



HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY
OF SPORTS SCIENCE
BUDAPEST

International Student Guide 2026/27

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Welcome to HUSS!

Congratulations on being accepted to HUSS and taking the next step in your academic journey! For many of our students, studying in Hungary is their first experience of living and learning in a new country. This guide has been created to help you prepare for your arrival, settle into life in Budapest, and find the information you need throughout your studies. We hope it will make your experience at HUSS both enjoyable and rewarding.



HOME



Address

Address: 1123 Budapest, Alkotás u. 42–48.

<https://goo.gl/maps/XVr5hD6ty5sF4asJ7>

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

The International Relations Center is on the first floor, Rooms A106–108.

Email us your questions and book a personal appointment: international@tf.hu

WHO TO TURN TO

Office	Areas of Help	Opening hours
International Relations Center Rooms A106–108 international@tf.hu	• Admissions • Visa & Immigration matters, Residence Permit • Insurance, Hungarian Health Care: TAJ • General information • Buddy Program • Stipendium Hungaricum programs	Book in advance by email.
Mobility Office Room A103 mobility@tf.hu	• Erasmus+, Pannonia and Exchange programs • Learning agreement • Certificate of Attendance	Tuesday: 10:00–11:30 13:30–15:30 Thursday: 10:00–12:00 13:30–15:00
Academic Office Room A122 academicoffice@tf.hu	• Enrollment and Registration • Student ID • Enrollment certificate • Transcript of Records • Exams and Graduation • Credit recognition	Mon: 09:00–13:00 Tue: 12:30–15:30 Thu: 12:30–15:30 Fri: 09:00–13:00
Department of Psychology and Sport Psychology	• Mental well-being services • https://tf.hu/en/students/psychological-counselling	Email only
Neptun neptun@tf.hu	• Log-in issues with Neptun • Updating your personal details	Email only
IT office office365admin@tf.hu	• Microsoft Teams • Your email account	Email only
E-learning info@e-learning.tf.hu	• E-learning registration • Course registration	Email only
Library konyvtar@tf.hu	• Library membership • Self-study space • Online catalogue	In-person or email

Preparing for your stay in Hungary

Before you travel, make sure you're ready for life in Budapest and your studies at HUSS.



Pack for All Seasons

Hungary has hot summers and cold winters, so bring both lightweight and warm clothing.



Bring Essential Medication

If you take prescription medication, bring enough for your stay and carry copies of your prescriptions.



Bring Important Documents

Bring all official documents required for your studies and stay in Hungary.



Budget for Your First Months

Plan for higher expenses when you first arrive. Most students spend approximately 800-1000 EUR per month, depending on their accommodation and lifestyle.



Cost of Living Calculator: www.numbeo.com



Embrace the Local Culture

Being open to Hungarian customs and traditions can help you settle in more quickly and make the most of your experience.



Learn a Few Hungarian Phrases

Many people in Budapest speak English, but knowing a few basic Hungarian words can make everyday life easier.

First word to remember: Köszönöm (Thank you)



Learn more: <https://www.hungarianpod101.com>



Banking & Money

The official currency in Hungary is the Hungarian forint (HUF). Credit and debit cards, including Visa and Mastercard, are widely accepted. However, it is a good idea to carry a small amount of cash, as some smaller businesses may not accept card payments.

Exchange Rates

Use a reliable currency converter, such as [OANDA](#), to check current exchange rates.

Opening a Bank Account

Popular choices among international students include:

OTP Bank – extensive branch and ATM network throughout Hungary



UniCredit Bank – university partner bank with services for international students



MBH Bank – offers a variety of student-friendly banking services



Before visiting a branch, book an appointment whenever possible and bring your passport, residence permit (if applicable), address card, and proof of student status.

*Many international students also use **Revolut** or **WISE** for everyday spending and currency exchange, international money transfers and multi-currency accounts.*

Airport to City Transportation

From Liszt Ferenc International Airport, you can reach the city center either by **public buses** or by **taxi**.

NOTE: Airport Wi-Fi will disconnect when you leave the airport; please enable Roaming on your mobile phone until you get a Hungarian e-Sim or Sim Card.

Two shuttle bus lines serve the airport:

Bus 100E – Direct service to the city center. Ticket: 2,500 HUF. You can pay by card on board.

Bus 200E – To *Kőbánya-Kispest* Metro station, then transfer to Metro line M3 to *Deák Ferenc tér*.

BPPay&GO

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



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.)



Tickets and Passes

Getting around Budapest is easy using the city's extensive public transportation network.

Recommended Passes:

Before you receive your Student ID:	After you receive your Student ID:
Pest County Monthly Pass • 9,450 HUF/month • Valid on all public transportation services within Pest County	Student Hungary Pass • 1,890 HUF/month • Best value for students • Requires a valid Student ID

If you receive a fine, do not pay the inspector directly. Request the official payment document and follow the payment instructions provided by BKK.



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/>



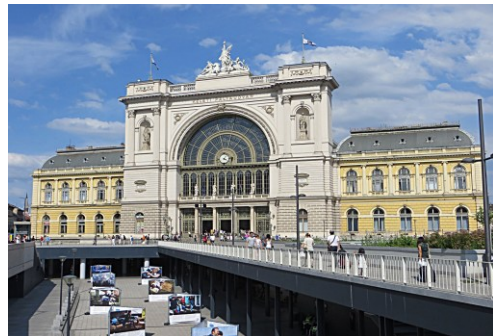
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Train Stations in Budapest

Budapest is served by four main railway stations:



Nyugati Pályaudvar



Keleti Pályaudvar



Déli Pályaudvar



Kelenföldi Pályaudvar



If you have a Student Country Pass, you can travel on any train in Hungary. For certain trains, such as InterCity (IC), you will have to purchase a separate reserved seat ticket.

Useful links:



Train tickets & Seat reservation

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



Itinerary planner

<https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en>

Other Modes of Transport

[miniBud](#) – airport transfer costs approximately 13,000 HUF. Their service area can be found at the Arrivals area. (Limited luggage capacity)



<https://www.minibud.hu>

Főtaxi is the official Budapest Airport partner:

<https://fotaxi.hu/en/> The fare is approximately 13 000 – 18 000 HUF

[Uber](#) and [Bolt taxis](#) can be booked in advance on their respective mobile applications. The cost is approximately 13 000 – 18 000 HUF.



MOL Bubi is Budapest's public bike-sharing service.

- 💰 Monthly subscription: approximately 1,500 HUF
- 🕒 First 30 minutes of each ride: free
- 🚲 Rides longer than 30 minutes: additional charges apply after the first 30 minutes.



Safety Tip

We recommend using public transportation, walking, or MOL Bubi bicycles to get around Budapest. While electric scooters are available in many parts of the city, they are associated with a higher risk of accidents and injuries, especially for first-time users and in busy urban areas. More information:

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

Shopping

For affordable weekly shopping, try Aldi, Lidl, SPAR, and Tesco. For everyday essentials close to home, look for CBA, Príma, Coop, or Reál.

*Convenience stores such as **Roni ABC** and **Manna ABC** are open 24/7, making them useful for late-night or emergency shopping, although prices are usually higher than in regular supermarkets.*



Fresh food: Visit local markets for fruit, vegetables, meat, and Hungarian specialties. Some vendors may accept cash only.

Shopping Tips



Bring your own shopping bag.



Cards are widely accepted, but carrying some cash is useful.



Opening hours may be shorter on Sundays and public holidays.

Other Useful Stores



Drugstores: dm, Rossmann, Müller



Home Essentials: IKEA, JYSK



Sporting Goods: Decathlon, Hervis, Intersport



Electronics: MediaMarkt, Euronics



Student Tip: Aldi and Lidl are usually the most budget-friendly options for students.

Getting a 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 at the airport.

Residence Permit



Residence Permit and Registration Requirements

Non-EU/EEA citizens arriving on a student D visa will have their residence permit card mailed to the university. The International Relations Center will update you on this.

Non-EU/EEA citizens who do not need a visa to travel to Hungary can apply for a residence permit in-country: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/tajekoztato/en/okmanytaulmanyok> Please note you have 90 days to complete the procedure after arrival.

If you are an **EU/EEA citizen**, you do not need a residence permit, but you may be required to register your stay in Hungary if it exceeds 90 days.

Link:

<https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/tajekoztato/en/okmanyegtregigtanulo>

The International Relations Center can help you understand the requirements and guide you through the relevant procedures. More information here:

<https://international.tf.hu/residence-permit/>



Accommodation Changes

If you move to a new address during your studies, remember to update your address registration on <https://enterhungary.gov.hu> within 3 days.

Send your questions to international@tf.hu

Healthcare in Hungary



Health insurance is mandatory for all international students in Hungary. It is not only important for accessing medical care but is also an immigration requirement for obtaining and maintaining your legal residence status in Hungary.

Students from EU/EEA Countries

Students from EU/EEA member states (EU countries, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from their health insurance provider before travelling to Hungary. More information here:

<https://www.patientsrights.hu/the-european-health-insurance-card.html>



Students from Non-EU/EEA Countries

Students from non-EU/EEA countries must have valid health insurance coverage for their stay in Hungary. We strongly recommend arranging suitable insurance before leaving your home country.

Important

Medical treatment in Hungary can be expensive without adequate insurance. Not all insurance policies cover the same services, so check your coverage carefully before arrival. In emergency situations having a valid 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.**

**For English language
medical assistance
Call 1818**



Scholarship Holders

Students receiving a scholarship provided by the Hungarian Government may be entitled to access state healthcare services in Hungary, according to the conditions of their scholarship program.



Health Insurance

If you do not have access to Hungarian state healthcare or your existing insurance does not provide sufficient coverage, you may wish to purchase health insurance from a Hungarian provider. Several companies offer insurance packages designed specifically for international students, which may cover general practitioner visits, specialist consultations, hospital treatment and emergency care.

Before choosing a provider, carefully review what services are included, any exclusions, and whether the policy meets the requirements of your residence permit.

Provider	Link
Generali	https://www.generali.hu/eng https://egeszsegbiztositas.hu/en/international-health-insurance/
Medicare	https://medicare-group.hu/en/
Allianz Care	https://www.allianzcare.com/en/personal-international-health-insurance/who-we-help/students.html
Cigna Global	https://www.cignaglobal.com/students
Semmelweis Premium	https://semmelweispremium.hu/en/students
Hungarian State Health Care (TAJ)	https://www.neak.gov.hu/oldalak/nyelvi-oldalak/english

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/>



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.

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



Important Phone Numbers

Save these numbers in your phone, just in case

For life-threatening emergencies call:

112

For English language medical assistance call:

1818

Police

107



Ambulance

104



Firefighters

105



Calling these numbers is free of charge.



TERM CALENDAR

1st Semester 2026/27

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

Orientation	To Be Confirmed
Teaching period	7th September – 18th December 2026
Registration period	24th August – 6th September 2026
Welcome Day	To Be Confirmed
Special teaching week: students can take part in 1-week courses to gain ECTS credits	16th – 21st November 2026
First day of teaching	7th September 2026
Fall break	26th October – 1st November 2026
Exam period	21st December 2026 – 22nd January 2027
Final exam period of graduating students	25th – 29th January 2027
National and religious holidays	23 October, 1 November, 25-26 December and 1st January
HUSS 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

Registration & Enrolment

To begin your studies each semester, you must complete your enrollment and register for your courses before the registration deadline.



Manage your studies online through NEPTUN, where you can:



Register for semesters, courses, and exams



Track your grades and academic progress



View scholarships and other financial information



Submit student ID requests



Manage a variety of academic and administrative matters



Administrative Tip

When entering your name in NEPTUN or on official forms, always use the exact spelling shown in your passport. Make sure it matches the machine-readable section at the bottom of the photo page. Using a different spelling may cause delays when processing official documents.



neptun

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

Contact the Academic Office for assistance:

academicoffice@tf.hu

Microsoft Teams:

Microsoft Teams is an effective communication platform between students and professors. It is also used for online classes.



Moodle:

Moodle is the university's official e-learning platform. Here you can access study materials, submit assignments and communicate with professors and classmates.



Wi-Fi at the University:

Eduroam Wi-Fi network is free of charge. To connect, use your university email address (yourneptunID@tf.hu) and the same password you use to log in to the Neptun system.



Microsoft 365:

During your studies, you have access to Microsoft 365 cloud services. Sign in at office.com with your university email address and password. Validity tied to active student status.



Student Card

Enjoy student discounts throughout Hungary!

- ✓ Public transport
- ✓ Museums & cultural venues
- ✓ Student services and benefits

STEP 1

Get a NEK Identifier: Visit any Government Administration Office (Kormányablak). Bring:

-  Passport
-  Residence Permit / Visa
-  Address Card (if available)
-  Check that all information is correct.

STEP 2

-  Apply in Neptun

STEP 3

 The Academic Registrar's Office will issue a temporary certificate while your card is being produced.
Valid for 60 days

STEP 4

When your Permanent Student Card arrives:

- ✓ Collect your Student ID
- ✓ Get a validation sticker from the Academic Registrar's Office
-  The card is NOT valid without a sticker.
-  A new sticker is required every semester.

University Services

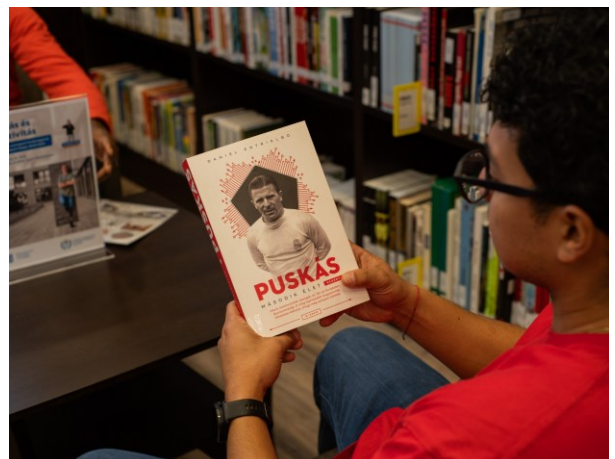
Elite Sports Mentorship Program: This program supports students who compete in elite sport and may need additional academic support to balance their studies with their sporting commitments.



Buddy Program: If you are an incoming international student – whether you are a full-degree or exchange student – you can request a Buddy. Your Buddy will be a friendly senior student (Hungarian or international) who can help answer questions about the university, Budapest and student life.



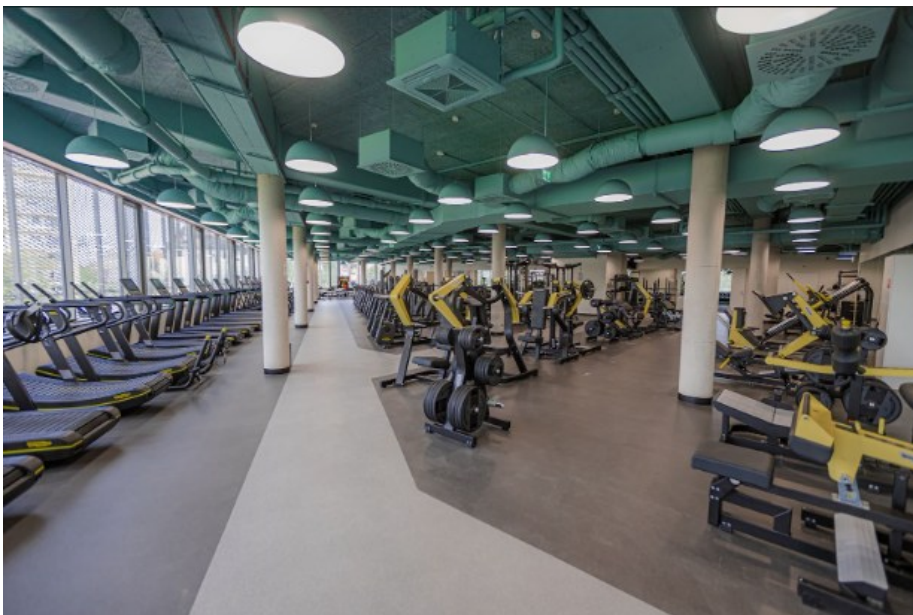
Library: services are free of charge for students. You can access online databases, receive support with thesis writing, and use printing, copying and scanning services. The library also provides desktop computers and laptops for on-site use.



University Canteen: Students receive a 15% discount on meals. The menu also includes options for different dietary needs, including vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose-free and fitness meals.



Gym: Located in the Dr. Koltai Jenő Sports Center, the university gym is available to students at a discounted rate. Whether you exercise for recreation or train as an amateur or elite athlete, you'll find facilities to support your goals.



Useful Apps

These mobile apps can make everyday life in Budapest easier.



BudapestGo: Public transport planning and ticket purchase

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

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

Bolt: Cheap alternative to taxis.

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

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

Wolt: A food delivery app in Hungary.

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

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

MOL Bubi: Shared bike service.

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

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

Foodora: One of Hungary's most popular food delivery apps

<https://apps.apple.com/hu/app/foodora-%C3%A9tel-%C3%A9s-%C3%A9lismiszer/id421369701?l=hu>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hu.viala.newiapp&hl=en>

MÁV+: The official app of the Hungarian State Railways, providing train timetables, journey planning and online ticket purchases for domestic and international rail travel.

<https://apps.apple.com/hu/app/m%C3%A1vplusz/id6739560957>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hu.mav.emmapp&hl=en>

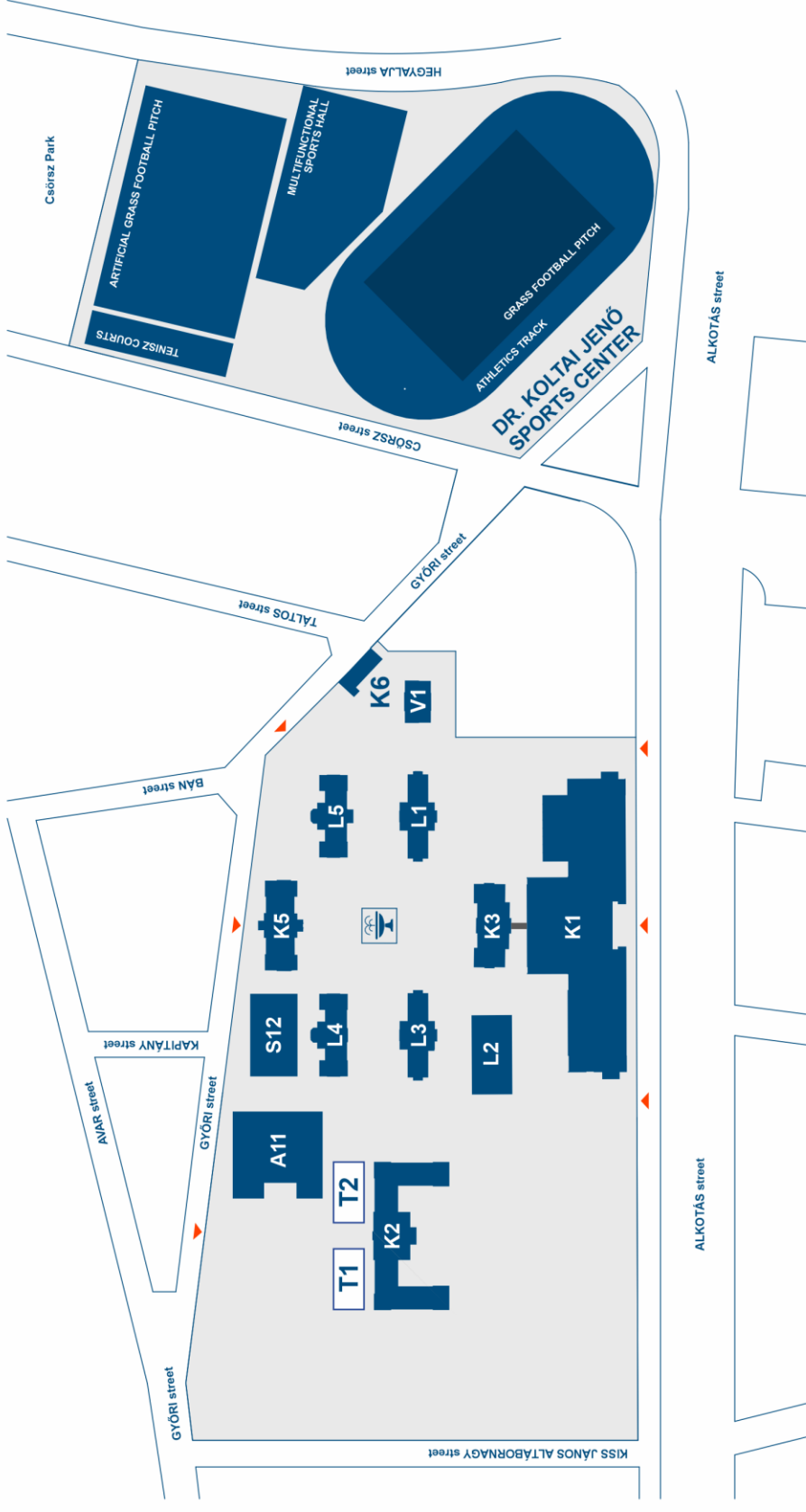
My First Two Weeks Checklist

- ☐ I have read the Welcome Guide thoroughly.
- ☐ I have saved the most important emergency numbers and university contacts.
- ☐ I have completed the online part of my enrolment (activated my semester and completed the enrolment form).
- ☐ I have visited the Academic Office to complete the in-person part of my enrolment. *(Or as an International Sports Diplomacy student, I have followed the instructions on how to finalize my enrolment.)*
- ☐ I check my university email regularly for updates.
- ☐ Following the onboarding instructions, I have logged in to Teams and Moodle.
- ☐ Based on my citizenship, I have checked what I need to do to stay legally in Hungary.
- ☐ I have applied for a NEK Identifier following the instructions.
- ☐ I have submitted my Student Card application after receiving my NEK Identifier.
- ☐ I have walked around the campus and neighborhood to familiarize myself with my new surroundings.

+ 3 for the experience!

- ☐ I already know how to say "hi," "excuse me" and "thank you" in Hungarian.
- ☐ I have tried some Hungarian food, such as lángos, gulyás and kürtőskalács.
- ☐ I have joined a sightseeing tour organized by the University and discovered some amazing sights.

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

Join HUSS on Social Media

Check and save the international landing page of HUSS, it is full of useful information.



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

Join our social media platforms:



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



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



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