

Szántó Dormitory Know-how

In this guidebook, we would like to give a little insight about the dormitory life in Hungary. We want you to get familiar with the place and its rules in advance, letting you know what to expect when you move here and what we expect from our residing students.

Please note that this document is only an extracted guidebook of the official house rules, and contains only the most important paragraphs. For the whole official house rules please contact the reception at the dormitory.

The Dormitory:

The dormitory offers a safe accommodation possibility with its 24/7 security service, access control turnstiles and installed fire alarm system for university students.

Szántó Dormitory is located 15 minutes away (*via public transportation*) from the city centre and it is also easily approachable from the train station with bus number: **4, 4Y**.

If you would rather take a **TAXI**, you can always call **+3672/333-333** or **+3630/555-555**.

Szántó Dormitory – Address: 7633 Pécs, Szántó Kovács János street 1/D.



To enter the dormitory, you need to have an access card, which opens the turnstiles. This will be provided by the reception after your arrival. Please keep in mind that if you lose this card, you will have to pay for the replacement costs.

The dormitory itself is a huge building complex, in which the international students have been assigned to wing „A” and „D”.

Building „A” is a 5 storey building. On each floor there are 15 identical blocks (for four people each), plus a bedroom for two. In a block, there are 2 bedrooms with 2 beds in each. One block contains a common kitchen, a bathroom and a restroom. The building has its own laundry room in the basement.

Wing „D” of the dormitory has rooms for 2. These rooms also include a small cooking area. The bathroom for these rooms are common bathrooms/restrooms which means they are accessible from the corridor. These common places are cleaned every workday by the staff. Paper towels and liquid soap get refilled regularly.

The kitchens are equipped with a fridge and a cooker. There is also free WIFI throughout the whole building. *(Internet will be accessible with the NEPTUN code you receive from the university)*



Part of the bedroom



Building „A” bathroom



Building „A” kitchen

Things you should bring along/buy after your arrival:

- **Basic kitchenware and cutlery**
- **Towels**
- **Bedsheets** (*If you feel more comfortable sleeping in your own sheets*)
- Although the dormitory has a laundry room, you have to provide your own **washing powder** and **washing liquid**.
- **Drying rack**
- **UTP cable or router for a more stable internet access**



Standard power socket



Standard plug

220-230 VOLT



UTP cable

Things you should have with you when you check in:

- **Passport**
- **Verification** that you will be a University of Pécs student in the 2018/2019 academic year, and that your application for dormitory placement has been approved (Letter of Admission/Acceptance, and the registration e-mail for dormitory placement)
- **Cash** (only HUF) or bank card to pay the deposit (you cannot move in if it is not paid)
- **Please note, that scholarship students also have to pay the deposit. (40 000 HUF)**

Moving out of the dormitory:

While this information normally belongs to the end of the know-how, we would like to emphasize the importance of the proper way to move out of the dormitory.

The 1 week rule:

- When you arrive you sign the Accommodation Service Contract and pay the deposit. After that, you have 1 week to decide if you want to stay in the dormitory or not. If you decide to leave, you have to pay for the days you spent here and the deposit will be transferred to your bank account after filling the necessary form. **Please note that in this case you shall completely move out from the dormitory by the end of the seventh day.**

Resign in advance:

- To check-out from the dormitory past the first week you spend here, you have to submit your resignation IN ADVANCE, by filling the corresponding form at the dormitory reception. If you submit it until the 15th day of any month, your contract and payment obligations will terminate by the end of the next month. This means that you have to pay for the month when you submitted your resignation and the next month as well!

Just to make it clear for example: If you submit your resignation until the 15th of September, your payment obligations cease at the end of October. This way you will have to move out until the last day of October at the latest. This also allows you to look for a flat and prepare for departure.

MAKE SURE TO RESIGN YOUR DORMITORY PLACEMENT IN TIME!

- In case you miss the deadline to submit your resignation (the 15th) - but you want to move out until the end of the month - you have the possibility to pay an additional administrative fee of 10 000 HUF to cancel your contract and your payment obligations earlier.

On the day you leave the dormitory:

- During the checkout on the day of your departure, it is mandatory to show the room to the Receptionist. It should be in the same condition as it was when you moved in (clean). You also have to return the keys and sign the checkout form.

IF YOU FAIL TO MEET ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CRITERIAS, YOUR DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE!

Study rooms/community rooms:

We offer study rooms to the students on each floor of the building. These rooms are ideal for students who prefer to be alone while studying. The keys to these rooms can be taken from the Reception and shall be returned as soon as you are finished or until 22:00 at the latest.

The community rooms are ideal for a greater group of students, who want to come together. These rooms must be requested at the Reception, on weekdays - at least 24 hours before the event and the corresponding form has to be filled out.

Having a guest:

The students in our dormitories have the opportunity to have night guests in their rooms if they have a free bed and if their block mates give their consent. Every guest has to be registered at the Reception. The student has to pay 1000 HUF/night (+tourism tax) at the Reception for any guest that stays after 11 pm. The monthly limit for these guests to stay is 10 days/month.

Basic rules of coexistence:

The dorm has a multicultural community with various habits and lifestyles. Tolerance is a key factor for our residing students.

While we encourage socialising and making new friends, there is one universal rule in the dormitory, that every student agrees on: **During the exam period, they prefer to have a quiet environment, without any disturbances.**

Considering the size of the building and the great number of people we accommodate here, it is self-evident that we put a lot of effort into the cleanliness of the building and the safety regulations.

We would like to ask you to take them as seriously as we do.

Fire safety:

From time to time, you will hear the fire alarm ringing in the whole building. These are usually false alarms caused by burned food etc. If the alarm stops in the first minute, you have nothing to worry about. On the other hand, if (*on a rare occasion*) it keeps ringing, you have to leave the building as soon as possible.

The alarm is very loud. If you trigger it for the first time you will receive a warning. Every occasion after that comes with the imposition of a penalty fee.

In Hungary, smoking is prohibited by the law in public buildings! (in dormitories)



- **Smoking and using Hookah/Shisha is forbidden in the building.** This is probably the most important rule to date. There are smoke detecting sensors in every room which turns the alarm and the ventilation in the building on. We take the rules regarding this matter strictly, so if any traces of smoking are found in a student's room, the dormitory takes disciplinary action and imposes a penalty fee.
- Trying to turn off/modify the sensors is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** and it can lead to the termination of the Accommodation Service Contract.

Not all hope is lost for smokers though. There is a **designated area** that you can use next to the building entrance.

Another typical cause for the fire alarm is burnt food, which of course, is not as serious as the offense of smoking. Still, we would like to give you some practical hints, to avoid any problems in the future.

- The sensors in the bedroom and on the corridor are more sensitive, so while cooking, make sure to close the doors and do not leave the cooker unattended.
- Do not put any hot objects on the floor, on the table, or on top of the fridge.
- Electric kitchenware such as: ricecookers, waterboilers, microwave ovens must not be used in the bedroom.
- The fire doors and the emergency staircase on the northern end of the building can only be used in case of fire and you can get stuck if you enter as the doors do not open from inside.

Cleanliness:

Regular, weekly cleaning will be provided in every room, which can be extremely helpful with your daily chores, especially in the exam period.

It goes without saying, that **having weekly cleaning does not mean that you don't have to clean the room at all**. We kindly ask the students to keep a healthy standard of cleanliness in their block.

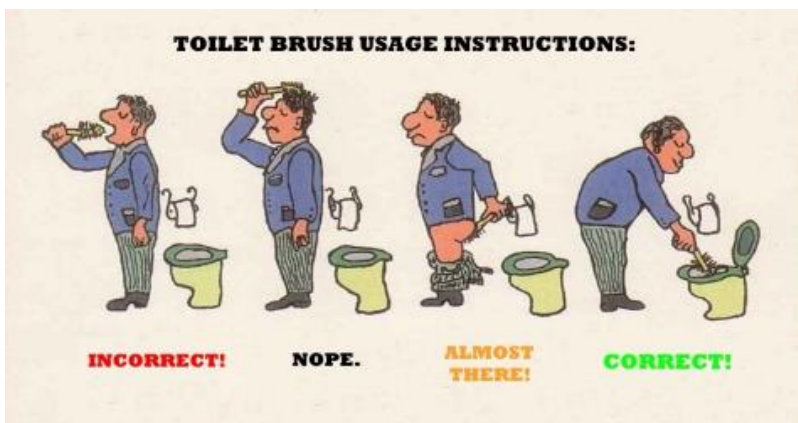
WE WILL INSPECT THE ROOMS REGULARLY. IN CASE THE ROOM DOES NOT MEET THE HYGIENIC STANDARDS, A PENALTY FEE WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE RESIDENTS.

Based on our experiences, these are the most crucial parts, that you have to pay attention to:

- Take out the trash on a daily basis. Having too much trash in the room for days is the main cause for pests to appear.
- Keep the sink clean. It can easily get clogged if you flush food down in it. Its sole purpose is to wash your dishes in it.



- Keeping the kitchen and the toilet clean after use.



- Use the shower curtain. If too much water gets spilled, it can easily start dripping down from the ceiling on the floor below. Also, too much water on the floor builds up a limescale layer, which is really hard to get rid of.

The cleaning ladies cannot touch your belongings, so basically if you leave more space free, you get a more thorough cleaning. This is only possible if you keep the above mentioned daily practises.

The cleaners also provide liquid soap and some toilet paper every week. The bedsheets will be changed once every two weeks. These things can help, but we strongly suggest you to buy your own necessities.

Damage report:

Each and every student is responsible for the condition of their room and the furnitures inside it. The student is obligated to pay the repair costs of any damage caused. In case none of the residents take responsibility for the damage caused, the students in the room must take joint liability for the repair expenses.

Small accidents happen from time to time, so it is really important to report every damage in the room immediately. We have a Building Management Staff, which can fix things in the matter of minutes.

The most frequent problems that occur are:

- Clogged shower drain, kitchen sink
- Burned out light bulbs
- Broken furniture

If anything happens, please do not hesitate to tell us!

Make sure to join our Facebook group for fast updates and dormitory related information throughout the academic year!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/szanto1819/>

Lastly, there is a really helpful bunch at the Reception. If you have any questions about the city, the university, directions, the immigration office or anything that we might know the answer to, do not hesitate to visit us!

See you when the semester starts! 😊