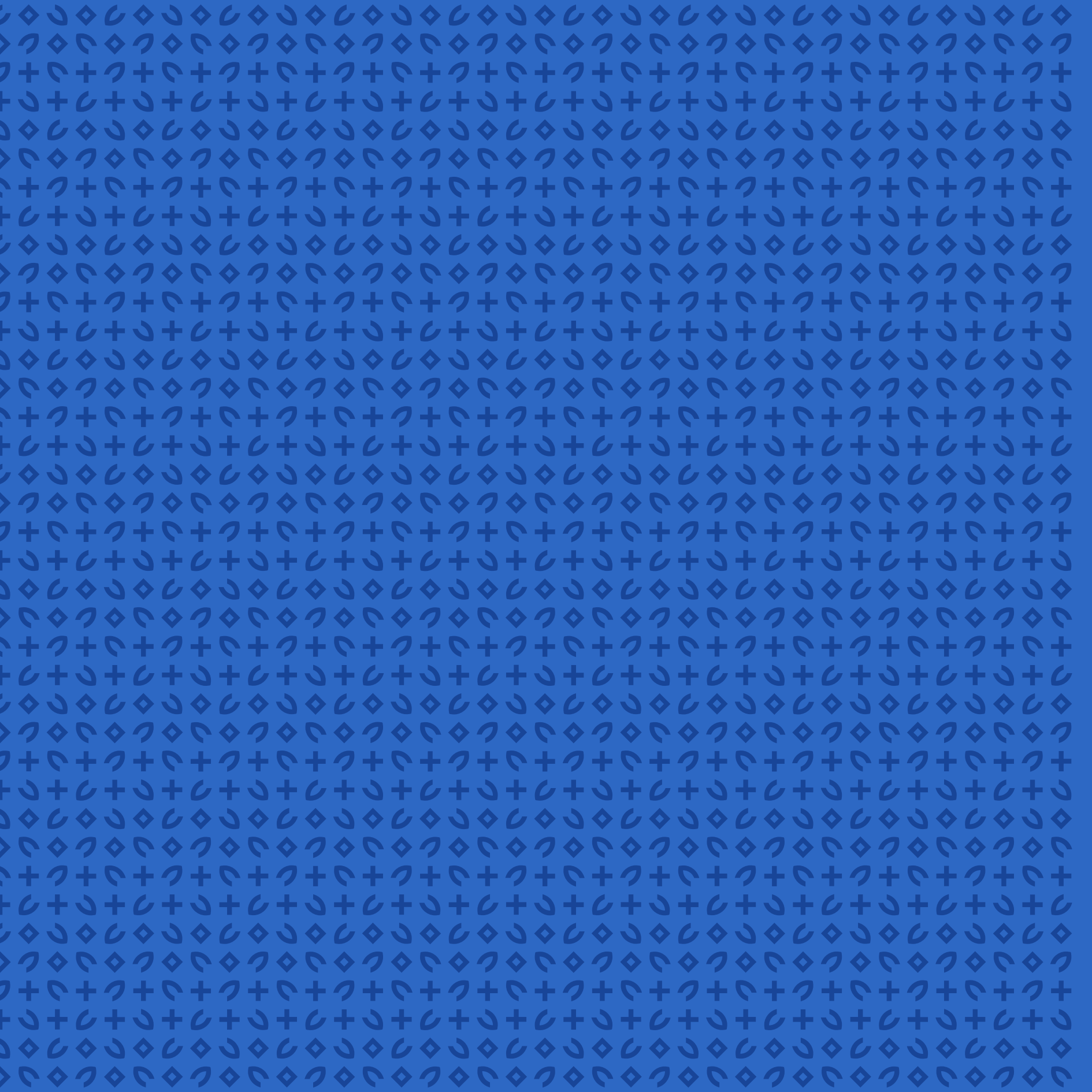




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Foreword



The University of Pécs is more than just an institution – it is a community where the values of the past meet the innovations of the future. As Hungary’s first university, we are proud to offer high-quality, practice-oriented training in the fields of science, arts, and healthcare.

The University’s vibrant spirit stems from our diverse range of courses, the connections we have developed with many parts of the world, and our openness to innovation. As part of the renewal of Hungarian higher education, we are building the future together with the Universitas Quinqueecclesiensis Foundation, which operates the university and contributes to the development of the region and the country as a whole.

It is essential for us to preserve our traditions while remaining responsive to the challenges of the modern age. We are committed to sustainability, equal opportunities, and socially useful research. We strive to cultivate a supportive environment where everyone can navigate their own journey, and where collaborative thinking generates genuine value.

Our aim is for the University of Pécs to take a leading role in the region, become a key institution within the country, and serve as a benchmark at the international level.

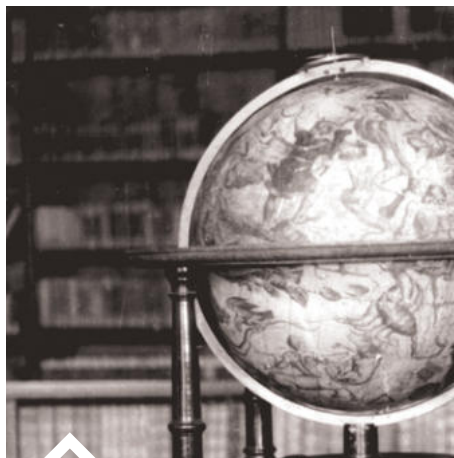


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King Louis the Great establishes
the first university of Hungary in Pécs.

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1774

György Klimo, the Bishop of Pécs,
establishes Hungary's first public library,
intended to serve as a reference library
for a university to be founded
in the city.



The Hungarian National Assembly
passes a bill relocating the Hungarian
Royal Elizabeth University, founded
in Bratislava, to Pécs.

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From the past to the future

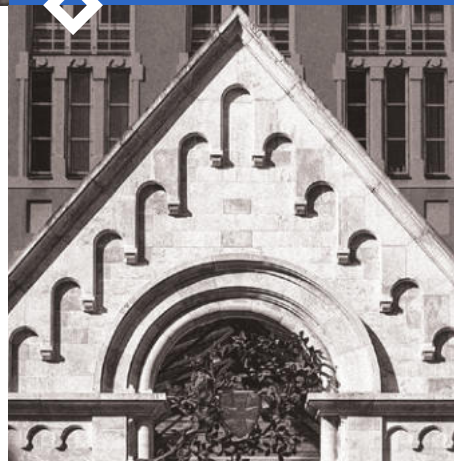


1951

The medical faculty separates from the institution under the name Pécs Medical University; thus, the University of Pécs now exclusively offers law degrees.

The teacher training faculty joins the existing faculty of political science and law, and faculty of economics, and the institution will henceforth be known as Janus Pannonius University.

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The Janus Pannonius University, Pécs Medical University, and the Illyés Gyula Teacher Training College in Szekszárd merge to form the University of Pécs.



Pécs, the university town



The character of the city of Pécs is largely defined by the University of Pécs (PTE), which not only provides an inspiring environment for students but is also one of the most important driving forces behind the city's intellectual and cultural life. The relationship between the university and the city is close and mutually supportive: university students are active participants in local community and cultural life, while Pécs' open and welcoming atmosphere helps students integrate. In 1998, Pécs received the UNESCO "Cities for Peace" award for its cultivation of minority cultures and its tolerant attitude towards refugees from the Balkan wars.

This city, known in ancient times as Sopianae, has a Mediterranean atmosphere and a rich historical and cultural heritage. In the 4th century, it emerged as an important provincial capital of the Roman Empire. In 2000, the city's late Roman and early Christian cemetery was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. The architecture and wall paintings at this excavated site provide a complex illustration of early Christian funerary architecture and art from the northern and western provinces of the Roman Empire.

In addition to its rich historical and cultural heritage and traditions, the city boasts a transparent urban structure, with its transport infrastructure, affordable housing, and comfortable yet liveable environment all contributing to making Pécs an attractive destination for both Hungarian and international students in higher education. In 2017, the university celebrated its 650th anniversary and, together with the city, received the UNESCO Global Learning City Award in recognition of its community-based learning and Learning City Festival program.

The University of Pécs consistently ranks among the top institutions in international rankings, thanks to its high proportion of international students, rich student experience, strong sustainability indicators, and the city's liveable environment. Pécs is collaborating with Hungary's first university to create an environment that fosters both learning and personal development, making it an ideal place for university students.

Education



The University of Pécs is one of Hungary's leading institutions of higher education, offering a diverse range of high-quality courses. With its broad spectrum of courses, it plays a pivotal role in the arts, sciences, education, and medicine.

Its modern infrastructure, dedicated and experienced teaching staff, and internationally competitive training portfolio ensure that students leave with up-to-date, practical knowledge. The institution offers its students opportunities for development based on a balance between basic scientific research and practice-oriented training, whether in bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or specialised continuing education programs. The university's reputation is enhanced by its foreign language courses, which attract a significant number of international students, its international scholarship programs, and its specialised colleges.

The University of Pécs was one of the first institutions in Hungary to establish doctoral programs in both science and the arts. Today, it offers a total of 21 PhD and Doctor of Liberal Arts (DLA) programs. Notably, the university stands out for its unique offerings in doctoral programs in fine arts and music, as well as architecture and civil engineering.

The university aims to provide high-quality education that meets market demands at all levels, incentivising students to have PTE as their first choice when deciding on higher education. To this end, the institution measures and strives to enhance student satisfaction, ensuring that graduates acquire the knowledge required by the labour market. Teachers enrich the learning experience using innovative and practice-oriented teaching methods, as well as the continuous development of teaching methodology. The launch of foreign language education programs enables the institution to obtain further prestigious international accreditations. Providing scholarship opportunities promotes progress, as outlined in the model curriculum, and reduces dropout rates.

The University of Pécs continually develops new programs, thanks to its exceptionally high-quality teaching staff. Throughout the educational process, considerable emphasis is placed on developing critical thinking and fostering an international perspective. The University of Pécs is therefore not just an institution, but a community that shapes the future through science, innovation, and responsible thinking.







Agricultural studies



The agricultural science program at the University of Pécs offers modern solutions to current challenges of sustainable agriculture, environmental responsibility, and rural development.

The aim of the education provided here is to train professionals who understand the complexity of agricultural systems, comprehend the interrelationships between landscape and environmental management, and think responsibly about the future of rural areas. Taking advantage of its proximity to the wine regions of Pécs, Szekszárd, and Villány, and preserving the centuries-old heritage of church-owned vineyards, the institution ensures the training of future viticulturists and winemakers. The master brewer training courses at the University of Pécs also serve to strengthen the region, while contributing to the long-established Pécs Brewery's supply of skilled workers. In addition to providing up-to-date theoretical knowledge, practical training plays a crucial role in agricultural education, complemented by fieldwork and professional projects.

This field of study at PTE offers a vision of the future in which respect for nature, expertise, and a commitment to sustainability work together to ensure progress.

Humanities



The institution's humanities programs are rooted in the freedom of thought and a deeper understanding of culture, society, and the human condition. In addition to the classical humanities disciplines – such as history, Hungarian studies, philosophy, and liberal arts – students can also explore interdisciplinary fields like cultural mediation, Romani studies, communication and media studies, and applied linguistics.

Students can supplement their theoretical knowledge with practical skills, developing critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, and social responsibility in the process. The aim of education is to preserve the values of the past while shaping a socially committed, thinking elite that is open to the challenges of the future. Teacher training is a key component alongside foreign language and ethnic studies, such as Anglistics, Germanistics, Romance languages, and Slavic studies.

The knowledge acquired through this training fosters a deeper understanding of the world and ourselves. It encourages nuanced thinking, develops critical thinking skills, broadens perspectives, and promotes openness to cultural and intellectual diversity.







Health sciences



For many years, the health sciences programs at PTE have provided a solid foundation for students dedicated to careers in healthcare. The practice-oriented education, modern infrastructure, and training opportunities available in several cities in Hungary and abroad—including Pécs, Kaposvár, Zalaegerszeg, Szombathely, Sombor, and Odorheiu Secuiesc—allow students to engage with real-life healthcare challenges.

Among the various programs, physiotherapy and public health visitor training are particularly popular, but many students also choose nursing, paramedic, or dietitian programs. In these cases, close collaboration with local healthcare institutions offers significant advantages. The personal attention, supportive community atmosphere, and compassionate environment within the training facilities help students grow both professionally and personally.

Economics

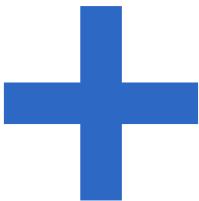


The economics programs at the University of Pécs offer a solid theoretical foundation and practical knowledge, complemented by ongoing corporate partnerships and professional projects. During their studies, students can work on real-world business problems, participate in corporate mentoring programs, and intern at market-leading companies. The curriculum features specialised tracks with unique focuses, including corporate valuation, tourism management, and financial consulting.

The courses are continually updated in line with labour market demands, as confirmed by domestic and international accreditations. Our university also offers micro-certificate courses in business and management, sustainability, finance, communication, and innovation. These short, targeted programs provide quick and effective knowledge, helping students to adapt immediately to market challenges.

The practical experience of the lecturers, combined with the modern educational environment, ensures that students acquire the knowledge necessary to compete effectively in their chosen field. As a result, graduates achieve success in various aspects of life, including personal development, social engagement, and the execution of independent projects.







Pharmaceutical sciences



Pharmaceutical science education is an excellent choice for those interested in drug research, manufacturing, or patient care. One of the unique features of the program in Pécs is that students can study in a real and complex healthcare environment thanks to the close relationship with the Clinical Centre of the University of Pécs.

The modern laboratory facilities and cutting-edge research provide a solid professional foundation. Close cooperation between teachers and students plays an important role in the program, enabling more effective learning and personalised support.

The curriculum is modern and emphasizes practical training, providing students with real, in-depth knowledge throughout their studies. It includes a significant portion of hands-on experience, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared to make responsible professional decisions. With an up-to-date curriculum and a strong focus on practical training, graduates can confidently enter the labour market where they are in high demand, whether they choose to work in pharmacies, hospitals, industry, or research.

Information technology



Students can acquire knowledge in groundbreaking fields such as artificial intelligence, data mining, robotics, embedded systems, IoT (Internet of Things), SAP enterprise management systems, and geoinformatics. During their studies, they will learn about the entire software development process, from user needs analysis to the implementation of finished systems, as well as essential methods of cybersecurity and data protection.

The constantly evolving IT and telecommunications sector is closely linked to industry, healthcare, finance, and creative industries, so the knowledge acquired can be applied in many areas. The IT courses at the University of Pécs are truly competitive thanks to state-of-the-art laboratories, joint research and development projects with industrial partners, and international cooperation. Students can participate in domestic and European innovation programs to gain hands-on experience with the latest technologies. The field of information technology is evolving rapidly, and well-prepared professionals are not only able to keep pace with these changes but also to influence their development.







Legal studies



With a history dating back more than a century, legal education has played a pivotal role in the development of higher education in Pécs, both in medieval and modern times. The Faculty of Law in Pécs is one of the oldest and most respected centres for legal education in Hungary, having consistently adapted to social and professional changes. As a result, it has become a prestigious institution that offers outstanding employment opportunities for its graduates.

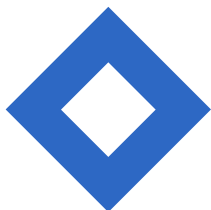
Students have the opportunity to explore both traditional areas of law and contemporary challenges, such as the legal regulation of artificial intelligence, data mining, and issues related to digital data protection. Through a practice-oriented education, they can participate in moot court competitions and legal clinic programs. Additionally, thanks to extensive professional connections and international collaborations, students can gain valuable experience in various practical settings. Graduates find successful employment in public administration, the judiciary, and the business sector, as well as opportunities in international organisations.

Engineering sciences



As one of the most dynamically developing technical training centres in the region, the University of Pécs welcomes students with modern infrastructure, an interdisciplinary approach, and an inspiring learning environment. In addition to traditional undergraduate programs in architecture, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, environmental engineering, and electrical engineering, the institution also offers dual programs, through which students spend several days a week in a corporate environment, thus supplementing their theoretical knowledge with real-world business experience. This enables future professionals to combine the practical experience they have gained with a complex engineering approach.

The program uniquely combines industrial collaborations in various fields, including green and nuclear energy, automotive engineering, building engineering, and manufacturing technology and development, among others, with cutting-edge research and development in areas such as smart cities, green technologies, and robotics projects. The training also covers 3D printing and additive manufacturing technology, which is a key area of modern industry.







Arts



Pécs, named a European Capital of Culture in 2010, is an inspiring place where centuries-old artistic traditions blend with contemporary trends. The art programs at the University of Pécs leverage this rich cultural environment as their foundation. A notable example of the deep ties between urban identity, cultural heritage, and the arts is the brand identity of Pécs, created through collaboration with artists from the university.

Our institution's art programs provide high-quality education in a diverse and inspiring environment, encompassing the fields of fine and applied arts, music, design, theatre, and media arts. Interdisciplinary approaches and the master-apprentice relationship, which is still alive today, help students develop their individual styles.

During their studies, students regularly work with external partners, such as theatres, orchestras, museums, and creative companies, which promotes professional integration and portfolio building. Professional experience is gained not only through the culturally rich environment but also through international connections and the university's own exhibition spaces, concert halls, showrooms, and studios.

Medical sciences



At the University of Pécs, human-centredness and scientific excellence are closely intertwined in the field of medical education. The aim is to train doctors and research physicians who serve individuals and society with up-to-date theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and deep empathy.

The education is modern, interdisciplinary, and closely linked to clinical practice, which is provided by the university's Clinical Centre and its associated hospital care system. Students can study in a state-of-the-art environment: a training centre equipped with a robotic surgery simulator, a skills lab, a live clinical environment, and various research opportunities that support their development. Innovation, international cooperation, and practical experience in healthcare are integral to the training.

The Medical School currently trains students in equal proportions in Hungarian, English, and German at all levels of education, thereby creating a truly international environment for both students and faculty. Medical training at the University of Pécs is grounded in social responsibility and the preservation of health as a fundamental human value.



MEDICAL SCHOOL



Sport sciences



The field of sports sciences at the University of Pécs is diverse, dynamically evolving, and strongly practice-oriented. Within the programs of coaching, sports management, and recreation and health promotion, students gain high-level theoretical and practical knowledge across all major areas of the sports sciences. The education is enriched by the involvement of renowned experts who are active participants in the Hungarian sports scene – many of them national team athletes, coaches, or event organisers.

Among both current students and alumni, there are numerous well-known and highly respected athletes who enhance the university's reputation not only on a national but also on an international level. The success of these athletes, along with the vibrant activity of the sport science community, has contributed to the University of Pécs repeatedly earning the title of “Most Athletic University of the Year.”

The aim of the training courses offered here is not only to provide professional knowledge, but also to strengthen society's commitment to healthy lifestyles and exercise. This complex training system ensures that students become not only exemplary athletes and professionals, but also well-rounded individuals, both personally and professionally.

Social sciences



Social science programs offer solutions to the social challenges of the 21st century through an up-to-date, interdisciplinary approach. Students not only gain in-depth knowledge in the fields of sociology, political science, social policy, and international studies, but also gain practical experience through fieldwork, research projects, and professional internships.

During the program, special emphasis is placed on developing critical thinking, social awareness, and analytical skills. In addition, modern methodological knowledge essential for understanding social phenomena – from data analysis to qualitative research – is an integral part of the program from the outset.

International relations, English-language programs, and mobility opportunities provide students with a global perspective. The PTE social science programs focus on enhancing students' personal development and leadership skills. They prepare students for the evolving demands of the labour market and social responsibility, while also providing a strong foundation for those who wish to understand and influence the world we live in.







Natural sciences



This field of study in Pécs operates with a particularly strong interdisciplinary approach and a practical focus. Teaching and research in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, and biotechnology are closely intertwined, allowing students to approach global and local challenges with a complex perspective.

Practical experience is supported by modern laboratories, advanced digital measuring and analytical tools, and internationally renowned research groups. Natural science education emphasises not only the acquisition of scientific methods but also the importance of sustainability and environmental awareness. This ecological approach permeates all levels of education – students are not only aware of global challenges but also actively participate in finding solutions. For example, they can participate in sustainability projects, community initiatives, and innovative research that contribute to the effective management of environmental issues.

Teacher training



The teacher training programs at the University of Pécs prepare future educators to meet the highest professional standards, focusing on modern theoretical foundations and practical experience. Its wide range of training programs – kindergarten teacher, elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, special education teacher, and special education educator – enables every student to find their calling and the field that best suits their personal interests.

The university's Teacher Training Centre plays a key role in the training program, supporting teachers, students, and training sites through innovation, the introduction of modern teaching and learning methods, and close cooperation.

The training program places emphasis on pedagogical sensitivity, differentiated instruction, the development of digital skills, and a reflective professional attitude. Thanks to this, students begin their careers as committed, innovative teachers serving society, capable of shaping and enriching the future of Hungarian education.





From kindergarten to university



The University of Pécs provides a unique opportunity for continuous education, allowing young people to become university citizens starting from kindergarten age. The PTE Practice Primary and Secondary Schools and Kindergarten nurture university citizens from early childhood onwards.

Schools play a crucial role in promoting effectiveness and implementing new methods. They actively contribute to training the next generation, including future teachers, closely collaborating with training programs at all levels and engage in the professional management and coordination activities provided by the Teacher Training Centre. The public education and vocational training institutions operated by the university offer a comprehensive range of healthcare training too. This includes everything from foundational education to doctoral degrees. The primary objective of the vocational training institutions in Pécs, Szekszárd, and Szombathely is to produce a supply of skilled professionals. This is vital for the economic and social development of both the country and the region.

The goal is to ensure continuous development and maintain a thirst for knowledge throughout one's entire career, preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the future.



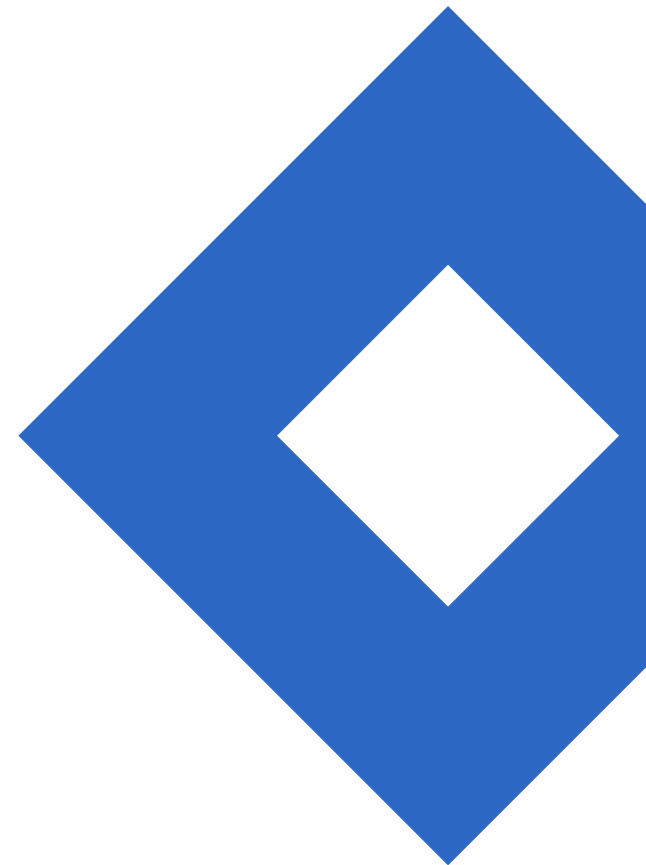
Research



The University of Pécs is one of Hungary's leading research institutions, actively contributing to the development of the region and society through its scientific endeavours. With its multidisciplinary approach, it fosters progress in education, healthcare, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The institution is a key player not only in Hungary but also on the European research map, promoting the social application of scientific results and the development of the scientific community.

Research is an integral part of university education, and supporting scientific excellence and young researchers plays a central role in the institution's strategy. In addition to the continuous development of basic research, it is particularly important that the practical application of scientific results promotes the economic and social development of the region. An outstanding example of this is the active participation of our researchers in the HUNOR – Hungarian Astronaut Program, in which they address scientific challenges that may have a long-term impact on future space missions.

The program offers researchers at the university the opportunity to undertake meaningful scientific projects at both domestic and international levels, thereby strengthening the institution's international scientific presence. The university's research activities are outstanding in many scientific fields and play a determining role in the fields of virology, artificial insemination, immunology, neurology, and genetics, among others.



Szentágotthai Research Centre

The successful integration of these different scientific fields is reinforced by the Szentágotthai Research Centre (SZKK), which is our university's scientific flagship and a key research and development base. The SZKK is an interdisciplinary research community equipped with modern laboratory facilities and state-of-the-art equipment, creating an ideal environment for achieving scientific results. The centre promotes collaboration among medicine, biology, natural sciences, engineering, and information technology, supporting the economic and social application of research and fostering both domestic and international scientific partnerships. It places special emphasis on providing professional support to young researchers, helping them launch their scientific careers and ensuring a smooth succession in the field. The SZKK is an open and innovative scientific space where knowledge sharing, creativity, and collaboration lead to impactful results that shape the future. Additionally, it serves as a bridge between academia and industry, promoting the practical application of innovations and enhancing the region's scientific competitiveness.

As a multidisciplinary research centre, SZKK not only operates its own research groups, but also integrates and supports the National Laboratories affiliated with the university, which conduct outstanding research in various scientific fields.

National Laboratory of Virology

The primary research area of the National Laboratory of Virology is the study of viruses that spread from animals to humans. Alongside basic research, the research group also undertakes various applied research projects focused on developing and testing diagnostics for medical and patient care practices, as well as exploring potential antiviral agents. Another stated goal is to bring together domestic virology research and establish a national research network that will enable a better understanding of viral infections, thereby facilitating the development of more effective methods of defence.

National Laboratory on Human Reproduction

The laboratory, which employs over 100 people, conducts research and development work in collaboration with several faculties and the University of Pécs's Clinical Centre, while maintaining close professional relationships with domestic and international universities, research institutes, and key players in the Hungarian pharmaceutical industry. The mission of HRNL is to explore the causes of infertility, provide a deeper understanding of the development of fertility disorders, and contribute to the development of modern, effective diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. It does this through studies and research that fully protect human life and embryos in line with the strictest international ethical standards.







National Laboratory for Translational Neuroscience

The National Laboratory for Translational Neuroscience aims to bridge the gap between basic neuroscience research and clinical practice. The mission is to gain a comprehensive understanding of the disease mechanisms underlying neurological disorders, which stem from the complex interaction of genetic and environmental factors in early life. The goal is to develop new diagnostic tools and intervention options. This includes the methodological development of prevention and treatment strategies for neurological diseases, with a unique research focus that span from childhood to adulthood. The laboratory's work is based on a multidisciplinary approach that includes the development of state-of-the-art diagnostic tools, digital data platforms, and targeted therapeutic solutions, which leverage structured national clinical data assets in the treatment of neurological conditions.

National Laboratory for Renewable Energy

The National Laboratory for Renewable Energy aims to support Hungary's green transition and energy sovereignty through scientific and technological solutions. Research at the laboratory focuses on hydrogen technology, carbon dioxide utilisation, and low-footprint, flexible energy systems. Led by the University of Pécs, basic research and industrial development converge in professional workshops located at the sites of ten consortium partners, spanning from hydrogen production and storage to energy storage and recycling.

The work adopts a multidisciplinary approach that integrates materials science, electrical engineering, legal, economic, and environmental considerations. Our university's Hydrogen Centre, an independent organisational unit focused on hydrogen technologies and the hydrogen economy, collaborates with various universities, research institutes, and industrial partners.

Research Institute for Viticulture and Oenology

The Research Institute for Viticulture and Oenology (SZBKI) is deeply rooted in Pécs, having been established in 1949 from former ecclesiastical land and now operating as part of the University of Pécs. The institute conducts research in grape breeding, genetics, viticulture technologies, and oenology.

Its grapevine variety collection is the second-largest grape gene bank in Europe. This collection serves to preserve genetic diversity and acts as the cradle of future vineyards. It is the only place in Hungary where world-class resistance breeding takes place, aiming to establish an environmentally conscious, sustainable grape and wine sector.

The University Wine Estate in Pécs is open to all visitors. The goal of SZBKI is to make the scientific work conducted here, as well as the award-winning wines produced, widely known and appreciated.





Innovation and cooperation



The University of Pécs is also at the forefront of innovation, research and development, and corporate cooperation. The university provides support for students' and researchers' ideas in multiple ways. Proof of Concept grants assist early-stage inventions in developing into marketable products. Additionally, project support facilitates product validation and development, enabling successful projects to advance in the technology transfer process and become eligible for investment.

The university's Smart University Program utilises artificial intelligence-based solutions to enhance university operations and make them more data-driven. The program plays a crucial role in developing AI applications, promoting related scientific research, and fostering collaboration between academia and industry.

Additionally, the institution aims to support spin-off companies created and operating within the university environment in the future. Not only does the number and success of start-ups increase, but these start-ups also become more attractive to venture capitalists.

The University of Pécs places significant emphasis on dual training programs tailored to meet industrial needs, transfer marketable skills, and promote interdisciplinary research.

The university has initiated the UniNext Innovation Program, which is a comprehensive, long-term strategy for sustainable economic, regional, health, and educational development. This program aims to chart a new course for the region's advancement, with a primary focus on generating tangible benefits for the local community and business sector. Key components of the program include the university's Science Park, the largest industrial park investment in the country, known as the Universitas Industrial Park, as well as improvements to local infrastructure.

The University of Pécs undertakes numerous research and development projects in forward-looking technologies, including space research, biotechnology, 3D printing, and artificial intelligence, all in close collaboration with domestic and international industrial partners. These interdisciplinary developments extend beyond the traditional academic framework, with the goal of creating tangible innovations that, in addition to scientific progress, also contribute to economic competitiveness and social welfare.

Clinical Centre

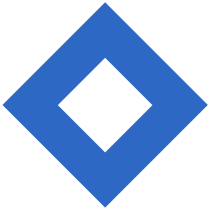


The Clinical Centre of the University of Pécs (PTE KK) is one of Hungary's largest healthcare providers and the only institution offering clinical-level patient care in the Transdanubia region. With its regional healthcare responsibilities, the Clinical Centre is a vital healthcare institution for the city, county, and region. It performs not only regional but also national tasks in several specialist areas.

Similar to the founding of the medieval university in Pécs, the Clinical Centre also has historical roots, with the first mention of the St. Bartholomew Hospital in Pécs dating back to 1181. In 1731, the "Plague Hospital" was established in Pécs. The independent Medical University of Pécs was established in 1951, and barely a decade and a half later, in 1966, the 400-bed clinic was inaugurated. Within the integrated University of Pécs, the Clinical Centre was established in 2006 as an independent organisational unit. In 2010, the Baranya County Hospital joined the network, followed by the municipal hospitals of Harkány, Komló, Mohács, Siklós, and Szigetvár in recent years. It currently performs municipal, county, regional, national, and international roles at 30 locations in Pécs and in the hospitals of five towns within the county.

The Clinical Centre delivers high-quality patient care in a safe and welcoming environment, thanks to its highly qualified staff. Patient care units are dedicated to maintaining high standards and providing patient-centred treatment. The centre prioritises patient expectations in its practices and utilises evidence-based medicine with advanced techniques. PTE KK's units accommodate patients across approximately 3,000 beds and operate nearly 100 outpatient departments. Additionally, they offer health visitor services throughout Baranya County.





The institution has a substantial presence in the region's labour market, employing over 6,300 people. In addition to its traditional role in healthcare, the institution is also involved in education and research, which together constitute the University of Pécs's most significant research and development capacity. It participates in the education and practical training of students at the Medical School, the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Pharmacy. Through its role in undergraduate, postgraduate, specialist, and continuing education, as well as doctoral (PhD) programs, the Clinical Centre plays a pivotal role in implementing the university's medical and health science education and training tasks. The training and education of specialist staff are also of paramount importance in its activities.

The main area of scientific research at the Clinical Centre is conducting clinical trials. As an integral part of its industry-related research and development activities, it actively participates in the process of introducing numerous new drugs and therapeutic procedures into clinical practice. These trials contribute directly to the continuous improvement of patient care, while also providing an opportunity to keep up to date with the latest methods of clinical research.

The institution pays special attention to improving patients' quality of life, introducing wide-ranging prevention programs, and educating the public about health issues. The institution's modern infrastructure, digital data management system, and multidisciplinary teams enable the efficient operation of complex patient care. Through its international connections, the Clinical Centre continuously participates in international research projects and professional collaborations, thereby ensuring the rapid integration of the latest medical trends and innovations into clinical practice. The institution regularly organises professional conferences, workshops, and continuing education courses, thereby supporting continuous professional development and the spread of healthcare innovations.





International university



There are 5,600 international students studying at the University of Pécs, representing 146 different countries. Our students may choose from over 100 English- or German-taught programs, making Pécs a vibrant global academic hub in the heart of Europe. The institution was the first to launch English-language courses in Hungary in the early 1980s. It has preserved and strengthened this pioneering spirit ever since through continuous development, strategic foresight, and a deep conviction that international higher education can connect worlds and shape lives. In 2015, with the support of the Modern Cities Program, internationalisation became a cornerstone of the University of Pécs' development strategy.

By 2030, the University of Pécs aims to host 6,000 international students and to double the number of fee-paying applicants. The university is focused on increasing both incoming and outgoing student mobility, allowing even more students to gain valuable global experiences. Additionally, plans are in place to expand the range of self-funded short-term programs and to enhance the university's international visibility in rankings.

Educational development is also a priority. We are working toward gaining international accreditation for each faculty and aim to launch at least two new joint degree programs with partner institutions. The number of international teaching staff is set to double, further enriching our classrooms with global expertise.

PTE continues to prioritise student support. It is expanding the capacity of dormitories available to international students, developing a comprehensive security protocol, and introducing a unified health insurance system for all international students. Research and innovation know no boundaries. Therefore, it is defining its international partnership network along "priority areas" and developing a comprehensive international research strategy. Its goal is to establish a unified development framework for the university's research base, enabling it to work with its international partners to address global challenges.

European and Global Engagement

The University of Pécs is proud to be part of the EDUC – European Digital UniverCity alliance, which is receiving €12.8 million in funding from the European Commission. The goal of this program is to create a more inclusive, innovative, and interconnected European higher education area by promoting digitisation, multilingualism, and interdisciplinarity.

The university currently maintains active relationships with 392 partner institutions in 30 European countries and participates in the Pannonia and CEEPUS mobility programs. More than 700 English-language courses are available to international students, offering them the opportunity to experience Hungarian university life.

The University of Pécs maintains international relations with all parts of the world, extending to Asia, the American continent, Africa, and the Middle East, through fruitful partnerships. These agreements provide scholarships, mutual teacher and student mobility, and research collaborations.

Vision for the future: humility and determination

At the University of Pécs, internationalization is more than just a trend; it is a fundamental belief. The aim is to foster a more connected and improved world. While the university is proud of its past achievements, it remains focused on the future. It will continue to advance with humility, determination, and strong global partnerships—not merely to be a Hungarian university attracting international students, but to become a truly international institution defined by excellence, diversity, and innovation.







Social responsibility



The University of Pécs is committed to comprehensive and conscious social responsibility, integrating education, research, environmental protection, and community involvement. As part of its mission, the university actively contributes to the social development of South Transdanubia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Western Balkans through services that extend beyond traditional education and research.

With the coordination of the Sustainability Centre, social responsibility, ethical, and sustainability aspects are integrated into education, which is also supported by corporate and civil co-operation. As part of strengthening the social dimension, the institution actively supports Hungarian communities living in the diaspora through the World Hungarian Network, helping to preserve their identity. The university and its partners contribute to the cultivation of the Hungarian language and culture, as well as the strengthening of communities, through language training, scholarship programs, networking opportunities, and joint initiatives.

Research in biotechnology development, healthcare innovation, and environmental sustainability directly improves quality of life. In addition, data science effectively supports the management of social challenges by making public services more efficient and promoting the ethical use of data, thereby contributing to the development of the region and the country.

PTE is strongly committed to ensuring equal opportunities; it rejects discrimination, supports disadvantaged groups, pays special attention to social inclusion, and actively promotes the empowerment of women. The university's Support Service assists students with disabilities and special educational needs in achieving independent living and equal access to education. It fosters the creation of an inclusive university environment and promotes equal opportunities. As part of its mission, it operates several educational projects, including the Health Academy and the University for Seniors, where individuals of all ages can expand their knowledge in a wide range of fields.



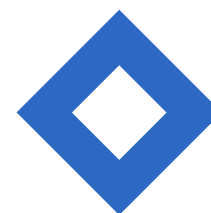
Green university



The University of Pécs is firmly committed to building its future on sustainability, a dedication that has earned it the title of Hungary's Greenest University on multiple occasions. The institution, which ranks among the best internationally, aims to actively shape a sustainable future as a leading centre of knowledge through science, education, and innovation. Within the framework of its Green University Program, PTE works to integrate environmental, social, and economic sustainability into its education, research, and institutional operations.

The university places a strong emphasis on shaping both individual and community attitudes towards sustainability. To this end, it continually expands its offerings of courses and research projects in this area. The institution operates as a PET bottle-free environment, promotes cycling, maintains a fleet of electric cars, ensures selective waste collection, and implements water-saving solutions, such as recycling swimming pool water. A key objective of the university is to increase the use of renewable energy and enhance the proportion of green spaces on campus.

The University not only follows but also shapes the trends in cleantech, which focuses on technological advancements rooted in environmental sustainability. It aims to create a conscious community where sustainable practices are integrated into everyday life. The university's objective is to remain at the forefront of green innovation and to lead by example for the future. To achieve this, sustainability is a key consideration in all decision-making processes. The university allocates its resources efficiently to reach its goals and manages its activities in a financially responsible manner. It is committed to organisational sustainability, inspiring its employees to seek solutions to global environmental, economic, and social challenges through research. PTE actively pursues and implements eco-friendly solutions, monitors its energy consumption, and aims to minimise it as much as possible.





PTE family



As the largest employer in the region, the University of Pécs strives to create a supportive and family-friendly environment for its employees. The well-being of employees and the balance between their private and professional lives are top priorities. This is best demonstrated by the fact that our institution has been awarded the Family-Friendly Workplace title on multiple occasions.

The university recently launched the Blue Zone Program, named after the regions of the world where people live long, active, and healthy lives—the so-called “blue zones.” The program aims to create an environment for students, faculty, and staff where health, physical activity, mental well-being, and sustainability are not just options, but a natural part of everyday life. The initiative focuses on three main areas of intervention: promoting physical activity and healthy eating, supporting mental and social health and disease prevention, as well as strengthening environmental protection, sustainability, and social responsibility.

Numerous initiatives, including flexible working hours, working from home, university nursery care, and kindergarten, help colleagues balance their parental responsibilities with professional commitments. A reintegration program is also provided for new mothers and employees returning from parental leave.

Our institution aims to create and maintain a supportive environment in which employees are balanced and satisfied, and in which they can find a harmonious balance between work and private life. With this in mind, the university launched the University of Pécs For Families Program, which includes regular family-friendly events and programs – such as bicycle and water tours, craft workshops, educational lectures, health days, excursions, and summer camps – that provide colleagues and their families with opportunities to relax. The PTE family is a supportive community that prioritises work-life balance through family-friendly values.



University sport



The University of Pécs has an extremely rich, dynamic, and diverse sporting life, and the institution actively supports the physical activity of its students and staff, whether it be recreational sports, competitive sports, or professional athletic careers. Thousands of students and staff regularly participate in events organized by the University of Pécs Sports Department, including faculty championships, sports days, and themed challenges.

Our athletes also excel on the international stage, regularly representing our university at European championships, world competitions, and even the Olympics and Paralympics, as well as performing successfully at the Hungarian University and College National Championships (MEFOB). The Pécs University Athletic Club (PEAC), which has been operating since 1923, now offers opportunities to participate in more than 20 sports, including table tennis, cheerleading, e-sports, basketball, volleyball, archery, and futsal. At the 2024 European University Games, PTE was represented by a record number of over 100 athletes. This impressive turnout not only demonstrates their passion for sports but also reflects their solidarity, university identity, and support for emerging talent.

For students who, in addition to fulfilling their academic obligations, enhance the institution's reputation through their sporting achievements, or who achieve exceptional results in domestic and international sports through perseverance, the institution has established a sports scholarship. The PTE Sports and Parasports Committee awards this scholarship each semester.

The university effectively utilises the community-building power of sports for charitable purposes. A prime example of this is the annual "Run for Cancer Cure" event, which brings together both PTE members and local residents to support a noble cause: aiding the recovery of cancer patients. Beyond promoting a healthy lifestyle and recognising outstanding athletic achievements, sports at the University of Pécs build community, create value, and set an example for us all.



Student life



University life is not only about fulfilling academic obligations and acquiring knowledge, but also about networking, community and cultural experiences, and entertainment.

Student life at the University of Pécs is vibrant and diverse; the university community is close-knit, ensuring everyone finds their place within the University of Pécs family.

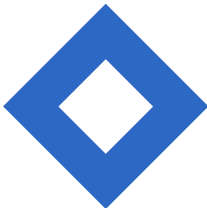
The University of Pécs participates in the largest domestic festivals and educational exhibitions and organises its own series of programs. The University Student Council (EHÖK) plays a crucial role in student life by representing students' academic interests and organizing vibrant community programs. One of the largest events they host is the Pécs University Days (PEN). This multi-day event features a wealth of performers, concerts, cultural, and family programs. The fall semester kicks off with the PTE Welcome Fest, which provides new and returning students with the opportunity to meet one another at the beginning of the academic year and celebrate the start of the new semester together. Throughout the year, EHÖK strengthens university cohesion with sporting events, themed events, and charity campaigns.

The Student Service Centre, alongside EHÖK, supports students in various aspects of their daily lives. Key responsibilities of the centre involve the ongoing development of community spaces, programs for mental health and talent development, and introduction of new services designed to meet the needs of students.

Admission is a milestone in the life of a high school student, marking the culmination of years of hard work, excitement, and uncertainty, as the admission thresholds are announced during summer. The Pont Ott Party was created to allow new and returning university students to celebrate together, allowing them to experience what it means to be part of the University of Pécs family from the very first moment.

Among the various events aimed at promoting rural domestic school enrolment, the autumn "Irány a PTE! Kultúrfeszt" (Let's Go to PTE – Cultural Festival) stands out as one of the most significant. During this event, high school students from across the country can experience what it is like to be a university student for a day. They can also gather all the necessary information for a successful admission process.





The University of Pécs values creating a welcoming environment for international students, ensuring they feel at home during their studies. Also offering the chance to engage with diverse cultures. The University of Pécs International Evening is a celebration of this cultural diversity, where participants showcase their traditions. Events like International Culture Day in Pécs (ICDiP) and International Seasons provide opportunities for both the university community and local residents to learn more about the cultures represented by the students.

The university boasts numerous community and cultural spaces where students can recharge, find inspiration, gain new experiences, and form lasting friendships. Whether it's learning, entertainment, or immersion, everyone can find their place here.

The Botanical Garden of the University of Pécs is one of the city's most beautiful attractions, divided into three parts: the park, other outdoor collections, and greenhouses. The nearly seven-hectare garden currently has more than 5,000 species of plants in its collections, while the number of protected or highly protected species reaches 350. The area was designated a local nature reserve in 1989.

Established as part of the European Capital of Culture 2010 project, the South Transdanubian Regional Library and Knowledge Centre was created to meet the needs of today's users by integrating several libraries.

The imposing building houses the University of Pécs Library and Knowledge Centre, the Győző Csorba Library, and the Benedek Ferenc Specialized Library of Law and Economics. These libraries have combined their document collections and services to ensure that the activities most important to visitors are conducted in a coordinated manner.

Since its founding in 1996, the Janus University Theatre (JESZ) has carried forward the traditions of theatrical performance at the University of Pécs. The core of the JESZ troupe is made up of university students who develop their skills through regular training and workshops. Their work is supported by professional creators who actively contribute to the productions. This professional community ensures that JESZ performances continually renew themselves, speaking in a wide variety of theatrical languages. It is simultaneously an educational workshop, a creative community, and an artistic experimental space, playing an important role in the cultural life of the city and the university.

The Music University (PTE ZEN) at the University of Pécs has been dedicated to fostering the understanding and creative development of popular music since 2012. This initiative is open to all university citizens and emphasises extensive musical and professional collaboration. It offers a safe and inspiring creative environment for students to thrive in.



Alumni Program



A university not only imparts knowledge but also shapes identities, creates communities, and fosters friendships and acquaintances that last for decades. The University of Pécs alumni network, the Pécs Graduates' Circle, provides an opportunity to maintain these connections even after graduation.

This community of nearly 35,000 people – comprising researchers, doctors, teachers, artists, engineers, lawyers, diplomats, and professionals working in countless other fields – is now present worldwide. Membership not only fosters connections between the alma mater and its former students but also offers opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and inspiring encounters.

The vibrant life of the PTE Alumni community extends beyond formal networking. In addition to meetings, workshops, and traditional conferences, exciting experience-focused events, nationwide discounts, and unique offers are available to former university students.

The true strength of the alumni network lies in the fact that its members create a supportive community based on shared values and experiences, which can provide assistance almost anywhere in the world – whether it be professional advancement, new opportunities, or preserving the spirit of the University of Pécs. The PTE alumni program does not just look back – it builds the future.

A degree is just the beginning—the PTE community is for life!



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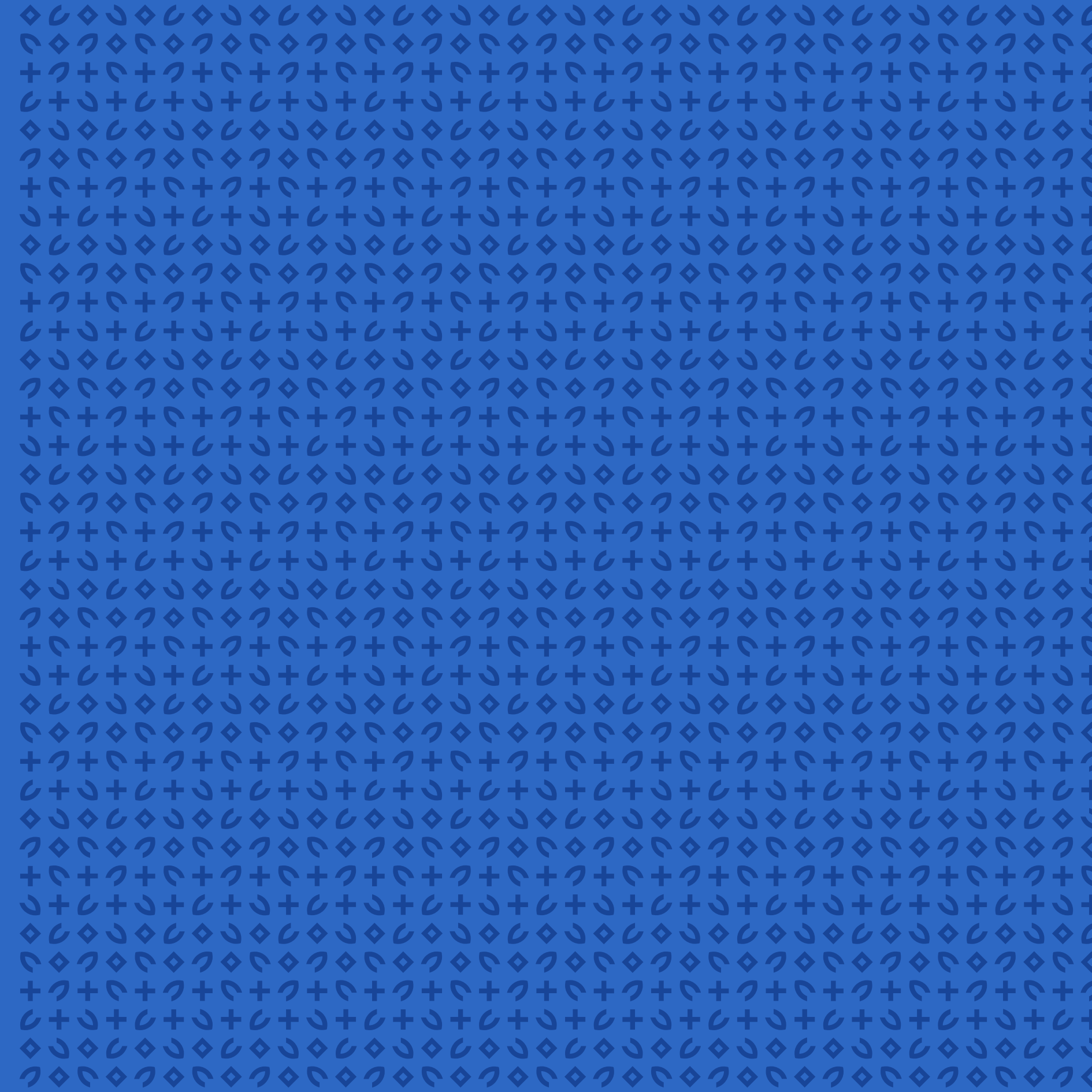
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