



PÁZMÁNY

PÁZMÁNY PÉTER
CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY

1635





INTRODUCTION TO OUR UNIVERSITY

Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPKE) is an accredited, state-recognized higher education institution in Budapest, Hungary, run by the Catholic Church and governed by the Hungarian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The foundation of our institution in Nagyszombat in 1635 and its re-foundation in 1992 are the cornerstones of **Hungary's oldest continuously operating university**. With its diverse training system, PPKE serves both the transmission of traditional knowledge and values necessary for the development of the entire human personality, as well as the formation of the information society and its adaptation to human fulfillment.

The spirit of our university is fundamentally determined by its **Catholic affiliation** and the resulting **human and community values**. Respect for each other, building a professional and friendly community across generations, as well as paying attention to each other and helping each other are of fundamental importance to us. Knowledge is transferred in a people-oriented environment, always taking into account the capabilities, skills and needs of our students. We pay particular attention to the importance of high-quality science and education. These universally recognized values ensure, that the degrees awarded retain their value and contribute to the favorable reception of Pázmány's graduates in the labor market.



GREETINGS

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the community of Pázmány Péter Catholic University!

Our university, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, belongs to a supranational entity namely the Catholic Church, that manifests in nations. Therefore, our university is the university of Hungarian Catholics.

Rightly understood and sincerely practiced, religion not only has a uniquely positive influence on our personal development and way of life, but also enriches intellectual and scientific activity. It imparts not only knowledge and professional expertise but also a comprehensive worldview and wisdom. Knowledge, on its own, is a form of power that can be used for good or for bad; wisdom (rooted in values and faith) however is that form of knowledge which guards against misuse. And today, we can clearly see the damage that knowledge used without wisdom, can cause.

The richness of a nation's culture is enhanced when its higher education system encompasses institutions founded on diverse philosophical and spiritual traditions. This diversity is also an expression of the fundamental right to freedom of religion and conscience. Therefore, our university welcomes applications from Catholic young people and adults who seek to cultivate not only their professional knowledge but also their spiritual life—recognizing that the two are incomplete without one another. At the same time, we gladly welcome all individuals - regardless of religious affiliation - who earnestly seek truth and wish to discover and prepare for their vocation.

We aim to prepare not only our students, but every member of our university community—including our teachers and staff—for the service of three great values: the nation (our homeland), science, and religion—more specifically, the Catholic Church. These ideals are embodied in the threefold identity of our university: Hungarian, Catholic, and academic. Our institution prepares its citizens for this threefold service primarily through the cultivation of science.

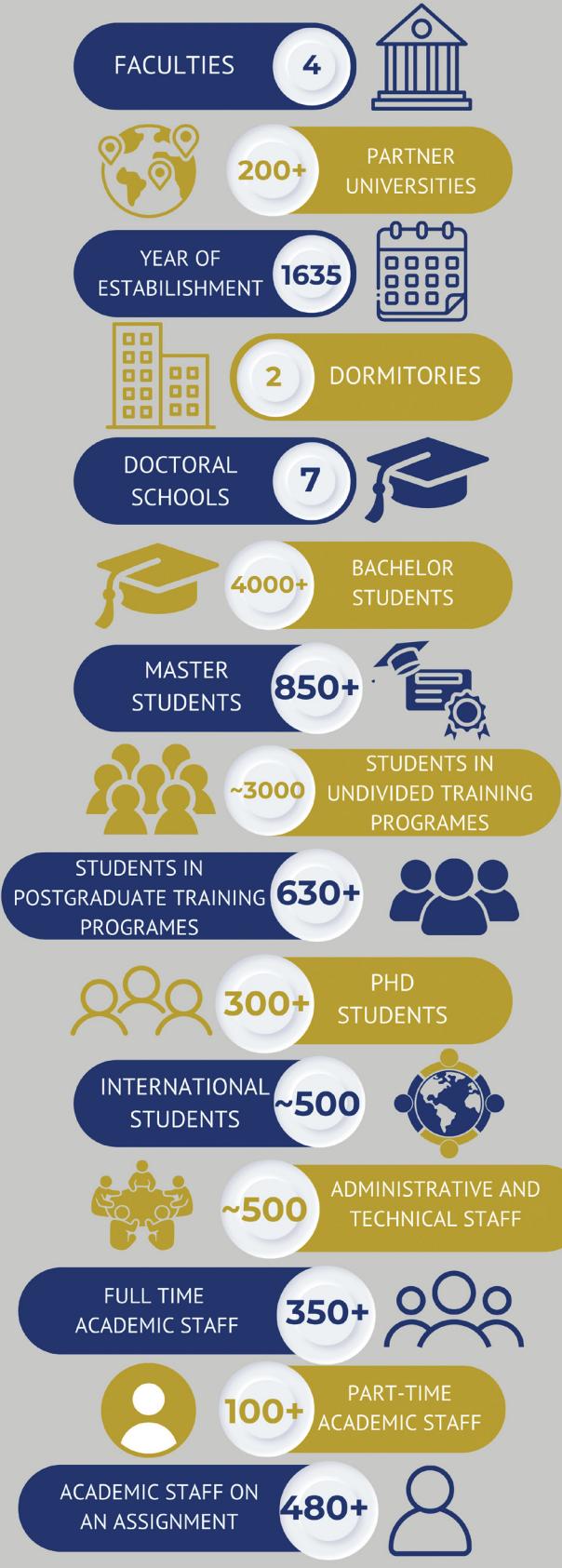
Why are these three values central? We believe that every nation has the right to exist and to develop its culture, for humanity is made up of many nations, and it is only through their collective contributions that the richness of the human race is fully expressed. Secondly, the service of science teaches us to respect truth unconditionally. And finally, the value of religion unites and inspires all the others, for it embodies the supreme Value—the devoted service of the Holy God.

The Catholic Church, while firmly committed to the belief that it is the unique custodian of the fullness of Christ's legacy, emphasizes with equal force the importance of patience and true religious tolerance. No one should be forced into the Catholic faith or any belief different from their own, nor should anyone be forced to renounce their sincerely held faith or Catholic identity.

One of our most important missions is to awaken the new, young generations to the pursuit of true faith and true science. It is only through the correct understanding and harmonious service of these three values that we can develop the full spectrum of human intelligence—an intelligence that enables us to find and fulfill our place and mission in our nation, in our Church, and in the entire Universe.

Rev. Dr. Géza Kuminetz
Rector

PPKE IN NUMBERS



Our students at the Faculty of Law are regular participants in the following internationally recognized legal competitions, returning home with excellent results:

- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
- ICC IBAN Moot court Hague
- All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition
- The Nuremberg Moot Court

Recent International Competition Achievements of Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics:

- Cybathlon (ETH Zürich, Switzerland, 2024) – 1st place, Vision Assistance Race
- Science Hackathon (TUM Munich, Germany 2025) – 2nd place
- SSNR Summer School on Neurorehabilitation (Baiona, Spain, 2025) – Grand Prize
- CASSINI #9 Hackathon (Innsbruck, Austria, 2025) – 1st place
- International Quant Championship (Singapore, 2025) – Top 12 out of 79,000 participants

The research groups of the **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** at Pázmány Péter Catholic University maintain numerous international collaborations both within and beyond Europe. Several groups also conduct research abroad – for instance, archaeologists work in Syria and Russia, while art historians, historians, and Romanists pursue projects in Italy. Scholars of East Asian studies have research projects in China and India, and literary researchers in Ireland, amongst many other countries.

*„People-centred
quality education,
classical knowledge
and innovation”*

This is what
Pázmány Péter Catholic University
offers its students.



Faculty of Theology

1992

Faculty of Humanities
and Social Sciences



1992



Faculty of Law
and Political Sciences

1995

Faculty of Information Technology
and Bionics



1998



FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

The Faculty of Theology, the oldest faculty of our University, has been continuously engaged in theological education for nearly 400 years since its founding in Nagyszombat, in 1635. Despite facing significant challenges at times, it has upheld the tradition of theological education under the name of Pázmány.

In 1950, the Faculty of Theology was separated from the other faculties of the Royal Hungarian Pázmány Péter University and operated for several decades as the Roman Catholic Central Academy of Theology in the building of the former Pauline monastery, now home to the Central Seminary. In 1998, as part of the newly restructured Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the Faculty moved into its current location on Veres Pálné Street. Today, its lecture halls are equipped with state-of-the-art IT technology.

The Faculty of Theology offers both full-time and correspondence programs, officially recognized by both the Catholic Church and the Hungarian state. Degree programs taught in Hungarian include Theology, Religious Education, Community Organization, Catechetical-Pastoral Associate training, as well as advanced studies in faith and morals. Theology can also be studied in combination with other liberal arts teaching degrees.

The Faculty's Doctoral School, operated jointly with the Postgraduate Institute of Canon Law, offers state-recognized doctoral degrees in both Theology and Canon Law. The faculty library has expanded significantly in recent decades and now includes access to an integrated library system and various academic databases.

Each academic year, the Faculty hosts several thematic conferences, featuring presentations by both national and international experts. Edited proceedings are published in the *Varia Theologica* series and other scholarly volumes. The Faculty's Hungarian-language academic journal is *Theology*, while faculty members also contribute theological studies in foreign languages to the journal *Folia Theologica et Canonica*.

The Faculty maintains strong international partnerships, allowing both students and staff to participate in research and exchange programs, primarily through the Erasmus program.



FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

I welcome you on behalf of the community of the Faculty of Theology!

In the mid-fourth century, Christians were engaged in serious discussions about which books should be entrusted to young minds. At that time, Christian literature offered little in the way of poetry, so those wishing to master classical Greek, had to turn to works like those of Homer and Hesiod. However, the characters portrayed in these texts, by their actions, often could not be held up as role models for young Christians

Recognizing this concern, Saint Basil the Great addressed the issue in his work *Exhortation to the Young*. Writing to his nephews, he offered the following advice: „Take books as an example from the bees. Bees do not indiscriminately visit every flower, but rather extract only what is useful for their work. Similarly, we should draw from literature only what aligns with truth and serves our moral development, and remain cautious of the rest.”

Today, in an era defined by the overwhelming abundance of information and digital content, young Christians face similar challenges. Can we trust the flood of information surrounding us? Are the figures celebrated in today's narratives truly worthy of imitation?

At the Faculty of Theology, we strive to equip our students with the intellectual and spiritual tools to answer life's most profound questions with authenticity and clarity. The philosophical and theological disciplines taught in our Faculty can prepare our students to become acquainted with Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church at the beginning of the third millennium, so that they can enrich the Catholic Church with their work as a priest, monk or religious teacher.

We also warmly welcome those who do not choose theology as their life's vocation, but who are captivated by the Truth, Goodness and Beauty found in the world of nature and man, in the richness of the arts, for whom it is already clear that a deeper knowledge of the culture that the Church has cultivated for two thousand years is essential to understanding our European civilisation.

Dr. László Perendy
Dean of the faculty

Faculty of Theology

At the Faculty, our mission is to carry out our educational and research activities in the light of faith, with a deep and high-level understanding of the Catholic theology.

Our faculty trains seminarians and those who wish to undertake ecclesiastical service in their lay vocations, such as religious education, community organization, and catechesis.

We prepare for service in small groups with a missionary commitment.

Undergraduate/Bachelor programs – held in Hungarian

Catholic Community Organizer BA

ECTS: 180

Duration: 6 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Catholic Catechate-Pastoral Assistant BA

ECTS: 180

Duration: 6 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Graduate/Master programs – held in Hungarian

Catholic Canon Lawyer MA

ECTS: 120

Duration: 4 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Postgraduate specialized education - held in Hungarian

Catholic faith and morals teacher

ECTS: 60

Duration: 2 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Doctoral Programs – held in Hungarian

Doctoral Program in Theology

ECTS: 240

Duration: 8 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Doctoral Program in Canon Law

ECTS: 240

Duration: 8 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Undivided training programs – held in Hungarian

Catholic Theology MA

ECTS: 300

Duration: 10 semesters

Language: Hungarian

Religious Teacher and Educator MA

ECTS: 300

Duration: 10 semesters

Language: Hungarian

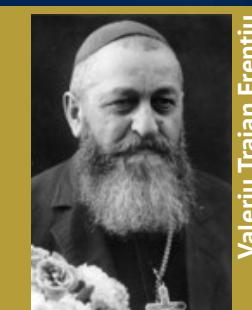
Martyrs of the Faculty of Theology

Pope John Paul II called the 20th century the “century of martyrs” because totalitarian dictatorships claimed as many victims among the priests, monks, and followers of Christian Churches as the persecution of the Church in the early history of Christianity. To ensure that the memory of the martyrs of more recent persecutions of the Church is not forgotten, the Catholic Church has made them role models through beatification. The Catholic Church has beatified those who bore heroic witness to Christ through their lives and their perseverance in the faith, setting them as examples for Christians today.

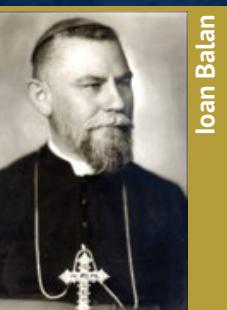
Seven former students at our university's Faculty of Theology have been beatified so far, all of whom were victims of the communist dictatorship in the 1950s. Since the Faculty of Theology has been a multi-ethnic community embracing several Catholic rites since its foundation, our martyrs include Romanians, Germans, and Ruthenians alongside Hungarians; in addition to Roman Catholics, there are also Greek Catholics, and one of them even had Armenian Catholic roots in his family.

Even before World War I, Romanian Greek Catholic bishops studied here, who were later imprisoned after the Romanian People's Republic, which had fallen under the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union, banned the Uniate Church in 1948. Bishops Valeriu Traian Frentiu (†1952) of Oradea, Ioan Bălan (†1959) of Lugoj, and Alexandru Rusu (†1963) of Maramureş resisted State pressure, refusing to convert to Orthodoxy and urging their priests and followers to do the same. The Greek Catholic Church was also banned in the Czechoslovak People's Republic in 1950, and Bishop Pavel Petro Gojdics of Eperjes was convicted in a show trial as a “Vatican spy” (†1960). In Romania, the leaders of the Latin Rite dioceses were also deprived of their freedom after 1948; Bishop János Scheffler of Satu Mare preferred to serve a prison sentence rather than organize a “national Church” subordinate to the State (†1952). The Holy See then sought to maintain the hierarchy by ordaining younger secret bishops, but they were soon arrested as well; thus, Szilárd Bogdánffy of Nagyvárad died in prison (†1953). Soviet-style persecution of the Church also spread to the Hungarian People's Republic, where the Churches were also hit by reprisals after the 1956 revolution; it was then that a young priest, János Brenner (†1957), fell victim to an assassination organized by the political police.

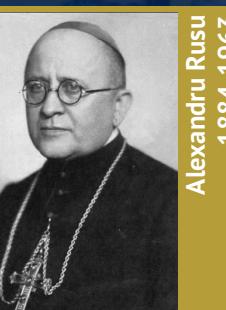
In addition to the above, the beatification process is underway for Ervin Gábor, who was also a member of the Faculty of Theology and fell victim to Nazism in Budapest (†1944).



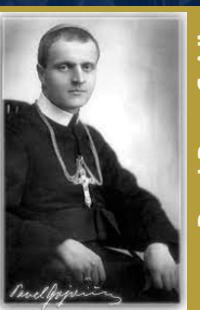
Valeriu Traian Frentiu
1875-1952



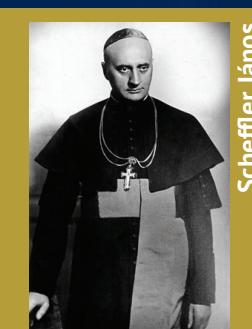
Ioan Bălan
1880-1959



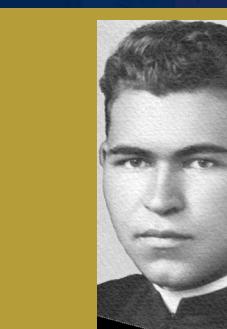
Alexandru Rusu
1884-1963



Pavel Petro Gojdics
1888-1960



Scheffler János
1887-1952



Bogdánffy Szilárd
1911-1953



Brenner János
1931-1957



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Humanities was established in 1992 by the Hungarian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Due to the increasing number of academic programs in social sciences, our Faculty was renamed Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2012.

The former Vitéz János Faculty located in Esztergom was integrated into our Faculty as the Vitéz János Centre for Teacher Training in 2013. The Faculty attaches great importance to the training of future teachers. At the Faculty, there are Bachelor, Master and PhD programs in the fields of humanities, social sciences and economics, ranging from Hungarian and several foreign languages to history, art history, philosophy, aesthetics, psychology, sociology, international studies and more. This gives the advantage of diversity, which proves that Pázmány is a unique university in Hungary. The Faculty offers different environments and atmospheres for those who want to master an area in the arts and social sciences.

Our values are fundamentally defined by our Catholic heritage. Respect for one another, building and maintaining a tight-knit community that thrives and academic achievement are equally important to us. We make great efforts to provide a nurturing environment for learning, in which the abilities, skills, and needs of students are carefully considered.

We firmly believe that the enduring prestige of our diplomas and the positive reception of our graduates in the job market reflect the strength of our core values.



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences community!

Our Faculty is deservedly among the most popular in the country. Pázmány faculty members are present in public life and in the media. They are equally renowned in ancient science and in the psychology of human-machine relations. It is hard to imagine the archaeological excavation of knight's castles, research into Hungarian prehistory, or scientific knowledge of the modern East without Pázmány students.

This is our common family. We believe that the foundation of our success is prayer and work. Harmony of soul, spirit and body. In this way, the university becomes a „laboratory of hope”, an important step towards true values.

We look forward to working together for some time to become a life-giving community based on true knowledge.

As Pope Francis said recently at our University:

„By opening up to others, you get to know yourself better. Openness, opening up to others, is like a mirror: it makes me know myself better. Culture leads us to know ourselves.”

Dr. Nándor Birher
Dean of the faculty

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty offers an extensive and diverse academic portfolio in the fields of humanities, social Sciences and economics

Several programs - including Political Science, International Relations, History, Archaeology, Linguistics, and Literature - are delivered entirely in English, providing students with a truly international academic experience.

The faculty is home to state-of-the-art research facilities, including the Archaeological Geoinformatics Laboratory, the Media Lab (comprising the Audio-Visual Lab, Broadcast Studio, and Creative Media Lab), the Infant Research Laboratory, and the Psychological Research Laboratory. These laboratories support cutting-edge research and foster experiential learning across disciplines.

OUR PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH

UNDERGRADUATE / BACHELOR

Our University is deeply shaped by its Catholic tradition, fostering a culture of respect, integrity, and community. These values inspire us to cultivate an environment where students from all walks of life can thrive academically and personally.

GRADUATE / MASTER

We are committed to nurturing unique talents and addressing students' individual needs. Our dedicated faculty and support staff ensure that every student receives personalized guidance to excel in their studies and beyond.

POST GRADUATE/ PHD

Graduating from Pázmány University means earning a degree that is widely recognized and respected in the job market. Our alumni embody the values of our university, which makes them sought-after professionals in various fields.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our programs in English

UNDERGRADUATE/ BACHELOR	HISTORY	ECTS: 180
	ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES	Duration: 6 semesters Language: English

GRADUATE / MASTER

ARCHAEOLOGY	ECTS: 120
ENGLISH STUDIES	Duration: 4 semesters Language: English
HISTORY	ECTS: 120
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	Duration: 4 semesters Language: English
POLITICAL SCIENCE	ECTS: 120

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN HISTORY

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN LITERATURE

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN LINGUISTICS

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN GLOBAL ARMENIAN STUDIES

ECTS: 240
Duration: 8 semesters
Language: English

POST GRADUATE / PHD



FACULTY OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

The Hungarian Bishops' Conference established the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences in 1995, and it also received state recognition. Since then, our faculty has become one of the leading institutions for legal education in Hungary. Our values and objectives remain deeply rooted in the spirit of the original university founded by Cardinal Péter Pázmány in 1635.

We aim to support our students in becoming not only outstanding professionals who meet the demands of modern society, but also individuals with a firm ethical framework who can recognise and resolve moral dilemmas that may arise in their professional lives.

Our training opens the door to a range of possibilities offering promising life paths and opportunities for personal development beyond traditional legal careers, such as becoming a judge, prosecutor or attorney. Graduates can, for instance, run their own businesses, work in the media, specialise in data protection in either the public or private sector, or take on diplomatic roles. As we have seen with our former students, they bring their diverse talents and ever-expanding professional experience to a wide range of fields, including the application of law, policymaking and interdisciplinary expertise. Each of them brings their own unique knowledge and skills to the community.

As a Catholic institution, we seek to integrate scientific knowledge—both in research and in teaching—into a coherent Christian worldview. However, our Catholic worldview is not obligatory for any member of the community; rather, it is an invitation to engage with the world around us from a perspective built on shared or respected values.



FACULTY OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

On behalf of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you!

Our law faculty is a diverse community of students with a wide range of talents and abilities. Some excel in national or international mooting competitions, while others excel in academic activities. Some have excellent communication skills, while others have a talent for managing complex legal processes or running businesses. While some will specialise in different areas of private law, others will focus on areas related to constitutional law, criminal law or public international law. What they all have in common, however, is that they are preparing to serve individuals and communities in order to create a more humane society.

Our community, comprising faculty, students and administrators, is committed to identifying and sharing knowledge through collaborative research, teaching and learning to help ensure a just, predictable, peaceful and purposeful normative framework for individuals and society. It is within such a framework that each individual can best realise their own human dignity. We pay particular attention to the problems faced by the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the margins of society. Those who commit themselves to these goals will develop their personalities and moral values.

Dr. László Komáromi
Dean of the faculty

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PROGRAMS AND FOCUS AREAS

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Our work is carried out in a spirit of community: the university is a fellowship of students and lecturers who work together harmoniously. Through collective reflection, we aim to identify and offer solutions to the serious contemporary issues that threaten human dignity. Pázmány professors are influential legal scholars and passionate educators. We aspire to nurture intellectuals who are committed to serving both individuals and broader communities, while also developing their own talents to the fullest. We explore and teach how the legal system can support individuals and communities in cultivating their own unique set of values.

Law (Integrated Single-Cycle Programme) – held in Hungarian

This five-year, integrated, university-level programme leads to a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Law. It provides comprehensive preparation for the legal profession, with its roots in ancient European legal traditions, particularly those of the Roman Empire. A law degree provides a broad education in the humanities that can be applied across a wide range of professional fields.

Beyond traditional legal careers, such as those of judges, prosecutors, or attorneys, this qualification opens doors to diverse professional paths with promising opportunities for advancement and personal growth. Graduates may, for example, lead their business ventures, work in the media, specialize in data protection in either the public or private sector, or serve in diplomatic roles, for example.

BA in Judicial Administration – held in Hungarian

This six-semester undergraduate programme provides professional training in judicial organization. Judicial administrators are practical professionals who primarily support the decision-making processes within the justice system. Their responsibilities include assisting with the preparation and implementation of judicial decisions.

Most graduates pursue careers as court clerks, judicial or enforcement administrators, or court officers. Others find employment in various areas of public administration, including social services, land and property registry, or tax administration.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – held in Hungarian

The MBA is a postgraduate programme designed to prepare students for leadership roles in business. The first MBA programme was established at Harvard University in 1908. Today, MBA programs target individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree and have relevant work experience, but wish to deepen their business knowledge and leadership skills.

This qualification primarily provides access to a wide range of business management and executive positions.

Postgraduate Training Programs for Law Degree Holders - held in English:

Deák Ferenc Institute is one of the market leaders in postgraduate training and is offering specialised expertise in particular areas.

Digital Technology and
Data Economy for
Lawyers
(in English)



Corporate Compliance
Lawyer (in English)



Combating Cybercrimes,
Corruption and Money
Laundering (in English)



Relationship with professional associations

Our training offers numerous opportunities, promising career paths and personal development in countless areas, particularly in the fields of 'traditional' legal careers, such as judge, prosecutor, lawyer, notary public, civil servant, or legal advisor. The Faculty has an extensive network of contacts in the legal community. We have numerous professional and career agreements with law firms, government agencies, and companies. Our staff and lecturers also have close ties with professional legal associations and institutions.

We have contracts with hundreds of partners participating in our legal internship programs, including courts, public prosecutors' offices, government agencies, law firms, companies, and ministries. Our Deák Ferenc School for Postgraduate Studies offers several specialized courses that are specifically related to the different legal vocations, where our instructors pass on their personal professional experience to the students.

Pázmány specific value

Our goal is to train lawyers who are well-versed in the legal profession, who constantly seek truth and justice, serving their community and the created environment.

We support our students not only in becoming excellent professionals who meet the needs of modern society, but also in becoming people with a solid ethical framework who provide sound solutions to the moral dilemmas arising during their professional careers.

Our graduates set noble goals: to promote justice and the common good, to lift up the disadvantaged, to protect the vulnerable and the weak, and to preserve the peaceful order of society.

What makes us stand out?

The Faculty of Law is an indispensable and internationally recognized faculty in domestic legal education and research. Instructors of professional renown in various fields of study train students, not only in classroom settings, but also in research workshops and moot court preparation sessions.

The Faculty places a strong emphasis on talent management and mentoring programs. New students receive personalized assistance and support from the very first moment from the Study Department, mentor teachers, and the student organization specializing in this area, the community of the so-called Tutors. In this way, the Faculty helps students and incoming Erasmus students to settle into their university life, supports them in developing their talents to the fullest, and helps them to excell in both domestic and international moot courts and contests.

As a Catholic law faculty in Hungary, we feature canon law as a compulsory subject in our training program, with a separate institute of Canon Law Studies. In addition to the Department of Environmental Law and Competition Law, there is also a research group dealing with creation care, which does outstanding work in preparing future lawyers for challenges faced in the field of sustainability and equity.

We are also versatile in the field of continuing education. We offer nearly 20 specialized postgraduate programs, including Digital Transformation Lawyer, which is very popular among students.



CANON LAW POSTGRAUATE INSTITUTE

Canon Law, in its strict sense, refers to the internal legal system of the Catholic Church, designed to ensure order and proper governance within the ecclesial community.

The Canon Law Postgraduate Institute currently offers both a Master's program (MA) in Catholic Canon Law and a doctoral programme in Canon Law, the latter being part of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University's Doctoral School of Theology. Admission to the Institute is open to those who hold a BA or MA degree in Catholic theology or a degree in law. Upon completion of studies, students may earn the academic degrees of Bachelor of Canon Law (MA), Licentiate in Canon Law, and Doctorate in Canon Law (PhD). For applicants who hold different academic qualifications or are still engaged in higher education, the Institute provides a part-time program in canon law.

The Institute also actively supports the professional development of outstanding students by offering access to international academic and professional networks in the field of canon law.

The doctoral degrees in canon law awarded by the Institute in the name of the Pope are internationally recognised within the Catholic Church, in addition to the recognition by the Hungarian state.



CANON LAW POSTGRAUATE INSTITUTE

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the community of the Postgraduate Institute of Canon Law!

Our Institute, as a faculty-level unit of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, was established in the autumn of 1996 by the Congregation for Catholic Education. Our primary mission is the training of canon lawyers in Hungarian and the cultivation and dissemination of canon law in Hungary.

Throughout history, Hungary has been home to many distinguished canon lawyers, including Justinian Serédi, István Sipos, and Péter Erdő. Today, our Institute stands as a prominent center for canon law in Central Europe, alongside esteemed faculties in Munich, Lublin, and Venice. Many of our past and present faculty members have earned recognition through their professional activities and service within the institutions of the Holy See.

Canon law plays a vital role in the governance and continual renewal of the Church. Our Institute is doing its utmost to contribute to these tasks. In addition to educating future canon lawyers, we also contribute to the training of students of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences - it helps the civil lawyer to understand the logic of a sacral approach based on higher principles, in addition to a positivist approach based on the purely legal legitimacy of the law.

We warmly welcome all those who are interested in the study of canon law and invite you to join our academic community.

Dr. Péter Szabó
president

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FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIONICS

The Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics (ITK) at Pázmány Péter Catholic University is a unique centre where computer science, engineering, and the life sciences meet. Our mission is to educate future innovators and researchers who develop technologies that advance science, industry, and human well-being.

Rooted in Hungary's strong scientific traditions yet fully international in outlook, ITK offers English-language Master's and Doctoral programs, vibrant exchange opportunities, and extensive research collaborations across Europe and beyond. Our graduates pursue successful global careers, while our research contributes to frontier fields from artificial intelligence and bioinformatics to brain-computer interfaces, intelligent prosthetics, and molecular diagnostics.

Education and research form a seamless whole: students join cutting-edge projects from early on, working in more than 30 state-of-the-art laboratories alongside scientists and industry experts. Our location in Budapest's innovation district - next to leading partners such as Semmelweis University, the Institute of Experimental Medicine, Nokia Skypark, and Corvin Innovation Campus - fosters daily collaboration and technology transfer.

As a Catholic university, we place human dignity and societal impact at the heart of our work. At ITK, education is more than acquiring skills - it is a journey of discovery, creativity, and responsibility in the service of science, technology, and humanity.



FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIONICS

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics community!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the community of the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics.

The Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2023, is dedicated to placing the human person at the heart of education, research, and innovation. Our mission is to combine cutting-edge scientific and technological excellence with a deeply human-centred approach: an approach that emphasizes mentorship, personal engagement, and meaningful collaboration as essential components of academic and professional growth.

Building upon a strong foundation in engineering and information technology, our Faculty offers unique expertise in bionics engineering - an interdisciplinary field that bridges electronics, informatics, and life sciences. Here, students, researchers, and industry partners work together to design and implement technologies that advance medical care, support rehabilitation, and improve quality of life for those affected by illness or injury.

The excellence of our programs is reflected in the achievements of our students and research teams, who have repeatedly distinguished themselves at international competitions such as the Cybathlon - often referred to as the "Formula 1 of bionics." Our graduates enjoy outstanding career opportunities, and the impact of our doctoral and postdoctoral research is recognised worldwide.

Our research portfolio spans a wide range of frontier topics, including brain-computer interfaces, intelligent prostheses and exoskeletons, molecular imaging systems, miniaturised diagnostic platforms, artificial intelligence, and bioinformatics. These endeavours are not only shaping the future of science and engineering but also driving technological innovation with real societal relevance.

I warmly invite you to join us in this intellectual journey: one dedicated to exploring the human person and the world around us, advancing knowledge, creating technologies that heal and enhance lives, and, above all, pursuing truth.

May God bless your life, your work, and your continued quest for knowledge.

Dr. Cserey György
Dean of the faculty

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The Jedlik Laboratories at the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics conduct world-class research at the interface of biology, computer science, mathematics, physics, and info-bionics, with particular strengths in bioinformatics, electrical engineering, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. Thirty-two research groups collaborate closely, fostering a strongly interdisciplinary environment that ensures the Faculty remains at the forefront of technological development.

Research encompasses a wide range of areas, from biology-inspired and neuromorphic models, systems biology, and molecular dynamics to advanced sensor technologies, robotics, telepresence, human language technologies, and integrated hardware-software solutions. A special focus is placed on bionics research for the Cybathlon, the international “Olympics of Bionics,” where teams develop and apply assistive technologies for people with disabilities.

Innovation is a core pillar of the Faculty’s mission. Our students and researchers actively translate scientific results into practical applications, giving rise to successful spin-off companies and technological solutions that serve healthcare, engineering, and AI-based industries. Six out of seven earlier spin-off companies are still actively growing. Through our structured innovation ecosystem, supported by industry partnerships, entrepreneurship programs, and technology transfer initiatives, we strive to advance science and technology while creating tangible benefits for society.



The Jedlik Ányos
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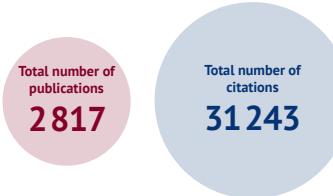


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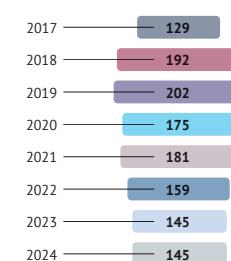
The Faculty’s strong academic foundation, including its multidisciplinary doctoral programs, combined with a culture of innovation, reflects the vision of founding dean Prof. Tamás Roska (1940-2014) - to establish a research-driven institution that unites information technology and neuroscience. More than 25 years later, the Jedlik Laboratories continue to drive pioneering research and innovation, involving more than 60 PhD students and many MSc and BSc students, producing solutions that shape the technologies of the future and offer strategic value to industry and society.

JEDLIK LABORATORIES RESEARCH REPORT

RESEARCH RESULTS IN NUMBERS



NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS
BY YEAR



NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS IN THE TOP
10% (D1) AND TOP 25% (Q1) OF BEST
JOURNALS RANKED BY SCIMAGO

Referenced journal papers	D1	Q1	D1 ratio	Q1 ratio
2021	113	29	52	26%
2022	116	26	49	42%
2023	89	23	41	26%
2024	99	29	51	30%
				51%



EDUCATION AT THE FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIONICS

At Pázmány ITK, education and research form a seamless whole. The Faculty offers a complete academic pathway from undergraduate to doctoral level, preparing students for a world where technology and life sciences increasingly intertwine. Our Bachelor's programs, taught primarily in Hungarian, provide a strong foundation in IT and bionics, with several courses offered in English from the fifth semester to foster international readiness.

Building on this foundation, our Master's programs – all taught entirely in English – represent the cutting edge of interdisciplinary education. Students can choose from: Bioinformatics, Computer Science Engineering, Info-Bionics Engineering, Medical Biotechnology, Quantum Engineering, and the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree in Image Processing and Computer Vision (IPCV). The IPCV program is offered in collaboration with Université de Bordeaux and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), focusing on AI-driven image analysis and computer vision.

Students at ITK work closely with leading researchers in an inspiring academic environment, equipped with world-class laboratories and advanced research infrastructure. The Faculty's human-centered approach ensures personal mentorship and genuine academic community, where students are regarded as young colleagues contributing to ongoing innovation.

Our Doctoral School offers PhD programs in Information Science, Electrical Engineering Sciences, and Biological Sciences. Doctoral candidates join vibrant, internationally connected research groups engaged in high-impact projects across fields such as artificial intelligence, neurotechnology, medical imaging, and sensor systems. The Faculty's "Excellent Research Site" distinction, awarded by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, underscores the quality and impact of its research ecosystem.

MASTERS PROGRAMS: Duration: 1 + 4 semesters (compulsory Foundation Semester)

Bioinformatics MSc

Biology (compulsory) and Chemistry OR Computer Science

Computer Science Engineering MSc

Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics/Electronics

Info-Bionics Engineering MSc

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics/Electronics

Medical Biotechnology MSc

Biology, Chemistry

Quantum Engineering MSc

Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics/Electronics



ENTRANCE EXAM TOPICS

DOCTORAL PROGRAM: Duration: 8 semesters

ROSKA Tamás Doctoral School of Sciences and Technology

Information Science
Electrical Engineering Sciences
Biological Sciences



POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS: Duration: 2 semesters (fully online)

BioData Analysis PgCert

APPLICATION CRITERIA
BSc degree in Computer Science, Molecular Biology or similar



ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTERS DEGREE: Duration: 4 semesters

Image Processing and Computer Vision EMJ



ipcv.eu

RESEARCH

Faculty of Theology

Pentateuch Research Programme

The research project in the Department of Old Testament Scripture studies examines the problem of the origins of the Mosaic books and the so-called Pentateuchal question, with a special emphasis on the analysis of biblical prehistory and the patriarchal stories.

Church History Research Group

The research group is primarily engaged in the exploration and publication of the as yet little researched source and institutional history of the medieval and early modern Hungarian church history.



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

There are more than thirty research groups at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, fostering research interests across various fields within the humanities and social sciences. These include philosophy, literature, language, history, archaeology, psychology, communication and media studies, art history, care policy, sociology, and pedagogy. Our research spans from traditional archaeological, literary, and ecclesiastical historical studies to more interdisciplinary approaches, encompassing media psychology, experimental linguistics, artificial intelligence, and numerous other areas.

The Faculty's notable research groups include the Baroque Literature and Spirituality Research Group, the Vilmos Fraknói Vatican Historical Research Group, and the Adolescent Development Research Group, which are all part of the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network. The Bosphorus Research Group conducts interdisciplinary research into the recent past of the Balkans, the Mediterranean, and Turkey, also focusing on current political, economic, and social processes, as well as the prospects of the regions. Less traditional is the interdisciplinary research group on popular culture and fantasy in English-speaking countries, which aims to examine English-language fantasy literature and visual culture, as well as popular culture.



RESEARCH

Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

Research is conducted in a variety of individual and group formats. The most important ones take the form of research teams or research centres. The following research centres are currently active in the faculty:

Competition Law Research Centre

István Erey Public Law Research Center

The *Pope Saint John Paul II Research Centre* was established in 2020. The aim of the Research Centre is to contribute to the research work of PPKE in the search for truth, the preservation of knowledge and its transfer to the benefit of society, complementing the research carried out in the faculties of PPKE in a subsidiary manner. In its research, it seeks to integrate knowledge, to dialogue between faith and reason, to take into account the ethical aspects of the subject of research and to present its theological perspectives. The Centre is pursuing these objectives through the production of scientific publications, the translation of scientific textbooks, the organization of conferences and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. The Centre operates under the direct authority of the Rector.



Research Institute for the Integrity of Creation

The Research Institute for the Integrity of Creation started its work in January 2022, at the The Pope Saint John Paul II Research Centre of Pázmány Péter Catholic University. In the early 1990s, the leadership of Pázmány Péter Catholic University recognized that the environmental crisis is both a technological and a social challenge, which can only be met in a new, holistic, creative, and innovative way. Therefore, basic environmental literacy is essential for intellectuals and especially important for the legally qualified ones. It is known that the unfolding sustainability crisis has not escaped the attention of the Holy See, and guidelines provided by the church regarding the issue have been published since the 1980ies.

For the above reasons, in 1995, the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University was the first in Hungary to establish a department of environmental law. The Research Institute for the Integrity of Creation represents a further step forward in this process for the university and for Hungarian academia.

So much so, because the protection of creation is more than environmental protection with a religious approach. At its core is the preservation of the world created by God, and therefore, in addition to the ecological approach, it also involves many other disciplines such as philosophy, sociology, law, psychology, economics, education, media studies, communication, and health.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Pázmány Péter Catholic University nurtures an extended network of international relationships and partnerships in Europe and all around the world. This network guarantees diverse options in partnerships, be it mobility, research, joint education, projects or other activities.

Erasmus+ KA131

PPKE has been for a long time active in the Erasmus KA131 Program, funded by the European Union, which provides mobility opportunities between program countries for students, teachers and staff of higher education institutions. Pázmány Péter Catholic University has an ever-growing number of bilateral agreements with universities from the EU and universities from third countries associated to the Programme within the framework of Erasmus KA131, thanks to which a large number of outgoing and incoming mobility takes place every academic year. Our biggest partners of exchange are French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Portuguese universities. PPKE organizes Blended Intensive Programs every year in different thematic fields for which students and staff from partner universities are warmly welcome.



Erasmus+ KA171

Starting from 2016, PPKE has established close ties with several universities worldwide within the framework of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (Erasmus KA171) programme, which gives the opportunity for incoming and outgoing student, teacher and staff mobilities in the relations of PPKE and our partner countries from outside of Europe. We have long-time relations with partner universities from Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Izrael, strong relations with partners from Armenia, as well as from Indonesia, Kenya, Georgia, and Ukraine.



CEEPUS

The aim of the CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) is to enable student and teacher mobility, organize special courses and student excursions between partner institutions cooperating in the field of higher education, and support the development of long-term professional cooperation in the region, thereby promoting and strengthening the strategic role of Central Europe. Within the framework of the program, students and faculty have the opportunity to carry out mobilities in higher education institutions in CEEPUS countries (Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, North Macedonia, Croatia, Kosovo, Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia).

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Our Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics is a proud partner in the two-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Programme in Artificial Intelligence for Image Processing and Computer Vision (IPCVai). This prestigious international programme brings together three leading European universities at the forefront of image analysis and computer vision: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain), Université de Bordeaux (France), and Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Hungary).

The IPCVai Masters program offers a truly interdisciplinary curriculum, combining electrical engineering, applied mathematics, computer science, and computer engineering with cutting-edge expertise in artificial intelligence and neural network models. The programme equips students with the theoretical foundations and practical skills needed to design next-generation vision systems - from advanced image analysis tools to intelligent perception technologies - preparing them for high-impact careers in research, industry, and innovation across Europe and beyond.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hungarian state offers a wide range of scholarship programs designed to support talented individuals worldwide wishing to continue their education in Hungary. Our prospective students can apply for the following scholarship opportunities when choosing to study at selected full-degree programs of Pázmány.

Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme (SH)

Founded in 2013, the Stipendium Hungaricum is the Hungarian Government's most prestigious higher education scholarship programme, offering a wide range of degree programs for high-achieving international students.

It is available for students from five continents and from over 90 partner countries, attracting tens of thousands of international students each year. The program is based on bilateral educational cooperation agreements signed between the Ministries responsible for education in the sending countries and Hungary.

The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, dormitory accommodation or housing allowance, free state-funded healthcare, complementary private health insurance, free visa and residence permit administration for the scholarship holders. Scholarship holders are guaranteed a student visa and then a residence permit for study purposes for the entire duration of their studies.

It is available for Bachelor, Master, Undivided, Doctoral and Non-degree Programs.

For further information on the scholarship program, application process, sending countries and eligible degree programs of Pázmány in the Stipendium Hungaricum Program, visit:



Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People (SCYP)

The Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People (SCYP) was founded in 2017 by the Government of Hungary.

The core mission of the SCYP is to provide opportunities to pursue higher education studies in Hungarian host institutions for Christian youth living in crisis regions of the world or being threatened in their countries because of their faith.

The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, dormitory accommodation or housing allowance, free state-funded healthcare, complementary private health insurance, travel allowance, free visa and residence permit administration.

For further information on the scholarship program, application process, application criteria sending countries and eligible degree programs of Pázmány in the Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People, visit:



Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship (HDS)

The program was established by the Hungarian Government for those individuals of Hungarian heritage who live in a Hungarian diaspora outside of Europe and wish to study at a Hungarian higher education institution to develop their personal, professional and cultural relations to Hungary.

As a Diaspora Scholarship holder, students can receive an internationally recognised degree and acquire highly competitive knowledge to advance both personally and academically.

An excellent opportunity to build professional network and discover everything about Hungary in a supporting and welcoming student environment.

The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, dormitory accommodation or housing allowance, free state-funded healthcare, complementary private health insurance, one-time travel allowance for relocations over 8,000 km, free visa and residence permit administration for the scholarship holders.

For further information on the scholarship program, application process, criteria and eligible degree programs of Pázmány in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship, visit:



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Pázmány Péter Catholic University is a member of several international federations and partnerships.

FUCE (European Federation of Catholic Universities)

The European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE) was established in 1991 with the belief that it would network Catholic universities, building on the European integration that was already taking shape at that time. The organization now brings together Lebanese Catholic universities in addition to European ones, and aims to promote cooperation between members in the academic, scientific and cultural fields, among others. The organization has more than 50 members.



IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities)

The goal of the International Federation of Catholic Universities is to strengthen the relationship between Catholic universities, represent the institutions, and maintain contact with other international organizations. The organization also conducts research and coordinates collaborations between Catholic universities. IFCU currently has more than 250 Catholic higher education institutions as members.



CUP (Catholic Universities Partnership)

The CUP collaboration started in 2003, with the initiative of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies of the American University of Notre Dame du Lac, with the aim of promoting the development of Catholic higher education and civil society in post-communist and post-Soviet Europe.

Members of the Partnership include:

- Catholic University in Ružomberok (Ružomberok, Slovakia)
- Catholic University of Croatia (Zagreb, Croatia)
- The John Paul II. Catholic University in Lublin (Lublin, Poland)
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Budapest, Hungary)
- Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)
- Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine)



EAIE (European Association for International Education)

EAIE is an international association founded in 1989 and headquartered in the Netherlands, which is a European center for expertise, networking and resources related to the internationalization of higher education.



The Three Seas University Network (3SUN)

The Three Seas University Network (3SUN) was created by the initiative of the Polish John Paul II. Catholic University in Lublin, and its purpose is to strengthen international cooperation between universities, to promote research and inter-institutional exchanges. The Three Seas Initiative brings together 12 Central-European countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary. Pázmány Péter Catholic University joined the then-established organization in 2023.



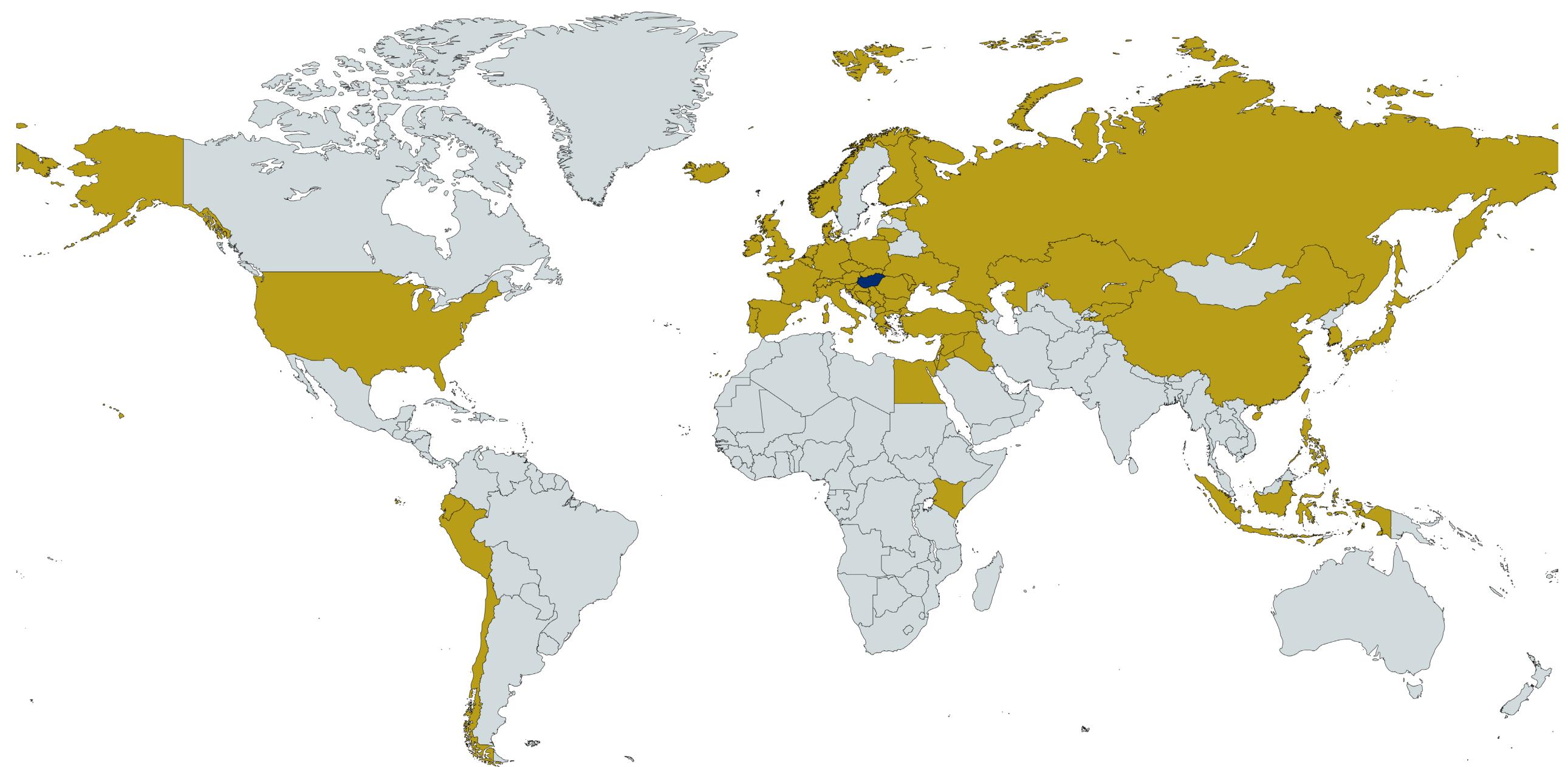
Uniservitate Network

The aim of the Uniservitate Network is to promote and institutionalize the Solidarity Service-learning in Catholic higher education. Its objective is to generate a systemic change in Catholic Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs) through the institutionalization of service-learning as a tool to achieve its mission of offering an integral education to the new generations and involving them in an active commitment to the challenges of our time. The Network is structured by regional hubs. PPKE has joined the Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East Hub, led by the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU) in Germany.



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