

# Szántó Dormitory Know-how

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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 a proximity tag, which opens the turnstiles. This will be provided by the reception after your arrival. Please keep in mind that if you lose this tag, 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” kitchen



Building „A” bathroom

### 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**
- **Broom, mop, bucket**
- **UTP cable or router for 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 2020/2021 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 in the Neptun Education System. **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.

**MAKE SURE TO RESIGN YOUR DORMITORY PLACEMENT IN TIME!**

#### **Dormitory fee:**

Each month's dormitory fee will appear on the Neptun Education System that you will gain access to once you establish your student status. On Neptun you will be able to keep track of your deadlines at all times.

You have several options to choose to settle your rent:

1. Personally at the reception with card
2. Online, through Neptun with card

#### **Late payment:**

In case a student happens to pay the fees late, a late payment fee appears on Neptun which also has to be settled. This means a few thousand forints in each case, but the penalty will increase 8 days after the deadline. **These late payment fees can be settled at the dormitory reception, at your faculty's cash desk or online through your personal Neptun interface, following the above written steps.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The monthly dormitory fee cannot be divided from September. If you arrive on the last days of a month you have to pay for the whole month. In case you leave in the first days of a month you still have to pay the whole month's rent.**

**Please, adjust your arrival and departure accordingly.**

### **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  
PAYMENT OBLIGATION WILL NOT CEASE AND 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 the end of the office hours.

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.

### **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:**

You will have to attend a Fire Safety instruction. Your fire safety knowledge will be tested.

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.

## **Fire drill:**

The dormitories have to participate in obligatory annual fire drills.

Student's duty is to immediately leave the building at the time of the fire drill, when the fire-alarm sirens can be heard. Fire drills are controlled by the authority. If the fire department inflicts penalty on the University because of the student's wrong attitude or abnormal behaviour, fines will be re-routed to whom it may concern. In case the students fail to evacuate completely, the fire drill will be unsuccessful and fire department will keep repeating the procedure.

**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.

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.**

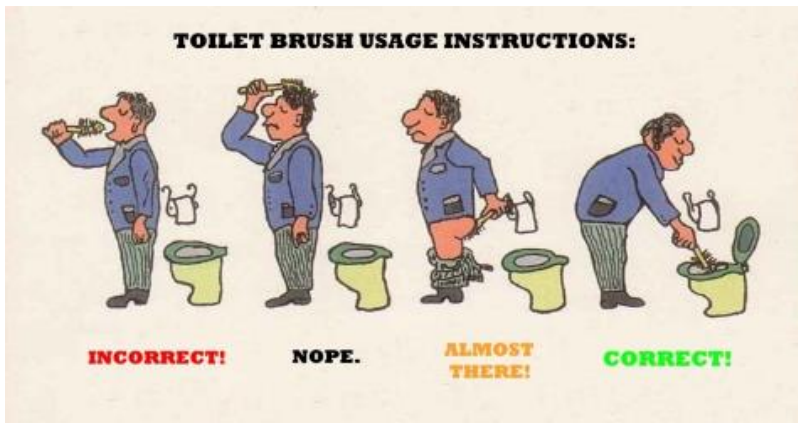
Based on our experiences, these are the most crucial parts, that you have to pay attention to:

- 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. If your belongings are all over the room, the cleaning staff will not be able to clean your room. If you leave your belongings on the bed, your sheets cannot be changed either.

It is possible that the standard cleaning schedule will be changed due to holidays and non-working days. The cleaning might be delayed but the service will be provided nevertheless. We kindly ask for your understanding in these cases.

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.

### **Laundry:**

- To wash your clothes, you have to book a time slot at the reception/doorman.
- You can take the laundry key in exchange for a Student card or any kind of identification.
- Make sure not to put too much washing liquid/powder in the machine. There is usually an indicator that shows the maximum. The use of washing capsules is highly recommended for these reasons.
- After you start the washing machine, return the key to the reception immediately to let others use the other machines.
- You can take the keys again later to pick up your clothes.





### **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!**

## **COVID-19 provisions**

We find preventive actions extremely important during a pandemic period. In order to avoid anyone falling ill, your cooperation is indispensable.

Throughout this period entrance restrictions are in effect in the dormitories, during which the doorman will have to register any entries and exits in the building. The access control turnstiles at the entrance are operated by the doorman, which means that the proximity tags do not work during the pandemic situation. Crossing the entrance system is only possible by showing an ID.

We kindly ask you to wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. You can use the hand sanitizer placed by the entrance of the dormitory.

Social distancing:

- During the pandemic period study rooms and social spaces are closed in the dormitory. Please refrain from visiting social premises outside the dormitory as well.
- During a pandemic period dormitory events are not permitted, therefore gathering in groups on the corridor is also forbidden.
- Please keep the proper distance (1,5 - 2 m) on corridors, washrooms etc.
- During a pandemic period you can only pay by card at the reception.

In case of a pandemic emergency, we apply the following safety measures:

- paying close attention to identifying people entering the dormitories;
- unlimited use of hand sanitizers at dormitory entrances;
- sufficient amount of personal protective equipment is available for epidemiological emergencies;
- prepared to vacate dormitories swiftly and with minimal contact in case of epidemiological emergencies;
- prepared to provide secure storage for belongings left in the vacated dormitories until return of the owner;
- enough separated living areas for official home quarantine. Provisions for students in quarantine is ensured in cooperation with the authorities and the Municipality of Pécs;
- We have experience in separating the infected. We have successfully isolated all cases of the minimal number of positive Covid-19 cases in our dormitories.

In case the pandemic situation stresses you out, or you just need someone to talk to, you can visit the links below for counselling:

<http://counselling.pte.hu/>

<http://pszikon.aok.pte.hu/en>

**Make sure to join our Facebook group for fast updates and dormitory related information throughout the academic year! Applications will be accepted when the semester starts.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/szanto2021/>**

**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! 😊***