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**Essential Facts About
the University, Hungary and Pécs**

THE UP STORY



+ The history of the University of Pécs (UP) dates back to 1367, when King Louis the Great founded the first Hungarian University in the city of Pécs.

Since then the city has functioned as an educational center of the country and the region with longer and shorter interruptions. In 2017, the University celebrated the 650th jubilee of the foundation.

Today, with its 25,000 students and 500 different study programs, the University of Pécs (UP) is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the country.

The University has conducted degree programs in English for 40 years and has become one of the most internationalised universities in Hungary. We are proud to host over 5,700 international students coming from more than 140 countries around the world.

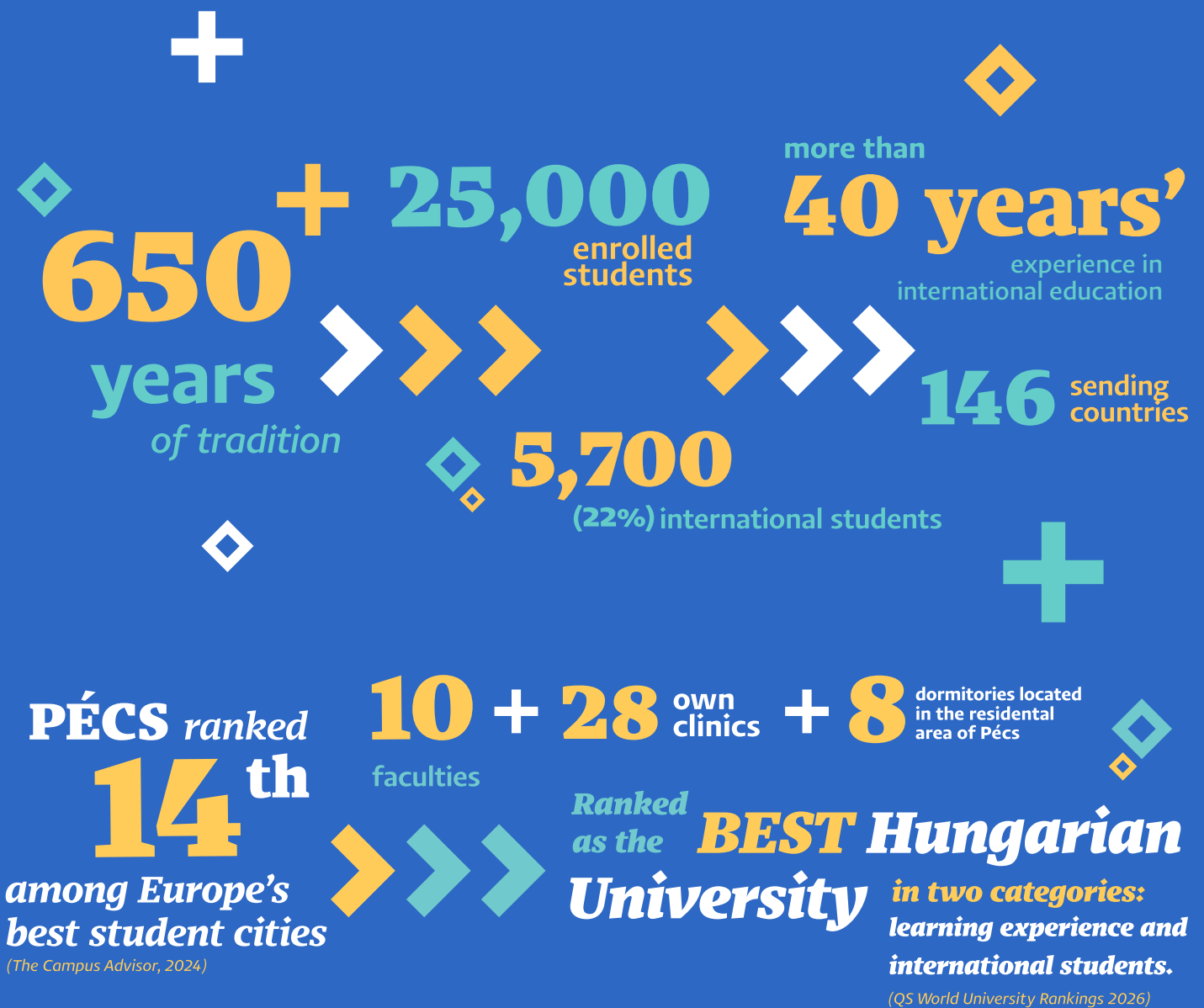
Besides being the oldest university in the country, the University of Pécs has also earned a prominent position in terms of international excellence. The entire institution, as well as many of our faculties and study programs, took leading positions in highly recognised international rankings.

The University of Pécs functions as a knowledge centre for innovation in the South Transdanubian Region. Nearly 2,000 teaching and research staff members participate in research projects at our 10 faculties. 22 doctoral schools offer PhD and DLA degrees that cover a wide spectrum of sciences.

The highly qualified academic staff guarantees that students are provided with the most up-to-date knowledge to the highest internationally recognised standards and earn a degree, which is highly competitive in today's labour market.



The university at a glance



UP is honoured to call worldwide respected persons
Doctor Honoris Causa including Gunter Pauli, José Carreras, Donald Tusk
Dr. Geert Hofstede, Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Charles Simonyi and Plácido Domingo.



International Accreditations

Business Administration BSc: EFMD EPAS,
Architecture OTM: European Commission
Medical School/General Medicine: Medical Board of California,
World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)
Management and Leadership MSc: EFMD
Architecture BSc & MSc: UNESCO–UIA

ABOUT HUNGARY

+ Hungary is a beautiful landlocked EU country situated in Central-Eastern Europe the Carpathian Basin, in the middle of the continent.

Despite being rather small, its beneficial Central European position makes the country an appealing destination to live, work or study.

The country offers a wide variety of experiences: from the architectural and cultural treasures of historic cities, to rolling vineyard hills, sparkling freshwater lakes, and soothing thermal spas.

Hungary is home to respected universities, thriving creative scenes, and well-connected transport routes that make moving around the country and beyond simple. Those seeking adventure can wander through rolling hills, cruise the Danube, savor flavorful local dishes, and dive into festivals alive with music, dance, and age-old traditions.

Official name: Hungary

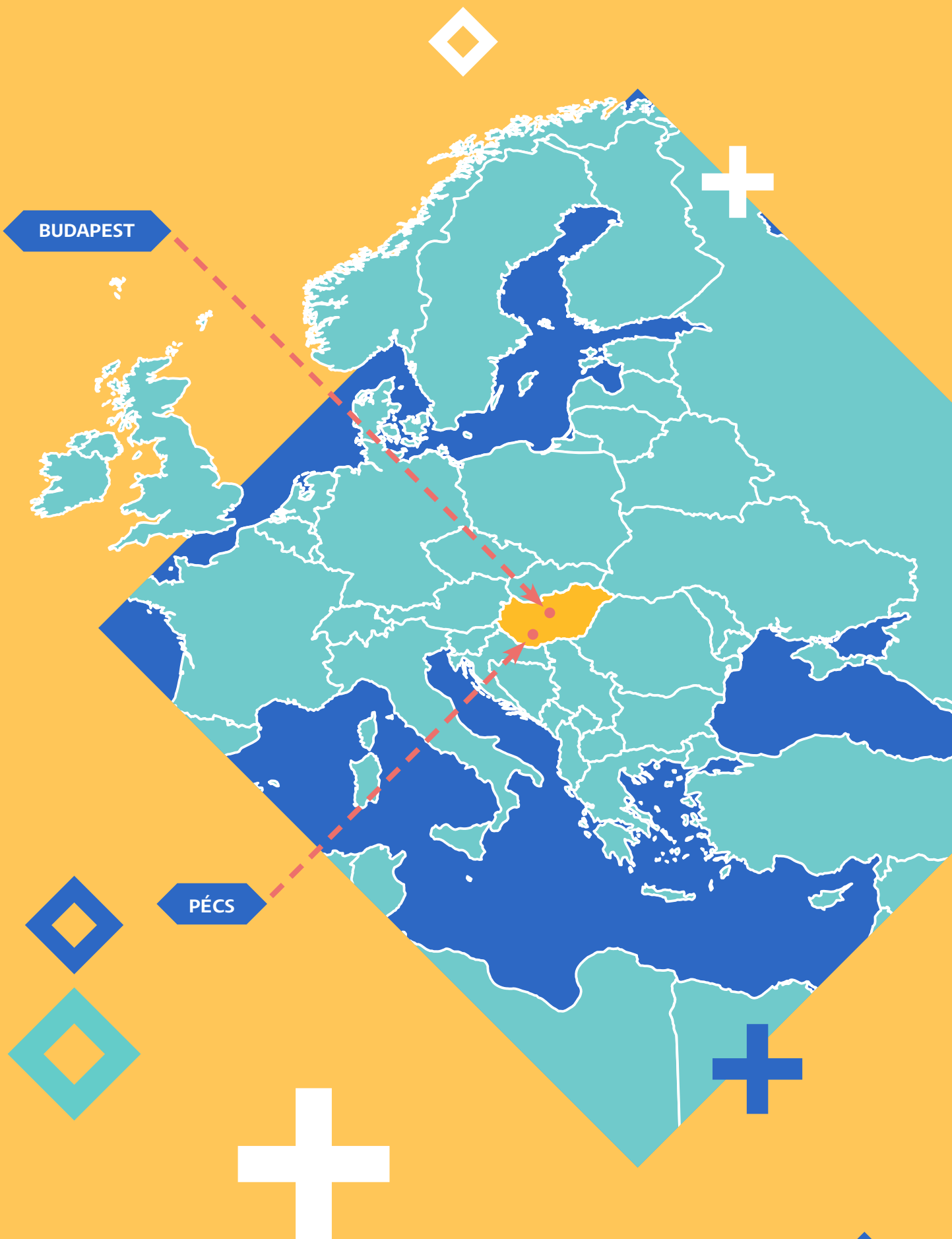
Official language: Hungarian

Form of state: Parliamentary republic

Population: 9.9 million

Area: 93,030 km²





BUDAPEST

PÉCS

HUNGARIAN CULTURE & INNOVATION

+ Hungary's rich cultural heritage is also reflected in its vibrant folk traditions, which include traditional music, dance, and art forms that have been preserved and celebrated through the centuries.

The country's contributions to **classical music** are notable, with composers like Franz Liszt and Béla Bartók achieving international acclaim.

Hungary's literary scene is equally distinguished, boasting **Nobel laureates** such as Imre Kertész and László Krasznahorkai. Beyond the arts, Hungary is equally renowned for its **scientific achievements**: from Albert Szent-Györgyi's discovery of **vitamin C** to Katalin Karikó's groundbreaking work that paved the way for **mRNA vaccines**, the country has produced numerous Nobel laureates and innovators whose contributions continue to benefit global progress.

Capital: Budapest (population: 1.7 million)

Neighbouring countries: Austria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine

Time zone: Central European Time (GMT+1)

Member of: EU, NATO, Schengen Zone

Currency: Hungarian Forint (HUF)



ABOUT THE CITY OF PÉCS

- + Pécs, located in southern Hungary, is a city renowned for its rich history, cultural diversity, vibrant arts scene, and pleasant climate.

With a history spanning over two millennia, Pécs has been a melting pot of various cultures and civilizations. Originally established by the Romans as Sopianae, the city boasts significant archaeological sites, including the Early Christian Necropolis, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 2000, which is just a short walk from the Ottoman-era mosque, all encompassed by Central Europe's longest continuous medieval castle wall.

Throughout the centuries, Pécs has been influenced by numerous cultures, including German, Croatian, Serbian, Turkish, and Latin communities. This diverse heritage is reflected in the city's various names: Pečuh (Croatian), Fünfkirchen (German), Печyj (Serbian), Peçuy (Turkish), and Quinque Ecclesiae (Latin).

The populous Croatian and German nationalities, in particular, have played an important role in the city's past and present alike. They are very open to international students of the University of Pécs, who come from over 140 countries. As such, the city has become a melting pot of cultures and earning itself the nickname "the borderless city".





LIFE & CULTURE IN PÉCS

+ Pécs is celebrated for its vibrant cultural scene. The city was designated as a **European Capital of Culture in 2010**, leading to significant investments in cultural infrastructure.

The city hosts **numerous festivals** celebrating various aspects of its rich heritage. These events encompass light shows, music performances (both pop and classical), minority cultural celebrations, theatrical productions, choral singing, wine and gastronomy festivals, and more.



Throughout the year, Pécs is a hive of activity. Be it attending cultural events celebrating history, art and music or enjoying in the revelry of Király Street with its menagerie of bars and restaurants of every size, flavor and style; there is always something to be enjoyed amongst the company of friends.

The **climate is temperate**, with a snowy, cold winter and a sunny, hot summer, ranging from minimum -5 °C in winter to maximum +35 °C in summer. It also has beautiful autumn and spring seasons. In South Transdanubia, spring arrives early and we can enjoy the benefits of late summer days, which can last even until early November.





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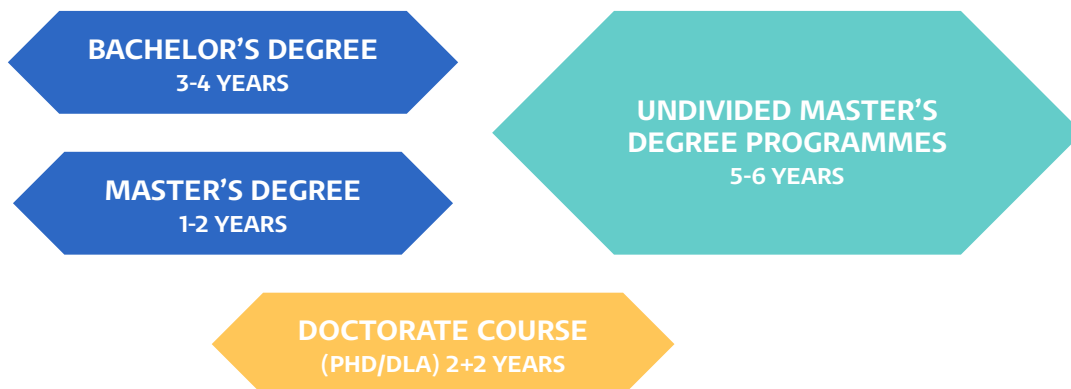
Higher Education in Hungary

RECOGNITION OF THE DEGREES



+ **Well-known and recognized professors, well equipped classrooms and dormitories at the University of Pécs** enable students to get the best out of their period of study abroad. Whether they are learning a new language or doing scientific research, the University puts the tools they need at their disposal. Our university represents classical values while successfully adapting to the present and using diverse methods of teaching.

The UP's degrees are **internationally recognized**, facilitating global mobility for graduates. The university's adherence to the Bologna Process ensures that its Bachelor's and Master's programs, along with doctoral studies, **align with European educational standards, enhancing the global portability of its diplomas.**



Due to the **European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**, which was introduced in September 2003, credits and **degrees earned in Hungary are transferable to other European institutions** and vice versa. In addition to the diploma, students are also provided with a special supplement that is recognized all over the European Union.



UNIVERSITY GRADE	EQUIVALENT ECTS GRADE
5 (excellent)	A,B (excellent, very good)
4 (good)	C (good)
3 (satisfactory)	D (satisfactory)
2 (pass)	E (sufficient)
1 (fail)	1 (fail)



INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE

PROGRAM	DURATION	TUITION FEE PER SEMESTER	INTAKE
Faculty of Business and Economics			
Business Administration and Management BSc	6+1 semesters	1150 EUR / 2750 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Faculty of Health Sciences			
Nursing BSc	8 semesters	2900 EUR	Fall
Physiotherapy BSc	8 semesters	2900 EUR	Fall
Dietetics BSc	8 semesters	2900 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Sciences			
Chemistry BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Computer Science BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Physics BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Physical Training BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Geography BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Earth Sciences BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Biology BSc	6 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences			
Pedagogy BA	6 semesters	2100 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Hungarian Literature and Linguistics BA	6 semesters	1600 EUR / 1700 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Psychology BA	6 semesters	2900 EUR / 3900 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
International Relations BA	6 semesters	1800 EUR / 2350 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
English and American Studies BA	6 semesters	1800 EUR / 2300 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Social Work BA	7 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall/ Spring
Communication and Media Science BA	6 semesters	2100 EUR / 2800 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Romology BA	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Archeology BA	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Romance Philology and Cultures BA (Specialization in French Studies)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Germanic Studies BA (Specialisation German as Ethnic Minority Language)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Germanic Studies BA (Specialisation German Studies)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Romance Philology and Cultures BA (Specialization in Italian Studies)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Slavonic Studies BA (Russian Philology)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Romance Philology and Cultures BA (Specialization in Spanish Studies)	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Liberal Arts BA with majors: Art History, Classical Studies, Ethics, Film and Visual Studies, Philosophy	6 semesters	1700 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology			
Computer Science Engineering BSc	7 semesters	3400 USD	Fall
Civil Engineering BSc	8 semesters	3400 USD	Fall
Mechanical Engineering BSc	7 semesters	3400 USD	Fall
Architectural Engineering BSc	7 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Architecture MSc (OTM*)	10 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development			
Pre-school Teaching BA	6 semesters	2000 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Music and Visual Arts			
Performance - Classical Music Singing BA	6 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Classical Instrumental Music Performance (Piano, Guitar, Violin, Viola, Flute) BA	6 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Performance - Choir Conducting BA	6 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Designer Making - Specializing in Ceramics Design BA	6 semesters	3630 EUR	Fall
Musical Creative Arts and Musicology - Electronic Music and Media Arts BA	6 semesters	3080 EUR	Fall
Painting MA (OTM)	10 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Sculpture MA (OTM)	10 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Graphic Art specializing in Graphic Design MA (OTM)	10 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Medical School			
General Medicine M.D. (OTM)	12 semesters	16,750 USD/year	Fall
Dentistry D.M.D. (OTM)	10 semesters	17,350 USD/year	Fall
Allgemeine Humanmedizin (OTM)	12 semesters	7500 EUR	Fall
Zahnmedizin (OTM)	10 semesters	7880 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Pharmacy			
Biotechnology BSc	6 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Pharmacy PharmD. (OTM)	10 semesters	8,400 EUR (1 st sem.: 4,400 EUR, 2nd sem.: 4,000 EUR)	Fall
International Studies Center			
Preparatory Courses in English for Degree Studies	5/10/15 months	4200 / 6500 / 9300 EUR	Fall/ Spring
Hungarian Language Courses	5/10 months	3500 / 5500 EUR	Fall/ Spring

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS

GRADUATE

PROGRAM	DURATION	TUITION FEE PER SEMESTER	INTAKE
Faculty of Business and Economics			
Management and Leadership MSc	4 semesters	1300 EUR / 3150 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall/ Spring
Business Development MSc	4 semesters	1300 EUR / 3150 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall/ Spring
Business Administration PhD	4 semesters + research period	20,000 EUR/program	Fall
Regional Development PhD	4 semesters + research period	20,000 EUR/program	Fall
Faculty of Health Sciences			
Physiotherapy MSc	3 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Clinical Laboratory Science MSc	3 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
APRN Nursing MSc (Primary Care)	4 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
APRN Nursing MSc (Intensive Care)	4 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Sports Management MSc	4 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Sports Coaching MSc	4 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Complex Rehabilitation MSc	4 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Human Kinesiology MSc	4 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Dietetics and Nutrition MSc	4 semesters	3300 EUR	Fall
Health Sciences PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Sciences			
Biology MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Geography MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Geoinformatics MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Chemistry MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Physics MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Recreation MSc	4 semesters	4000 EUR	Fall
Chemistry PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
Biology PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
Earth Sciences PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
Physics PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences			
Instruction of English as a Foreign Language MA	2 semesters	2200 EUR	Fall
Aesthetics MA	4 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
Sociology (Data Analytics) MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Expert in Human Ecology MA	4 semesters	2550 EUR	Fall
Balkan Studies MA	4 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall
History MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Psychology MA	4 semesters	2900 EUR / 3900 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
International Relations MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
English Studies MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Social Work MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall/ Spring
Social Policy MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall/ Spring
Andragogy MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Archeology MA	4 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Human Resources Counselling MA	4 semesters	1700 EUR / 2200 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
American Studies MA	4 semesters	1900 EUR / 2500 EUR (EU / non-EU)	Fall
Psychology PhD	8 semesters	1-4 semesters: EUR 3,500 /sem. 5-8 semesters: EUR 2,500 /sem.	Fall
Educational Sciences (Educational theory, history and sociology, romology) PhD	8 semesters	3000 EUR	Fall
International Politics PhD	8 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
British, Irish, and American Literatures in English PhD	8 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology			
Computer Science Engineering MSc	4 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Interior and Spatial Design MA	4 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Structural Engineering MSc	3 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Architectural Engineering MSc	4 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Biomedical Engineering MSc	4 semesters	4000 USD	Fall
Architecture DLA	8 semesters	4200 USD	Fall
Architectural Engineering PhD	8 semesters	4200 USD	Fall
Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development			
Environmental Education and Sustainability MSc	3 semesters	2400 EUR	Fall
Faculty of Music and Visual Arts			
Ceramics Design MA	4 semesters	3850 EUR	Fall
Classical Singing (Opera) MA	4 semesters	4500 EUR	Fall
Classical Musical Instrumental Performance MA (Piano, Violin, Flute, Guitar)	4 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Choir Conducting MA	4 semesters	3500 EUR	Fall
Medical School			
Biotechnology MSc	4 semesters	5500 EUR	Fall
Basic Medical Sciences PhD	8 semesters	6000 USD	Fall
Clinical Medical Sciences PhD	8 semesters	6000 USD	Fall
Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences PhD	8 semesters	6000 USD	Fall
Clinical Neurosciences PhD	8 semesters	6000 USD	Fall
Faculty of Pharmacy			
Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences PhD	8 semesters	6000 USD	Fall
Faculty of Law			
International and European Law MA (online)	3 semesters	1500 EUR	Fall
Law PhD	8 semesters	2500 EUR	Fall

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

+ Additionally, many faculties and study programs at the University of Pécs have already achieved international accreditations, and efforts are ongoing to secure further prestigious recognitions. Notable accreditations include:

MEDICAL SCHOOL

The University of Pécs Medical School (UP MS) has been accredited by the **World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)**, enhancing the global value of its degrees. According to the WFME, the **Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)** has mandated that, starting in 2024, only graduates from institutions meeting WFME accreditation criteria will be eligible for certification in the United States.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The BSc in Business Administration and Management, MSc in Management and Leadership study programmes have received **EFMD EPAS** accreditation, underscoring their adherence to highquality international standards.

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

In 2025 the University of Pécs' Architecture programs became the first in Hungary to earn UNESCO-UIA international accreditation, joining an elite group of just 11 worldwide and offering globally recognised, world-class architectural education.

These accreditations reflect the university's commitment to maintaining high educational standards and its dedication to continuous improvement.





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How to apply

How to apply

To start the process, just visit the www.apply.pte.hu website and follow the steps below.



1

Submit the application

Once you have chosen the best program for you, click on "Apply now" and submit your application.

10-15 days

2

Application fee payment

After the successful submission, you will receive a notification for application fee payment immediately. You can click on the button "Pay online", and submit the fee right away. Or you can choose to transfer it via regular bank transfer.

3

Evaluation of the application

Once we have received the payment, the Faculty starts the evaluation of the documents.

4

Online interview

If you are eligible, the Faculty will send an invitation to an online interview.

7-10 days

5

Interview result

You will receive the result of your interview within 7-10 days.

6

Tuition fee payment

If you succeed on the entrance exam/online interview interview, you receive an offer, together with a Conditional Acceptance Letter and a notification for tuition fee payment. You will have a deadline for the payment, and with the online payment option, the invoice will be collected immediately. If you wish to use bank transfer, please note, that earlier you transfer the fee, the earlier will we receive the amount, and can continue with the admission procedure.

10-15 days

7

Notification

You receive a notification about your successful tuition fee payment.

2-3 days

8

Letter of acceptance

Upon receiving the tuition fee, the Faculty will issue the Final Acceptance Letter.

9

Visa appointment

With the Final Acceptance Letter, now you can start the VISA application procedure. Start your VISA application as soon as possible, because sometimes this procedure can take very long.

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Congratulations

You can now start arranging your travel to Pécs!
If you need a little help regarding what and how to prepare for your stay, visit this page: https://international.pte.hu/prepare_your_stay



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

+ In order to be eligible for university studies in Hungary, a student must demonstrate that they meet several requirements for the course or program. There are certain general entry requirements that all students must meet. In addition, there are entry requirements that are specific to the course the student is applying for. Detailed entry requirements are available on the individual program pages on our website.



+ GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of previous studies:
 - for Preparatory Courses: secondary school leaving certificate or college diploma
 - for Bachelor program: secondary school leaving certificate
 - for Master program: BA/BSc degree
 - for doctoral program: MA/MSc degree and research proposal
- Transcript or academic records of previous studies
- CV
- Be able to demonstrate the minimum language requirement
- Medical Certificate, vaccination card and HIV test
- Copy of the photopage(s) of the passport



Further information
of entry requirements



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PART I.

+ WHAT KIND OF HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE DO WE ACCEPT?

National curriculum, if the applicant had a minimum of 12 years of pre-university education and would be eligible to start higher education studies in their home country.

International curriculums:

- **IB diploma:** 30 points and higher
- **A/AS levels:** 3 A levels from related subjects with a grade combination of BBC at least
- **BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:** from MMM

Other qualifications may also be accepted but must be at the same level as these.

For the full list of accepted high school leaving certificates, please visit:



+ WHAT KIND OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES DO WE ACCEPT?

- TOEFL (iBT internet based): 4,5 or 90 on the traditional scale
- IELTS (Overall Band Score: 6.0)
- Duolingo English Test: 115 points
- Pearson PTE Academic: 59 points
- Cambridge: FCE, 170 points
- Lang Cert ACADEMIC: overall 65 points

For the full list of accepted English language certificates, please visit:



+ IN WHAT CONDITIONS DO WE OFFER EXEMPTION FROM SUBMITTING AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE?

- a) They obtained their secondary education in English in certain countries
- b) They hold an IB Diploma
- c) They obtained their higher education (BA/BSc, MA/MSc, or PhD/DLA) in English

Please note that not all exceptions apply to every course, we recommend checking the website for the specific details each time. For the full list of exemption categories, please visit:



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PART II.

+ IS THERE ANY FACULTY WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE?

Yes, there are. The Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Medical School does not require an English language certificate, because the applicant's English language knowledge is assessed during the entrance exam.

+ WHAT IS THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

The Medical Certificate is a written statement from a physician or another medically qualified health care provider which attests that the applicant is physically and mentally able to complete higher educational studies, and she/he does not suffer from any chronic and/or infectious disease. You can download the required Medical Certificate of the University of Pécs, from here:



Please note, that the Medical Certificate should be signed and stamped officially by your GP or the health care provider who conducted the examinations.



Still having questions about the entry requirements? **Check our FAQ:**



ENTRANCE EXAM

MEDICAL PROGRAMS

The entrance exam for the **General Medicine** and the **Dentistry** Programs is a complex exam consisting of two parts, written and oral.

However, there is only an oral exam interview for the **Pharmacy (PharmD)** Program as well as for the **Biotechnology BSc and MSc** Programs.

Written exam: multiple choice questions in Biology (20 questions), Chemistry (20 questions), General English (40 questions) and Medical English (20 questions). The duration of the exam is 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Oral exam: a 20-30 minute personal interview with a university professor about medicine related questions and motivation by Teams/Zoom.



Entrance exam fee: 250 USD/occassion

Can be repeated: max. 2 times

Timing: each Wednesday
between 5 March and 9 July 2026

Registration: via the online application platform
(official representatives may also organize the exam abroad)

More information
about the exam:



ENTRANCE EXAM

NON-MEDICAL PROGRAMS

The entrance exam for non-medical programs at the University of Pécs primarily consists of an admission interview, aimed at assessing the applicant's language proficiency, communication skills, and academic background. The interview is conducted online via Teams or Zoom and is typically attended by at least two people: a professor and a member of the admissions team. For specific programs—such as the BSc in Computer Science and the BSc in Business Administration and Management—a mathematics test is also a mandatory part of the exam.



No entrance exam fee

Can't be repeated

Timing: between Monday and Friday,
8 AM - 4 PM Hungarian time

Once the evaluation of the application files is completed,
applicants will automatically receive an exam date and time.

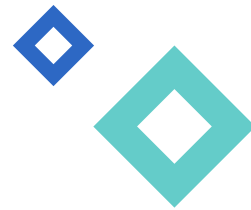


FEE PAYMENT METHODS

HOW?

Applicants can conveniently pay fees associated with the application process –such as the application fee, tuition fee, and, in some cases, the registration fee–online through our application system using their bank card.

Alternatively, bank transfers are also accepted. If you prefer this method, please email Mr. Bence Bányász, at the banyasz.bence@pte.hu e-mail address to request the necessary bank transfer details.





REFUND POLICY

Please note that the application fee is non-refundable, regardless of the outcome of the admission procedure.

The tuition fee is not fully refundable. Partial refunds may be granted depending on the timing and stage of withdrawal from the enrolment process. Tuition fee refunds are regulated as follows:

90% refund – if the applicant fails to submit an enrolment request and withdrawal is notified in writing before the start of the semester (e.g., by August 31 for September intake or January 31 for mid-year intake);

60% refund – if the applicant fails to submit an enrolment request, and has paid for one semester and withdrawal is notified by September 30 (autumn) or by the end of February (spring);

80% refund – if the applicant fails to submit an enrolment request, and has paid for two semesters and withdrawal is notified by September 30 (autumn) or by the end of February (spring);

60% refund – if the applicant has paid for one semester and withdraws after enrolment but before the start of studies; this may increase to 80% in extraordinary cases;

80% refund – if the applicant has paid for two semesters and withdraws after enrolment but before the start of studies; this may increase to 90% in extraordinary cases;

After these dates, the refundable amount is determined by the relevant Faculty's Dean's Order.



STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- + Stipendium Hungaricum, the Hungarian Government's most prestigious higher education scholarship programme, offers a wide range of courses for high-achieving international students with an excellent academic track record. The scholarship aims to support the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education and its constant development, strengthen the international relations of the academic and research community, and promote the good reputation and competitiveness of Hungarian higher education worldwide.

It is based on bilateral education agreements between Hungary and the governments of the sending countries. It is available on five continents in over 100 countries, attracting tens of thousands of international students each year.



PROVISIONS COVERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP



- **Tuition-free education** - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Monthly stipend** - contribution to the living expenses in Hungary, for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies
 - non-degree, bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's level: monthly amount of HUF 43,700 (cca EUR 110)
 - doctoral level: HUF 140,000 (cca EUR 355 for the first phase of education (4 semesters) and HUF 180,000 (cca EUR 460) for the second phase (4 semesters)
- **Accommodation contribution** - free dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month (cca EUR 100) to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period
- **Medical insurance** - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65,000 (cca EUR 165) a year/person

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications start each year in mid-November and remain open until mid-January for the next intake. The next application period starts in November 2026 for the 2027/28 academic year.



For further details,
please visit:





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Student life – practicalities

LIVING COSTS AND TUITION FEES



+ Hungary's cost of living is generally considered low by European standards. To cover expenses such as rent, food, and occasional outings, a minimum of HUF 250,000 (approximately EUR 600) per month is recommended. Notably, Pécs offers an even more affordable lifestyle than the capital, particularly regarding rent prices.

Medical studies	EUR/year
Application, registration and tuition fees	9,000–16,000
Study books and materials	50–150
Accommodation	2,250–3,660
Insurance	300
Living expenses	4000
Contingencies	500
Total	16,100–24,610

Non-medical studies	EUR/year
Application, registration and tuition fees	3,400–7,800
Study books and materials	50–150
Accommodation	2,250–3,660
Insurance	300
Living expenses	4000
Contingencies	500
Total	10,500–16,360



For more details, visit:



HOUSING

- + **Further to accommodation in Pécs, incoming students have two basic options. They may stay in a dormitory or seek for alternative accommodation.**



DORMITORIES

The University of Pécs offers 3 dormitories for international students, located in relatively quiet, residential neighbourhoods. They are well-connected: both the university faculties and the city centre are accessible from them. The dormitories offer shared rooms, but with only one roommate, making it more convenient. Bathrooms, kitchens, and common living areas are shared with students from another room. The actual price ranges between 185-240 EUR/month.

RENTED FLAT

For those wanting more comfort, privacy, or different living arrangements, rented flats / apartments are an option. Price range: a two-room apartment (flat) can cost 300-700 EUR/month, depending on size, location, amenities, distance from the university, etc. Note: utilities and building management fees are not included in this price. There is usually a deposit required: commonly 2-3 months' rent in advance.



Further information
on housing options



HEALTH INSURANCE

- + **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.**

STUDENTS FROM EEA COUNTRIES

Students from EU/EEA countries can use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in Hungary, granting access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during temporary stays under the same conditions as Hungarian citizens. However, the EHIC may not cover all healthcare services, and certain treatments might require co-payment, thus private medical insurance is recommended for them as well.





STUDENTS FROM NON-EEA COUNTRIES



Private medical insurance

For the visa application process, we suggest our students to buy **local travel insurance that is valid in Hungary for the time of their traveling to Hungary**, Pécs (short-term insurance). Upon arrival (last week of August or beginning of September), student health insurance will be available for them to purchase. **It can be bought only in person.**

The University of Pécs can assist students in arranging additional insurance. We recommend the Generali STUDIUM accident and health insurance, offered by Generali Biztosító Zrt., which provides fee-for-service coverage within Hungary. It is available for foreign students aged 18–65 not covered by the Hungarian state scheme. The annual fee is around HUF 120,000. Details of included and excluded services are outlined in the contract.

For assistance, students can contact New West Ltd. (7621 Pécs, Jókai tér 5.), the university's official partner. Alternatively, students may choose another private health insurance directly with a provider.

Hungarian Social Security Card (TAJ)

Students may also apply for a Hungarian Social Security Card (TAJ card), which grants access to state health services. Application is in person at the National Health Insurance Fund (Nagy Lajos Király Street 3, Pécs), requiring a registration card, address card, enrolment certificate, and passport/ID. The monthly fee is currently HUF 38,250. Scholarship holders (e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum) receive the TAJ card free of charge.

Without private insurance or a TAJ card, students must cover healthcare costs themselves according to the university clinic's reimbursement policy.



VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

+ A CITIZENS OF THE EEA (EU + NORWAY, ICELAND, AND LIECHTENSTEIN) AND SWITZERLAND

How to enter?

Citizens of the above mentioned countries may enter the territory of Hungary with a valid travel document or personal identification document and have the right of residence for a period not exceeding 90 days from the date of entry.

What are the necessary steps after entering Hungary?

Within 93 days from the time of entry, students have to register at the regional directorate of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing or apply for residence permit electronically via the Enter Hungary platform.

What documents do they need to present?

- a certificate of admission issued by the education institution or any other document to verify their student status
- Personal identification document





B CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE EEA+SWITZERLAND

Does your applicant hold a passport issued by one of the countries, entities, or territories listed in the table (with an OP category), and thus qualify for visa-free travel to Hungary?



B/1 IF YES

How to enter?

The student can enter Hungary without a VISA, and have the right of residence for a period not exceeding the days shown at the OP (ordinary passport) category.

What are the necessary steps after entering Hungary?

Within 30 days from the time of entry, students have to register at the regional directorate of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing or apply for residence permit electronically via the Enter Hungary platform.

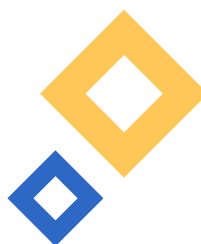
What documents do they need to present?

- a certificate of admission issued by the education institution or any other document to verify their student status
- Personal identification document

B/2 IF NO

How to enter?

The student needs a visa to enter Hungary and stay more than 90 days. The visa application has to be submitted to the Hungarian Consulate in the country where the permanent or temporary residence of the applicant is located or in the country of the applicant's nationality.



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE VISA APPLICATION

- +1** A wholly and legibly completed, signed “residence permit” application form.
- +2** Valid **passport** (the validity of which has to exceed that of the requested visa by at least 3 months).
- +3** One passport-size **photo** (not older than 3 months).
- +4** Confirmation of Acceptance from the University of Pécs (**Letter of Admission**): can only be issued by the University after the tuition fee of the 1st semester/year has been paid in its entirety and credited on the University’s account. It is recommended to submit the VISA application as soon as the students have received their Letter of Acceptance due to the duration of the process.
- +5** **Payment of VISA fee**
- +6** Address of **accommodation** (a document certifying accommodation in a student hostel or the tenancy contract).
- +7** Documents **certifying subsistence** in Hungary (bank account statement; or the declaration of the parents that they assume coverage of all costs of the stay in Hungary; or the document certifying the scholarship).
- +8** Attestation of the school that the applicant is exempt from paying **school fees** or that he/she has already paid the tuition fees.
- +9** **Travel insurance** (travel insurance is required to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation, lost luggage, flight accidents, and other losses incurred while traveling; it can usually be arranged at the time of the booking of a trip and should be valid until the beginning of the study program) or equal financial means.

- +1** Always refer to the official website of the relevant Embassy for up-to-date information on any additional requirements.



Application for residence permit



Citizens of countries outside the EEA

0 Decide which category you fall into

Depending on your citizenship, you may not need to apply for a visa to enter Hungary.

Citizens of the EU/EEA member states

1 Apply for a visa

Apply for a long-term “D” type visa at the Hungarian Consulate of your country of residence.

1 Apply for residence permit

Online via the Enter Hungary platform or in person at NDGAP.

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

Email is sent once the permit is ready for collection

TRAVELLING TO HUNGARY



- + **Flying is often the fastest and most convenient way to reach Hungary from Europe and beyond. Budapest, the capital, has direct flights from many international destinations. For students coming from neighboring countries, international trains are a scenic and eco-friendly alternative.**

From Budapest to Pécs

Once in Budapest, there are several ways to reach Pécs: airport shuttles, trains, or driving.

1. AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Airport shuttles are the most convenient way to travel from Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport to Pécs. They provide door-to-door service, taking students directly to their dormitory or apartment.

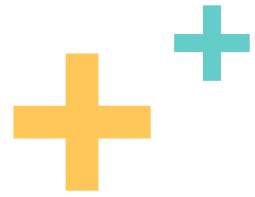
Book in advance with one of these operators:

- Travel4You Airport Shuttle
- MECSEK Travel Airport Shuttle
- NoriGo

Cost: 16,000–20,500 HUF (40–50 EUR)

Note: The University of Pécs does not arrange shuttle services for students!





2. BY TRAIN

The InterCity (IC) train from Budapest to Pécs is comfortable and fast.

Getting to Keleti Pályaudvar (Eastern Railway Station) from the airport:

- Taxi: 25–30 EUR (8,000–9,000 HUF), 30 minutes
- miniBUD Shuttle: Book at arrivals for direct transfer
- Public transport:
 - Take bus 100E to Deák Ferenc tér
 - Transfer to Metro line M2 to reach Keleti Pályaudvar

Train tickets: <https://jegy.mav.hu>

- Price: Second-class IC with seat reservation 5,000 HUF (15 EUR)
- Tip: IC trains are faster and more comfortable than regular trains

3. DRIVING A CAR

If someone is planning to drive in Hungary, remember:

- Valid international driving permit and an original driver's license is required
- Carry vehicle registration and insurance documents
- Many dormitories have secure parking
- Drive on the right-hand side; seatbelts are compulsory
- Speed limits:
 - Residential areas: 50 km/h
 - Secondary roads: 90 km/h
 - Main roads: 110 km/h
 - Motorways: 130 km/h



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



DURING THE STUDIES

Many students look for part-time jobs during their studies or summer holidays to help cover living costs and gain practical experience. Specific employment regulations apply to students from different citizenship backgrounds.

Students from EEA countries

(This includes EU member states, as well as Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.)

- No restrictions on working hours
- Must hold a registration card

Students from non-EEA countries

- Employment allowed with a valid residence permit for study purposes
- Can work up to 30 hours per week during the academic term
- Allowed up to 90 days or 66 full working days during holiday periods



For more details, visit:
Work in Hungary



AFTER THE STUDIES

Starting a career or launching a business after graduation can be a challenging transition. To help foreign students move smoothly from graduating at a Hungarian university to beginning a gainful activity, a new type of residence permit is available for recent graduates. This “study-to-work” permit allows applicants to stay another 9 months in Hungary after graduation, which is plenty of time to find a job or start a business – at which point this interim permit can be changed to a residence permit based on gainful activity.

Every foreign student receiving a degree from a Hungarian university or college (or any other higher education institute) is eligible for the study-to-work visa but they must hand in their application no later than 15 days before their student residence permit expires.

For the application, they will need to verify that:

- they are either looking for a job or setting up a company (for this, we offer consultation);
- they have the funds to stay in Hungary, for example with a bank statement showing that they either have enough money or regularly receive money from abroad;
- they have a valid health insurance;
- they have accommodation;
- they have the means to leave the EU in case their permit is denied.



For more info, visit the website of the
National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing





Counselor's Guidelines

BENEFITS OF STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS

+ IF YOUR STUDENTS CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS THEY WILL ...

... experience a high quality of teaching.

... study at the oldest university of Hungary - founded in 1367 - having exceptionally wide-ranging experience and long-standing traditions in higher education.

... be awarded a valuable EU degree.

... enjoy low living costs.

... choose from our professionally relevant and high quality programs for a tuition fee that represents great value for money.

... study in a multicultural environment.

... experience vibrant student life day and night in this true University City, full of bars, restaurants and cafés.

... study at one of the largest higher education institutions in Hungary together with 25,000 other students.

... live in a uniquely beautiful place - Pécs was awarded the prestigious title "European Capital of Culture" in 2010.

... walk among the historical buildings in the city of Pécs, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage.

... study in a very safe and friendly city located in one of the safest countries in Europe.

... get a Central European experience and discover further European countries easily during their studies at UP.

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COUNSELOR'S QUICK GUIDE TO EUROPE

+ EUROPE: WHAT DO COUNSELORS NEED TO KNOW?

University representatives are not always available, and when they are, they often cover multiple regions and focus on marketing rather than admissions decisions. Most universities are decentralized, so it's important to contact the specific faculty a student is applying to, as services and responsiveness can vary within the same institution. Many systems are designed primarily for domestic students, so processes may seem unclear for internationals—don't hesitate to ask questions and seek clarification.

+ EUROPE: WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT WILL THRIVE HERE??

Students who are comfortable making independent choices, even if they differ from their peers, tend to do well. They need to be self-advocates who can seek support when needed and manage their own path. Curious, motivated learners who want to take advantage of research, internships, and leadership opportunities will benefit most. Europe is also a good fit for students who value affordability, safety, and a balanced lifestyle.



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