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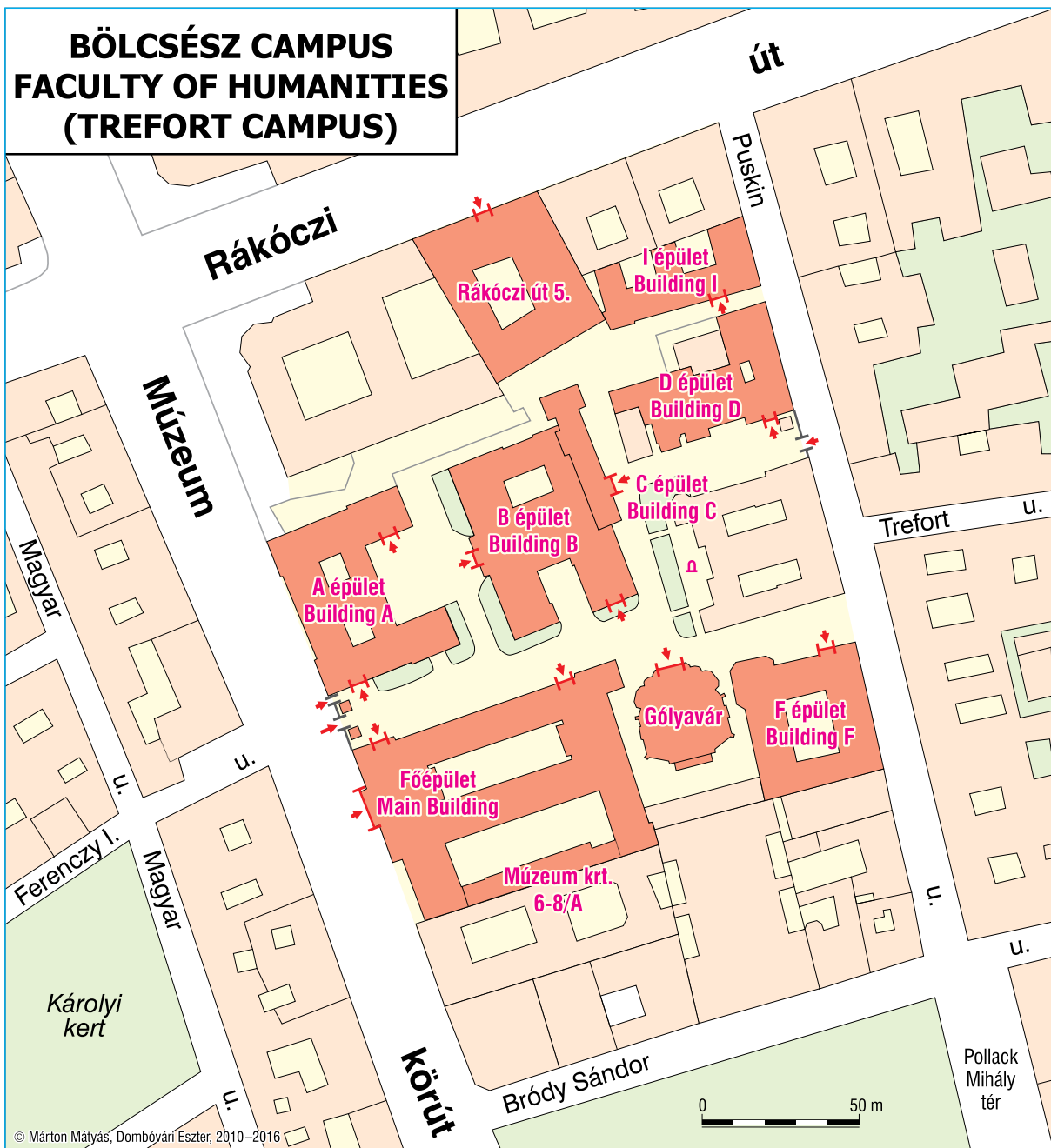
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










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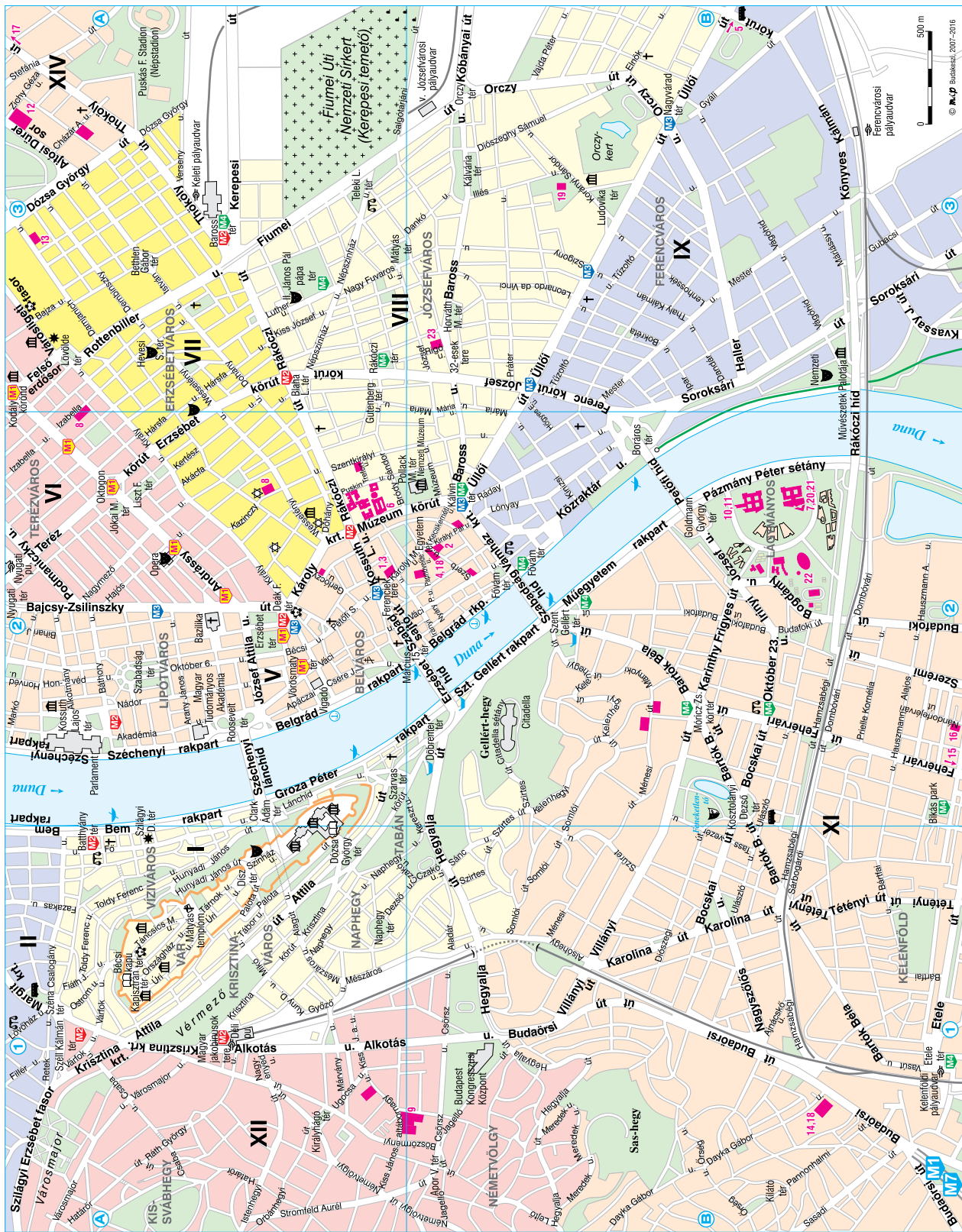
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 Pályaudvar Railway Terminal	 Templom Church
 Távolsági autóbusz-pályaudvar Long-distance Bus Terminal	 Zsinagóga Synagogue
 HÉV-állomás Suburban Railway Station	 Színház Theatre
 Nemzetközi hajóállomás International Landing Place	 Szabadtéri Színpad Open-air Theatre
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1	Quaestura Hallgatói Ügyfélszolgálati Iroda	Quaestura Office	1053 Budapest V, Ferenciek tere 6
2	Egyetemi Hallgatói Önkormányzat	Students' Union	1056 Budapest V, Szerb utca 21-23
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	Informatikai Kar	Faculty of Informatics	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A, 1/C
8	Pedagógiai és Pszichológiai Kar	Faculty of Education and Psychology	"1075 Budapest VII, Kazinczy utca 23-27 1064 Budapest VI, Izabella utca 46"
9	Tanító-és Óvóképző Kar	Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education	1126 Budapest XII, Kiss János altábornagy utca 40
10	Társadalomtudományi Kar	Faculty of Social Sciences	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A
11	Természettudományi Kar	Faculty of Science	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A, 1/C
12	Ajtósi Dürer Sori Kollégium	Ajtósi Dürer Sor Dormitory	1146 Budapest XIV, Ajtósi Dürer sor 23
13	Damjanich Utcai Kollégium	Damjanich Utca Dormitory	1071 Budapest VII, Damjanich utca 41-43
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15	Nagytétényi Úti Kollégium	Nagytétényi Úti Dormitory	1223 Budapest XXII, Nagytétényi út 162-164
16	Nándorfejérvári Úti Kollégium	Nándorfejérvári Úti Dormitory	1117 Budapest XI, Nándorfejérvári út 13
17	Vezér Úti Kollégium	Vezér Út Dormitory	1141 Budapest XIV, Vezér út 112
18	Művészeti Együttes	Eötvös Art Ensemble	1118 Budapest XI, Dayka Gábor utca 4
19	Botanikus Kert	Botanical Garden	1083 Budapest VIII, Illés utca 25
20	Biológiai és Paleontológiai Múzeum	Biological and Paleontological Museum	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C
21	Ásvány- és Kőzettár	Mineral and Rock Collection	1117 Budapest XI, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C
22	BEAC Budapesti Egyetemi Atlétikai Klub	University Athletics Club	1117 Budapest XI, Bogdánfy utca 10
23	ELTE Origo Nyelvi Centrum	ELTE Origo Language Centre	1082 Budapest VIII, Baross utca 62
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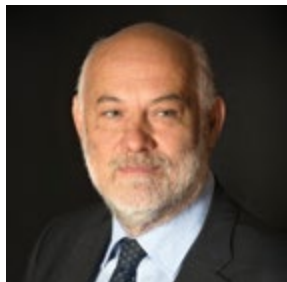
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# welcome MESSAGES

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Dear International Student,

It is my pleasure to welcome you at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE).

ELTE is Hungary's most prestigious university with rich traditions and serving excellence in education and research for centuries. Internationalization is an inherent part of the institutional strategy of ELTE and it underlies all our efforts in the development of education, research, and the institution itself. Students arrive at ELTE from more than 70 different countries and turn the university into a multicultural and diverse environment. You as an international student play an essential role in the international developments in education.

This guide gives you an overview about the university, your rights and administrative duties as an international student, and the opportunities waiting for you during the academic year at ELTE in Budapest, Hungary. With our outstanding researchers and a wide range of student services and facilities, we do our best to make these semesters at ELTE unforgettable for you and to provide you with a truly academic environment where you can meet top researchers and other international students to build up life-long friendships. We are delighted that you will be member of the alma mater of ELTE.

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



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# Eötvös Loránd University

## Facts and FIGURES

About ELTE

- Best university of Hungary based on lecturer and student excellence
- At the top of national university rankings in Hungary.
- Market research shows that it is one of the most popular Hungarian brands
- The highest ranked Hungarian university in the ARWU global university rankings
- The only Hungarian establishment among the top 200 European universities in the rankings compiled by the University of Leiden

### 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)

38 bachelor's degree programs

96 master's degree programs

219 combined undergraduate-graduate teaching degree programs

8 teacher training schools and kindergartens, 3 nationally renowned teacher training schools

13, 162 courses

64 languages at the Faculty of Humanities

More than 60 degree programs in foreign languages

### Hungary's largest scientific establishment

80 academic lecturers (20% of all academics)

16 PhD schools, 118 PhD programs

5 colleges for talented students

### Hungary's most popular university

25,000 students

20% of all Hungarian secondary school graduates applied to ELTE in 2015

ELTE provides the best courses in their respective fields in the country

- **2014** Member of Central European Network for Teaching and Research in Academic Liaison (CENTRAL)
- **2013** Awarded the University of Excellence / Member of Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)
- **2012** Quality Award for International Cooperation
- **2010** ELTE was awarded the title "research university"
- **2006** Member of the European University Association (EUA)  
ELTE was awarded the Erasmus E-Quality Label
- **2003** The Faculty of Informatics, the Faculty of Education and Psychology, and the Faculty of Social Sciences were founded / Member of CEI University Network
- **2000** The Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education and the Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education were integrated into the University / Member of Utrecht Network
- **1994** János Harsányi, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences
- **1991** Member of Coimbra Group
- **1990** Member of UNICA Network
- **1983** Member of Danube Rectors' Conference
- **1961** György Békésy, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine
- **1957** ELTE Eötvös University Orchestra and Folk Dance Group were founded
- **1951** The Medical Faculty (today: Semmelweis University) became an independent higher education institution
- **1950** The University adopted the name of the world-renowned physicist Loránd Eötvös, The Faculty of Theology became an independent higher education institution
- **1949** The Faculty of Science became independent of the Faculty of Humanities
- **1948** ELTE Béla Bartók Choir was founded
- **1943** György Hevesy, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry
- **1937** Albert Szent-Györgyi, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine
- **1905** Fülöp Lénárd, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics
- **1900** The first Special Education Teacher Training Course (predecessor of the Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education) in the world was founded
- **1898** The Budapest University Athletics Club (BEAC) was founded
- **1896** Vilma Glücklich, the first female student was admitted to the University
- **1872** Europe's first Teacher Training School (predecessor of ELTE Trefort Ágoston Teacher Training School) was founded
- **1869** The State Teacher Training Institution (predecessor of the Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education) was founded
- **1860** Authorization of Hungarian as a language of instruction at the University
- **1784** German becomes the main language of instruction instead of Latin. The University moved from Buda to Pest
- **1777** The University moved to Buda
- **1769** The Medical Faculty was launched
- **1667** The Faculty of Law was founded
- **1635** The University was founded with the first two faculties (Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Theology)

# Did you KNOW?



## The University Athletics Club

The University Athletics Club (BEAC) was founded in 1898 as one of the very first Hungarian sports clubs. Since its foundation, members of the University Athletics Club have won 5 Olympic and 400 Hungarian champion titles.



## The University Library

was founded in 1561 by the Jesuit order; it is the oldest library in the country, which was opened to the public in 1876. Today the holdings of the University Library amount to 2 million titles, over 200 000 journals, 600 online periodicals and 100 databases on the Internet.



## Botanical Garden

The first Hungarian Botanical Garden was founded in 1771 by the predecessor of Eötvös Loránd University. The arboretum with its 800 species of trees and bushes and 500 types of floral plants is also well worth a visit.



## The Mineral and Rock Collection

The Mineral and Rock 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.



## ELTE has five Nobel Prize laureates among its alumni

**János Harsányi**, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. He is best known for his contributions to the study of game theory and its application to economics, specifically for his developing the highly innovative analysis of games of incomplete information, so-called Bayesian games.

**György Békésy**, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his research on the function of the cochlea in the mammalian hearing organ for his research on the function of the cochlea in the mammalian hearing organ.

**György Hevesy**, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his key role in the development of radioactive tracers to study chemical processes such as in the metabolism of animals.

**Albert Szent-Györgyi**, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. He is credited with discovering vitamin C and the components and reactions of the citric acid cycle.

**Fülöp Lénárd**, ELTE alumnus was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics 1905 for his research on cathode rays and the discovery of many of their properties.



# 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.

### Organisation of Studies

Students studying in Bachelor and Master courses 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 course requires gaining 180-240 credits. The length of the program is 6-8 semesters.

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

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

An undivided one-tier program 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 programs of arts, the following programs are conducted within one-tier Master courses: veterinary medicine, architecture, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, law and medicine.

### Doctorate

Built on a Master program and a Master degree, the *doktori képzés* (Doctorate) requires gaining at least 240 credits. From September 2016, the length of the program is 8 semesters (4 years). Following a Doctorate, in a separate degree awarding procedure, the scientific degree "Doctor of Philosophy" (abbreviation: PhD), or in art education "Doctor of Liberal Arts" (abbreviation: DLA) is 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 2000 international students from over 70 different countries study at ELTE.

**“Full degree” Bachelor and Master students** undertake their entire Bachelor’s or Master’s degree 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.

**Students with Erasmus+ international credit mobility scholarship** come from non-EU universities with whom ELTE has an Inter-Institutional 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., EEA Grant, Hungarian State Scholarships, Science Without Borders, Visegrad Fund).

**ELTE Summer University participants** visit ELTE in the summer, for summer programs organized at ELTE.



# Academic CALENDAR

The academic year at ELTE starts in September and is built up of two semesters: autumn and spring semesters. Both semesters start with a registration period which is followed by the study period and an examination period afterwards.

## SEMESTER 1 (AUTUMN)

Autumn registration period	7–9 September 2016 (Wednesday–Friday)
Orientation Days (for international students, in English)	during registration period
Opening Ceremony (for Hungarian faculty and students, in Hungarian, by invitation only)	9 September 2016 (Friday)
UNESCO International Day of University Sport	20 September 2016 (Tuesday)

### Study period

First day of the academic year	12 September 2016 (Monday)
Autumn break	2–4 November 2016 (Wednesday–Friday)
Last day of tuition	16 December 2016 (Friday)

### Examination period

First day	19 December 2016 (Monday)
Last day	3 February 2017 (Friday)

## SEMESTER 2 (SPRING)

Spring registration period	6–10 February 2017 (Monday–Friday)
Orientation Days (for international students, in English)	during registration period

### Study period

First day of tuition	13 February 2017 (Monday)
Spring break	12–18 April 2017 (Wednesday–Tuesday)
Last day of tuition	19 May 2017 (Friday)
Pázmány Day	12 May 2017 (Friday)

### Examination period

First day	22 May 2017 (Monday)
Last day	7 July 2017 (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.

## To-do's before YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE



### **Check the academic calendar**

Check the academic calendar and plan your stay at ELTE.

*See p. 13*



### **Contact your faculty international coordinator**

While you are here at ELTE, your faculty international coordinator will give you information about administrative issues related to your studies.

*See Appendix B*



### **Register at [registration.elte.hu](https://registration.elte.hu)**

Please visit the online registration form and fill it in: <https://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**

An English-speaking local student mentor (member of the student organization ESN ELTE) 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.

*See p. 37*



### **Arrange your visa application**

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.

*See p. 22*



### **Arrange a travel and health insurance for the time until you enrol at ELTE**

Please arrange a travel and health insurance for yourself for the travel and for the time until you receive an insurance at ELTE.

Note that all international students can arrange a private health insurance at ELTE for the duration of their studies.

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

**Important dates:**

Orientation Days: 5-9 September 2016

First day of tuition: 12 September 2016

**Arrange accommodation in Budapest**

International students at ELTE stay at an ELTE dormitory or they rent an apartment in Budapest.

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**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 carefully the academic regulations of ELTE and get familiar with your right and obligations.

Also, please read all additional information that is relevant to your scholarship.

[www.elte.hu/en/content/regulations.t.46?m=30](http://www.elte.hu/en/content/regulations.t.46?m=30)

**Sign up for a Hungarian language course (optional)**

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.

See p. 35

**Sign up for an English language course (optional)**

ELTE offers Hungarian language courses for international students during the semester. If you'd like to improve your English, sign up for the course.

See p. 35

# To-do's right

## AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE



### Meet your mentor

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

*See p. 37*



### Check in at your faculty coordinator

When you arrive in Budapest, please go to your faculty coordinator at ELTE.

Your faculty coordinator

- will help you register at ELTE and for the semester as well;
- will set your status as "active" in the Neptun study system;
- will give you your Neptun code;
- will give you a certificate to prove that you have a student status at ELTE;
- will provide you with the scholarship agreement that you need to sign.

*See Appendix B*



### Get your Neptun code and password

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.

*See p. 20*



### Log into Neptun and sign up for the courses

Log into the Neptun study system with your Neptun code and password and sign up for the courses for the autumn semester 2016/2017.

*See p. 20*



### Request a residence permit

After your arrival, you need to register at the Office of Immigration and Nationality. This registration is very important because it proves that you stay legally in the country. Note that the International Office also organizes group visits to the Office of Immigration and Nationality at the beginning of each semester.

*See p. 22*



### Request a student ID

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

*See p. 21*



### Attend the Orientation Days

There are Orientation Days 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.

*See p. 30*



# Administrative TO-DO'S

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



## **Request your health insurance: TAJ card**

Students holding a Hungarian governmental scholarship are entitled to enjoy health care services according to the Act 53/1997 on the Eligibility for Social Security Benefits and Private Pensions and the Funding for These Services (point i) of section (1) of paragraph 16). They are entitled to have a social security card.

*See p. 28*



## **Open a Hungarian bank account**

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

*See p. 63*



## **Request a Tax Identification Number and Card**

The National Tax and Customs Administration issues the Tax Identification Number and Card. In order to receive the scholarship, you are required to apply for these personally at any of the offices.

*See p. 64*



# Quaestura Office OF STUDENT SERVICES

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

## 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.

For more information on the services please contact the Quaestura Office in the city center:

Address: 1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6.

Or contact the Quaestura Office at the Lágymányos Campus:

Address: 1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A, Building „North” Room 1.95

**W:** [qter.elte.hu](mailto:qter.elte.hu) or contact the colleagues at

**E:** [quaestura@elte.hu](mailto:quaestura@elte.hu).





# Neptun, the online study system AT ELTE

The Neptun Education System is the electronic 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 then log in. After you have been enrolled at the faculty, you need to request your Neptun password at the Quaestura Office.

**W:** <https://neptun.elte.hu/>



# Student CARD

Once you are registered in the Neptun system, you need to go to the Quaestura Office to get your student ID. Remember, first you have to enrol at the faculty, only then are you eligible for a student ID.

If you have a student ID, you can get a students' monthly pass at BKV (Budapest Transport Company), which is way cheaper than the ordinary pass. You can also get a discount of 50% when travelling by bus or train in the country. Numerous museums and exhibitions accept this identification document, and you can get further discounts at some restaurant and bookstores. It also reduces the price you have to pay when you are registering in some libraries or when buying tickets at some spas or baths.

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

To get your ID document, you need to have an identity document (passport or identity card) with you when visiting the Quaestura Office. Currently, instead of the ID, you will receive an A4 sheet of paper proving that you are a student of ELTE University. This paper is valid for 60 days and you need to renew it after 60 days. To receive a renewed paper, you need to go back to Quaestura Office after each 60 days.

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

If you are a student staying at ELTE longer than 12 months, (e.g. full-time students), you can't have a temporary student certificate without making an application for a permanent student card (a plastic one). This student card is a plastic orange-brown card, in size similar to a bank card. This card contains your data (name, place and date of birth, address, type of student status), name of the university (Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem), and period of validity.

To receive a plastic card, please read carefully the following guide:

[www.elte.hu/en/student\\_card](http://www.elte.hu/en/student_card)



# Your legal stay IN HUNGARY

After you successfully pass the entrance exam, you receive an official notification from ELTE that you are 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.

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 (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 **Office of Immigration and Nationality** (in Hungarian: Bevándorlási és Állampolgársági Hivatal, abbreviated as

## Visiting address to BÁH for students in higher education:

### Branch Office III (Budapest)

#### Processes:

- Residence affairs (registration card, prolongation of national resident permits too)
- Authority's approval of invitation letter
- Report of accommodation

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

**E:** bpkir3@bah.b-m.hu

**W:** www.bmbah.h

**TEL:** +36 1 550 1213

### Branch Office V (Budapest)

#### Processes:

- Resident permit for students
- Invitation letter
- Registration card

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

**E-mail:** bpkir5@bah.b-m.hu

**Web:** www.bmbah.hu/

**Phone:** +36 1 550 1252

A short guide on how to book an appointment at the Office of Immigration and Nationality is available at <https://www.elte.hu/file/How-to-book-an-appointment-to-the-Immigration-Office.pdf>.

## 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 the Hungarian Republic 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 Office of Immigration and Nationality**.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

<b>Completed form of "Data sheet for the issuance of registration certificate and for the registration of residence"</b>	Download it ( <a href="http://www.bmbah.hu/">www.bmbah.hu/</a> ), print it and fill it in.
Valid passport or identity card	
Certificate of student status/Certificate of school attendance	You can receive it at <b>Quaestura Office</b> or in person from your faculty coordinator.
<b>Certificate of accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dormitory certificate;</b></li> <li>• Proof of student hostel;</li> <li>• If you rent a flat: Lease Contract (the original document and a copy of it)</li> </ul>
Certificate of the financial conditions	Scholarship, bank account statement, or a bank account statement of your parents and a declaration from your parents that they support you in a financial way, etc.
Certificate of health insurance	Any health insurance valid in the territory of EU e.g.; European Health Insurance Card
<b>Declaration about the day of crossing the Hungarian Border</b> - last time, no more than 90 days ago	Download it ( <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/content/registration-card-for-eea-nationals.t.373?m=209">https://www.elte.hu/en/content/registration-card-for-eea-nationals.t.373?m=209</a> ), print it and fill it in.
<b>Registration fee: 1000 HUF as duty in form of fee stamps</b>	You can buy it at any larger post office. Please note that stamp duties cannot be purchased on location. (Students with a Hungarian governmental scholarship, e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum, do not need to pay for the fee stamps.)

Please note that you will receive the registration card on the spot when you are at the Office of Immigration and Nationality. You will receive the address card in an official letter by post on 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 Office of Immigration and Nationality 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 IN HUNGARY



You need to obtain a residence permit for the purpose of studies if you are a student from the non-European Economic Area (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** (<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>), you can **apply for the Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies 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 (<http://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 21 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 **Office of Immigration and Nationality** as soon as possible in order to **register accommodation in Hungary** and to **receive the residence permit**.



## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

<b>„Application for residence permit for the purpose of studies” OR</b>	Please download it ( <a href="http://www.bmbah.hu/">www.bmbah.hu/</a> ) and fill it in, <b>if you apply for a residence permit for the first time (and you don't have a D-visa).</b>
<b>„Data sheet for the issuance of the residence permit”</b> also called “Adatlap a tartózkodási engedély kiadásához” in Hungarian	Please download it ( <a href="http://www.bmbah.hu/">www.bmbah.hu/</a> ) and fill it in, if you have already applied for the for a residence permit at the Hungarian Consulate in your home country (and you have a D-visa).
Valid passport	
1 passport-size colour photo	
Certificate of school attendance	You can receive it at <b>Quaestura Office</b> or in person from your faculty coordinator.
Certificate of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dormitory certificate;</li><li>• Proof of student hostel;</li><li>• If you rent a flat from the owner:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Lease Contract</li><li>– Valid Property Sheet (not older than 30 days);</li></ul></li><li>• If you rent a flat from a company:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Valid Property sheet (not older than 30 days);</li><li>– Power of Attorney / Authorization;</li><li>– Specimen Signature of manager,</li><li>– Lease agreement and a declaration from agent, agency's manager / employee of agency who has special power from manager and signed by two witnesses</li></ul></li><li>– Special power from Agency: Declaration from manager to employee to be able to sign authorization, lease contract and represent the Agency.</li></ul>
“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.
<b>“Declaration to undertake voluntary leave”</b>	You can receive it and fill it in when you are at the Office of Immigration and Nationality.
“Declaration” on how you would like to receive your residence permit	You can receive it and fill it in at the Office of Immigration and Nationality.
Fee: In case of a new request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EUR 60 at the consulate; or</li><li>• HUF 18, 000 as duty in form of fee stamps in Hungary</li></ul> In case of extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HUF 10, 000 as duty in form of fee stamps in Hungary</li></ul>	The fee stamps can be bought at any larger Hungarian post office. Please note that stamp duties cannot be purchased on location. Students with Hungarian governmental scholarship, e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum, do not need to pay for the fee stamps, in this case please take with you a certificate about your scholarship, e.g. Letter of Award as a Stipendium Hungaricum student!

### (1.1) VALIDITY OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

The residence permit for the purpose of study is issued

- **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.

### (1.2) 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 Office of Immigration and Nationality 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 be thoughtful your contract shall be contained the opportunity for an extension.)

### (1.3) 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 Office of Immigration and Nationality 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** by the third country national and presented to the authority if requested.



**HOW TO APPLY?**

You are required to appear **in person, at the Office of Immigration and Nationality** 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"> <li>• <b>Dormitory certificate;</b></li> <li>• <b>Proof of student hostel;</b></li> <li>• <b>If you rent a flat from the owner:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Lease Contract</li> <li>– Valid Property Sheet (not older than 30 days);</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>If you rent a flat from a company:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Valid Property sheet (not older than 30 days);</li> <li>– Power of Attorney / Authorization;</li> <li>– Specimen Signature of manager,</li> <li>– Lease agreement and a declaration from agent, agency's manager / employee of agency who has special power from manager and signed by two witnesses</li> <li>– Special power from Agency: Declaration from manager to employee to be able to sign authorization, lease contract and represent the Agency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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.

**GROUP VISITS - OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY**

To make this procedure easier, we are organizing group visits to the Office of Immigration and Nationality. Sign up for one of the groups that we organize and we will take you to the Office.

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



# Health INSURANCE

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

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** (including Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship), 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 staying 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.

When using the card, don't forget to bring your passport or ID card with yourself. 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.

## 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.

**NOTE!** The health insurance card is valid only together with a passport; therefore, it is particularly important that the insured should carry both the Health Insurance Card and his/her passport at all times.

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# University life and services for international students

## Orientation Days

The Orientation Days are organized for international students at ELTE at the beginning of each academic semester. The program is designed to introduce you to 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.

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/orientation](http://www.elte.hu/en/orientation)





# Libraries

## University library

The University Library was founded in 1561 by the Jesuit order; it is the oldest library in the country, which was opened to the public in 1876. Until 1949 the Library specialized in the history of religion, theology, philosophy and the universal history of the middle Ages and the Modern Age. The historical collection - including 185 codices, 1150 incunabula and 2600 old Hungarian printed books published before 1711, 7000 volumes from the 16th century, and the oldest manuscript, an 8th century Beda fragment - is part of the Hungarian cultural heritage.

Today the holdings of the University Library amount to 2 million titles, over 200,000 journals, 600 online periodicals and 100 databases on the Internet. The Library's database contains 230,000 item records, 175,000 bibliographic records, and 225,000 authority records. There is also a direct link to the online catalogues of the Central Library of the University of Miskolc and the Central Library of Semmelweis University.

The registration in the University Library is free for every student of ELTE and the student card can be used as the library card.

Besides the traditional library services, the Library provides access to e-text archives, online copies of printed documents, electronic-only materials and CD-ROMs. The Library is member of the "Hungarian Online Librarian", an online reference service of librarians.

## ELTE University Library

Address: H-1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6

TEL: +36-1-411-6738

Fax: +36-1-411-6737

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

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

## 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/lawlib](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/lawlib)

**Library of Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/specedulib](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/specedulib)

**Libraries of Faculty of Humanities** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/809](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/809)

**Library of Faculty of Informatics** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/node/819](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/node/819)

**Libraries of Faculty of Education and Psychology** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/1278](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/1278)

**Library of Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/fenstt](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/fenstt)

**Némedi Dénes Library of Faculty of Social Sciences** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/social](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/social)

**Library of Faculty of Science** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/lfs](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/lfs)

**Other Libraries (not belonging to faculties)** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/807](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/807)

**Libraries of Eötvös Lorand University network schools** - [www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/805](http://www.konyvtar.elte.hu/en/member-institute/805)

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

## Some interesting and important libraries in Budapest:

It is worth to take the opportunity and visit some libraries in Budapest. Here is a selection of the most impressive ones:



**National Széchenyi Library – [www.oszk.hu](http://www.oszk.hu)**

It is located in the rear wing of the Royal Palace, facing toward Buda. It is a national library, the richest collection including some surviving books of King Matthias, the legendary king of the Renaissance (their name is “Corvina”, as the ensign of the king was a raven (called *corvus* in Latin)).



**Library of the Parliament – [www.ogyk.hu](http://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 the Danube. It only became a public collection in 1952; until that time, access was permitted for institutions and professionals.



**Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library – [www.fszek.hu](http://www.fszek.hu)**

It is 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 to be found in the former stables.



**National Library of Foreign Language – [www.oik.hu](http://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 a very pleasant atmosphere with a rich selection of journals.

**Library Days at ELTE**

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



# IT SUPPORT

## More information:

**W:** <http://iig.elte.hu/forusers>

**E:** [operator@elte.hu](mailto:operator@elte.hu)

## Wifi at ELTE

There is a WIFI system available for ELTE students at the university. In order to have access to this service, you need to take the following steps.

### Step 1

Connect to the network called "ELTE-Guest"

### Step 2

Open this page in the browser: <http://ugykezo.elte.hu>

### Step 3

Click on "Belépés" below (belépés means "login")

Now you can switch the language of the website into English.

### Step 4

Select authentication via Neptun by clicking on the Neptun icon in the top right corner, then type your Neptun ID (6 characters), your password, then log in.

### Step 5

Now you can choose your own IIG username (which is "Választott IIG Azonosító").

Note that the number of the characters in your username have to be between 3 and 12 and it can only contain lower case letters of the English alphabet, numbers and hyphens (-). Note that it cannot start with a hyphen or a number and it cannot contain space, dot (.), low line (\_) or two hyphens following each other.

### Step 6

Choose your password and type it to "Választott IIG Jelszó" (chosen IIG password) and the same password to "Választott IIG Jelszó Megerősítés" (validating your chosen IIG password).

Your password should be at least 6 characters long, but it cannot be your username.

### Step 7

At the bottom of the page there is a sentence "Kérem a WIFI azonosító létrehozását is" (which means: "I also would like to create a WIFI identifier") and a box beside this sentence.

Put a tick into the box and then click on "Igénylés" (application). You will be redirected to a page where the system confirms your request. Then you are done, your IIG identifier is ready.

### Step 8

Disconnect from the network "ELTE-Guest" and try to connect to "ELTE" when your IIG username and password will be requested. After you type them in, you have access to the internet.

## Your Personalized ELTE E-mail Address

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

Some information on the service:

When you require a WIFI access at ELTE, you will automatically possess an e-mail address called: yourusername@caesar.elte.hu with 2 GB memory.

You can reach your messages anywhere via an online platform (<https://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 2 GB memory.

# Language COURSES

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

## English Language Courses

ELTE ORIGÓ Language Centre offers preparatory courses in English to exchange students or students who have been admitted to the degree programmes of ELTE and need a working knowledge of this language for their studies. Language courses are organized individually or in groups on demand. We recommend these courses for those who would like to brush up their English before beginning their studies in Hungary or for those who would like to improve their language skills while studying at the University.

### You can choose from the following courses:

- General English course during the semester: 2x2 lessons per week
- Level B2 (intermediate)
- Level C1 (advanced)
- Academic Writing course: 2 lessons per week
- Level from B2+ (upper-intermediate)

### Intensity of the courses:

- General English course: 2x2 lessons per week
- Academic Writing course: 2X1 lessons per week
- 1 lesson lasts 45 minutes

### Length of the courses: 12 weeks

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/language\\_courses](http://www.elte.hu/en/language_courses)

## Hungarian Language Courses

ELTE offers Hungarian language and culture courses covering all levels from complete beginner (A1) to proficiency levels (C2).

The 13-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 ECTS credits after successfully completing the course.

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/language\\_courses](http://www.elte.hu/en/language_courses)

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

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/content/22nd-summer-university-of-hungarian-language-and-culture.t.86?m=50](http://www.elte.hu/en/content/22nd-summer-university-of-hungarian-language-and-culture.t.86?m=50)

If you want to learn Intensive Hungarian during the semester, please apply for the Intensive Hungarian Foundation Course.

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/language\\_courses](http://www.elte.hu/en/language_courses)



# ESN ELTE



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 430 higher education institutions from 37 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 aim 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.

### Dorottya KARDOS

President

[president@elte.esn.hu](mailto:president@elte.esn.hu)

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/esnelte/](http://www.facebook.com/esnelte/)
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- [www.elte.hu/en/mentors](http://www.elte.hu/en/mentors)
- [www.elte.hu/en/content/programs-for-incoming-students.t.240?m=130](http://www.elte.hu/en/content/programs-for-incoming-students.t.240?m=130)

## ESNcard

### What is 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.card.esn.hu](http://www.card.esn.hu)) <http://elte.esn.hu/esncard> for more information.

### Who can get an ESNcard?

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 in parties, bars, clubs
- Trips: discounts for ESN trips
- Accommodation: hostels
- Services: phone cards, taxis, shops, beauty parlours
- Sports: fitness clubs

### How can you get your ESNcard?

The ESNcard can be obtained exclusively from your ESN local section. Please contact your local section to get the ESNcard.

# Mentor SYSTEM

ESN ELTE is here so that you won't feel all alone: besides organizing social activities, the most direct help ESN ELTE provides is through the mentor system.

ESN ELTE mentors help international students with everyday problems and they guide international students through their international experience during their stay at ELTE in Budapest. They are enthusiastic, open-minded and helpful Hungarian ELTE students. International students can turn to their mentors for help any time they need it. Mentors will be there to help international students with 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.

## How to request a mentor?

You can request a mentor when you fill in the registration form at [registration.elte.hu](http://registration.elte.hu). If you select "YES" for the question "Do you request a student mentor in ELTE?", ESN ELTE will contact you via email shortly.

If you haven't requested a student mentor when you registered but later you would like to have a mentor who you can rely on during your whole stay in Budapest, then email the ESN ELTE Chief Mentor of your faculty (see Appendix B).



# Students' Union System OF ELTE

## Representing interests, representing values

Not only the university but also the Students' 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 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 Student's Union for help who will give you a helping hand in every situation.

The Students' Union has a two-tier structure: first the students elect directly the representatives from themselves, then the faculties delegate members from the representatives to the University Students' Union (EHÖK). The University Students' Union coordinates the work of the Faculty Students' Unions, represents students in the university government and in the National Students' Union, 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.



## University Student's Union

### Sarolta Noémi Dunka

**Address:** H-1056 Budapest, Szerb utca 21-23

**W:** <http://ehok.elte.hu/kulugy>

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

**TEL:** +36-1-411-6500/8256

# Sports AT ELTE

If you want to stretch your muscles, there are plenty of sports opportunities at our university, including swimming, rowing, basketball, cheerleading and hiking.

## The University Athletics Club (BEAC)

The University Athletics Club (BEAC) was founded in 1898 as one of the very first Hungarian sports clubs. The primary aim of BEAC is to ensure quality, professional sports opportunities for ELTE students and for the youth of Budapest. Since its foundation, members of the University Athletics Club have won five Olympic and 400 Hungarian champion titles.

Sections: aerobic and cheerleader, athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, football, futsal, handball, hiking, indoor climbing, martial arts, rugby, orienteering, table tennis, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, and waterpolo.

## Do Sports for credit!

You can apply for these sport classes just like any other ones at your department via the Neptun study system. The course fee (per course and per semester) is 6,000 HUF.

Sports available: Aerobics, Badminton, Basketball, Belly dancing, Bicycle tour, Box, Cheerleading, Chess, Climbing, Conditioning, Crossminton, Floorball, Football for women, Functional training, Futsal, Goju-ryu martial arts, Handball, Hiking, Jiu-jitsu, Kettlebell, Kung-fu, Lacrosse, Modern jazz dance, Muay thai, Rowing, Running for beginners, Spinning, Squash, Swimming, Table tennis, Triathlon, TRX, Volleyball, Yoga

### ELTE-BEAC Sport Office

### Sports Referent at the University Students' Union

## 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 each September and May. This is one of the biggest and most popular events in the year at ELTE.

### ELTE Sport7 (each September)

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

### 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 also get advice on healthy lifestyle from professional counselors.

### Sport at Night (each December)

Students and professors of ELTE get together to form teams and play friendly games in various sports (e.g., football, basketball, volleyball). Concerts, games and counseling services are also waiting for you in the evening.

# Housing

As ELTE has around 25,000 students in total and approximately 3,100 dormitory places, it is very common among students to look for private accommodation, i.e., to rent an apartment or room alone or with other students.

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

If you would like to live in an apartment, please contact our partner agency:

SRS Homes (ROOMS AND FLATS) [www.srs-budapest.hu](http://www.srs-budapest.hu)

**Your agent:**

Martina Gorondy-Wilde: [martina@srs-budapest.hu](mailto:martina@srs-budapest.hu),

TEL: +36-20-473-8128

Skype: gorondywilde

Rooms are available at around **150-400 EUR per person per month**.

If you decide to live in one of the ELTE dormitories, you can choose from dormitories available for both Hungarian students and international students. Please note that the number of the places is limited.

More information: [www.elte.hu/en/housing](http://www.elte.hu/en/housing)





# Culture

## EÖTVÖS ART ENSEMBLE

The Eötvös Art Ensemble consists of three cultural groups:

- the Béla Bartók University Choir
- the University Chamber Orchestra
- the Folk Dance Group

Members of the groups are non-professional singers, musicians and dancers, primarily current and former students and lecturers of ELTE. The groups recruit new members at the beginning of each academic year and international students also join them – sometimes even only for their one-semester stay.

The choir was founded in 1948 and the orchestra was founded 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 typically performs a capella pieces, and the choir and the orchestra often perform oratorios together. What is more, they also have experience in crossing the borders between classical and popular music. They regularly give concerts throughout the year. The most popular concert of the year is the Christmas concert, traditionally taking place in the Aula Magna Ceremony Hall of ELTE. Don't miss it before the winter holidays in December.

The Folk Dance Group was founded in 1957. The repertoire of the Folk Dance Group includes a wide range of folk dances of the ethnic groups living in the Carpathian Basin. The Group takes part in the amateur folk dance movement and they were qualified Gold Grade at the latest nationwide qualification. There are two groups, one at a beginner-intermediate level and another one at an advanced level. If you would like to learn some Hungarian dances, you have a place to join.

### WANT TO JOIN?

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





### ELTE Botanical Garden

The first Hungarian Botanical Garden was founded in 1771 by the predecessor of Eötvös Loránd University. The Botanical Garden boasts about 7,000 species and 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.

- Address: H-1083 Budapest, Illés utca 25
- TEL: +36-1-314-0535
- Opening hours: every day 9:00-16:00, 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](mailto:asvanytar@abyss.elte.hu)



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

This special geological nature reserve is 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
- TEL: +36-34-381-587



### Gothard Astrophysical Observatory

The University Observatory - founded in 1881 - is a modern research and educational base. The exhibition inside demonstrates the achievements of a new, blooming science 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 recognised research is performed here. The research includes the observation of light changes of magnetic stars, young emissive objects (T Tauri stars) and the perceptibly rapid changes in the atmosphere of great-mass hot stars.

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



# Equal 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

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

## **Krisztina KOVÁCS**

Leader of the Disability Center

- E-mail: kovacs.krisztina@kancellaria.elte.hu
- TEL: +36-1-483-8000/2256

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:

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



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# Life Management SUPPORT

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 a free and confidential support to students to help them develop ways of overcoming difficulties.

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

- Academic difficulties (anxieties about exams and specialization, learning difficulties and disorders, difficulties with study regulations, time management, general stress and anxiety)
- Relationship difficulties
- Family problems and parental separations
- Handling independence
- Manage transitions (e.g., staying in a dormitory, renting an apartment on your own or sharing an apartment)
- Difficulties with alcohol or drugs, other habitual addictions
- Issues around sex and sexuality
- Psychosomatic symptoms
- Panic reactions and depression
- Losses, crises and traumatic experiences
- Lack of self confidence or low self esteem
- Identity problems
- etc.

The Life Management and Student Counseling at the Faculty of Education and Psychology and the Peer Counseling group offers counseling services for students studying at any ELTE faculties.

Additionally, there are counseling services available for students studying on Lágymányos Campus, at the Faculty of Informatics and at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Science.

**Email:** [counseling@ppk.elte.hu](mailto:counseling@ppk.elte.hu)

**Address:** 1071 Budapest, Damjanich Street 41-43, C/114

## Life Management and Student Counseling

Experienced psychologists at the Faculty of Education and Psychology provide a professional counseling service to all ELTE students. They are available to help students work through their difficulty, understand themselves better and find ways of managing their situation.

The Life Management and Student Counseling staff are professionally trained and widely experienced clinical and counseling psychologists, psychotherapists, all of whom are accustomed to helping people from many different backgrounds and cultures, and with a wide range of issues.

**Ask for an appointment in advance in email:** [counseling@ppk.elte.hu](mailto:counseling@ppk.elte.hu)

**Address:** 1071 Budapest, Damjanich Street 41-43, C/114

## Peer Counselling

The ELTE Peer Counselling Group is a voluntary organisation of students majoring in Psychology. The group is devoted to help ELTE students. They offer peer counseling (under professional supervision) regarding difficulties in studies, relationships, family or any kind of issues in a student's everyday life. They also provide other various services, such as thematic film clubs where not speaking Hungarian is not a trouble at all and game sessions focusing on self-knowledge, and popular scientific lectures on psychology.

Their services for international students include a project called Tandem, which facilitates language learning between foreign and Hungarian students.

### More information:

**W:** [www.kortars.elte.hu](http://www.kortars.elte.hu)

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

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

## Counseling Services on Lágymányos Campus

Students studying at the Faculty of Informatics, Faculty of Science, and Faculty of Social Sciences can turn to psychologists on Lágymányos Campus as well.

### For students at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Science:

If you are a student at the Faculty of Science and Social Sciences, you can discuss your questions with Marita Ar dai-Punczman counselor and clinical psychologist on Lágymányos Campus. Please ask for an appointment in advance in email ([pmarita@gmail.com](mailto:pmarita@gmail.com)).

**Address:** Lágymányos Campus, ELTE (1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A) Building A, Room 0.104

### For students at the Faculty of Informatics:

If you are a student at the Faculty of Informatics, you can discuss your questions with Rita Takács psychologist on Lágymányos Campus. Typically, an introductory session is followed by 5-6 more sessions. Each session takes 50 minutes. Please ask for an appointment in advance in email: [diaktanacsadas@inf.elte.hu](mailto:diaktanacsadas@inf.elte.hu).

**Address:** Lágymányos Campus, ELTE (1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C) Building C, Room 0.727 (opposite the canteen)





# 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](mailto:info@karrier.elte.hu)



# About Hungary

## Facts AND FIGURES

<b>Official name</b>	Hungary
<b>State form</b>	Republic
<b>Area</b>	93,030 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population</b>	9,897,541
<b>Capital city</b>	Budapest
<b>Official language</b>	Hungarian
<b>Memberships</b>	EU, NATO, Schengen Zone, UNESCO
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic 37.2%, Calvinist 11.6%, Lutheran 2.2%, Greek Catholic 1.8%, other 1.9%, none 18.2%, unspecified 27.2% (2011 est.)
<b>Currency</b>	Forint (HUF)
<b>Time zone</b>	CET (UTC+1)
<b>Date formats</b>	yyyy.mm.dd

## Public HOLIDAYS

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- March 15 - Anniversary of the 1848 Revolution and War of Independence
- Easter Sunday and Monday (Movable)
- May 1 - Labour Day
- Pentecost Sunday and Monday (Movable)
- August 20 - St. Stephen's Day
- October 23 - Anniversary of the 1956 Revolution
- November 1 - All Saints Day
- December 25-26 - Christmas

# 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).

Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5 °F). Average high temperature in the summer is 23 to 28 °C (73 to 82 °F) and temperature can climb up above 35 °C on the hottest days in July-August. Average low temperature in the winter is -3 to -7 °C (27 to 19 °F) and temperature 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 major and one of the longest river is the Danube dividing the country almost in half. It is worth to visit the banks of the river Tisza and Drava.

Its two longest rivers called Danube and Tisza divide Hungary into three parts. Hungary highest point is Mountain Kékes (1015m) located in the Mátra Hills. Two-thirds of Hungary's geographic area is less than 200 metres above sea level. The lowest point with 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 from 3 to 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	Stephen I (Saint Stephen) was crowned with a crown sent by the Pope from Rome
● 13th century	the medieval Hungarian Kingdom suffered great losses as a result of the Mongol invasion
● 16-17th century	about 150 years of partial Ottoman occupation
● 17th century – 1918	Hungary was integrated into the Habsburg Monarchy and later constituted half of the Austro-Hungarian Empire
● 1918-1919	When Austria-Hungary, a great power until the end of the World War I, disintegrated in 1918-1919, Hungary lost about two thirds of its territory, along with of its ethnically Hungarian/Magyar population and all its sea ports under the Treaty of the Grand Trianon.
● 1920-1945	Following a short period of parliamentary democracy, autocratic tendencies gradually returned as a result of Nazi influences and the Great Depression.
● 1945-1989	Communist era
● 1956	Revolution
● 1989	collapse of the Eastern Bloc
● 1989-1990	After the change of the regime in 1989-1990, all main political parties advocated economic liberalization and closer ties with the West.
● 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/](http://www.vilagorokseg.hu/)
- **The old village of Hollókő and its surroundings**
  - [www.hollokoturism.hu/](http://www.hollokoturism.hu/)
- **Aggtelek National Park**
  - [anp.nemzetipark.gov.hu/](http://anp.nemzetipark.gov.hu/)
- **The Benedictine Archabbey of Pannonhalma and its natural environment**
  - <http://bences.hu/>
- **Hortobágy National Park – the Puszta**
  - [www.hnp.hu/hu](http://www.hnp.hu/hu)
- **Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopiane)**
  - [pecsorokseg.hu/](http://pecsorokseg.hu/)
- **Cultural landscape of Lake Neusiedl (Fertő tó)**
  - [www.fertopart.hu/](http://www.fertopart.hu/)
- **Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape**
  - [www.tokaj.hu/](http://www.tokaj.hu/)

# Did you KNOW?



## Beware! Vampires ahead!

Although Vlad the Impaler (1431-1476), more commonly known as Dracula, was born in the Kingdom of Hungary, he was in fact of Romanian origin. He was also imprisoned in the castles of Visegrád and Buda. 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 first 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 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 (hussar), 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. Boglárka Kapás swimmer, current ELTE student won a bronze medal on the Women's 800m Freestyle.



### 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 da dadada dadada da da da da da da da da!

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.



### 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 (roughly 4.5 EUR). 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, Szemszárd, and Villány.

Fröccs (spritzer), a mixture of wine and soda water, has recently become popular again. It is a true Hungarian specialty. No other nation in the world that would dare to dilute wine with soda water. 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
- Házmaster: 3 dl wine + 2 dl soda water
- Vécsházmaster: 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 Two 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; due to reconstruction works, it is closed to the public until spring 2018. 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 8am to 4/6pm depending on the season). Visits to the House of Parliament are restricted during weeks in which the National Assembly holds its plenary sittings.

# Arrival in BUDAPEST

## AIRPORT

Budapest Airport, officially called Budapest Ferenc Liszt 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 <http://www.bud.hu/>.

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

#### Public Transportation

From 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., bus number 200E commutes between Terminal 2 and the "Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal" (end of metro line M3), via the Ferihegy train station (trains to the Nyugati railway station in Budapest). 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.

From 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. bus 200E, from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. night bus number 900 operates between Budapest Airport Terminal 2 and the South Pest bus garage. It is possible to change to night buses 950 and 950A, operating to the inner city.

#### Airport Shuttle

The official airport shuttle service provider of Budapest Airport is miniBUD. For reservation and further information, check <https://www.minibud.hu/> or call +36 1 550 0000.

#### Taxi

The official taxi service provider of Budapest Airport is Főtaxi. To order a taxi from this company, call +36 1 222 2222. You can also order online at [fotaxi.hu](http://fotaxi.hu), or download their app from the Apple Store or Google Play. All other officially accredited Budapest taxi companies provide transfer to and from the airport, if requested. To avoid unpleasant surprises, keep your eyes out for officially accredited cars (the yellow ones with the official fares and ID number displayed on the exterior).

From 1 September 2013 a new Taxi Decree was introduced in Budapest regulating the price of taxi service at a fixed tariff of 280 HUF/km (0.90 EUR/km) in addition to the one-off basic fee of 450 HUF (1.45 EUR) and waiting fee. A ride to the city center should typically cost around 7000 HUF (23 EUR) depending on traffic conditions.

#### Car

You can find several rental companies in the arrival hall at Budapest Airport. You can also book a rental online at [http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access\\_and\\_parking/car](http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/car)

## 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](http://www.mavcsoport.hu/en)



## 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 purchase motorway sticker at <http://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 weekends, 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 2016):

- 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 Őrs 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: Kopaszi-gát (Rákóczi híd)-Újpest, Árpád út
- D-12 and D-13: Kopaszi-gát (Rákóczi-híd) – Rómaiüfördő

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.bkk.hu](http://molbubi.bkk.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 the night buses. Night buses usually start at midnight and run until 4:00 a.m. every night. The numbering of night buses start with the number 9.

**Note that some night buses on very busy lines run quite often (every 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.bkk.hu/)).

# SAFETY

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

## A few tips to consider:

- Wallets should not be kept in a 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 p.m., 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 utca 19

Déli gyógyszertár: 1123 Budapest, Alkotás út 1/B

Mária gyógyszertár: 1139 Budapest, Béke tér 11

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

### Some of the hospitals:

#### Merényi Gusztáv Kórház:

1097 Budapest Gyáli utca/út 17-19

#### Péterfy Sándor utcai kórház

1076 Budapest, Péterfy Sándor utca 8-20

#### Szent István kórház

1097 Budapest, Nagyvárad tér 1

#### Szent László kórház

1097 Budapest, Albert Flórián út 5-7.

#### Szent Imre kórház

1115 Budapest, Tétényi út 12-16

#### Uzsoki utcai kórház

1145 Budapest, Uzsoki utca 29-41

# General cost OF LIVING

Hungary is considered to be an affordable country 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 centre and you will find places with friendlier price level. Considering the different expenditures, you can calculate with the following prices (1 EUR = approx. 315 HUF):

## Cost of living in Budapest

- accommodation, if you rent an apartment: HUF 70,000-80,000 = ab. EUR 233 - 267
- one single ticket (bus, tram): HUF 350 = ab. EUR 1.1
- one monthly pass for public transport for students: HUF 3,450 = ab. EUR 11

## Shopping in Budapest

- one litre of milk: HUF 280 = EUR 0.9
- one litre of bottled water: HUF 100-150 = EUR 0.3-0.5
- one loaf of bread: HUF 200 = EUR 0.6

## Nightlife in Budapest

- one small bottle of beer: HUF 130-200 = EUR 0.4-0.6
- one bottle of red table wine: HUF 600-1500 = EUR 1,9-4,7
- one cinema ticket: HUF 900-1500 = EUR 2,85-4,7

# Banking in HUNGARY

You may want or need to open a bank account in another EU country. 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 whether or not to 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 license, 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.

## Automatic teller machines (ATMs)

ATMs can be found anywhere in Hungary and Budapest. Hungarian banks charge a commission for using ATMs. Note that higher service 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 with you. 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.

**More information:**

[www.elte.hu/en/content/tax-card.t.122?m=69](http://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 at 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, Telesnor, 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 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 until Saturday between 8:00-19:00 and on Sunday between 10:00-18:00. Shopping centres have longer opening hours from Monday until 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 (such as the Central Market Hall) are the best places if you want to buy some fresh fruit or vegetables in a good price. They are open from Monday until 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 utca. It is a pedestrian street, which runs from Vármház körút (Central Market Hall) to the Vörösmarty tér featuring a large number of fashion stores, restaurants and cafés. Andrásy út 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 are looking for some unique gifts, there are numerous art shops in the city center. Budapest has an expanding design community. Király utca, also known as the Design Street of Budapest, is filled with interior design and furniture stores, funky boutiques and modern art galleries.



# Culture

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" (<http://www.cinemacity.hu/>) chain. There is a Cinema City in almost every main shopping center.

Art cinemas does 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 <http://muveszmozi.hu>
- Puskin Cinema 1053 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos utca 18 <http://puskinmozi.hu>
- Toldi Cinema 1052 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 36-38 <http://toldimozi.hu>
- Uránia National Film Theater 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 21 <http://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 Film & Theatre <http://www.atriumfilmszinhaz.hu/>
- Deutsches Theatre Budapest <http://www.deutschestheater.hu/>

## 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 discounts from the ticket price. Here is the list 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 Hungary. [mnm.hu/](http://mnm.hu/)

**The Museum of Fine Arts** was founded in 1896 and opened in 1906. The museum's collection consists mostly of international works of art, including over 120,000 pieces from all periods of European art. The Museum of Fine Arts is currently under reconstruction; it will be open to the public again from spring 2018. [www.szepmuveszeti.hu/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.ludwigmuseum.hu/)

**Kunsthalle (Műcsanak)** 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/](http://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.

## 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. Check out the selection from ESN ELTE about places that you should visit while you are here in Budapest:

### 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 particular 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](http://www.szimpla.hu)**

### Instant

Featuring 26 rooms, 7 bars, 2 gardens and 7 stages, the party never stops in the nightlife of this ruin pub. Instant is massive and there are always many people. Every room is unique, different from any regular clubs and has music for everyone's taste. Drinks are reasonably priced, has an amazing décor. Even if you're up for just having drinks, there are plenty of bar areas and seating around to chill and then if you feel like seeing what's around, you don't have to walk more than 10 metres to find something you'll love!

**Address: 1065 Budapest, Nagymező utca 38**

**Web: <http://instant.co.hu/en>**

### 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 körút 11**

**Web: [www.morrison2.hu](http://www.morrison2.hu)**

### Fogasház

Fogasház is great for a club night with a massive dance floor downstairs and other rooms upstairs. The garden also has a bar and serves food which is quite good. Very similar to Szimpla, slightly smaller but great atmosphere. 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/](http://www.fogashaz.hu/)**

### Kuplung

This pub is housed in a former car repair shop (hence the name Kuplung translates to clutch). The whale hanging from the ceiling sets the tone with great lighting that looks like hanging jellyfish; bench seating, eclectic decor, and furnishing plus outside seating make it for a great place to enjoy some beers. They have a huge selection of cocktails, beers and wines and a great ambiance. Make sure you visit it on Monday's – it's half price drinks all night!

**Address: Budapest, Király u. 46, 1061**

**Web: <https://www.facebook.com/Kuplung/info>**

### 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 boat.

**Address: Pázmány Péter sétány**



# Appendix A:

## ERASMUS+ DATA SHEET

<b>Erasmus code of Institution</b>	HU BUDAPES01
<b>Erasmus University Charter number</b>	45677-EPP-1-2014-1-HU-EPPKA3-ECHE PIC code: 999896468
<b>Erasmus webpage</b>	<a href="http://www.elte.hu/en/erasmus">www.elte.hu/en/erasmus</a>
<b>Institutional Erasmus Coordinator</b>	Ms Anikó SZONTÁGH  E: <a href="mailto:erasmus@elte.hu">erasmus@elte.hu</a> Szerb utca 21-23, 1056 Budapest, Hungary T: +36-1-411-6500/2170, Fax: +36-1-411-6538
<b>Nomination for Erasmus</b>	Nomination needs to be sent by the Erasmus coordinator of the Home University by email to <a href="mailto:erasmus@elte.hu">erasmus@elte.hu</a> or directly to the relevant Faculty Erasmus coordinator ( <a href="http://www.elte.hu/en/content/faculty-international-relations-office.t.44?m=29">www.elte.hu/en/content/faculty-international-relations-office.t.44?m=29</a> )
<b>Nomination and application deadlines</b>	Necessary information for nomination: sending University name and Erasmus code, name and personal data of nominated student(s), field of study, academic year and semester (autumn or spring), number of Erasmus months
Autumn semester	Nomination deadline: <b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b> ; Application deadline: <b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Spring semester	Nomination deadline: <b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> ; Application deadline: <b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Application submission for Erasmus</b>	<a href="http://www.registration.elte.hu/">www.registration.elte.hu/</a> - except students of Faculty of Humanities (in this case please contact Mr. Sándor Balaci at <a href="mailto:balaci.sandor@btk.elte.hu">balaci.sandor@btk.elte.hu</a> )
<b>Language requirement</b>	Forms necessary for acceptance are Application form and Learning Agreement Attending the courses generally requires at least intermediate knowledge of the relevant foreign language (B2)
<b>Minimum requirement for incoming students</b>	min. 20 ECTS per semester

# Appendix B: Faculty

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICES AT ELTE

### FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

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## DEGREE PROGRAMS AT ELTE

Study programs	Preparatory year	Bachelor	Master
Education and psychology			
Cognitive Science			X
Psychology		X	X
Intercultural Education and Psychology			X
<b>Humanities</b>			
Pre-Medical — English for Specific Purposes Training	X		
Foundation Course in English – General English	X		
Intensive Hungarian Foundation Course	X		
English and American Studies		X	
English Studies			X
American Studies			X
Dutch Studies*		X	
Dutch Language and Culture Studies*			X
Russian Language and Literature*			X
Scandinavian Studies*		X	X
Romance Philology, Specialized in French*		X	
Romance Philology, Specialized in Italian*		X	
Romance Philology, Specialized in Portuguese Studies*		X	
Romance Philology, Specialized in Romanian*		X	
Romance Philology, Specialized in Spanish*		X	
French Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Italian Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Portuguese Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Romanian Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Spanish Language, Literature and Culture*			X
Film Studies			X
Logic and Theory of Science			X
Semiotics			X
<b>Informatics</b>			
Cartography			X
Computer Science	X	X	X
<b>Law</b>			
European and International Business Law LL.M.			X (LL.M.)
<b>Science</b>			
Astronomy			X
Biology			X
Chemistry			X
Environmental Science			X
Geology			X
Mathematics			X
Meteorology			X
Physics			X
<b>Social Sciences</b>			
Ethnic and Minority Policy			X
Health Policy, Planning, and Financing			X

\* All programs of literature and linguistics are taught in the respective languages.

**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			
Computer Science			
Science			
Doctoral Program in Biology			
Doctoral Program in Chemistry			
Doctoral Program in Earth Sciences and Geography			
Doctoral Program in Environmental Sciences			
Doctoral Program in Mathematics			
Doctoral Program in Physics			
Social Sciences			
Doctoral School of Sociology			



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EIT Digital Master School: Software and Service Architectures (SSA) technical major MSc	EIT Digital Master School	<a href="http://www.eitdigital.eu">www.eitdigital.eu</a>
TEMA European Territories (Civilisation, Nation, Region, City): Identity and	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master	<a href="http://www.mastertema.eu">www.mastertema.eu</a>
Cognitive Science	Joint Master	<a href="http://www.meicogsci.eu">www.meicogsci.eu</a>



# 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

### 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
Trefort	Campus of Faculty of Humanities
MUK	Múzeum körút campus of Faculty of Humanities

### Organisations and activities

Quaestura	Office of Student Services (e.g., students cards + Neptun password are handed out there)
BEAC	Budapest University Athletics Club
EHÖK	University Students' Union
ESN ELTE	Erasmus Student Network of ELTE
OTDK	National Scientific Student Conference

### Other useful ELTE expressions

Neptun	Online study system
Egyetemi Könyvtár	University Library

# Appendix E:

## 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!
Could you repeat it 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 the airport?	Hogyan jutok el a repülőtérre?
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	Vegetáriánus vagyok
I don't eat pork	Nem eszem sertéshúst
I don't drink alcohol	Nem iszom alkoholt
What's the name of this dish?	Hogy hívják ezt az ételt?
Do you like it?	Tetszik?
I really like it!	Tényleg tetszik!
I don't like it	Nem ízlik
Can we have the bill, please?	A számlát kérem!

### Shopping Expressions

I'm just looking	Csak nézelődöm
This is too expensive	Ez túl drága
This is cheap	Ez olcsó

### Daily Expressions

What time is it?	Hány óra van?
It's 3 o'clock	3 óra van
It's freezing (weather)	Fagy van
It's cold (weather)	Hideg van
It's hot (weather)	Meleg van
I'm hungry	Éhes vagyok
I'm thirsty	Szomjas vagyok
Hurry up!	Siess!

## Short Expressions and words

Good/ Bad	Jó/ Rossz
So-so (or: not bad not good)	Közepes
Big/ Small	Nagy/ Kicsi
Today	Ma
Now	Most
Tomorrow	Holnap
Yesterday	Tegnap
Yes	Igen
No	Nem
Help!	Segítség!
Entry	Bejárat
Exit	Kijárat

## Days

Monday	hétfő
Tuesday	kedd
Wednesday	szerda
Thursday	csütörtök
Friday	péntek
Saturday	szombat
Sunday	vasárnap
Weekend	hétvége
today / tomorrow / yesterday	ma / holnap / tegnap



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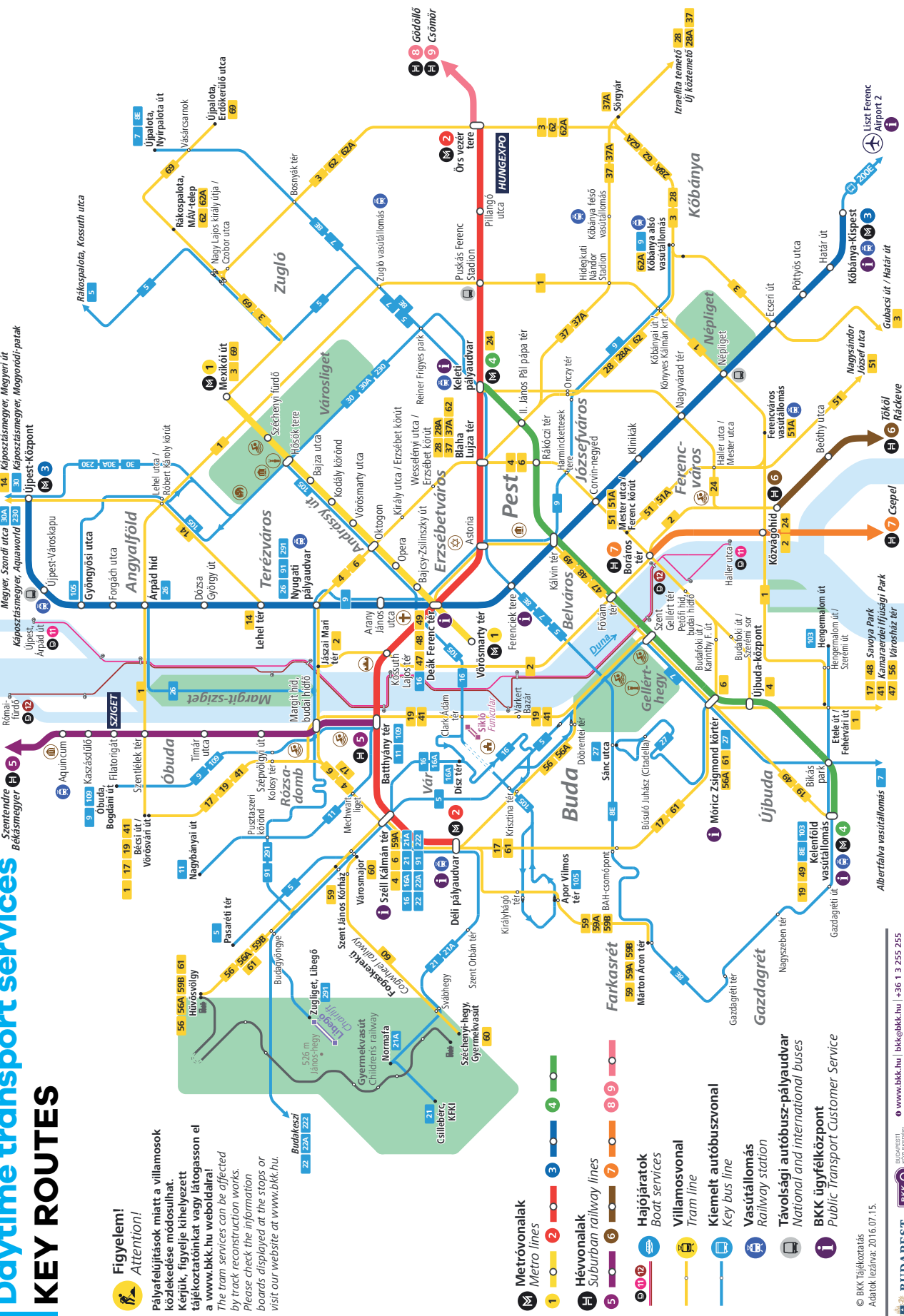
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