



HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY
OF SPORTS SCIENCE
BUDAPEST

International Students WELCOME GUIDE 2025/26



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Welcome!

Congratulations on being accepted and taking the first steps of an amazing new journey with HUSS! Starting a new life in a new country is just as challenging as exciting. With this short guide our aim is to give you a warm welcome and make your first time in our beautiful capital a wonderful experience.



Address

*Address: Budapest, Alkotás u.
48-50, 1123 Hungary
<https://goo.gl/maps/XVr5hD6ty5sF4asJ7>*

*The university is easily
accessible by trams 17 or 61,
metro line 2, and buses 212,
139, 140.*

*The office of International
Relations is on the first floor,
office number building K
Room A106-108.*

AR TESTNEVELÉSI ÉS SPORTTUDOMÁNYI EG

The HUSS campus is currently undergoing a major redevelopment in order to provide our students a modern learning environment with world-class sporting facilities. You can also enjoy a virtual tour of the campus [here](#).

Getting to the city & public transport

If you arrive in Budapest by airplane at Liszt Ferenc International Airport, you can reach the city center either by **public transport** or by **taxi**.



There are two main public transport options by bus:

- **Bus 100E** – Direct service to the city center. (*Special ticket required: 2,200 HUF, you can use your bankcard on this bus to buy the ticket*)
- **Bus 200E** – To *Kőbánya-Kispest* station, then transfer to Metro line M3 (blue line) to *Deák Ferenc tér*.

Tickets can be purchased at BKK Customer Service Centres or from BKK Ticket Machines outside the airport.

BPPay&GO

Itt az új jegyed a 100E
Repülőtéri Expresszre
*Here is your new ticket
for the 100E Airport Express*



Public Transport Costs

Student HUNGARY PASS: 1,890 HUF – You **MUST** have a valid Student ID.

Before you get your student ID, the most economical ticket is a **full price monthly pass**:

Budapest Monthly Pass: 8,950 (valid only in Budapest)

Pest County Monthly Pass: 9,450 HUF (valid for all forms of transport within Pest County)

Buy your tickets in the **BudapestGO** application or at the ticket vending machines. More information: <https://bkk.hu/en/>



BKK Night Service:

<https://bkk.hu/en/travel-information/night-transport/>



Pro-tip from our students

To avoid queues, download the **BudapestGO Application** to your phone and register an account to buy your ticket or pass online. (Note, you may need to change your store location on your phone.)

Direction	Transport	Duration	Cost
Airport to Downtown	Bus 100E	1-1.5 hours	HUF 2200
Airport to Subway	Bus 200E	30 min	HUF 450
From Kőbánya-Kispest Subway station to Deak Ter	M3 (blue line)	30 min	HUF 450
Downtown (Deak Ter) to University	M2 (red line) + walk or Trams 17, 61 towards Moricz Zsigmond Korter	20 min 15 min walk	HUF 450
From Vienna airport to Budapest (Népliget Coach Station)	Flixbus	3 hours	Between HUF 8500-16000



Arriving by train:

Budapest has four main railway stations:

- Keleti Pályaudvar
- Nyugati Pályaudvar
- Deli Pályaudvar
- Kelenföld Pályaudvar

Train tickets can be purchased from the MAV-START application or their website:

<https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en>

Keleti Pályaudvar



Door to Door Shuttle

[miniBud](#) - airport transfer costs approximately 13,000 HUF. Their service area can be found at the arrival's terminal. (Limited luggage capacity)



<https://www.minibud.hu>

TAXI

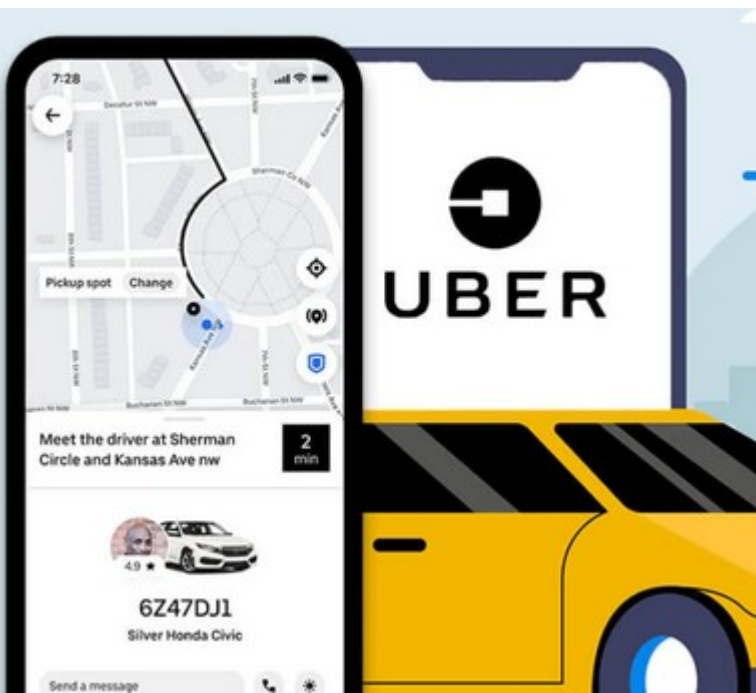


If you have a lot of luggage, the best and easiest way to get from the airport to the center of Budapest is by taxi. Uber and [Bolt taxis](#) can be booked in advance on their respective mobile phone applications. The cost is approximately 13 000 - 18 000 HUF.

Taxi by meter:

13-18,000 HUF

depending on distance and time spent waiting



MOVING TO HUNGARY

- **Prepare for a four-season climate.** Bring both light and warm clothing, as Hungary has hot summers and cold winters. Check the weather forecast for Budapest [here](#).
- **Bring any necessary medication.** If you're on prescription medications, it's best to bring enough for your stay.
- **Bring all your official documents.** Always keep both the originals and a few copies (paper or digital) with you.
- **Plan your budget.** Bring enough money to cover your **initial two months of settling in expenses**. Expect to spend more at the beginning. On average, **600–750 EUR** per month should cover food, accommodation, and basic costs, but this can vary depending on lifestyle and housing. **Cost of living calculator:** www.numbeo.com



Learn a few basic Hungarian phrases. First word to remember:
"Köszönöm" (Thank you)

<https://www.hungarianpod101.com>






LIVING IN HUNGARY

Important phone numbers:

**General
emergency
service phone
number:
112**



Save these numbers in your phone, just in case

Police	Ambulance	Firefighters
107	104	105
		

Calling these numbers is free of charge.

Insurance

Health Insurance in Hungary is mandatory if you want to receive medical care.

EU/EEA member states (EEA = EU member states and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Lichtenstein): it is advised for students to obtain a European Health Insurance Card from your health insurance provider in your home country before you leave home.

Non-EU/EEA member states (country that is not part of the European Economic Area): Purchase your own insurance before leaving home.

Scholarship holders: Students with scholarship offered by the Minister of Education in Hungary are eligible for health care services in Hungary and will receive a „TAJ card”, which enables them to use health services in Hungary.

Please note that medical care is costly without insurance. Do check with your provider what is covered by your insurance policy.

Insurance Providers			National Health Fund
			
https://www.generali.hu/eng.aspx	https://www.allianz.hu/hu_EN/individuals.html	https://union.hu	https://www.neak.gov.hu/oldalak/nyelvi-oldalak/english

MEDICAL CARE

In case of dangerous, life-threatening symptoms, go to the Emergency Room of the closest **hospital**, (**kórház** in Hungarian) and look for the sign **Sürgősségi**. In emergency situations having a valid TAJ card, or private insurance is not a must, you will be examined without valid health insurance. However, after receiving medical care, you **will most likely have to pay for the examination and treatment**.



What type of insurance is the UNIMED health insurance?

It is a health insurance product designed to finance medical care used by students studying in Hungary.



<https://semmelweispremium.hu/en/students>



When an insured has an illness or an accident, the insurer organises and covers the costs of medical attention up to HUF 2,000,000 p.a. incurred at a health service provider that has contract with the insurer. The insured therefore is provided the medical service and receives no money from the insurer.

Pharmacies

If you're experiencing **mild symptoms**—such as a slight fever, runny nose, cold, flu, indigestion, cough, or minor aches, **you can go to any pharmacy** to buy over-the-counter medicine. In Budapest, there are several 24-hour pharmacies available. Just google “gyógyszertárak” to get the list.

<https://www.ugyeletesgyogyszertar.com/budapesti-gyogyszertarak/>



<https://tf.hu/en/students/psychological-counselling>

Mental health

University life can be exciting but also challenging. If you're feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or just need to talk, free counselling is available at HUSS for everyone.

EVERYDAY LIFE

Getting a Hungarian SIM card

There are three main network operators in Hungary (One, Yettel and Telekom).



<https://www.one.hu/english>

<https://en.yettel.hu/>



<https://www.telekom.hu/lakossagi/english>

For the first few weeks, you might want to consider E-Sim options or pre-paid plans that can be purchased right at the airport.

Money matters

The official currency in Hungary is the Hungarian forint (HUF). Check [OANDA](#) for the latest exchange rates. Credit and debit cards, such as **Visa** and **Mastercard** are widely accepted in nearly every major hotel, restaurant, and shop. It's best to use Forint for your everyday purchases. You can easily find exchange offices around the city.

It's a good idea to have a Hungarian bank account to manage your finances while studying in our country.

We recommend you choosing UniCredit (ask for assistance upon arrival), which has a partnership with the university, but other options (OTP, CIB, Erste, Raiffeisen etc.) are available as well.

Pro-tip from our students

Revolut and Wise are also widely used in Hungary.



 **UniCredit Bank**



WHO TO TURN TO

If you have a question or need help with something, you can turn to the following offices and departments for help.

Topic	Office	Contact
Admissions	International Office Rooms A106-108	International@tf.hu
Visa & Immigration matters, Residence Permit pick-up		
Insurance, Hungarian Health Care: TAJ		
General information		
Buddy System		
Enrollment and Registration	Academic Registrar's Office Room B100	Miss Csilla Páhán pahan.csilla@tf.hu Miss Brigitta Orbán orban.brigitta@tf.hu
Student ID		
Enrollment certificate		
Transcript of Records		
Exams and Graduation		
Credit recognition		
Mental well-being services	Department of Pscyhology and Sport Pscychology	https://tf.hu/en/student s/psychological- counselling
Neptun		neptun@tf.hu
Microsoft Teams		office365admin@tf.hu
E-learning		info@e-learning.tf.hu
Library		konyvtar@tf.hu

ACADEMIC LIFE



<https://international.tf.hu/academic-calendar/>

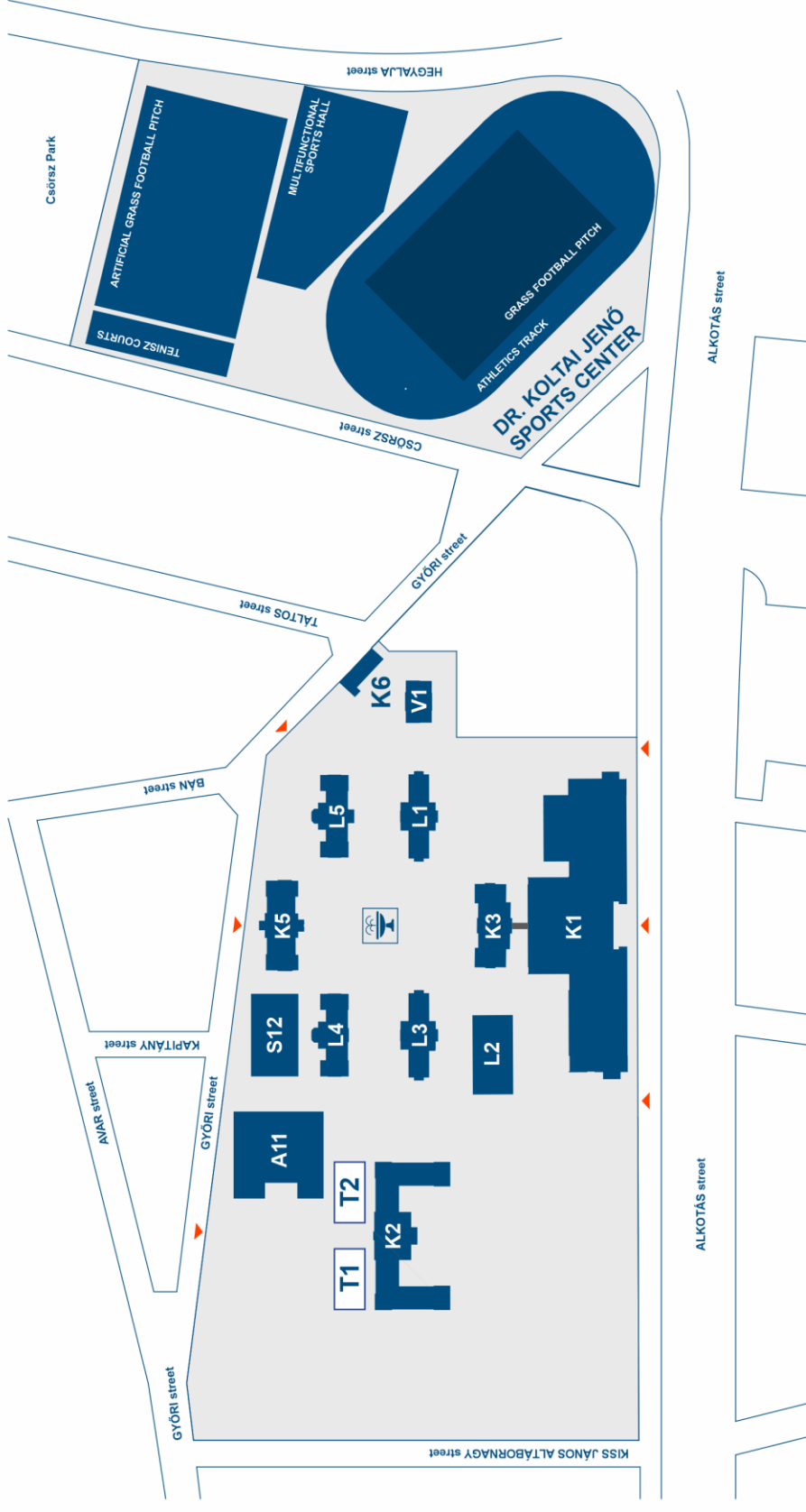
1st semester 2025/2026

TERM CALENDAR

Orientation	8th September 2025
Teaching period	8th September – 13th December 2025
Registration period	25th August – 7th September 2025
Welcome day	27th September 2025
Special teaching week: students can take part in 1-week courses to gain ECTS credits	29th September – 4th October 2025
First day of teaching	8th September 2025
Exam period	15th December 2025 – 16th January 2026
Final exam period of graduating students	19th – 23rd January 2026
National and religious holidays	23rd October, 1st November, 24–26 December, 1st January
University buildings will be closed in the winter between 20th December and 4th January.	

The Hungarian academic credit system is an ECTS-compatible system. The calculation of the credits is based on the number of working hours of the student (one credit is 30 student working hours on average). Grades are as follows: 1 - fail, 2 - sufficient or pass, 3 - medium or satisfactory, 4 - good, 5 – excellent

HUSS CAMPUS



A11: **sports hall D** | L1: Center for Sports Nutrition Science | L2: **gymnastics hall** | L3: Department of Kinesiology
L4: Research Center for Sport Physiology | L5: Department of Health Sciences and Sport Medicine | K1: main building
K2: departments | K3: Library and Archives | K5: Hungarian Olympic Committee | K6: facilities management
S12: **mobile sports hall** | V1: guest house | T1, T2: tennis court

Enrollment and Registration

Complete your enrollment and register your classes in each semester before the deadline (7 September 2025).

You can manage study matters online, through the NEPTUN system (e.g. registering for the semester, enrolling in courses and exams); you can trace your performance (electronic grade book), finances (e.g. scholarships, student credit) and can manage many other matters in a few clicks, instead of standing in long lines such as applying for a student card.



<https://neptun.tf.hu/hallgato/login>

Administrative Tip

Wherever you must indicate your name, write it exactly as it appears in the machine-readable section of your passport — this is the part with two lines of letters, numbers, and the ‘<’ symbol at the bottom of the photo page.

NEK Identifier

The first step of getting a permanent student card is to have a NEK identifier.

The NEK identifier is a unique 16-digit number which contains your personal information and is issued by any local government office (Kormányhivatal).

Go to the nearest **“Kormányablak”** (Government Administration Office).

The nearest one to the University is only a 10 minute walk.

Address: **Budapest, XII. ker. (Kiss János altábornagy utca)**

<https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/kormanyhivatalok/budapest/megy/kormanyablak/budapest-1126>

Documents Needed for NEK application:

- Passport size photo
- Passport with Study Visa or Residence Permit
- Your address card or proof of address

Fill in the NEK (Nemzeti Egységes Kártyarendszer) form data sheet. Data must match your information in NEPTUN.

- Your signature

Sign the NEK sheet only **AFTER** you have double-checked your personal data. The data on the NEK sheet must be the same as the data in your passport (if not, your student card request will be rejected!)

Applying for a Student Card

Log into Neptun, then click “Administration/ Student Card Request” then click on the black button ‘Add New’. A window pops up; this is where you need to enter your NEK identifier number without dashes (e.g.: 000000-XXX000-1111 -> 000000XXX0001111). For type of demand choose first application, then click on the save button. After this, you are eligible for a temporary student card.



Temporary Student Card (for exchange student and full-time students)

The Academic Registrar’s Office will issue you a Temporary Student ID until your permanent student card is ready. The document is valid for 60 days, so pay attention to the expiration date. When you receive your permanent student card, please make sure it is validated by a sticker on the backside. The sticker is available from the Registrar’s Office.

The permanent card is NOT valid without a sticker, and it must be validated each semester. Without a temporary or a permanent student card you are not eligible for a student discount for the public transportation passes, or entries to museums and such.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Useful apps

Pro-tip from our students – Download these apps

BudapestGO: We recommend using the BudapestGO app because it provides real-time departure times and useful features, such as mobile ticket purchasing and locations of public water fountains (tap water is safe to drink in Hungary!).

Apple:

<https://apps.apple.com/hu/app/budapestgo/id916193835?l=hu>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hu.webvalto.bkkfutar&hl=en&gl=US>

Bolt: Cheap alternative to taxis. Get around the city quickly and easily. You can use it to order taxis, private rides, or even rent electric scooters and bikes in some areas.

Apple:

<https://apps.apple.com/hu/app/bolt-request-a-ride/id675033630>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ee.mtakso.client>

Wolt: A food delivery app in Hungary that allows you to order meals from local restaurants.

Apple:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/wolt-delivery-food-and-more/id943905271>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.wolt.android>

MOL Bubi: If you prefer exploring the city on two wheels, the MOL Bubi bike-sharing system allows you to easily rent bicycles throughout Budapest.

Apple:

<https://apps.apple.com/no/app/mol-bubi/id916249357>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.nextbike.bkk.molbubi>



Budapest on bicycle - MOL Bubi

The green MOL Bubi bikes are one of the favourite transportation methods among the residents of Budapest. You can discover the city easily, while doing physical activity! Not to mention the eco-friendly side of using a bike! The good news is that you can rent a bike and discover the beautiful Budapest for only 1500 HUF/month. The first 30 minutes of each ride started is free. For continuous rides over 30 minutes, a fee of 50 HUF will be charged for each minute started.

How does it work?

1. Download the app and register
2. Find a pickup location (MOL Bubi station)
3. Pick it up
4. Discover the city
5. Return it to the MOL Bubi station

More information:

<https://molbubi.hu/en/>

Be an active member of the HUSS family!

Check and save the international landing page of HUSS, it is full of useful info for enrolled students as well.



<https://international.tf.hu/>

*Join our social media **platforms:***



<https://www.facebook.com/uniTestnevelésiEgyetem>



https://www.instagram.com/sportsuniversity_tf/



<https://www.tiktok.com/@testnevelesiegyetem>