

# Student guide for the University of Pécs



# Why you should be here...

- The University of Pécs is the oldest in Hungary
- The international student community has 4,500 students from 114 different countries
- It celebrated its 650th anniversary in 2017
- You can study multiple disciplines
- It is a very affordable, safe and welcoming city



# Have you been thinking of studying abroad?

- If the answer is yes, and you've always dreamed of traveling through Europe, then you belong here
- The teachers and students here will help you with getting you enrolled and on the right track
- There is a lot to do here so you will never be bored
- You can save your weekends for traveling around Europe and throughout Hungary



- My name is Danielle Pierre
- I am currently in pursuit of a B.A. In global business with a marketing minor at MSU Denver
- I've already made so many friends and can't go anywhere without knowing someone
- I have friends from Spain, France, The Netherlands, Syria, Finland, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Hungary, Mexico, Portugal , Jordan, America, Laos, China, Japan, Germany, and Poland just to name a few
- I am 25 years old, if you are an older student don't worry there are students of all ages here



- I am a full time working student and value is important to me so I wanted to get the most out of my money and the affordability of living here let's me do so
- With all of the money you save you can travel throughout Europe and explore Hungary
- The teachers here are very understanding of your travel needs and are very flexible







- In the two months I've been here I've been to: Italy, Germany, Slovenia, Vienna and all over Hungary
- I just booked my ticket for Spain and I am planning on going to Croatia and France next



# Where is Pécs?

- It is located about 3 hours outside of Budapest
- The train is very accessible and many students take weekend trips to Budapest
- We are in the southern part of Hungary so the climate is Mediterranean
- You can take a quick 40 minute train ride to Villány which is one of the most popular wine makers in Hungary.



# Nightlife in Pécs

- There are countless nightclubs and bars in Pécs that will keep you entertained no matter what your scene is
- There are very intriguing nightclubs that you must check out while you are here my favorite is Amper but there is also Pécsi Est Café and Trafik just to name a few
- You will meet a lot of people through ESN. When you decide to come to Pécs you will be added to a Facebook group where you meet friends and get invited to events daily
- Some local bars are Nappali, CoolTour, Jobb mint Otthon and Made in Pécs. There are a ton of local bars and I still don't know the names of many of them. You can walk down the street and just pop into any that catch your eye.





# Daytime activities

- Along with the nightlife there are countless daytime activities
- Hiking, biking, swimming, shopping, working out, going to school, trying new cuisine, ice skating and exploring the city are a few of my favorites
- It is a foreign country but I promise that your favorite activities will still be here



# Fitness

- There are a plethora of gyms here.
- F3, Life 1 fitness, Fitnexx, Mecsek -near Szántó dormitory- , and Professors Gym are a few of the biggest ones
- My personal favorite is Crossfactory. It is a Cross fit gym that I attend regularly. I've always wanted to try cross fit but it is so expensive back home. Here unlimited classes costs around 40\$ a month. I highly recommend this place to anyone at any fitness level.
- You can find them on Facebook and message them with class times and prices. The owners are extremely friendly and helpful while there is a little language barrier I can always understand them. It's about a 10 minute bus ride from the city center.



# What do we eat?

- Again there are all different types of food here and you can eat anything you want
- The coffee here is amazing and it is typical to spend a few hours in a café
- Mexican, Pizza, Mediterranean, salads, steaks, chicken dishes, vegetarian dishes, gluten free dishes, and lactose intolerant dishes are all available here.
- You will go crazy over the pastries and fresh fruit and vegetable markets.



# How much is cost of living?

- I live in a flat right about Nappali (the bar) and I pay 208\$ a month and around 20\$ for utilities a month my place is in a prime location and you can find cheaper flats.
- If you want a nice dinner with expensive drinks that will run you around 12-15\$
- Typical meal is around 4-6\$
- I can make around 40-50\$ of groceries last me about two weeks with some quick trips to get fresh veggies and specific ingredients
- Alcohol is more expensive than beer and wine around 3-4.50\$ a drink





- A SIM card for your phone runs around 12\$
- You can take the train to Budapest for 6\$ with your student discount
- Hungary is the most affordable European country

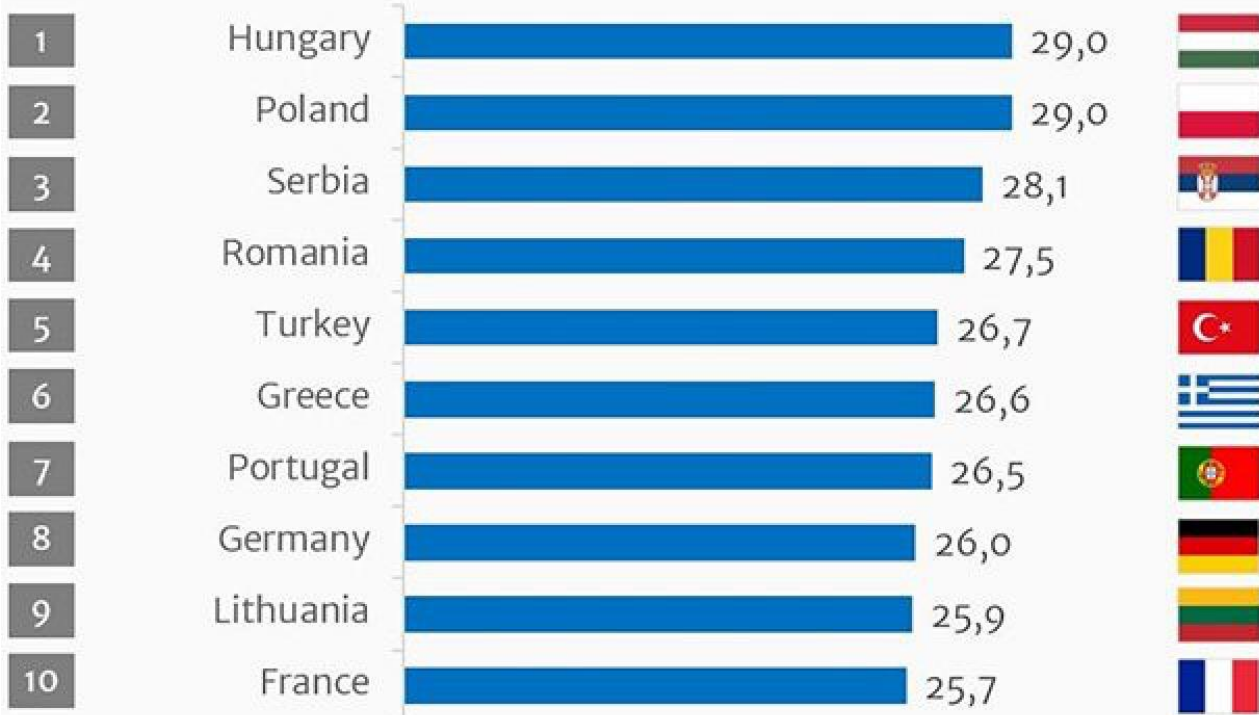




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# Flat or dorm?

- First off I want you to know it is completely safe to find a flat on Facebook through the group. I know this is a strange concept but the city is small so you will be able to find your place easily.
- You can get a nice flat with a private room for very similar prices to a dorm so I highly recommend going this route
- Anywhere in the city center will be a little more expensive but if you go a little out you can find something more affordable
- You can get to most places within a 10-15 minute bus ride so don't worry about being too far



# Areas of study

- You can study multiple disciplines at the University of Pécs
- If you do not see a course e-mail the program director and they will most likely find a way to get you the credits you need. For instance, I am taking a masters course and doing an internship
- Find all of the available courses here

[http://international.pte.hu/study\\_abroad/areas\\_study](http://international.pte.hu/study_abroad/areas_study)





# Random things to know

- Do not get on a bus without a validated ticket, it will be a costly mistake
- To validate your ticket put it in the red machine and push forward
- If you do want to get a SIM card make sure your iPhone is unlocked before arrival it is much cheaper at home
- Most cafes have wifi, and there is wifi in the city center
- If you are looking for hair appointment, nails, workout classes, or any info on businesses look them up on Facebook and message them



- You will be ok not speaking Hungarian
- ESN holds events almost every night of the week, so you will never be bored



# Want to see more pictures?

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