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GREETINGS



Dear International Students,

We are delighted to have you join our vibrant academic community. Although the university in its present form was established more recently, we proudly trace our intellectual heritage to the year 1367, when the first university in Hungary was founded here, in the City of Pécs. This remarkable, centuries-old legacy continues to be a profound source of inspiration, fueling our commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the advancement of knowledge.

Today, the University of Pécs stands as one of Hungary's largest and most comprehensive institutions of higher education. We are proud of the achievements of our faculty, researchers, and alumni, and remain dedicated to fostering an inclusive and stimulating environment for all members of our academic community.

As an international student, you are now part of a diverse and dynamic university that not only welcomes but actively celebrates perspectives from across the globe. We are confident that your time here will be intellectually enriching and personally transformative. The education and experiences you gain will prepare you for a successful career and equip you to contribute meaningfully to the challenges and opportunities of our shared future. I wish you every success as you begin this important chapter of your life.

With best regards,

Prof. Dr. Attila Miseta, Rector



Dear Students,

On behalf of the International Centre and the Student Union of the University of Pécs, we warmly welcome you to Hungary's oldest university and one of Central Europe's leading institutions of higher education.

Congratulations on your admission! We are delighted that you chose the University of Pécs for your academic journey. As a new member of our international student community, you will surely contribute to the rich cultural diversity we value so deeply.

The University of Pécs is proud of its strong international focus, with over 5,500 students from more than 140 countries studying across our ten faculties. This creates a vibrant and truly intercultural learning environment for all.

Outside the classroom, the university, Student Union, and the City of Pécs offer countless opportunities for growth, cultural exploration, and encounter. Whether you're here for a full degree or a short-term exchange, we're confident you'll find your time in Pécs enriching and memorable.

This guide was created to help you navigate your first weeks, get to know university life, and settle into your new environment. We hope it will be a useful companion as you begin this exciting new chapter.

Enjoy your time in Pécs and make the most of your university years!

With warm regards,

Prof. Dr. István Tarrósy, Director, International Centre
Dr. Dominik Horváth, President, Student Union



A TRULY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY | in a truly international city

The University of Pécs has had English-taught full degree programs for over forty years, and German-taught programs for more than twenty. International students make up twenty-three percent of our student body, by coming from 140 different countries.

This variety defines the core identity of our city and university. Openness and curiosity is needed from every student, because being an international university is not only about knowing the foods and drinks of each other, or that we celebrate Nowruz together each March. It also means that we learn from each other in research, studying, thinking and ways of understanding: as a political scientist, it was amazing to hear the debate of a Mongolian and Azerbaijani student over green policy or freedom of speech – knowing that Azerbaijani women can be hot-tempered. I personally experienced how it feels to study in an international environment, and I can only wish everyone to experience the same: when the above mentioned debate happened, I was at a class with students from the following countries: Croatia, Mongolia, Palestine, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Germany, Norway, Poland, Nigeria, Moldova and Laos.



So internationalization for the University of Pécs means a combination of long time tradition and hard work: it influences the atmosphere of the university, it is a part of our everyday business. This movement gained momentum in 2015,



when the University of Pécs started its new internationalization plan with the financial support of the Government of Hungary. According to that, the University has doubled its number of international students reaching 5000 by 2020. To help this project, the government were ready to provide additional development funds for Pécs. This means that now every fifth student of the university will come from abroad, which is a huge accomplishment, and also a huge opportunity.

By the strengthened opening towards international students and lecturers, we create the possibility to welcome the knowledge and experience gained all over the world: the 5500 international students mean 5500 new thoughts, new opinions, and new points of view, which is priceless.

The research portfolio of the University of Pécs is considered international as well. There are many opportunities for any students to join the research projects working at different levels and in different fields of the international sphere. If you have a particular interest in one or another part of the World, there is definitely somebody at the university who is actually a specialist of that field. Here are some examples of the Research Centers working in Pécs:

- **Africa Research Center** (the first in Hungary)
- **American Corner** (the first in Hungary)
- **Europe Center**
- **Ibero-American Center**



- **Documentation Center of the East-Mediterranean and Balkan Studies**
- **Documentation Center of Asian Studies**
- **Russian Center** (second in Hungary)
- **Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine** (seventh in the World).

Apart from that, our tuition fee-paying international students have the opportunity to study abroad with scholarships at our more than 385 partner universities all around the world. You can visit the 27 EU member states and Turkey, and Norway in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme. But you can go overseas as well: from Mexico to South Korea, the University of Pécs can offer you several opportunities to study abroad for free.

A new era has begun in 2019 when University of Pécs joined the European Universities Network as a member of the EDUC Alliance. The eight partners of this alliance are rethinking international partnerships by providing new ways of virtual and physical mobility for our students and staff.

But it is not only about the University. Pécs has always been a multi-ethnic, multi-religious city, and it has somehow soaked into the locals. The Main Square is named after Széchenyi (who was a 19th century politician), but he is not the one on the horse on the statue. It's János Hunyadi, who got famous for his brave fighting against the ottomans. However, right next to our legendary ottoman-killer, we have a huge, beautiful mosque.

Serbs, Croats, Germans and Hungarians have been living here together for centuries. There was no question when the Yugoslav wars began that Pécs would help everyone who asked for it: this was how the city earned the UNESCO Peace-Prize. The Mediterranean feeling is coming not only from the buildings and narrow streets, the cafés with huge terraces, and the infinite sunshine, but the fact that fresh seafood from the Adriatic Sea arrives several days a week, and it is treated by expert hands: in Italian style, or in Balkan style.



Application for residence permit



2 Approval

The residence permit document will be delivered by post to the address of the educational institution

Restrictions: It is not possible for a student staying in Hungary with a (“C”) short-stay visa to submit his application in Hungary with a leniency application.

Incomplete biometric identification:

Email notification will be sent to the student about further steps. Possible visit to the Client Service Office of NDGAP

3 Notification

Please visit the Registrar’s Office at your faculty and ask them to update your

Application

for student card



HEALTH SERVICE



First aid and emergency medical care are free for foreigners, in other cases you have to pay for the treatment. A full coverage general health insurance for Hungary is a prerequisite for registration at any faculty of the University of Pécs.

EU citizens are insured on the basis of the European Health Insurance Card when they are in another member state and are, from the point of view of social security, entitled to the same rights and have the same obligations as citizens of that given member state. The EU card only covers the 'medically necessary' services (e.g.: dialysis treatment, oxygen therapy), but does not authorize the use of deferred care.

Private medical insurance

Although incoming students may be able to use their insurance from their home country in Hungary, a local private medical insurance is highly recommended to international students during their entire study period.

The Generali STUDIUM health insurance provides fee-for-service health insurance coverage within the territory of Hungary for foreign students at the University of Pécs. The insurance covers the costs of medical procedures, treatments, physician and hospital services, medication, and medical equipment. The Generali STUDIUM accident and health insurance with cost reimbursement makes the insured student eligible to other services of the entire Clinical Center.



**For more information
on the current costs,
please scan the QR code.**



For more information you can visit the New West Ltd. (the official partner of Generali Insurance Company) office in Pécs:

Where can you find the New West office?
Address: 7621 Pécs, Jókai tér 5.
Phone: +36 72 511-355
Mobil: +36 30 817 0291
E-mail: info@newwest.hu

Opening hours:
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 – 16:00
Friday: 8:00 – 14:00

If you prefer to choose some other private medical insurance, you have to go to the chosen health insurance fund and make an agreement individually.

Hungarian Social Security Card

The second option is to have a Hungarian Social Security Card (TAJ kártya) and a Social Security Number (TAJ szám). With the „TAJ” health insurance ID, you are eligible to use the health services in Hungary.

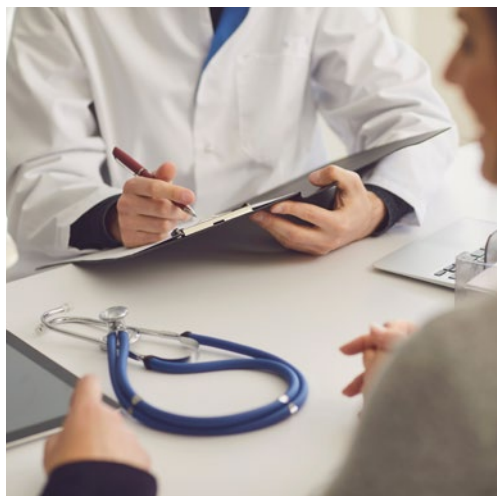
You can either apply for this yourself at the local National Health Insurance Fund (Országos Egészségbiztosítási Pénztár in Hungarian) at Nagy Lajos Király Street 3. Pécs, 7623, or you can ask your program coordinator or mentor to see if they can sort out the paperwork for you. Applying in person, you need to bring your registration card, address card (lease agreement or dormitory contract), enrolment certificate, EU ID card or passport. The monthly contribution fee is 87,240 HUF (as of 2025) per year.



**If you are a scholarship
holder student, please read
the Student Guide for SH
scholarship holders**



If you aren't an EU citizen and do not have a private medical insurance or a Hungarian Social Security Card, you have to pay for care in accordance with the reimbursement policy of the Clinical Centre.





Where to go in case you need medical care?

To see a family doctor/general practitioner (GP) you can go to:

Centre for Occupational Health and Hygiene
of the University of Pécs Clinical Centre /
,PTE KK Foglalkozás-egészségügyi
és Munkahigiénés Központ'

The place of consultation:
Pécs, Rákóczi street 2. Buiding C, 1st floor

Opening hours:
Monday: 8:00 – 12:00;
Tuesday to Thursday: 8:00 – 15:00
Friday: 8:00 – 14:00

Should you have any questions, problems or would like to make an appointment, please contact our English speaking GP on
Tel. +36 72 502-481
Web: haziorvos.pte.hu
E-mail: haziorvos@pte.hu, gp@pte.hu

If you fall sick outside the GP's opening hours, you will need to go to the General Practitioner on duty:

The place of consultation: Janus Pannonius Clinical Block, Ifjúság útja 13. (entrance to the Clinic from Honvéd Street)

Opening hours:
• Weekdays: from 4 pm to 8 am
• Saturday, Sunday and on holidays: 0-24

In the case of emergency:

In case you have serious illness or an accident (and you are able to get there yourself), you also need to go to Janus Pannonius Clinical Block:

Pécs, Ifjúság út 13. (entrance from Honvéd Street) in the case of emergency they are open 24/7.

Pharmacies

Pharmacies in Pécs (gyógyszertár in Hungarian) are well supplied and can provide medicaments for most common ailments.

All-night chemist's: SIPO Zsolnay Patika
(next to Penny Market)

Address: 7622 Pécs, Zsolnay Vilmos u. 8.
Phone: +36 72 516-760

Open: Mo – F: 7.00-20.00 (on DUTY after 20:00),
Sat: 7.00 – 13.00, Sunday: 9.00 – 13.00 (on DUTY after 13:00)

Important telephone numbers in case of emergency:

- General emergency service phone number: 112 (It is preferable to call 112 in all emergencies!)
- Police: 107
- Ambulance: 104
- Fire service: 105
- To call these numbers is free of charge.
- 24-hour English-language crime hotline: +36 1 438 8080
- English language telephone directory service: 191
- International operator: 199





The first time when you log into the unified electronic education system (neptun.pte.hu), your desperation is almost guaranteed. There are countless possibilities under numerous menu items and there are even different virtual spaces as well...

You can find video guides about how to use it but with this article we try to save your time.

As we can read on the website: the main goal of the unified electronic education system is to keep a record of university studies, store the data of registered subjects and exam results, assistance in educational administration, e.g.: handling and submitting the applications and also assistance in education, with the usage of the virtual spaces of Neptun Meet Street.

From your point of view, this is the portal where you will spend long hours during your studies because you have to register for subjects, plan your timetable, register for exams, follow your grades and manage your school finances here.

Let's see the main features of the system.

Under the **'My data'** section, obviously, you can check and/or provide your personal information. It is very important to give your data precisely. You can only modify your e-mail address, phone number and postal address, other data can be changed by the administrator of the Registrar's Office.

Make sure your data is correct because if you do not receive an official notification from the university due to the incorrect information, it will be your fault and appeal will not lie!

The section of **'Studies'** contains information about your education: general average of your

grades, how many credits you have and your current timetable can be found there.

You can register for a course at the **'Subjects'** section. Here, furthermore, you can also find your results and grades by subjects.

At the **'Exam'** section - you can guess - registration for the exams can be carried out. Under this menu item or on the MeetStreet virtual space you can also find the smaller tasks given by lecturers during the semester. Virtual tests - when students have to take the exam on a computer - are posted in this section too.

'Finances' menu item takes you to that part of Neptun where you can pay the tuition fee, the exam fee, the fee for issuing the student ID, or the fee of the re-examination. That's right, too many exams in one subject can be expensive. Not only your payments but your pay-outs are also recorded here. So if you receive a scholarship or any other grant or support from the university, it will be in this section. Please note, if you want to pay in cash, you can go to one of the cashiers of the University.

The **'Administration'** section is also a very important part of the system where you can handle your enrolment and activate your semester. Attention! Activation of the semester has to be done at the beginning of each semester. Without this you will not have a valid student status for the given semester. Besides, you can apply for dormitory placement, submit your requests, or require a certificate of student status, a student ID card and apply for your thesis topic here.

And if you click on the Neptun Meet Street tab above the main menu items, you will reach another virtual space where you can keep contact with your teachers.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN HUNGARY

Most of the time we would recommend you to ride a bike or use car-sharing services like motar.eu or airport shuttle services like Mecsek Travel or Travel4You. But sometimes you just can't avoid using public transport, so try to prepare yourselves.

In Pécs...

The monthly bus pass for students is around HUF 3900 (EUR 10). Always carry your student card while travelling, as you may get fined without it. Public buses can take you to every corner of the city in about twenty minutes, and they run until late at night. Single tickets must be validated on the bus using the machines located on the handrails. If you're using a mobile app to buy your ticket, make sure to validate it by scanning the QR code onboard.

To check bus schedules and find links to external ticketing apps like Simple or CityApp, you can use the TükeBuszON+ app. For getting around the city more flexibly, you can download Bolt, a popular taxi app. If you prefer an eco-friendly ride, PÉC-SIKE offers e-bike rentals, while HOPP provides easy access to rentable e-scooters, both available at multiple locations across Pécs.

How to get to other cities in Hungary?

Basically you have three choices: railway, bus, or car-sharing services. Most of the time, going by train takes more time, and is less comfortable than the bus, except for Budapest. Students have a 50% concession for long-distance coach tickets and railway tickets, but again: make sure that you have a valid Hungarian student card. If you

are under 25 years old you are eligible for a youth discount on train and coach tickets between Pécs and Budapest. While the discount is not a fixed percentage, it still makes travel much more affordable. For example, a ticket to Budapest can cost around HUF 3000 with the discount. Just make sure to carry valid proof of age.

More information: <https://jegy.mav.hu/en>

And that is why we would recommend the different car-sharing options, like motar.eu. It costs basically the same, but it is faster, way more comfortable, and you can get directly to your destination.

In Budapest...

Probably you will visit Budapest a couple of times during your stay in Hungary. As Budapest is our capital with a population of around 1.8 million, there are buses, trams, subway, and trolleys. A single ticket costs HUF 500, but 24h, 72h, and weekly tickets are also available; you should consider them if you go to the capital for two or three days. You can check routes, buy tickets and passes, and plan your trips easily by downloading the Budapest GO app, which is the official public transportation app in Budapest.

To other countries...

One of the biggest upsides of Hungary is its location. The international railway system in Europe is cheap and can get you to every capital city. Of course it is slow, but you can see the places in between, and traveling by international trains is so much fun.



WHERE TO STAY



As a foreigner in Pécs, Hungary you have to find a place to stay during your studies. There are two basic options: you can choose to stay in one of our dormitories or rent a flat. Overall, there is no bad choice. Here we introduce you both alternatives so you can decide which one you prefer.

Dormitories

The easiest and most often the cheapest way to get a place is applying for dormitory placement. The dormitories offer safe accommodation with their 24/7 security service (face control at the entrance) and installed fire alarm system for university students. There is a scheduled weekly cleaning in every room and bed linen is changed once every three weeks, which can be extremely helpful with your daily chores, especially in the exam period.

We offer accommodation for international students in three main dormitories: Szántó Dormitory, Damjanich Dormitory, and Balassa Dormitory. Let's take a closer look at each of them.

Szántó Dormitory

Address: H-7633 Pécs, Szántó Kovács János u. 1/d



This dormitory is located 15 minutes away via bus from the city center, which makes it the farthestmost dormitory of all. The dormitory is in the neighborhood of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development (FCSERD).

Furthermore, there is also an Office of Government Issued Documents (Kormányablak in Hungarian) nearby so you can easily arrange the application for your Student ID Card.

There are 2 bedrooms in a block with 2 beds in each. One block shares a kitchen, a bathroom and a restroom. Except in wing "D", where one room with 2 beds has a kitchen and the sanitary unit can be found in the corridor.

Balassa Dormitory

Address: 7633 Pécs, Jakabhegyi street 6.



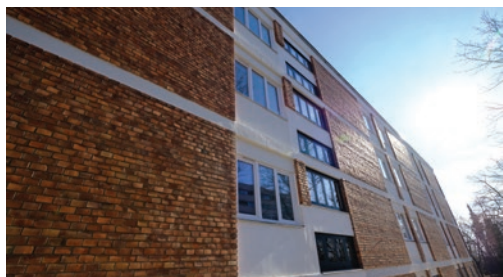
Balassa Dormitory is located 15 minutes away (via public transportation) from the city centre and it is also easily approachable from the train station with bus number: 30, 30Y, 103, 109E 130.

The rooms are equipped with 2 beds, 2 desks, a built-in wardrobe with a fridge and a basin. The bathrooms are shared bathrooms/restrooms which means they are accessible from the corridor. These common places are cleaned every workday by the staff. Paper towels and liquid soap get re-filled regularly. There is a common kitchen on every floor with a microwave oven and an electric stove.

This dormitory is closer to every faculty - except the FCSEED - than the Szántó Dormitory.

Damjanich Dormitory

Address: H-7624 Pécs, Damjanich utca 30.



The Damjanich Dormitory is the most recently renovated dormitory of the University. As a part of Modern Cities Programme, the dormitory went through a complete renovation in 2018, and serves around 100 residents. Located in a beautiful park, near to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, it is the home of the Preparatory Programme students.

If you prefer peace, comfort and privacy, or require superior quality accommodation, rented flats are an alternative for you. However, it is not as easy as it sounds. But do not panic! Take your towel and search for flats and flat mates in Facebook groups, such as 'Pécs Flats for Rent / Apartments for Rent / Roommates', 'Share My Flat Pécs', 'Pécs Flats for Rent' and so on. It is worth keeping your eyes peeled on the corridors of the Campuses because landlords often post their ads on the news-boards. You do not need to live alone and pay alone for a flat. You can share the costs and the experiences if you get together with your friends or classmates and rent a flat together.

There are obvious advantages of renting a flat: you can live together with your best friends, and nobody else can chip in your rules of coexistence.

Although the faculties of the university are located in different parts of the city, it is not difficult to find a nice apartment close to any campuses for a reasonable price. It means that you can live in a separate room and you do not have to share your kitchen and bathroom with more than 2 people for 70,000-90,000 HUF/person including public utilities, depending on the size, location and facilities. For a cheaper flat you do not have to go to the end of the world because the main spots of Pécs are accessible by public transport in 10 and on foot in 35 minutes from most corners of the city.

Basic rules of coexistence

the absolute survivor



Laying down the rules, bringing your good and bad habits to light and compromising your views as soon as you move together could be helpful to start your common life with your flatmates or roommates smoothly. Below, we collected some basic rules for you which can support peaceful coexistence:

1. You should definitely clarify what kind of music you like. If you like pop music and your roommate prefers hard rock, you have to agree that you will respect each other and neither of you will listen to loud music all day long so nobody will hit the roof.
2. Do not buy a bulb for your bedside lamp that has an extra strong light because it can be disturbing at night when your roommate wants to sleep while you study.
3. We know that it is tempting to occupy territories which are not ours, but maybe it's not a good idea to start land grab at your roommate's desk especially if you do this with your rotten food.
4. Do not touch your roommate's coffee mug, bed and toothbrush!
5. The floor is not your wardrobe!
6. Learn how to use the washing machine and don't categorize your clothes as 1. Very dirty, 2. Dirty, and 3. Dirty but I still can wear it.
7. Wash up your dishes after you use them and not just when your food sneaks out of the fridge.
8. Take out the trash when it is full and don't wait until you need a chemical-warfare gear for that.
9. Ask your flatmate before you buy a poison dart frog/goat/Great Dane as a pet, maybe she or he can't stand slimy/furry/stinky animals.
10. Dust bunny is not on the list of the protected species!
11. Raising new civilizations in the bathroom is very indecent behavior except when the tenants are majoring in Biology.
12. Try to save the world and your and your flatmates' wallet when you have a shower. Remember, anytime you let the water run more than 11 minutes, one angel dies. And if you leave the light on when you go for a long weekend... your flatmates will explain it to you when you receive the electricity bill :)



TIPS & HINTS

Semester dates

The Autumn semester starts on Monday, 1st September. The Autumn Holiday is on the third or fourth week of October, and the last week of lectures is the first week of December. The exam period starts right after that, and (depending on the number of your exams) can last until the third week of January.

After (at least) one week of ultimate freedom, the Spring semester kicks off on the first Monday of February (except, again, for the Medical School students, who start one week earlier). The Spring Holiday is always attached to Easter, so it can be any week of April. The last week of lectures is the first week of May, and the exam period lasts until the third week of June.

Please note that the exact dates can be different at the faculties, and it can also vary from year to year, so these are just basic rules.



National Holidays

1 January	New Year's Day
15 March	National Day in memory of the outbreak of the 1848 revolution and war of independence
	Good Friday
	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
	Pentecost Monday
20 August	Saint Stephen's Day (founder of the Hungarian state)
23 October	National Day in memory of the 1956 revolution and the day in 1989 when the Republic of Hungary was proclaimed
1 November	All Saints' Day
25–26 December	Christmas



Of course there is no school on National Holidays, but be aware, because most of the shops are closed as well. If these holidays are on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the days between the holidays and the weekends are also free.

Currency

Forint (HUF) has been the local currency in Hungary since August 1946. It was named after the city of Florence, where golden coins had been minted since 1252.



Change

USD – 341 HUF
EUR – 399 HUF
GBP – 462 HUF
CNY – 47 HUF
JPY – 2,3 HUF

Banknotes come in denominations of 500; 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000 and 20,000. All of them are watermarked, contain an embedded vertical security strip of thin metal and are designed to be suitable for visually impaired individuals. Six different coins are in use: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 forint coins. You can also open a bank account as the non-residential account service is designed especially for foreign nationals. All you need is your passport. You can open a HUF account or any other currency account.

Tipping

Hungarians normally give tips when eating out, having a drink at a bar, or when using a taxi. The tipping etiquette is 10% in case of a proper service. However, many restaurants include an extra charge for serving customers in the total, therefore check your bill prior to paying. In that case you do not have to leave any extra tip. Taxi service is also up to 10% if the service was satisfying.



Eight recommendations ♦ *for a smooth life*



Mrs. Mária Mánfai Huszárné, the former head of the Registrar's Office at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is always ready to tackle our problems. In the following article, she shared the most important things that you should take care of in order to make our everyday life at the University as smooth as possible. Read it carefully.

1

If you are puzzled, **take just one small step.**

It is very important to **be open** to new information every day. Always read the official e-mails and letters carefully.

2

Don't compare your life to that of others', you don't walk in their shoes.

The University of Pécs is really varicoloured, our academic programmes are diverse. There aren't two similar cases. Only watchful and deliberate steps can lead to a solution.

3

Always balance your checking accounts, and you will have a happy life. **Paying attention to deadlines** is very important. Not just in banking but also in every duty. Late administration can be painful.

4

It is never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one depends only on you. With self-confidence and strong will, every administrative inconvenience can be avoided.

5

When you have to fight for what you love, never accept "No" as an answer. The problems that you face during your studies have to be treated at the roots. If the lecturer or the departmental administrator can help you, ask them for it. If not, contact the registrar's office or the Academic Committee. But all steps need to be considered.

6

Only you are in charge of your own happiness, don't blame others. If you don't ask, you don't receive! Delaying is always a bad idea when something unexpected comes up. It is us who has to act, do not wait for others, and do not hand over this responsibility.

7

It doesn't matter how you feel in the morning: get up, dress up, and show up. **Leave your room because that is when magic happens.** There is something new in every day waiting for you to discover. The knowledge and wisdom of mankind is in the classrooms and lecture halls waiting for students to read and learn and use it. And also, attending classes is obligatory anyway.

8

Life does not come with a bow, but it is a gift. The university years are a **huge pack of gifts full of opportunities**, if you take care of your duties and study well. I wish all of you a wonderful time in Pécs!



FOR A SMOOTHER TRANSITION | international student services

Studying abroad can be hard. You are far from home, everything seems to be a bit odd, a bit strange, and you can feel lonely sometimes. But don't worry, this is normal, and it happens to everyone. We have developed some tools for you to make your transition as smooth as possible.

Student Counselling

psychological support for everyday life

Student Counselling is considered an invaluable service within the University of Pécs. Its primary objective is to provide students with professional, discreet and responsive psychological counselling. The service is intended to offer counselling to students enrolled in the English language programme and seeks to render professional assistance to students struggling with a plethora of challenges and difficulties evolving from potential changes and upheavals in their personal lifestyles and studies.

Our service can aid students seeking professional aid who express control of their routine lifestyle, yet are faced with temporary obstacles which seemingly they are not best equipped to solve on their own initiative. The service is free of charge and guarantees complete discretion.



You can find out more
about this service at:
counselling.ptc.hu



Campus Legal Aid Clinic

Legal Aid for Everyday Life

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You are studying in higher education now, so you are considered adults who are equal to the lecturers and anyone else. Or no? How should you communicate with a professor and an administrative officer at the University of Pécs?

If you do everything in order, you will contact the professors more often than the administrative staff, this is why we should start with them. In Hungary, you can address a teacher in three ways basically:

- by the first name (e.g. Dear Eva)
- by the family name (e.g. Dear Ms. Kovács)
- by the title (e.g. Dear Professor)

Most of the teachers talk about their requirements regarding communication. At least that is a good reason for attending the first week. If it is not clear for you whether you should formally or informally address the given professor, you can ask them about it after the class. Remember, it is always better safe than sorry!

This is also important when you are e-mailing the teacher, because starting with “Dear Michael” when you are writing to a 60-year-old professor is not always the best idea. In the case of contacting a professor for the first time, the safest option is to use the title only. If you feel uncomfortable using the first name of the teacher, let them know that you would prefer to use their family name, as it shows a bit more distance.

But a University is not only about teachers, there are plenty of other office-holders who you also need to communicate with in the proper way.

First and foremost, we have a Registrar’s Office (Tanulmányi Osztály in Hungarian) and the International Office of your faculty. Despite the fact that sometimes this office has a bad reputation among students, it is one of the most useful places, where you can get help with nearly all your problems and difficulties. So you should keep in mind that the officers are here to help you, and to do the administra-

tive part of your studies. However – just like in any official environment – polite behaviour is expected.

You might need to wait in a queue just to get a 5-minute help, but never let your frustration ruin your, and the administrator's day. In order to avoid standing in the queue, we always recommend writing emails first, because a lot of times your problem does not need personal meeting.

There is some kind of a Student Service Centre (Szolgáltatói Iroda in Hungarian) at every faculty. You can scan, copy, print there, and also buy tickets or register for university events. Since it is run by students, you can address them in informal ways, use their first name, etc.

But being informal does not mean that you can be rude as well – the terms “hello”, “goodbye” and “thank you” are well appreci-

ated. If you apply for any kind of scholarship or dormitory placement, your administrator might also be a student. You can still be informal with them, but don't forget that they are official representatives of the University in their role of working with your application. Be polite, always say hello, and remember: always write an e-mail first so that you can avoid queues.

Last but not least, the most important people you are going to talk to are your classmates. As we stated in the first line of this article, you are adults now, high school is over, and all the cliquing and popularity, competition and conflict among each other should be forgotten. University is about finding new friends and getting new experiences. Talk to you class mates, go on night outs, or just go for a coffee after classes. It is easy to make friends if you take efforts.



WHAT IS THE STUDENT UNION?

You are going to meet the Student Union at several different events during your university life, so it is helpful to learn a bit about the organization. Who are they? Who are they representing? And what is it good for at all?

The Student Union is the official representative institution of university students. Their rights, duties and annual budget are described in the Act on Hungarian higher education, and in the different rules of the University.

Their job is mostly administrative, but only students can be members and office-holders, which can guarantee that they understand your problems and opinions. Every university student is automatically a member of the Student Union, and eligible to vote and to get elected.

The University Student Union (EHÖK in Hungarian) is in charge of student affairs at a university level. They represent the students' interests in the highest decision making bodies, they manage the university level scholarships, the non-freshmen dormitory places, and they organize the bigger cultural and sport events, like the Pécsi Egyetemi Napok (PEN) which is the biggest regional festival held every May.

The Student Union also organizes programs specifically for international students, as well as events where you can spend quality time together with Hungarian students and get to know each other. In addition, it runs the International Mentor Program (IMP), which provides a mentor for first-year international students. The mentor keeps in touch with the student after arrival, informs him/her about current institutional applications, scholarships, the institutional study system, and helps him/her integrate into student life. If the student requests it, the mentor will also assist with administrative matters.

But most probably you will more often make contact with the Faculty Student Union (HÖK).

Their job is to represent the students of the given faculty, take care of the students' everyday issues and help with administrative challenges. If you have any difficulty in- or outside the University, you can ask them for help.

They also arrange smaller cultural events and weekly parties. If you would like to organize something with your friends (concerts, lectures, laser tag competition on the campus, whatever) you can ask them to help you. If you would like to hold a team building event with your classmates and professors, you can ask them for financial and organizational support.

One of the best ways to make Hungarian friends is to regularly attend the Student Union's events. During early October you can attend the Oktoberfest, in November we have the traditional Freshmen's Balls, which are among the most memorable events of student life. Also in November, we try to get





rid of the frustrating oncoming exam period with the ice skating parties. During February and early March you can even experience the on-campus sausage-making festivals.

As an international student, you will meet two other student organizations as well. The ESN (International Exchange Erasmus Student Network) organizes weekly events and bigger trips around Hungary especially for international students to have a closer look at the Hungarian cultural and historical heritage and to visit the most beautiful sights all around the country. They also provide you with an official mentor (a buddy as they call it), to help you with the transition and in everyday life. The other very important organization is the Medical School's English-German Student Council (EGSC), which of course mainly operates in the Medical School, but their events are open to the public, especially the (almost) world-famous International Evening, held every March.

You can reach the Student Union at **pteehok.hu**, on the Facebook page of **"EHÖK Pécs"** or the international affairs officer of the Student Union Mr. Szabolcs Kőszegi at *koszegi.szabolcs@pte.hu*.



In order to receive first-hand information about the events and the mentoring program, please join this group:
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You should also follow the **"Erasmus Student Network Pécs"** Facebook page, and write to **esn.pecs@gmail.com** if you would like to contact the ESN.

For the latest news from EGSC, visit **egsc.aok.pte.hu** or like and follow the **"EGSC – English German Student Council"** Facebook page.





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The Pannónia Scholarship Programme offers both long and short-term mobility opportunities for Hungarian higher education students to study or research abroad in every country of the world

Long-term mobility for studies

Long-term mobilities for study are implemented with the purpose of obtaining credits, and directed to specific target countries, the duration of which is a minimum of 2 months and a maximum of 6 months.

- Available for Bachelor/Master/Undivided/PhD students
- Credits earned abroad are 100% accepted by the University of Pécs
- **Scholarship amount: 350 000 – 400 000 HUF/months**



Short-term mobility for studies

Short-term mobilities for study are implemented with the purpose of obtaining credits, and directed to specific target countries, the duration of which is a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 30 days

- Available for Bachelor/Master/Undivided/PhD students
- Available for Stipendium Hungaricum and Diaspora Scholarship students as well
- Credits earned abroad are 100% accepted by the University of Pécs
- Also supports active international conference participation
- **Scholarship amount: up to 35 000 HUF/day**

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Short-term research mobilities are implemented with the purpose of conducting research related to the students' OTDK paper/thesis/dissertation, the duration of which is a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 30 days

- Available for Master/ PhD students from their first semester
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- **Scholarship amount: up to 35 000 HUF/day**



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SPORT EVENTS DURING THE AUTUMN



The Sports' Office was launched in 2013 and has three major goals:

1. Introducing the dual- career model: helping professional athletes in their academic life so that they can perform to a high standard in both academics and sports.
2. Helping student athletes to perform at the National Championship of Higher Education Students (MEFOB).
3. Advertising and promoting healthy lifestyle and increasing the number of students who regularly do sport.

Since 2013 the Sports' Office has organized more than three hundred events in nearly 35 sports (Aerobic, track and field, table tennis, snooker, rattling ball, table football, gokart, squash, fitness, floorball, futsal, handball, football (indoor and outdoor), basketball, streetball, swimming, volleyball, chess, tennis, hiking, etc.).



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LET'S GRAB A BEER SOMEWHERE | but where?



If your tummy is full, nothing can go wrong, but when the night comes, you might want something liquid. The list of pubs and bars in Pécs would fill up this magazine in a minute, so we had to pick our favourite ones.

Most of the bars and restaurants can be found in Király Street, so we are going to start our journey there. **Nappali** is an iconic meeting point of the city where good beers, good wines collide with live music.

A few meters away you can find **Cooltour**, which will host many of long nights for you too. If we go to the direction of the Main Square, we will find the **Blöff** pub next to the National Theatre. This pub doesn't have anything special, but somehow the atmosphere is just unique. And don't forget that if you would like to listen to classic rock all night, this is a sure choice.

On the right side of the Main Square you can hop in to **Bazár**, which has a huge variety of hand-made Hungarian craft beers, and a nice menu as well. If you are only interested in handmade beers,

Művész Presszó is a great place for you. And you must go there even if you are not a beer fanatic, because of the interior design. The place **Művész Presszó** is furnished with socialist furniture and decorations mainly from the 1970s.

Csinos is a textbook-version of the "ruin pubs" which made Budapest a cool destination again twenty years ago. This place is always crowded, therefore highly recommended if you want to socialize.

As the sun goes down and happiness comes up, we can start looking for party places. For those who want to show their dancing skills, **Pécsi Est Café** provides up-to-date party music nearly every day of the year. On Tuesdays you can also try **Sörház** and **Trafik** for the very same reasons.

For live music, and especially for current Hungarian rock/alternative music, you should try **Szenes Klub** on the campus of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Szenes was the first home of many successful Hungarian bands in the last decades and plays a huge role in the history of Hungarian live music.





University years are about discovering yourself and the world - including the world of gastronomy. Especially if you are studying abroad. In the following article we will recommend you some places for different occasions, but as always: we just show you a glimpse, the rest is waiting for you to find and taste.

Pécs has developed a vivid gastronomic life in recent years. The basics of it goes back to the multicultural roots of Pécs. You can find numerous restaurants that offer different kinds of Mediterranean cuisine from Spanish to Balkan, but we will get back to this later.

If you are a fan of huge portions of heaven, **Bohemia** is the place for you. This restaurant started with traditional Czech meals and beers which are great, but the real deals are the burgers: all of

them come in bagels, with juicy Lucy meat patties and unbelievable toppings. For the pizza-lovers, we would have five must-go places. **Főnix** is right at the Main Square and it is always a good choice if you would like to have a “nothing-special-but-still-good” experience. **Pizzaklub**, **Ciao**, **Elefántos**, and **Tímár26** are four very authentic places. They offer pizzas made on wood fire, and other Italian dishes with original ingredients. **Piazza del Grano** is also a good destination for Italian food, and they offer daily lunch menus as well. But a lot of times we would like to go to a more classical restaurant, and we have several options for that too. **Király21** and **Replay** are in Király Street. They have the same owner, and a very similar cuisine: big portions, high quality ingredients, but nothing extraordinary. They know how to cook a big chunk of meat, and they love to do it. **Blöff** and **Balkán Bisztró** offers the most authentic Balkan food. A few meters away from Blöff and Elefántos, you can find **Eleven**, which is more of a tapas



bar than a classic restaurant. It offers high quality Spanish food with great Hungarian wines. For an everyday lunch you also have numerous options. **Paulus** is one of the perfect choices, right at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Sciences and Faculty of Pharmacy. You can find various plates, reasonable prices in a friendly environment. There is a restaurant at the Main Library as well, so if you get hungry while you study, you don't have to leave the building for a healthy lunch. You will find the best Hungarian University canteen at the Medical School, called **Umami**. The aim of the restaurant is to give guests a daily taste of cuisine from around the world – healthy, fresh, and sustainable. However, if you do leave the building you can visit the restaurant of the **Corso Hotel**, which offers daily menus for about 4-5 euros. Lunch is important of course, but you shouldn't go to school without coffee and breakfast. **Pécsi Kávé, Irem kertje, Next Step Coffee,**

Rokusch and **Block Coffee Room** focus on coffees. If you visit these places, you are going to learn that coffee is way more than just a shot of caffeine. And you can also grab some croissants or sandwiches for breakfast as well.

For those who love to start a day with fresh juice, **Juice&Co.** is the place. But if you are looking for something that keeps your energy until the afternoon, you should go to **La Fonte** or **Reggeli**. At the first one, you can buy croissants, sandwiches, homemade cookies. The second one can be a 100% pure breakfast-plate with several types of egg-based dishes, grilled sandwiches, porridge, corn flakes, etc. **Reggeli's** mission is to promote sustainable catering, social awareness and living in harmony with nature. We also have to mention **LYR** which is located in the heart of the city, and have a 100% vegan menu for breakfast and lunch! Not really this kind of place, but we have to mention **Jókai cukrászda** which is almost next to LYR, not only because of the amazing coffee they have, but because they are by far the no.1 confectionery in town.

If you're looking to try something truly Hungarian, you don't even have to leave the city: **Kossuth Kisvendéglő**, a new restaurant on Király utca, offers Hungarian classics with a modern twist in a cozy, stylish setting. For a more traditional countryside experience, **Tenkes Csárda** and **Fülemüle Csárda** are both excellent choices. Located about 30 minutes from Pécs by car or bus, these iconic spots are known for serving some of the highest-quality traditional Hungarian cuisine in the country. But if you don't have the time to go out of town, you must go to the **Market Hall** next to the central bus station on weekdays and on Saturday. You can buy fresh vegetables, meat, fish, home-made milk, butter, cheese, honey, and all sorts of other stuff, but most importantly, you can taste some Hungarian "street food" there. **Lángos** is a fried dough with garlic sauce, sour cream and cheese which causes immediate heart attack, but we love it. And you can also find fried sausages with mustard and pickles which are also worth trying.

Of course, there are plenty of places offering Halal food as well. Here, we would like to highlight a few of them: **DZ Street Food** and **DZ Arabeszk** are specialists in tacos, panini, burgers, and lovely desserts. **Noonbaghi** is a great Persian restaurant, and **Khpal kor** is a Subcontinental Cuisine Restaurant providing halal, vegetarian, vegan food. You can also visit **Namaste** which is an Indian restaurant where you can find Halal as well as chicken, lamb, beef, sea food vegetarian and vegan dishes.



Most Hungarians go to malls or supermarkets to buy everyday goods. Árkád is right in the city centre and you can find there anything from food to clothes, accessories, mobile phones shops, bakery, etc. Tesco Supermarket in “Úránváros” district is close to Szántó dormitory, and you can also find there pretty much everything you need.

Lidl, Aldi and Spar supermarkets can be found at numerous places around Pécs, and they are perfect for daily shopping of food, grocery, meat, etc. and you can finish there way faster than in a bigger mall.

Smaller shops are also available at nearly every corner, but their prices could be higher, and the selection of goods is narrower. However, they might be open 0-24, so they could be a good idea for a last-minute frozen pizza.

There are groceries, butcheries and bakeries around the city where you can buy more special goods, and you can find them all in the main **Market Hall** opposite Árkád. It is open from Monday to Saturday, but the biggest crowd (and the most vendors) are there during Friday and Saturday morning. Fresh, local vegetables, meat, great variety of homemade cheese, milk, cream and yoghurt, it is really worth going there. If you go to the Market Hall, you should prepare cash because you cannot pay by credit card there!

For halal meat and Arabic, middle-eastern and Asian food and ingredients, we can highly recommend **Dubai Supermarket** ((Király u. 30, 7621). For especially Asian groceries, you can go to **Choy Pécs**.

Supermarkets are generally open between 7 AM to 7 PM, some of them until 9 PM on weekdays. At the weekends they might open later or close early afternoon. You can pay by credit card almost everywhere but you can find ATMs near all bigger shopping centres.

Here is a list of essential items to give you an idea of prices in Hungary:

- 1 litre of milk: HUF 400 = EUR 1
- 1 small bottle of beer: HUF 400 = EUR 1
- 1 bottle of red table wine: HUF 800–2000 = EUR 2–5
- 1 litre of petrol: HUF 600 = EUR 1,5
- 1 litre of bottled water: HUF 100–200 = EUR 0,2–0,5
- 1 loaf of bread: HUF 500 = EUR 1,3

Two Hungarian dishes that you can easily make

Lecsó is considered very Hungarian – by the Hungarians. The truth is that similar dishes can be found in the French (ratatouille), or Balkan and Turkish (Fergese, Güvec) cuisine. Actually every Hungarian family has its own recipe, we will show you now a vegetarian one.

What you need:

- 0.2 kg red onion
- 0.5 kg pepper (different colours, hot and sweet mixed, as you like it)
- 0.3 kg tomato
- a pinch of ground red paprika
- salt and pepper
- a bit of oil
- four eggs

You start off with the oil and the onion. When the onion is stewed a bit, you can add the ground red paprika, and give it a good stir to make sure that the paprika will not get burnt. You can now add the sliced paprika and tomato and one decilitre of water. Add the salt and pepper and simmer it for 20-30 minutes until the peppers are soft. In the end, crack the four eggs to a bowl, whip it a bit, and add it to your lecsó. Give it a good stir, and you are basically done. Serve it with any kind of bread you like.

Other options: instead of bread, you can eat it with potato or rice. You can cook the rice separately, but you can add the potato to the mixture at the beginning, making it sure that it will have time to cook. You can also add sausage or bacon to it if you wouldn't like to miss meat.



Goulash is perhaps the most well-known dish of Hungarian cuisine. It is like a rich soup which can take you to bed after you eat it.

Ingredients

- 1kg braising steak or venison
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- vegetable oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 4 medium carrots, diced
- 2 celery sticks, leaves and all, diced
- 1 red pepper, seeded and diced
- 5 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 tbsp good sweet Hungarian paprika
- 2 tbsp caraway seeds, crushed
- 60g/4 tbsp tomato purée
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 litres good beef stock
- 4 potatoes, peeled and chopped into small cubes
- salt
- black pepper
- soured cream and flat-leaf parsley, to garnish

Method

Trim the meat and cut it into bite-sized chunks. In a large bowl, mix the flour with a teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Add the beef and toss so that all the chunks are dusted with flour.

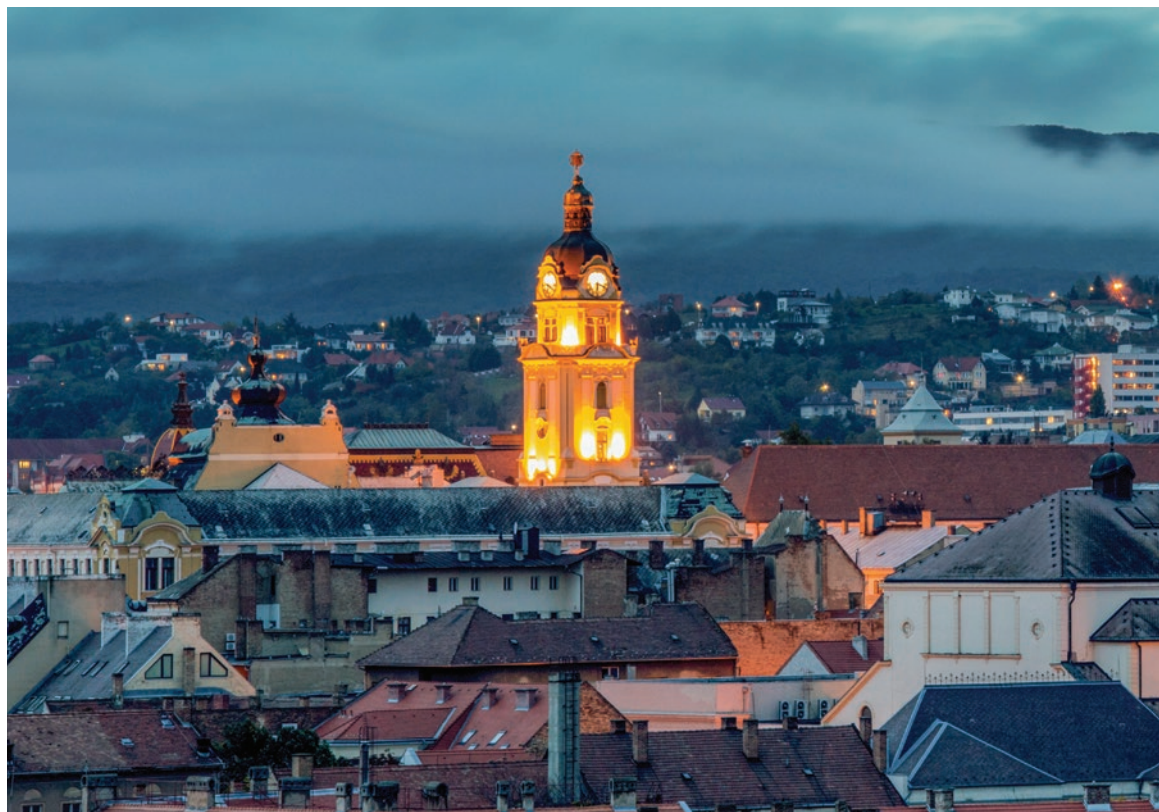
Heat a tablespoon of oil in a large frying pan and brown the beef in small batches, setting each batch aside while you brown the next. Take care not to crowd the pan or the beef will steam rather than brown.

Meanwhile, heat a little oil in a large heavy-bottomed pan, add the onions, carrots, celery, red pepper and garlic. Cook gently for about 10 minutes until they start to soften.

Add the beef, paprika, caraway seeds, tomato purée and bay leaves, then pour in the beef stock. Stir well, cover the pan and simmer for at least 1 hour until the beef is starting to get tender. Add the potatoes and continue to simmer for another 30 minutes. Check the seasoning before serving.

Serve the soup in bowls with a generous swirl of soured cream and a good sprinkling of parsley.





The time you are going to spend as a university student will be the best part of your life, especially if you spend it in such a vibrant city as Pécs. We are going to show you all the places that are worth a visit here. The only thing you have to do is to feel the Mediterranean vibe!

Winning the "European Capital of Culture 2010" award wasn't a matter of luck for the city which sneaks up to the hills of Mecsek. Pécs is truly a city of culture with its two-thousand-year-long history. In addition, all the sights can be reached from the centre by a nice walk – or by the **Dotto**, the local mini-train.

One of the most characteristic buildings of Pécs is the **Mosque of Pasha Qasim**, which was built during the Turkish occupation, and it is located in the Main Square of the city. If you are about to listen to some high-end quality classical music, your place is **Kodály-Centre**, which is among the best concert halls in Europe, and it is getting better and better with time as the wooden parts of the hall are aging together.

Zsolnay Cultural Quarter must be on your list too, but not only because of **Bóbita Puppetry**, this new part of Pécs is a proper place for relaxing walks as well. The quarter is named after Zsolnay Manufacture, which made world-famous ceramics. You can have a glimpse of it if you visit the **Pink Exhibition** and the **Golden Age of the Zsolnay - Gyugyi Collection**.

Back to the Old Town: **Cella Septichora** is an early Christian burial site from the 4th century, which has been on the UNESCO world heritage list since 2000. Right next to the burial site, you can find the **Cathedral**, which has a thousand years of history, and earned the "Basilica Minor" title from Pope John Paul II. On the left side of the Cathedral, you will find the **Bishop's Palace**. The palace is unique because of its stylistic variety. Both the Roman and Gothic and also the Neo-renaissance era left its marks on the building.

The fourth sight you should visit in this neighbourhood is the **Medieval University**. The first university in Hungary was founded in 1367 in Pécs. The



current faculties of the University are in separate places of the city, but you can still visit the original site of the Studium Generale.

From the burial site it takes only a few minutes' walk to get to the **Vasarely Museum** but it is a whole another universe: Victor Vasarely conquered the world of art with his refreshing Op-art from Pécs. As we have already mentioned, Pécs has a great heritage from the Turkish age, and the Mosque in the Main Square is not the only thing worth visiting. First off, we have another one, the **Mosque of Pasha Yakovali Hassan**, and some smaller sights, like the **türbe of Idris Baba**, the **Turkish fountain**, or the **baths of Pasha Memi**.

Of course, there are many things we left out, because we want you to explore the city, and find the places you like the most!





There are people who prefer longer trips in the forests, hills, or by lakes. If you are one of them, you should not worry about how to spend your time in Pécs.

The **TV Tower** is the highest building of Hungary, it gives a beautiful view of the city, and it is also a great trip to climb up to the tower. And if you are already there, you should try the **Pécs-Mecsek Forest Railway**, which goes from **Dömörkapu** to the newly renovated **Zoo**.

If we mention the zoo, we have to talk about **Misina shelter** as well. They do a tremendous job for the animals that have nowhere to live, but most importantly, you can get involved too. You can go there, pick a dog, and walk that lucky one for an afternoon. Doing so, you will make an animal happy, and you will be charged up with love for a couple of days. So you can go back again.

The good thing about Pécs is that you can have fun without spending money. As a true fan of this city,

let us name some of our favorite, secret, or hidden places. First thing first: there are many beautiful places in the Mecsek Hills, so the best you can do is to buy something to grill, grab a bike, and find a quiet place in the forest. Cook, eat and have fun with your buddies while you enjoy the sunset.

Tettye is a whole another world: the rusty **look-out** right next to the ruins of the **Bishop's renaissance palace**, you cannot find that atmosphere at any corner. There is also a small football field and a playground there to make every member of the family happy.

Havi hill is close to Tettye, and you can enjoy the best panorama of Pécs from its walkway and snow-white limestone blocks – if you want to fall in love with the city, this is the right place. If we are talking about the best panorama, there are some runner-ups in that contest that you also should keep in mind: the **Niké statue** is also a famous place, and has a great view, just like **Kis Tubes** lookout. But you don't have to climb the hills for a



romantic view of Pécs: if you get up to the top of the **tunnel of Kálvária Street** during sunset, it will be amazing.

Only a few know about the **Nyolc boldogság terasza** (Terrace of the eight happiness), despite the fact that this little beauty on Kálvária hill has a nice view too. The strength of **Zsongorkő lookout** is not only the view, but also its rocks, where you can have the feeling of standing at the edge of the world.

To see the city from the above-mentioned sights, it is marvelous. But you should find some places where you can observe the Mecsek hills, the forest and the old mines and mining sights. **Flóra rest-place** is a perfect choice for that, and it is a good choice for grilling as well.

If you are full up of the panoramas and have a free afternoon, you should go hiking. There are numerous hiking trails in the Mecsek hills, one of them is the **Rotary trail**, which guides us through 24 different paths of the area with 24 stops in four

kilometers. But visiting **Remeterét** is also always a good idea.

You can learn a lot about plants by visiting three local arboretums: **Pintér kert**, the **private arboretum of Pécsbánya**, and the **botanical garden at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**.

Pécs offers several beautiful places where water and nature come together perfectly. **Tüskésrét** is a peaceful green area near the city center, featuring a large lake, walking paths, and open spaces, ideal for jogging, strolling, or relaxing while watching the sunset. You may even spot ducks or turtles nearby. **Balokány** is a cozy urban park with a pond and shaded spots, located close to the **Zsolnay Quarter**. It's great for meeting friends, enjoying drinks, or attending outdoor events like movie nights. **Malomvölgyi-tó**, on Pécs's southern edge, offers forest-surrounded twin lakes ideal for picnics, fishing, barbecues, or peaceful nature breaks.



CAN'T MISS PLACES NEAR PÉCS | The surroundings

Life does not stop when you leave the city: there are amazing places in a sixty-kilometre range from Pécs, so let's get on a bus or a train, and discover the surroundings of Pécs!



Orfű

The lovely village of Orfű and its lake is about a 25 minutes' bus ride from Pécs, but the distance can be done by bike as well if you are practiced enough. The aqua park of Orfű is great, gives you some refreshment during the exam period of May and June, but the real deal here is the lake. It is totally free and the lakeside is mostly covered by huge trees and a grassy shore. The lake is perfect for swimming, but can be too deep at some parts. The shore is perhaps the best place if you are tired of the neon lights of the library.

Baths around Pécs

If you like swimming, or just resting in hot water or in a sauna, you have plenty of options to go for: **Szigetvár**, **Harkány**, or **Magyarhertelend**. Any of them is a good choice for some leisure time, and they are good for your health too.

Villány

Villány, which has gone through major innovation and development in recent years, is one of the top wine regions of Hungary. You can find top category wines (mostly red wines and rosés) in vineries, like **Bock**, **Gere**, **Halasi**, or dozens of other. And in Villány, great wine comes with great gastronomy. Many of the vineries have restaurants as well, but if you want to taste the high-end category of Hungarian cuisine, go to **Sauska 48**.

The wine region is not only about Villány, the surrounding villages also have nice cellars. One of them is **Kisharsány**, where you can visit the **Vylyan** winery. The exciting thing about Vylyan is that you have all the components of a winery at one place: the vineyards, the cellars and the restaurant, so you can literally see what you drink.



Szekeşzárd

Szekeşzárd is not only a home for one of our faculties, but also famous for its wine region. Just like Villány, the ruby grapes of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc dominate these hills. Most of the vineyards are family properties, so you can enjoy true hospitality.

Bikal

This beauty is less than 50 km away from Pécs and has two good reasons to visit. The castle of Bikal was built in the 1840s in neoclassical style. Since 1996 the castle and its garden has been working as a hotel, so if you would like to





experience the living conditions of a Hungarian nobleman, you should not miss this place. But it does not stop there, Bikal has the first theme park of Hungary, which is open all the year round. This theme park is not only a great fun to visit, but also helps to get closer to Hungarian culture.

Mohács

Mohács is the southernmost city on the river-side of the Danube in Hungary, and also played a huge role in Hungarian history. The battle of Mohács (1526) ended up with the triumph of

the Ottoman Empire and started the 150-year-long Turkish domination of Hungary. Besides the battle, Mohács is also known for the **Busójárás**. The origin of this festival goes back to centuries, and we don't know the root of it for sure. Some say that the people of Mohács dressed up in monster-costumes to frighten away the Turkish soldiers. Some other people believe that it was only to scare away winter itself. Whichever is the truth, the modern "monsters" of Mohács gather each February for a celebration which everybody should experience once.



Exclusive Alumni Benefits



Your UP connection doesn't end at graduation:

Career guidance & CV support – Career office
<https://karrieriroda.pte.hu/en>



Invitations to global alumni events – Reunions
<https://alumni.pte.hu/en/reunion>



Discounts on services – Discounts
<https://alumni.pte.hu/en/discount-membership-card>



Access to our alumni portal – Register here
<https://alumni.pte.hu/en/user/register>



**Stay active,
stay informed**
wherever life takes you!

At the University of Pécs (UP), we believe it's important for you to have the full picture of what lies ahead, not just during your studies, but beyond graduation as well. That's why we invite you to stay in touch and take advantage of everything our alumni network has to offer.

Your studies may just be starting, but graduation is only the beginning of your lifelong connection with UP. Through our Alumni Network, you'll gain access to exclusive resources, global connections, and career-building opportunities, all designed to support you wherever life takes you.

International Alumni Ambassador Program

Want more than just the discounts?

If you're passionate about your UP experience and want to give back, we'd love to offer you the chance to do so.

As an **International Alumni Ambassador**, you'll have the opportunity to:



- Share your story with prospective students
- Represent the University in your region
- Support incoming and current students as a mentor
- Help organize alumni meetups and university events

Whether you're building your career at home or abroad, your voice can make a difference, and inspire the next generation of UP students.

Why Stay Connected?

Whether you're looking to give back, grow your professional network, or simply stay in touch with old friends, staying connected benefits you, too.

By remaining part of the UP alumni community, you can:

- Support students who are just starting out
- Expand your global network
- Keep your UP memories alive through reunions and collaborations

- Be featured in our newsletter or social channels

Whether your goals are mentoring, reconnecting, learning, or leading, the alumni network is here to grow with you.

Share Your Story

Already have ideas about what alumni need, or how we can support you better?

Whether it's event suggestions, mentoring ideas, or new ways to stay engaged, **your voice matters.** Don't hesitate to reach out:

internationalalumni@pte.hu

Faculty-Specific Alumni Programs

In addition to the central UP Alumni Network, some faculties offer **specialized alumni programs.** In the following pages, explore how the **Medical School, Faculty of Business and Economics,** and the **Career Centre** provide tailored ways to connect, grow, and contribute.



JUNIOR ALUMNI PROGRAM AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

The journey to becoming a doctor is long and demanding, but you don't have to walk it alone. The **Junior Alumni Program (JAP)** at the UP Medical School connects you with those who've already been in your shoes.

Through inspiring events and real conversations, this **volunteer-based extracurricular program** brings alumni and current students together in a supportive, dynamic environment that reflects the real-life stages of a medical career.

JAP mirrors a typical medical student's career path, with 80% of events focused on self-development. Workshops and specialty cafés, led by alumni and senior students, offer authentic insights and create a natural setting for interaction and networking between current students and established alumni.

JAP aims to bridge the gap between the academic curriculum and real-world medical practice by connecting students with alumni and senior students for scientific interaction, soft skills development, and career guidance. These events complement the traditional curriculum, leveraging alumni expertise to provide students with exclusive knowledge in the form of workshops and professional/motivational/specialty/destination cafés.

The events offer useful information in various topics. Some are related to the Medical studies such as: How to prepare of the rotational year, detailed information on different specialisations, and motivational sessions. But our students will also have the opportunity to broaden their soft skills in the following areas: thesis and scientific article writing, presentation skill development, and exam period tips and tricks.



*To learn more about this opportunity,
please visit the program's website:*

<https://alumni.aok.pte.hu/junior-alumni>



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PÉCSIKÖZGÁZ ALUMNI COMMUNITY



At the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE), alumni connections are seen as a long-term part of the university experience. Students who complete a full degree, participate in a semester abroad, or even attend a single course are all considered part of the alumni community.

The Pécsiközgáz Alumni Network offers a growing platform for graduates to stay connected with one another and the faculty. Over the years, this network has supported personal and professional development through events, mentorship opportunities, reunions, and collaborations.

Spotlight: OpenUp – Your Personal Growth Companion

One of the standout features at FBE is **OpenUp**, a digital platform developed to support students'

academic and career journeys, and it remains available even after graduation.

OpenUp encourages students from all the faculties to take an active role in shaping their personal and professional goals. Through the platform, users can:

- Reflect on academic experiences and build a personal portfolio
- Track progress and set future goals
- Prepare for thesis writing, interviews, or career decisions
- Connect with alumni events, mentoring opportunities, and more

The platform acts as a long-term companion, a tool that grows alongside students and helps maintain professional focus after their time at university.



*You can find further details about this opportunity
on the program's website:*

cal.ktk.pte.hu/hu/openup



CAREER CENTRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS



Supporting Your Journey from Student to Alumni

At the University of Pécs, career development is not just a final step. It is a continuous journey that begins during your studies and extends well beyond graduation. The Career Centre is dedicated to empowering both students and alumni with the guidance, tools, and connections needed to thrive in today's competitive job market.

Whether you are preparing for your first internship, navigating career changes, or seeking professional growth after graduation, the Career Centre is here to support you every step of the way.

What We Offer

- **Career Counselling & CV Clinics**
Refine your resume, get feedback on your applications, and plan your next steps with expert support.
- **Workshops & Skill Sessions**
Develop essential soft skills like time management, networking, LinkedIn basics, and more.
- **Company Presentations & Info Days**
Meet employers, ask questions, and explore different sectors directly from insiders.
- **On-Campus Career Events**
Participate in job fairs, employer panels, and themed sessions designed to help you prepare.

UP2Work Career Series

UP2Work is a vital event series organized by the Career Centre to help you prepare for the world of work. Through interactive sessions with alumni, recruiters, and industry professionals, you'll gain

practical advice and career insights straight from the source.

Last years' highlights:

- **Your Career Journey** – Practical insights for job applications
- **Career and CV Counselling** – One-on-one feedback sessions
- **Dream it, Achieve it** – Goal-setting and career planning workshop
- **"Speed Dating" with Employers** – Fast-paced networking and recruiting event

Lifelong Guidance Starts Now

Career development at the University of Pécs is a journey that begins during your studies and continues long after graduation. The earlier you engage with the Career Centre, the better prepared you will be from crafting your first CV to navigating job interviews and beyond. As an alumnus, you can continue to rely on the Centre for support in advancing your career, changing fields, or even giving back by mentoring current students. At UP, building your future is a shared mission and the Career Centre is your partner every step of the way.



For further information,
please visit the Career Centre's
website:
karrieriroda.pte.hu/en



GRADUATE CAREER TRACKING (Diplomás Pályakövetés)

At the University of Pécs, we don't just want to stay connected, we also care about where your degree takes you.

That's why, after graduation, we may reach out and invite you to take part in Hungary's Graduate Career Tracking initiative (Diplomás Pályakövetés).

The information gathered through these surveys helps us:

Understand how your education supports your career

Improve our programs and services for future students

Keep in touch with your journey after UP

When the time comes, we kindly ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire. Your insights make a real difference.

Even if it feels far away now, your feedback will help shape the experience for the next generation of students, just like you.





"Embrace every moment, both inside and outside the classroom. At the University of Pécs, your academic journey will be enriched by the friendships, cultures, and life lessons you encounter along the way. Let Pécs shape not just your mind, but your heart too."

Dr. Kenneth Kaunda Kodiyo, PhD | from Kenya | Class of 2024 | Faculty of Law | Currently a Dean at the School of Law and Sharia, Umma University in Kenya



"Make every day count. Uni days go by so fast and it will be over before your realise. Enjoy every opportunity, be openminded and kind, and your time in Pécs will be unforgettable."

Alexa Bischoff | from Argentina | Class of 2024 | Faculty of Business and Economics | Currently an Executive Administrative Assistant at EY in Argentina



"Be open minded academically, socially and culturally!! Embrace every opportunity to learn, connect and explore. The experiences you gain will shape your journey in ways you truly can't imagine, and the friends you make may just become family."

Pamela Owusu Nkwantabisah | from Nigeria | Class of 2020 | Faculty of Sciences | Currently a Land Use Planner at a law firm in the United States



"Enjoy and embrace it because it won't last forever!"

Zeid Dissi | from Jordan | Class of 2023 | Faculty of Sciences | Currently an Analyst at the world's leading cybersecurity company in the United States





“Shoot your shot; every single one. Join a club, pitch an idea, start a project. Do it scared, do it clueless, but do it. UP isn’t just a university; it’s a launchpad. What you dare to try here might just shape the life you always dreamed of.”

Fidel Gatimu | from Kenya | Class of 2022 | Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology | Currently doing Construction Robotics and AI Developer in Germany



“Enjoy your time at the University of Pécs! Use every opportunity to learn, and engage in the various programmes and opportunities (eg ISA programme) offered by the University. Try also to get to know other cultures and even languages if possible. The University of Pécs offers an exceptional diversity richness, a great learning experience and an excellent international exposure that will be useful for your career in the future.”

Oujidane El Arabi | from Morocco | Class of 2020 | Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences | Currently a Fund Portfolio Analyst at the Global Fund in Switzerland



“One piece of advice I would give to current or incoming international students at the University of Pécs is to embrace every moment and be open to new experiences. Don’t hesitate to connect with classmates and locals, as these relationships can enrich your journey. Remember that challenges are part of growth, so stay resilient and make the most of your time there!”

Wahida Hafsat Mohammed | from Nigeria | Class of 2022 | Faculty of Health Sciences | Currently a Physiotherapist in Nigeria



“Say yes to every opportunity, step out of your comfort zone, connect with people from different cultures, and don’t be afraid to shape your own path. Every moment counts!”

Suhib Bani-Hamad | from Jordan | Class of 2024 | Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences | Currently a Business Consultant for Finance and Tourism in Jordan



ALUMNI MEETUPS AROUND THE WORLD



As we mentioned earlier, **your UP journey doesn't end at graduation, and neither do your connections.**

Each **spring and fall**, the International Centre hits the road for recruitment trips and higher education fairs, and we make it a point to reconnect with alumni along the way.

During these travels, we:

- Host alumni meetups in major cities
- Invite former students to share their UP stories at education fairs
- Create space for connection with fellow alumni and prospective students

These gatherings are a great way to **network, reminisce, and stay actively involved** in the life of your alma mater, no matter where life has taken you.



Want to know where we'll be in the future?

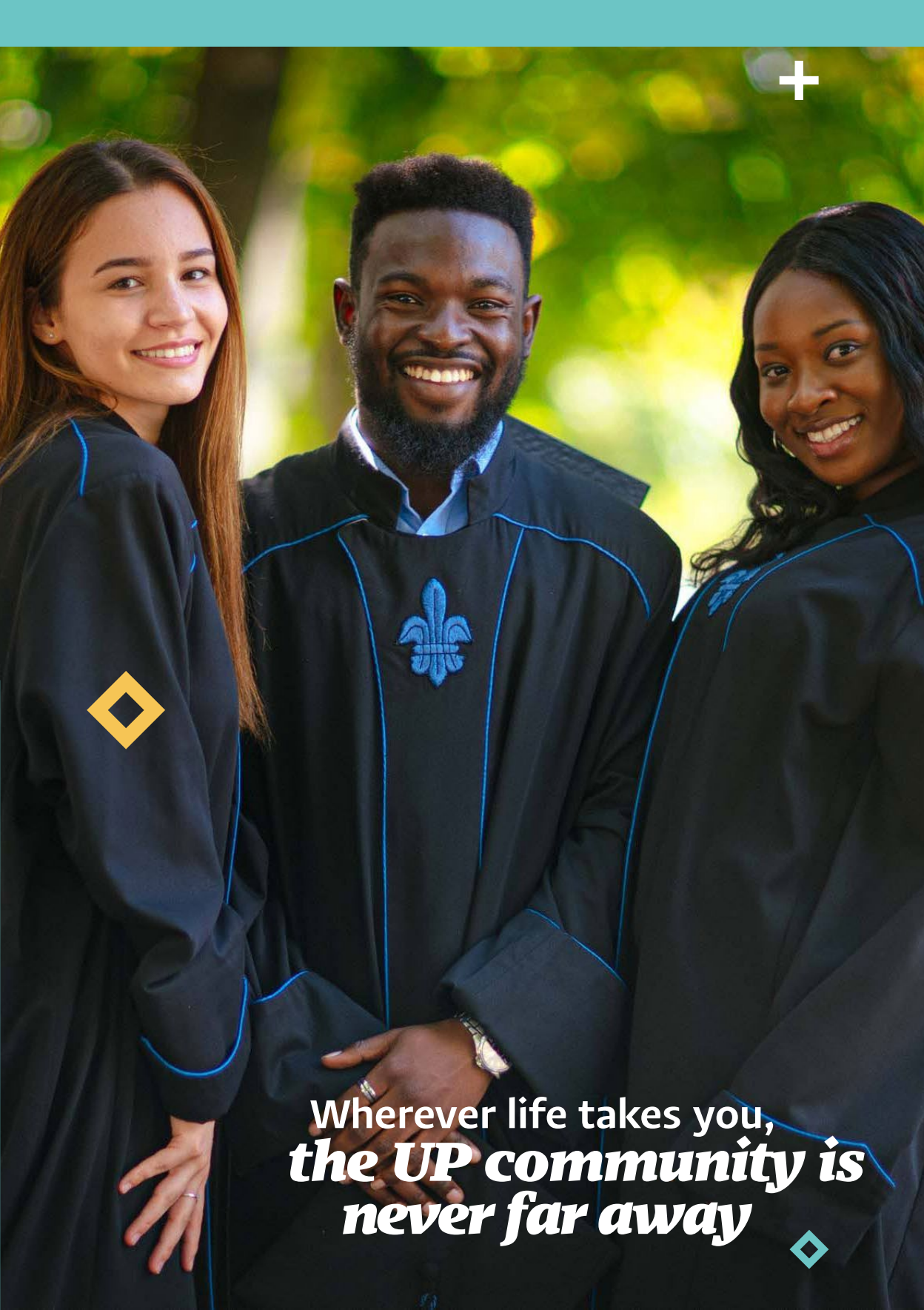
You'll also find where to meet us, even after graduation, by checking our upcoming international travels here:
alumni.pte.hu/en/reunion



Curious what these events are like?

Read about our past alumni meetups and fairs, some written by students themselves:
international.pte.hu/blog





Wherever life takes you,
***the UP community is
never far away***



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