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**HANDBOOK FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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Welcome

There is no place like Hungary. Situated in the very heart of Europe, this kidney-shaped country can claim a unique place in the continent's soul. Hungary is one of the 15 most popular tourist destinations in the world, and despite its relatively small size, the country is home to numerous World Heritage Sites (e.g. Budapest – including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrásy Avenue, Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae), Tokaj Wine Region, Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma).

Hungary is the best place to enter both Central and Eastern Europe. After centuries as a powerful medieval kingdom, Hungary was part of the Ottoman and then the Habsburg Empire from the 16th century onwards, emerging as an independent country again after World War I.

The redrawing of European borders that took place after World War I left about five million ethnic Hungarians living in neighboring countries. Following World War II Hungary fell under communist rule. An uprising in 1956 was crushed by Red Army forces, but Hungary did later become the first Eastern European country to gain some economic freedom.

Hungary played an important part in accelerating the collapse of communism across Eastern Europe when it opened its border with Austria in 1989, allowing thousands of East Germans to escape to the West. Just a few months later the Berlin Wall was history.

Hungary is home to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central Europe, and to a large number of spa towns and hot springs. Just in Budapest, over 15 million gallons of water bubble daily into city's 118 springs and boreholes.

It has especially rich traditions in folk and classical music and was the birthplace of numerous outstanding performers and composers, including Franz Liszt, Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. There are also many famous inventors who are Hungarian like Ernő Rubik (inventor of Rubik's Cube), Tivadar Puskás (inventor of the telephone exchange), László Bíró (inventor of ballpoint pen) Oszkár Asbóth, (inventor of helicopter), János Neumann (computer pioneer). Hungarians are also very good at sports. At the latest Olympic Games in Tokyo we won 6 gold medals (kayak, swimming, fencing, wrestling).

It is a real pleasure for us to welcome you at our university. We hope that your stay will be fruitful and a real life-long experience.

Central Office for Foreign Affairs

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I. 3. Academic Calendar for 2023/2024 Fall Term

At our University, the academic year consists of two semesters: Fall and Spring.

Term period	04 September 2023 - 09 December 2023
National Holiday	23 October 2023 (public holiday) 01 November 2023 All Saints' Day (public holiday) 02 November 2023 All Souls' Day (holiday ordered by the Rector) 08 December 2023 Immaculate Conception (holiday ordered by the Rector) 25 - 26 December 2023 Christmas (public holiday)
Winter holiday	18 December 2023 – 07 January 2024

Exam period 1 (regular + CV [exam only])	11 December 2023 – 16 December 2023
Exam period 2 (regular + CV [exam only])	08 January 2024 – 10 February 2024
Preliminary exam period (Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)	04 December 2023 - 09 December 2023
Preliminary exam period (Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics)	04 December 2023 - 07 December 2023

For more information please visit our [website](#)!

I. 4. Grading system

Grading system generally used by Hungarian higher education institutions is the following (the highest grade being 5):

- grade 5 = excellent (jeles)
- grade 4 = good (jó)
- grade 3 = satisfactory (közepes)
- grade 2 = pass (elégséges)
- grade 1 = fail (elégtelen) - must be repeated

For more information please visit our [website](#)!

I. 5. Neptun

Similarly, to numerous electronic services of other universities, Neptun is the official system for managing student educational administration at Pázmány Péter Catholic University. For further information about the usage of the system, please check the [guidance](#) on our website!

I. 6. Photocopy

- In Budapest there is a **Copyguru-Kálvin** only a few meters from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (1082 Budapest, Baross utca 3., open weekdays 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- Near to FHSS Z Building you can go to **Copyguru – Budafoki** (1111 Budapest, Budafoki út 14.)
- You may find photocopy/printing facilities close to the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics in Corvin Plaza (**Go Print**) and under *Práter utca 20/b* (GoldBox Printing Service).

- In Esztergom there is a copy shop named **Copyfuti.hu** at Simor János utca 44., which is in a 15 minutes walking distance from the Iohanneum Campus. *Open weekdays 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

I. 7. IT Services

There is WIFI in every building of the University. We use here EDUROAM system (<https://www.eduroam.org>), so if you already have an account at your home university, you can also use the same account here. If not, after you registered in our online study system, called NEPTUN, you can use it with your NEPTUN username.

You may use the EDUROAM WIFI with your Shibboleth username (created from the first 3 letters of your family name + first 2 letters of your given name + possibly one/two digits). You are notified of this username in a Neptun message. Once you created a password based on the guidelines, you may use it to access wifi, university PCs and your PPKE mailbox.

Should you face any PPKE-related IT issues, please contact it@helpdesk.ppke.hu.

I. 8. Libraries

• *Faculty Libraries*

[University Library - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

Students of the University have full access and borrowing rights.

Address: 1088 Budapest, Mikszáth Kálmán tér 1.

Opening hours

Monday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[Catalogue](#)

[University Library - Faculty of Information Technology](#)

Students of the University have full access and borrowing rights.

Address: 1083 Budapest, Práter utca 50/a

Opening hours:

Monday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[Catalogue](#) (Please select the proper language)

University Library – Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

Students of the university have full access and borrowing rights.

Address: 1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi utca 28.

Opening hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

[Catalogue](#) (Please select the proper language)

• **Other Libraries in Budapest**

The Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library

The services of the library are available for the members or registered visitors. If you want to borrow a book or just read some in the library, you have to sign up for a reader's card for free at the front desk. In the case of membership which allows you to borrow a book, you have to pay.

Address: 1088 Budapest, Szabó Ervin tér 1. (near to Kálvin tér metro station)

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

National Széchényi Library Budapest

This is the national library of Hungary, which collects all the written heritage of Hungary and all documents pertaining to it. The collection of Hungarica (all the books and other documents published in Hungary, and publications related to Hungary or to Hungarians published abroad) is to be carried out continuously to the fullest extent possible and these materials are available for the users whether in the form of parchment, paper or electronic medium.

The services of the library are available for the members or registered visitors. However, it is not allowed to borrow books from the library.

Registration fee:

Daily ticket: 1.200 HUF

Monthly ticket: 2.000 HUF

Semester ticket: 2.000 HUF/ 1 semester
3.500 HUF/ 2 semesters
Prolongation: 1.500 HUF/ 1 semester
3.000 HUF/ 2 semesters

Address: 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 4-5-6.

Opening hours:

Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Library of the Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders

This library is public, anyone can use it for free. It is not required to be student/teacher of the Sapientia College of Theology.

Address: 1052 Budapest, Piarista köz 1.

Opening hours:

Monday: 11 am - 5 pm

Tuesday: 10 am - 5 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 5 pm

Friday: 10 am - 2 pm

Occasionally Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Fortnightly on Saturdays: 11 am - 6 pm

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•Partner Libraries

ELTE University Library

Students of Pázmány Péter Catholic University have full access and borrowing rights.

Address: 1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6.

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Semmelweis University Central Library

The students of the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics have full access to the library.

Address: 1088 Budapest, Mikszáth Kálmán tér 5.

Opening hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (from 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. copy and poster printing not available)

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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II. Practical Information

II. 1. Pre-arrival arrangements

Visa, residence permit and insurance

For **non-EEA citizens** it is necessary to apply for Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies.

For **EEA citizens** it is obligatory to apply for a Registration Card.

Don't forget to apply for the **European Health Insurance Card** before your travel.

Further useful information please visit our [website](#) or the [website of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing](#).

Student Card

If you are a student studying at PPKE longer than 12 months, (e.g. full-time students), you can only have a temporary student certificate by making an application for a permanent student card (a plastic one).

To receive a plastic student card, you need to go to one of the Government Customer Services with your passport ("Kormányablak") and apply for a student card (please find the opening hours on page 21. Here you will get a form with a unique code (NEK identifier). **The data on the NEK document have to be exactly the same as the data registered in the Neptun system (if not, your student card request will be rejected)!** After receiving your NEK identifier, you need to register your application electronically in the Neptun system (Administration/Student card request/Add new).

If you only have a residence permit but no document called "*Lakcímet igazoló hatósági igazolvány*", do NOT type in your Hungarian address.

It takes a few months until you receive this plastic student card.

For more information, please always ask help from your Faculty coordinator.

Accommodation

We strongly suggest to make your housing arrangements well in time before travelling to Budapest. PPKE does not have dormitory in Budapest, however there are some possible ways to arrange accommodation:

1. Search for available **flats and rooms**.

You can rent an apartment or a flat in Budapest. It costs approximately HUF 130,000-160,000 or 340-430 Euros per month + utilities. You can reduce your costs if you share your flat with other students.

2. For more information about the possibilities of staying in one of our **dormitories**, please check the websites of our Faculties or contact your Faculty Coordinator!

For more information, please visit our [website](#)!

Electronics

The electrical current in Hungary is 230V at 50Hz with a typical two-pin European plug (Type C/E/F). Appliances made for 220-240V will function here.

More info: www.wikitravel.org/en/Electrical_systems

Money

The Hungarian currency is the forint (Ft or HUF).

Cash withdrawal: ATMs usually accept most of the credit cards. Exchanging cash at the arrival location (airport, railway station) is usually more expensive than in a bank or in one of the official exchange kiosks in the city. NEVER EXCHANGE MONEY ON THE STREET!

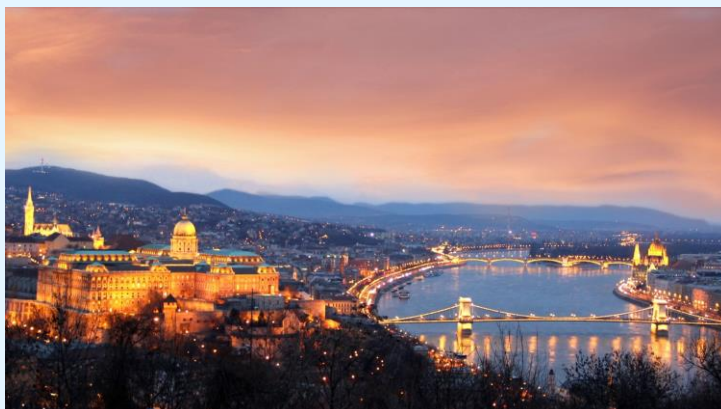
Official exchange rates: <https://www.mnb.hu/en/arfolyamok>

Price Guide

Living expenses Toothpaste: 500 - 2000 HUF Shampoo / shower gel: 900 -2500 HUF Printing and photocopying: 50 HUF per page	Food Sandwich: 600 - 800 HUF Pizza (delivered): 4200 - 9900 HUF Cup of coffee: 600 - 1300 HUF Bottle / jug of beer: 600 - 800 HUF A bottle of wine: 2500 - 8 000 HUF A loaf of bread (500g): 700 - 1500 HUF Milk (1 litre): 500 – 600 HUF
Travel by public transport* From Liszt Ferenc Airport to the downtown of Budapest: 2 000 HUF	Fun & entertainment Cinema ticket: 2 000 – 2 800 HUF

Monthly student public transport pass: 3 450 HUF	Museum passes: 1 900 – 4 000 HUF*
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** With single/one-way tickets, however, we highly recommend to buy monthly pass. For more information, please ask your mentor! For student discounts you always need your ISIC Card/Student ID. Student price is mostly half of the full price.*



Public Safety

Hungary is generally a safe country. People in Hungary are hospitable and welcoming to visitors. Hungary and Budapest in particular share similar issues with other countries and major cities, which frequently visited by tourists. Just as anywhere around the world, tourists travelling to Hungary should follow certain basic rules:

- Carry travel documents and valuables in a secure bag around your neck or belt pouch worn under your clothing and avoid the poorly lit, deserted parts of the city!
- Carry only the necessary amount of money – most commercial units accept credit cards, and if you run out of cash, you can still withdraw money from ATM machines. (If you lose your credit card, immediately notify the issuing bank!)
- Use only officially registered taxi companies.
- Only uniformed police and immigration officers with proper identification are entitled to check your identity or to ask for your ID.
- Always ask for a menu with a price list before making an order. The service charge is generally not part of the bill, unless it is unambiguously stated on the menu. It is required to issue a receipt for all costs and services printed by a cash register.

Survival Hungarian Language

Some vowels have different pronunciation:

a - like in the end of 'America'

á - like the vowel in 'why' and 'lie'

e - like the first vowel in 'enter'

é - like the vowel in 'way' or in 'whale'

i - like the vowel in 'hit', and not like in 'like'

o - the same as in English

ö - like the vowel in 'whirl' or in 'church'

u - like the vowel in 'you' or in 'do'

ü - like the first vowel in the French word 'une' or in the German 'Übung'

í is like *i*, *ó* is like *o*, *ő* is like *ö*, *ú* is like *u*, *ű* is like *ü*, but longer

Stress always falls on the first syllable of a word.

Online guide to pronouncing Hungarian words with examples and sound-a-likes:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:IPA_for_Hungarian

subway	metró [mɛt-ro:]	Please.	Kérem [ke:rɛm]
train	vonat [vo-nɔt]	Thank you!	Köszönöm. [køszø-nøm]
bus	busz [bus]	Excuse me.	Elnézést. [ɛl-ne:-ze:ʃt]
taxi / cab	taxi [tøk-si]	Sorry.	Bocsánat. [bo-tʃa:-nɔt]
airport	repülőtér [rɛ-py-lø-te:r]	I don't understand	Nem értem [nɛm e:r-tɛm]
Where can I find the...?	Hol találom a ...? [hol tɔ-la:-lom]	Do you speak English?	Beszélsz angolul? [bɛ-se:ls øngo-lul]
left	bal [bɔl]	Hi!/Hello!/ See you later!	Szia! [ʃiɔ]
right	jobb [jɔb:]	Goodbye!	Viszlát! [vis-la:t]

Weather

Hungary has a continental climate with Mediterranean and Atlantic influences. Depending on the location, winter can be cold, cloudy and damp or windy, the summer warm and sometimes very hot. May, June and November are the rainiest months. July is the hottest month (the average temperature is 23.2°C) and January the coldest (with -1.3°C).

Average temperatures:

January	-1,6°C	July	20,8°C
February	1,1°C	August	20,2°C
March	5,6°C	September	16,4°C
April	11°C	October	11°C
May	15,9°C	November	4,8°C
June	19°C	December	0,4°C

II. 2. Arriving in Hungary

Arrival

Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport

All passenger flights arrive to and depart from Terminal 2. Terminal 1 is only for private jets and cargo planes.

Information: +36-1-296-9696

Official page: <https://www.bud.hu/en>



Connection between the Airport and the city centre

Public Transport

You can take the direct bus No. 100 E from the airport to the city centre that runs every 20 minutes.

Here you can find the timetable: <https://bkk.hu/en/travel-information/public-transport/airport-shuttle/>

From the Airport you can also take bus No. 200E to get to Kőbánya-Kispest terminal, where you can change to Metro line 3 (the blue line) to get to the city centre.

Here you can find the timetable: <https://bkk.hu/en/timetables/>

But please keep in mind that metro line M3 is under reconstruction for several years at the moment, and replacement shuttle buses run between certain metro stations. You can find detailed information in the previously given link.

It is also advisable to upload BKK-futar app [trip planner](#) to your mobile to check the available public transport for the targeted spot.

You can buy **Pest or chosen county or Hungary monthly passes**, which are valid for the chosen county or long-distance bus and train lines in Hungary (in case of purchased valid Hungary monthly pass). If you buy a Pest county monthly pass, you can travel within the Pest county borders free of charge either by train or long-distance buses, but you need to have **Budapest monthly travel pass**, if you want to use it for Budapest public transport facilities as well.

Train

You can also arrive by train to one of the railway stations in Budapest.

Timetable can be found under: <https://www.mavcsopot.hu/en>

Airport Shuttle

If you are travelling on your own, it is cheaper to use the Airport Shuttle service, which has a desk at the airport. Tickets can be purchased at the so-called AirportShuttle-Minibusz Desks.

But it is advisable to purchase tickets prior arrival on-line in order to avoid queueing.

Here you can check the prices: <https://www.minibud.hu/en>

Taxi

The official contractor of the Budapest Airport is the **Főtaxi (+ 36 1 222 2222)**, you can order a cab at their desk in the airport for fixed prices. Or if you order a cab by phone, most companies offer a fixed price of around 3 800–6 500 HUF, depending on whether your destination is on the Pest or Buda side of the river.

We suggest the two trustworthy companies:

Főtaxi (the best and cheapest from the airport to the city) **Phone:** + 36 1 222 2222

City Taxi Phone: +36 1 211 1111

Public transport in Budapest (BKK)

The public transport company in Budapest is called Budapest Transport Centre, but usually we just use the abbreviation of its Hungarian name: BKK.

Here you can find the prices of different tickets and passes: <https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/>

As a student, probably, you will use the Monthly Budapest-pass for students. It can be purchased with any starting day and its validity begins at 00.00 on the given starting day and expires at AM 02.00 on the same day of the next month. It is valid within the boundaries of Budapest – beyond the boundaries of Budapest you have to buy a special ticket (called conurbation/metropolitan area single ticket). With this pass you can use bus, tram, trolleybus, metro, cogwheel railway and HÉV (suburban railway) on all days. You can use the boat service of BKV on working days, but on weekends you have to buy a ticket. You can also travel with this ticket on certain suburban trains and buses on all days, but still only within the administrative boundaries of Budapest. When you leave this administrative boundaries, you need to purchase extra ticket in advance at the

vending machines in order to avoid fining.

NOTE! To buy a student Monthly Budapest-pass you need a student card from your home university (with identity number, photo, validity date and your university's name) OR the Hungarian student card what you will receive from your coordinator.

NOTE! The controllers do NOT have the right to detain you. However, in some cases they are accompanied with security officials who have the right to ask for identification and to detain you until the police arrive. **Validate your ticket before starting your journey.** Keep your ticket until the end of your journey and show it to inspectors on request. You have to validate another ticket every time you change lines except on direct metro to metro transfers.

Underground System: The metro has 4 primary lines: 1 (yellow), 2 (red), 3 (blue), 4 (green). In order to use public transportation, you can use either a single/transfer ticket or a monthly pass. We suggest you to buy the monthly pass.

Bus and tram: A wide network of buses and trams covers the entire city. It will allow you to access all major downtown attractions within 30 minutes.

Night bus service: Budapest has an excellent night bus system. Please note that to make sure that everyone has a ticket, the transport company (BKV) has hired uniformed security guards who check for tickets in the bus stops. It is no problem if you do not have a ticket, since the security staff has them on sale all night – just pay and ride.

You can also buy monthly passes or tickets via mobile application downloaded to your smartphone: <https://bkk.hu/mobileticket/>

Further info: <http://www.bkk.hu/en>

Renting a bike: [MOL Bubi](#) is a public transport service by BKK, which offers a fast and eco-friendly travel alternative in urban transport with 24/7 availability. There are 158 stations at citywide locations where you can pick up and return the apple-green bikes to combine cycling with other forms of public transport to best suit your travel needs. With the [Donkey Republic](#) you can take a bike for more than a short ride. During your rental you can make stops, unlock and lock your bike as many time as you want. At the end of your rental, bring the Donkey to a drop-off location.

Renting a roller: [Lime](#) provides the essential mode of transportation for our changed world. In Budapest, they provide the opportunity to rent an electronic roller (or bike, etc.) and explore the city in two wheels.

**ALWAYS TAKE YOUR
HUNGARIAN STUDENT ID WITH YOU!**

How to make a phone call in Hungary?

The international dialing code of Hungary is 0036 or +36. From a foreign phone, you must dial +36 before the number. A typical Hungarian phone number consists of a prefix, an area code and a six or seven-digit number. If you have a Hungarian phone, to call another Hungarian number enough to dial 06, instead of +36.

Budapest has the special area code 1, and the phone numbers in Budapest are 7 digits long (for example: 06-1-211-1111). Note: when you are inside the area you wish to call, you do not have to dial either the prefix or the area code (so when you are making a call inside Budapest, just dial 211-1111).

There are 3 main Mobile/Cell phone companies in Hungary: Telenor, T-Mobile and Vodafone. They have their own default area codes (although they offer free number portability today): 20 (Telenor), 30 (T-Mobile) and 70 (Vodafone). You can buy various types of calling cards in GSM-Shops, news agents, post offices or in malls.



II. 3. Living in Budapest

Mentor System

Our mentors and the international coordinators support the students even before they arrive in Budapest, particularly in the planning of their travel and finding accommodation. The mentors might welcome the students at the airport, during the pandemic they took care of their food supply. The mentors assist the international students during their stay in many areas for instance administrative affairs, educational tasks, organizing free-time activities, etc. The active community life, developed via the mentor system, is complemented by several cultural programs and sports activities where students have the opportunity to get to know one another better.

Useful Phone Numbers

(English, German and other foreign languages)



Fire department 105



Ambulance 104



Police 107



Emergency 112



Phone Directory Hungary 198

Tourinform (Hungarian Tourism Agency)

Tourinform offices provide tourist information service, distribute local, regional and national tourist information publications, and offer the national tourist publications and recommendations of Magyar Turizmus Zrt. to tourists arriving in their area.

<https://visithungary.com/>, <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/en/> Phone: +36 1 488 8722

Working in Hungary as a student

Many students decide to work during their studies or in the summer in order to spare some money for the next semester or for making the ends meet. Depending on your citizenship, you can choose from different options:

- If you are a student coming from an EEA state (member states of the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Lichtenstein), there is no limitation regarding the working hours and you need to hold a registration card.
- If you are a citizen of a country that is not part of the European Economic Area (non-EEA state), you can be employed during your studies with a residence permit for study purposes and work 24 hours a week during your study period, or 90 days or 66 working days outside your study period.

For more information, please visit [the website of Study in Hungary!](#)

Post Offices (Posta)

<i>1085 Budapest, József körút 37-39.</i> Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 a.m.	<i>1117 Budapest, Irinyi József u. 38.</i> Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
<i>1082 Budapest, Vajdahunyad u. 42.</i> Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	<i>2500 Esztergom, Arany János u. 2.</i> Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Government Customer Services (Kormányablak) *(As we wrote on page 11, here you can find the opening hours for the student card form administration, NEK ID)*

<i>1082 Budapest, Baross u. 59.</i> Mon.: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tue.: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wed.: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Thur.: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fri.: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<i>2500 Esztergom, Bottyán János u. 3.</i> Mon.: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tue.: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wed.: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thur.: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fri.: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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Places for Prayer (or visit our [website!](#))

Religion	Name, address	Time of Worship
Roman Catholic	Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart 1085 Budapest, Mária utca 25.	Saturday 5:00 p.m. (in English)
Lutheran	Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Budapest-Fasor 1071 Budapest, Városligeti fasor 17.	Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in English)
Presbyterian/Calvinist	Presbyterian Church of Scotland 1064 Budapest, Vörösmarty utca 51.	Sunday 11:00 am. (in English)
Jewish	Dohány Street Synagogue 1074 Budapest, Dohány utca 2.	
Muslim	Budapest Mosque 1119 Budapest, Fehérvári út 41.	

Sports facilities

<u>Life 1 Wellness Centre</u>	1082 Budapest, Futó utca 48-50. Phone: +36 70 331-3133, +36 1 951-1789 Open: Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
<u>Smasher Training Systems</u>	1085 Budapest, Stáhly u. 13, (Iosephium ground floor) Phone: +36 30 370 0933 Open: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3. p.m.
Margaret Island Running court	1138 Budapest, Margaret Island (around the island, approx.. 5,2 km)
<u>Iharos Sándor Athletic Center of Margaret Island</u>	1138 Budapest, Margaret Island
<u>Császár-Komjádi Béla Sport Swimming Pool Budapest</u>	1023 Budapest, Árpád fejedelem útja 8.

Where can you eat between two courses?

<u>Danubium Buffet</u>	1111 Bertalan Lajos utca 2.
<u>Loyola Café</u>	1085 Budapest, Horánszky utca 20.
<u>Fecske Presszó</u>	1085 Budapest, Baross utca 10. Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. Saturday 12 p.m. – 12 a.m. Sunday 2 p.m. – 12 a.m.
<u>Pasta</u>	1053 Budapest, Kálvin tér 2. Monday - Friday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
<u>Dagoba-bisztró</u>	1083 Budapest, Práter u. 59
<u>Dezső bá'</u>	1083 Budapest, Práter u. 34.
<u>Stoczek 1 by BME (near to FHSS Z building)</u>	1111 Budapest, Bertalan Lajos u. 8. (at the corner of Stoczek utca and Bertalan Lajos utca) – student menu is available

Tipping (restaurants, bars & cafés)

Giving a tip is up to you, but if you are satisfied with the service, you should give around 10% of the price. In some cases, a fix tip is included in the bill, but if so, it has to be indicated on the menu.

Opening a bank account

Documents that might be needed:

- A valid residence permit / work visa
- An address card (or some kind of proof of rental such as a lease)

Some banks allow expats to open an account with just a passport. Depending on the bank, you may also need:

- A utility bill to confirm your name and address
- Proof of employment / earnings

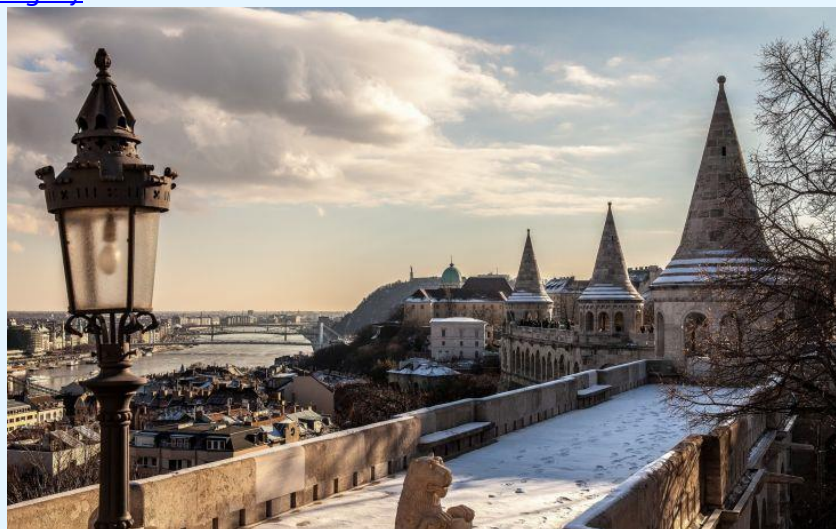
Again, depending on the bank you choose, you may only need the first set of documents but some banks require all of them.

Most banks require you to be present in the country to open the account.

Hungary provides a wide array of banks that expats can choose from depending on your individual needs. Some popular and reliable major banks to consider are: OTP Bank, K&H

Bank, Erste Bank, and CIB Bank. All of these banks have secure ATMs in addition to walk-in branches all across Hungary.

For more information, visit this website: <https://wise.com/gb/blog/opening-a-bank-account-in-hungary>



Public and PPKE Holidays (more information [on the website](#))

2023

- 11th October Pázmány Day
- 23rd October Republic Day
- 1st November All Saints' Day
- 2nd November *All Souls Day (holiday ordered by the Rector)*
- 8th December *Immaculate Conception (holiday ordered by the Rector)*
- 24th December Christmas Eve
- 25th December Christmas Day
- 26th December Second Day of Christmas

2024

- 1st January New Year's Day
- 15th March Revolution Day
- 29th March Good Friday
- 1st April Easter Monday
- 1st May Labour Day
- 20th May Whit Monday
- 15th August *Feast of the Assumption (holiday ordered by the Rector)*
- 20th August Saint Stephen's Day

“Best places” in Budapest

In the beginning of your study period we would like to give you a list about the “best places” in Budapest, they are referenced locations by former foreigner students.

Pubs, bars and clubs

<i>Szimpla Kert</i> <i>Kazinczy u. 14.</i>	The first „ruin pub” in the city, the others are just copies. It’s a whole building that at the first sight seems to be a chaotic warehouse, but in this chaos each object is in its right place.
<i>Instant-Fogas</i> <i>Akácfa utca 49-51.</i>	With the fusion of Budapest’s legendary ruin pubs the most enormous party complex in town has been created: Instant-Fogas. Fogasház and Instant were iconic night spots of the city’s famous ruin pub scene for years.
<i>Pótkulcs</i> <i>Csengery u. 65.b</i>	Pótkulcs is a hidden bar nestled inside a former light engineering workshop in Budapest's District 6. Attached to the main section is a cavernous performance hall where they host live music concerts almost every evening (with lots of Hungarian folk music). During the warmer months, the action shifts to the outdoor patio.
<i>Doboz</i> <i>Klauzál utca 10.</i>	It’s the largest party venue in the 7 th district. You should have a look in because the whole building is characterized by a unique interior design, even if the main attraction is the big tree with the King Kong statue in the middle of the garden.
<i>A38 Ship</i> <i>Petőfi bridge, Buda side</i>	Since its opening it became the flagship of Budapest nightlife, a must-see spectacle on the Danube with scenic view and one of Europe’s coolest clubs.
<i>Holdudvar</i> <i>Margit-sziget/Margaret Island</i>	During the day Margaret Island is a healthy heaven where everyone can relax, but during the night the island change its shape and become a party place. Holdudvar is half open air, half indoors. It’s quite big and chic.
<i>Akvarium</i> <i>Erzsébet tér 14.</i>	Akvarium is more than a simple bar. It’s the main meeting point of the city: for those who only want to have a beer or relax in the surrounding park, or see a football match, or dance in the Club. It offers various events, performances, exhibitions, concerts.
<i>Bem Cinema</i> <i>Budapest, Margit körút 5.</i>	In the mood for an underground b-movie? Come to Bem Art Cinema – or just sit and talk and have a coffee.
<i>Grund</i> <i>Budapest, Nagytemplom utca 30.</i>	Near the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics, we can offer you this cosy bar for having a nice lunch or spending some time with your friends. For more information check their Facebook page!
<i>Budapest Park</i> <i>Budapest, Soroksári út 60.</i>	Near Müpa, Budapest Park is open from late spring until early autumn as an open-air concert venue and cultural space. Their motto since 2012 has been 'Leave reality behind',

	encouraging people to live it up and go wild to local and foreign musicians or at the after parties.
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Swimming pools and baths

<p>Széchenyi fürdő Állatkerti körút 9-11.</p>	Széchenyi bath is one of the biggest European thermal complexes. Its swimming pools are both indoor and outdoor, in our opinion the best in the city. There's a special event called „Szecska” every Saturday night in the summer: the bath becomes a disco.
<p>Gellért fürdő Kelenhegyi út 4.</p>	It's more expensive and smaller than Széchenyi but may be the most beautiful one.
<p>Palatinus Margit-sziget/Margaret Island</p>	In the summer it's the perfect place to relax, refresh, swim and sunbathe in the centre of the green Margaret Island. If you show your student card, the ticket will cost only 1500 HUF in the weekdays and 1700 Ft at the weekend.
<p>Rudas Baths Döbrentei tér 9.</p>	It was first built in 1550, during the time of Ottoman rule. To date, it retains many of the key elements of a Turkish bath, exemplified by its Turkish dome and octagonal pool.



II. 4. Healthcare system

Coronavirus information in Hungary

Please only follow official advice and information sources. The official information website of the Hungarian government can be found here: <https://abouthungary.hu/>
 Updates regarding the latest measures taken by the University can be found on our website: <https://ppke.hu/en>

Doctors

General Practitioners	Dr. Zoltán HUNYADI	1052 Budapest, Semmelweis utca 14. +36-1-318-6046
	Dr. Károly NAGY	1054 Budapest, Hold utca 8. +36-1-354-1893
	Dr. Balázs VARSÁNYI (for SH students the service is free of charge)	2500 Esztergom, Kossuth Lajos utca 6.
Specialist Clinic	Szent Kristóf Szakrendelő (for SH students the service is free of charge)	1117 Budapest, Fehérvári út 12.
Dentist		1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi utca 40. +36-1-317-6600
Gynaecologist		1082 Budapest Üllői utca 78/A (near Klinikák metro station) +36-1-459-1500/ ext. 3212

Pharmacies (Gyógyszertár)

<p>Mikszáth Gyógyszertár 1088 Budapest, Mikszáth Kálmán tér 4. <i>Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.</i> <i>Saturday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Szigony Gyógyszertár 1083 Budapest, Szigony utca 2. <i>Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.</i> <i>Saturday: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i></p>
<p>Budai Szent Gellért Gyógyszertár 1114 Budapest, Bartók Béla út 19. <i>Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Kisduna Pharmacy 2500 Esztergom, Aradi vértanúk tere 2/c. <i>Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i> <i>Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.</i></p>

Health Issues

If you have any problems (e.g.: flu, headache, fever, etc.) during the semester please check your insurance company first.

A/ With your insurance you can only visit a doctor for free if your company is in contract with the doctor.

B/ If you have no insurance, but you have European Health Insurance Card, you can visit any doctor, but you have to pay for the service. The European Health Insurance Card ensures free-visits only if it is an emergency case (e.g.: accident, injury, severe pain, etc.).

C/ If you have no insurance, neither European Health Insurance Card, you are free to visit any doctors, but you will have to pay for any kind of service.

“TAJ card”

If you are *Stipendium Hungaricum* or a *Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People* scholarship holder, you are eligible for both “TAJ card” (non-private health insurance) and supplementary (private) health insurance. After enrollment please start arranging them both!

With this card, the scholarship holders have the possibility to access the public healthcare for free at the health care institutions in their district.

What do you need to be entitled to have the “TAJ card”:

- a foreign citizenship,
- who have no permanent accommodation in Hungary BUT
- have a temporary Hungarian accommodation

AND

- who have *Stipendium Hungaricum* scholarship, OR
- who are part of the *Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People*, OR
- who are part of the *Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship*.

For more information about the healthcare in Hungary, please visit the following [web-site!](#)

Mental wellbeing

Our Faculties employs psychologists, who also provide services in English. In addition, we offer additional mental health facilities to those who show interest, for example within the framework of the “Oázis Lelkigondozó és Mentálhigiénés Szolgálat”. If foreign students do not find these methods suitable for dealing with their problems, our coordinators or mentors are able to assist them to find native speaking psychologists.

STUDIUM Fee-for-Service Health Insurance

The STUDIUM insurance product of Generali Biztosító Zrt. (Generali Insurance Ltd.) provides fee-for-service health insurance coverage primarily for natural person foreign citizens aged 18 to 65 years who are enrolled as students at the University of Pázmány Péter Catholic University (registered seat: 1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi utca 28.) under the **Stipendium Hungaricum, Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship** or **Scholarship for Christian Young People** government grant program.

The insurance covers the costs of medical procedures, treatments, physician and hospital services, medications and medical equipment, and in a medical necessity, the insured person's patient transport, provided that the insured receives these services at or with the consent of the designated service provider or if such services are arranged by the designated service provider specifically named on the insured's declaration and the Health Insurance Card, except in emergencies (as defined in medicine), when the insured may be treated in a medical institution or by a health care provider other than the designated service provider.

Health insurance card: a card bearing the same serial number as that of the insured's statement and issued by the insurance company containing the most important information related to the insurance coverage, which is designed to be proof of the insurance coverage at the health care service provider.

We wish you a pleasant stay!

