unique gift, there are numerous art shops in the city center. Budapest has an expanding design community. Király Street, also known as Budapest's Design Street, is filled with interior design and furniture stores, funky boutiques and modern art galleries.

Cultural programs in Budapest

Budapest has a rich and varied cultural life. Here we have collected the most important places of Hungarian culture today.

Cinema

Hungarians like cinema. Budapest is full of options to watch a good movie. You just have to choose whether it would be a classic Hollywood or art movie in a 3D or art cinema, dubbed or subtitled. The ticket price is between 1200-1800 Ft. If you present your student card, you are eligible for a discount from the ticket price.

If you want to watch the most wanted Hollywood movie, you should visit one of the cinema of the "Cinema City" (www.cinemacity.hu) chain. There is a Cinema City in almost every main shopping center.

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

Here are the most popular ones in Budapest:

- Művész Cinema 1066 Budapest, Teréz körút 30 muveszmozi.hu
- Puskin Cinema 1053 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos utca 18 puskinmozi.hu
- Toldi Cinema 1052 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 36-38 toldimozi.hu
- Uránia National Film Theater 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 21 www.urania-nf.hu

Theatre

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

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

Museums and Art Galleries

Budapest has a lot of various museums. You will never be bored in the city. Museums are open from Tuesday till Sunday between 8:00 – 18:00. If you use your student card, you are entitled to discount from the ticket price. Here is the list about some of the most famous museums in Budapest:

The Hungarian National Museum collects archaeological, historical, ethnic relics on the history of Hungary and the Carpathian Basin. It is one of the oldest and largest museum in Hungary. mnm.hu/

The Museum of Fine Arts founded in 1896 and opened in 1906. The museum's collection consists mostly of international works of art, including over 120 000 pieces from all periods of European art. www.szepmuveszeti.hu/

The Hungarian National Gallery was established in 1957 as the national art museum. It is located in Buda Castle in Budapest. It has the largest public collection documenting and presenting the rise and development of the fine arts in Hungary. 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.). www.ludwigmuseum.hu/

Kunsthalle (Műcsarnok) is the centre of contemporary Hungarian fine art, and a key institution in canon-formation. 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/

The House of Terror Museum is a museum and a monument at 60 Andrásy Avenue, at the former headquarters of the communist secret police (ÁVH). Its exhibitions commemorate the victims of the fascist and communist regimes of Hungary in the 20th century, including those detained, interrogated, tortured or killed in the building. www.terrorhaza.hu/

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/

Pubs

There are plenty of great pubs and party places where you can spend your evenings together with both Hungarian and international students. You can find some interesting spots if you would like to dance all night. Here are some places you should visit during your stay:

Szimpla Kert

Szimpla Kert is one of the most popular meeting points among Hungarians and international students alike. It is a mixture of a garden, a pub and a cinema. There is no significant sign or entrance – it looks like a regular door from the street, so watch out! Sometimes they have jazz and folk concerts in the basement. Szimpla Kert is one of the city's most beloved 'ruin pubs'.

- Address: 1075 Budapest, Kazinczy utca 14.
- Web: www.szimpla.hu/

Morrison's 2

Mixed crowd of locals and foreigners, a good atmosphere. It plays lots of different music and styles, mostly a decent mix of dance and RnB music. You can drink for a good price on certain days or have all you can drink for reasonable money.

- Address: 1055 Budapest, Szent István krt. 11
- Web: www.morrisons2.hu/

Fogasház

Fogasház is great for a club night with a massive dance floor downstairs and other rooms upstairs. The garden, which also has a bar and serves food which is quite good. Very similar to Szimpla slightly smaller but great atmosphere. Fogasház offers cheap drinks and an amazing vibe. The staff is friendly, and the music is usually very good. If you want to meet with friends and chat, go earlier, if you're up for dancing, get there around midnight, or else you'll be the only one on the dance floor!

- Address: 1073 Budapest, Akácfa u. 51
- Web: www.fogashaz.hu/

A38

Moored on the Buda side just to the south of Petőfi Bridge, the A38 is a decommissioned Ukrainian stone hauler ship from 1968 that has been recycled as a major floating bar and live-music venue. So cool it's hot in summer and the hold, well, rocks throughout the year. According to Lonely Planet, A38 is the best bar in the world, so you should not miss it! It can be accessed from the bank of the Danube or directly by BKK ships.

- Address: Pázmány Péter sétány
- Web: <https://www.a38.hu/>

Festivals

Hungary has become an important music festival location in Europe. Today, Hungary's music festivals are some of the most exciting in the world, and their stages play host to some of the biggest, most popular musical acts on earth. Besides music festivals, gastro, wine, art and folk festivals are also popular.

Web: <https://www.festicket.com/festivals/?country=HU/>

Appendix A:

ERASMUS DATA SHEET

Erasmus code of Institution	HU BUDAPES01
Erasmus University Charter number	45677-EPP-1-2014-1-HU-EPPKA3-ECHE
Erasmus webpage	https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility/erasmus
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The nomination for Erasmus	Nomination needs to be sent by the Erasmus coordinator of the Home University by email to erasmus@elte.hu or directly to the relevant Faculty Erasmus coordinator (www.elte.hu/en/international-offices/faculty-international-offices)
	Please note: from beginning of 2020 the Faculty of Humanities accepts only ONLINE nominations via this link: https://btk.elte.hu/en/incoming-nomination
	Necessary information for nomination: sending University name and Erasmus code, name and personal data of nominated student(s), the field of study, academic year and semester (autumn or spring), number of Erasmus months
Nomination and application deadlines	
Autumn semester	Nomination deadline: 10th May; Application deadline: 30th May
Spring semester	Nomination deadline: 10th November; Application deadline: 30th November
Application submission for Erasmus	www.registration.elte.hu/ - except students of Faculty of Humanities (in this case please contact Ms Izabella Deák at incoming@btk.elte.hu)
	Forms necessary for acceptance are Application form and Learning Agreement
Language requirement	Attending the courses requires at least intermediate knowledge of the relevant foreign language (B2)
Minimum requirement for incoming students	Min. 20 ECTS per semester at their study field. Students are also allowed to take courses in other study fields to a maximum of 10 ECTS. (A maximum of 30 ECTS can be received for the courses taken.)

Appendix B:

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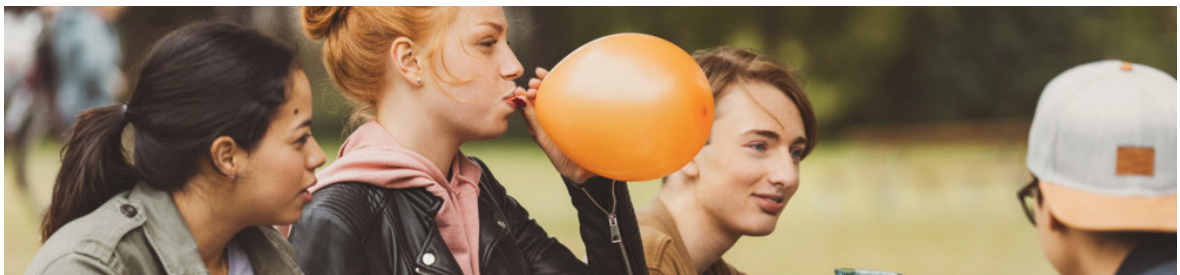


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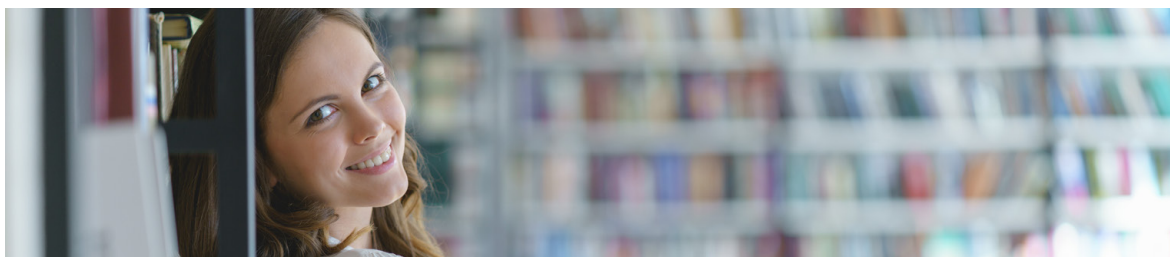


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Appendix C:

INTERNATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AT ELTE

Study programs	Preparatory year	Bachelor	Master
Education and psychology			
Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience			X
Psychology		X	X
Educational Science			X
Human Resources Counselling			X
Master in Research and Innovation in Higher Education			X
Social Integration			X
Humanities			
Foundation Course in English – General English	X		
Foundation Course in German – General German	X		
Intensive Hungarian Foundation Course*	X		
English and American Studies		X	
English Studies			X
Instruction of English as a Foreign Language			X
American Studies			X
Assyriology			X
Bulgarian Language and Literature			X
Croatian Language and Literature			X
Czech Language and Literature			X
Dutch Language and Culture Studies*			X
Germanic Studies, Specialized in German Studies		X	
Germanic Studies, Specialized in Netherlandistic Studies		X	
Germanic Studies, Specialized in Scandinavian Studies		X	
Hungarian*		X	
Russian Language and Literature*			X
Romance Philology and Cultures, Specialized in French Studies *		X	
Romance Philology and Cultures, Specialized in Italian Studies *		X	
Romance Philology and Cultures, Specialized in Portuguese Studies *		X	
Romance Philology and Cultures, Specialized in Romanian Studies *		X	

Romance Philology and Cultures, Specialized in Spanish Studies *		X	
French Language, Literature and Culture*			X
German Language, Literature and Culture			X
Italian Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Indology			X
Portuguese Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Polish Language and Literature			X
Romanian Language, Literature and Culture*			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
Film Studies			X
Logic and Theory of Science			X
Semiotics			X
Philosophy			X
Informatics			
Cartography			X
Computer Science	X (for BSc and MSc)	X	X
Computer Science for Autonomous Systems			X
Mechanical Engineering		X	
Law			
European and International Business Law LL.M.			X (LL.M.)
Master in European Human Rights LL.M			X (degree program)
Science			
Astronomy			X
Applied Mathematics			X
Biology			X
Chemistry			X
Environmental Science			X
Geology			X
Materials Science			X
Mathematics			X
Meteorology			X
Physics			X

Social Sciences			
Applied Economics		X	
Cultural Anthropology			X
Health Policy, Planning, and Financing			X
International Relations		X	X
Sociology		X	
Primary and Pre-school education			
Kindergarten Education		X	
Institute of Business Economics			
International Business Economics		X	
<i>* All programs of literature and linguistics are taught in the respective languages.</i>			

Doctoral Schools / Programs	
Education and psychology	
Education	
Psychology	
Humanities	
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 Phd 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 programs for top talents		
DCGC Doctorate in Cultural and Global Criminology	Erasmus Mundus Joint-Doctorate	www.dcg.eu
EIT Digital Master School: EIT Digital Master School Programme Security and Privacy (S&P) technical major MSc	EIT Digital Master School	www.eitdigital.eu
EIT Digital Master School: Software and Service Architectures (SSA) technical major MSc	EIT Digital Master School	www.eitdigital.eu
TEMA+ European Territories: Heritage and Development	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master	www.masterte-ma.eu

Appendix D:

ELTE DICTIONARY

Faculties	
Faculty of Law	ÁJK = Állam- és Jogtudományi Kar
Faculty of Humanities	BTK = Bölcsészettudományi Kar
Faculty of Informatics	IK = Informatikai Kar
Faculty of Science	TTK = Természettudományi Kar
Faculty of Social Sciences	TáTK = Társadalomtudományi Kar
Faculty of Education and Psychology	PPK= Pedagógiai és Pszichológiai Kar
Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education	BGGyK = Bárczi Gusztáv Gyógypedagógiai Főiskolai Kar
Faculty of Primary and Pre-school Education	TÓK = Tanító- és Óvóképző Főiskolai Kar
Institute of Business Economics	GTI= Gazdálkodástudományi Intézet
Dániel Berzsenyi Teacher Training Centre	BDPK= Berzsenyi Dániel Pedagógusképző Központ
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 the Buda side where Faculty of Science, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Informatics are located
SEK	Savaria University Centre (Szombathely)
Trefort	Campus of Faculty of Humanities
MUK	Múzeum körút campus of Faculty of Humanities
Organisations and activities	
Quaestura	Student Service office (students cards + Neptun password will be given there)
BEAC	University Sports club located in Lágymányos campus
EHÖK	University Student Union
ESN ELTE	Erasmus Student Network of ELTE
OTDK	National Scientific Student Conference
Other useful ELTE expressions	
Neptun	Online study system
Egyetemi Könyvtár	University Library



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Appendix E:

ENGLISH – HUNGARIAN

MINI DICTIONARY

Greetings and wishes

Hi/Hello!	Szia! / Sziasztok!
Good morning/ afternoon/evening!	Jó reggelt!/ napot!/ estét!
How are you? (friendly)	Hogy vagy?
Good/ 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 sneezing)	Egészségére!

Introduction and socializing

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?	Szabad vagy holnap este?
I would like to invite you to dinner	Szeretnék meghívni vacsorázni
I'm single	Egyedül élek
I like you/ I love you	Kedvellek/ Szeretlek

Solving a Misunderstanding

Sorry! (or: I beg your pardon!)	Bocsánat!
Sorry (for a mistake)	Elnézést!
No problem!	Semmi baj!
Can you repeat please?	Meg tudná 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 airport?	Hogyan jutok el a repülőtér -hoz/höz?
Airport	Repülőtér
Bus station	Buszpályaudvar
Train station	Vasútállomás
Downtown (city center)	Belváros
Historic center (old city)	Óváros
How long does it take to get there?	Mennyi idő alatt lehet odaérni?
It's near here	Közel van
It's far from here	Messze van
Go straight	Menj egyenesen
Then	Majd
Turn left/ right	Fordulj balra/ jobbra

Services

Do you accept credit cards?	Hitelkártyát elfogad?
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	Vegetariánus 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?	Tetszik?
I really like it!	Tényleg tetszik!
I don't like it	Nem ízlik
Can we have the bill, please?	A számlát kérem!

Daytime transport service

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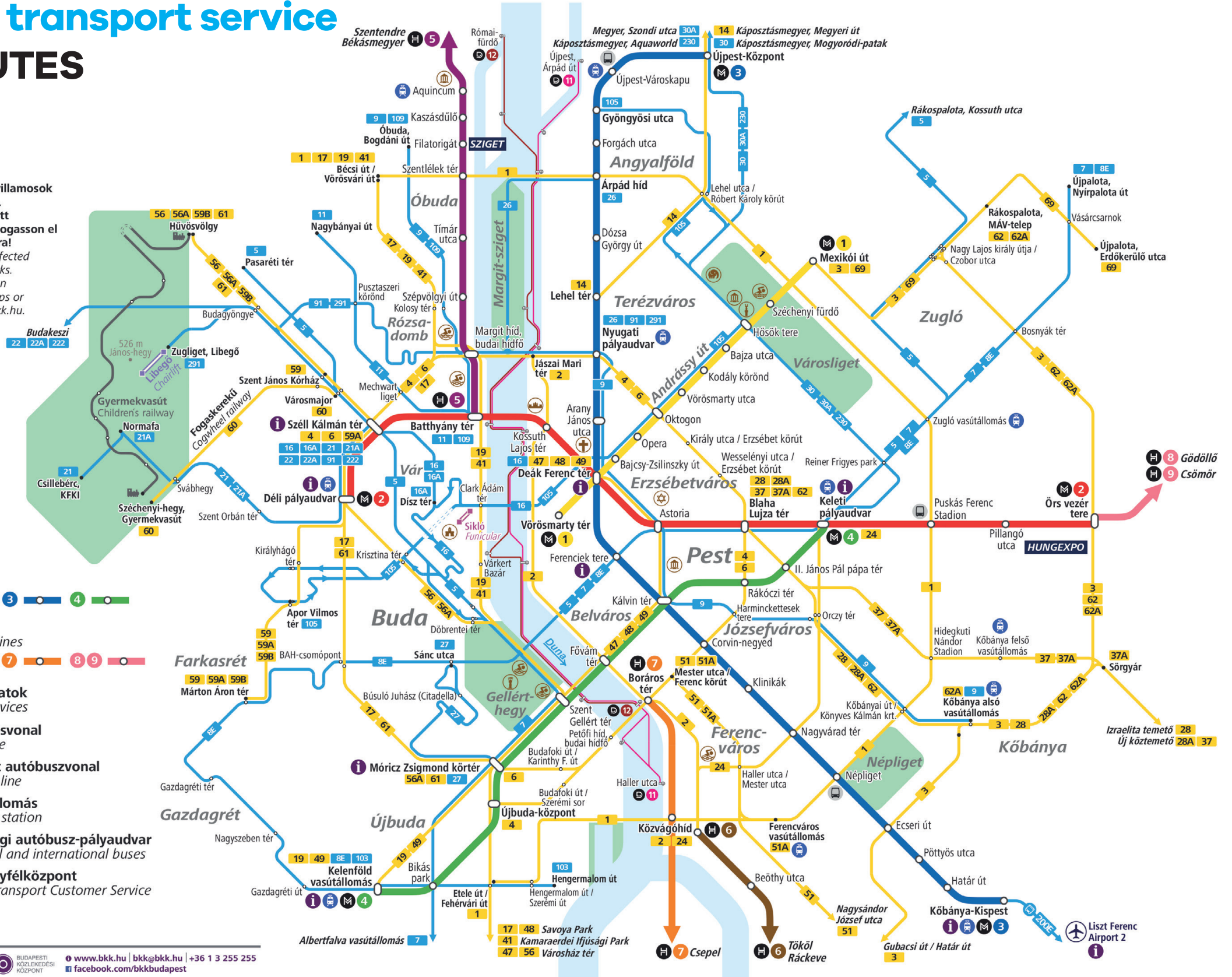


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