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SURVIVAL GUIDE

WELCOME TO METU

for the students of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program and
Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Program 2025/2026

WELCOME TO Budapest Metropolitan University (METU)

Dear Students,

Congratulations on being admitted to our university!

The International Coordination Office at Budapest Metropolitan University is here to support you and make your time with us both enjoyable and academically fulfilling.

One of our main goals is to help you settle in smoothly and adapt to life in Hungary.

In this guide, you will find an overview of our university, academic information, accommodation options, student support services, and other practical details.

Each year, we are proud to welcome a diverse community of international students from all around the world. You play an important role in enriching the university's culture and contributing to its academic excellence.

We wish you every success as you begin your own unique journey at METU!

Warmest Regards,

Rada Péter habil. PhD

Vice Rector for International Affairs

Weininger-Hollósi Fatima

Head of International Mobility Programs



CAMPUSES

WHERE TO FIND THE BUILDINGS OF THE CAMPUSES AND PROGRAMS?

METU's campuses provide an inspiring environment for learning and creativity. The buildings are located in easily accessible areas across the city.

Take a look at what each location has to offer and see which facilities and departments can be found in each building.



**NAGY LAJOS KIRÁLY
STREET CAMPUS**



1148 Budapest
Nagy Lajos király útja 1-9



Communications, Business,
Tourism programs



Bus, Trolley, Metro,
Suburban Railway (Hév), Tram

Central Library, On the spot reading, learning, photocopy, print, scan, METU gifts, yard, football table in the cafeteria



**RÓZSA STREET
CAMPUS**



1077 Budapest
Rózsa utca 4-6.



Design and Graphics Program



Bus, Trolley, Metro,
Railway,, Tram

Art Library, Drink and Snack Vending machines



1117 Budapest
Gábor Dénes u. INFOPARK D
Building, 2ND Floor



Media and Motion pictures
programs



Bus, Tram



**INFOPARK D
CAMPUS**

Workrooms, Studios and Specialized Classrooms



1117 Budapest
Infopark sétány 1., INFOPARK I
Building, 3. floor



Art and Design Theory
programs



Bus, Tram



**INFOPARK I
CAMPUS**

Classrooms and office spaces

How to Find Your Classroom

K: Nagy Lajos street campus, round building (for example: K001)

F: Nagy Lajos street campus, main building (for example: F301)

A: Rózsa street campus, building 'A' (for example: A103)

B: Rózsa street campus, building 'B' (for example: B304)

D: Infopark campus, building 'D', 2nd floor (for example: D217)

I: Infopark campus, building 'I', 3rd floor (for example: I313)

IP: Infopark campus, building 'I', basement (for example: IP01)

COORDINATORS OF THE METU INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE

Whenever you have a question regarding the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program, the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship, CEEPUS or Erasmus short mobility programs, you can turn to the members of the METU International Coordination Office. They help you get through the difficulties that can occur during your studies at the University. The Office is located in the INFOPARK I(i) building, 3RD floor i325-326 office. (1117 Budapest, Infopark sétány 1.)

METU International Coordination Office:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 13:00-14:00

Thursday: 13:00-14:00



Please note that the working hours are not the same as the office hours.

The coordinators do a lot of back-office work when the offices are not open for students. Working hours: when the coordinators are physically at the University.

Office hours: when the students can visit the coordinators.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND SUPPORT

The staff of the SIC are responsible for everything related to your academic matters – for example, obtaining a Neptun code, activating your semester in Neptun, understanding how many credits you need to complete, and any other study-related issues.

MENTOR PROGRAM

You are going to receive a mentor, who is going to help your integration in the everyday life in Hungary. You are going to get more information about the mentor program in August.

Mentors and contacts:

Christina Gventasvili - gventachristina@gmail.com

Hanna Farkas - hannafarkas555@gmail.com

METU Equal Opportunities Coordinator

The Equal Opportunities Coordinator at METU, Krisztina Szilassy-Sebestyén, provides support for students with disabilities and special needs. Her responsibilities include assessing individual needs, offering information on academic accommodations, and assisting students in accessing necessary services and support.

Consultation is available by prior appointment:

E-mail: esely@metropolitan.hu

Her aim is to ensure an accessible and supportive university environment for all students.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUTUMN SEMESTER ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

Online sign-in period (for 2nd semester at METU)	23–30 July 2025
Online Registration Form submission (for 1st semester at METU)	from 28 July 2025 (further details in e-mail)
Competitive course registration for guest students	4–8 August 2025
On campus enrolment period for firstsemester students (in-person)	1–5 September 2025
Course change period for guest students	8–19 September 2025
Study period <i>art programmes</i>	8 September – 5 December 2025
Study period <i>non-art programmes</i>	8 September – 5 December 2025
European Researcher's Night	26 September 2025
Science festival	3 November 2025
Exam registration period	from 18 November 2025
Examination period (5 weeks)	8 December 2025 – 17 January 2026
Creative Week <i>only in art programmes</i>	8–12 December 2025
Practical evaluation period only in art programmes	8 December 2025 – 17 January 2026
Registration for examination dates for the retake examination period	12–23 January 2026
Retake examination week	19–24 January 2026

SPRING SEMESTER ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

Online sign-in period (for 2nd semester at METU)	5 – 12 January 2026
Online Registration Form submission (for 1st semester at METU)	To be determined — students will be notified in a message
Competitive course registration for guest students	19 – 23 January 2026
On campus enrolment period for firstsemester students (in-person)	9 – 20 February 2026
Course change period for guest students	23 February – 6 March 2026
Study period <i>art programmes</i>	23 February – 22 May 2026
Study period <i>non-art programmes</i>	23 February – 22 May 2026
Exam registration period	from 5 May 2026
Examination period (5 weeks)	26 May – 27 June 2026
Creative Week <i>only in art programmes</i>	26 – 29 May 2026
Practical evaluation period only in art programmes	26 May – 13 June 2026
Registration for examination dates for the retake examination period	22 June – 3 July 2026
Retake examination week	29 June – 4 July 2026
Bank Holidays	15 March 2026, 3 – 6 April 2026 1 May 2026, 24 – 25 May 2026
Spring break and mid-term training period	30 March - 6 April 2026

TRANSFER OPTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT

TO THE NAGY LAJOS KIRÁLY ÚTJA CAMPUS OF BUDAPEST METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Students arriving at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD) can reach the Nagy Lajos király útja campus of Budapest Metropolitan University (METU) conveniently by using public transportation. The journey takes approximately 60–75 minutes, depending on traffic and waiting times. **Here's how:**

Option 1: Bus + Metro + Tram (recommended)

1. Airport Shuttle Bus 100E

Take the 100E direct airport shuttle from the airport to Deák Ferenc tér.

This bus runs every 7–10 minutes during the day. A special ticket (2200 HUF) is required and can be bought at the airport or via the BudapestGO app.

2. Metro M2 (Red Line)

From Deák Ferenc tér, transfer to the M2 metro line towards Örs vezér tere. Get off at Örs vezér tere (this is the final stop).

3. Tram 3, 62 or 62A

From Örs vezér tere, take tram 3, 62, or 62A.

Get off at Nagy Lajos király útja / Czobor utca stop, which is right next to the METU main campus.

Option 2: Bus + Metro + Walk

1. Bus 200E from the airport to Kőbánya-Kispest (terminus of Metro Line M3).

2. Take Metro Line M3 to Deák Ferenc tér, then switch to M2 and proceed as above.

3. This route takes a bit longer but uses regular public transport tickets (cheaper than the 100E).



TO THE RÓZSA STREET CAMPUS OF BUDAPEST METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Students arriving at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD) can reach the Rózsa utca campus of Budapest Metropolitan University (METU) via public transportation in approximately 60–75 minutes, depending on connections and traffic. Below are the most convenient options:

Option 1: Airport Shuttle (100E) + Metro + Tram (Recommended)

1. 100E Airport Shuttle Bus

Take the 100E airport shuttle from the airport to Deák Ferenc tér (city center). This is a direct bus and requires a special ticket (2200 HUF).

Travel time: ~35 minutes.

2. Metro M1 (Yellow Line)

From Deák Ferenc tér, transfer to Metro Line M1 (yellow line) towards Mexikói út. Get off at Bajza utca or Kodály körönd station.

3. Walk or take Tram 70 / 75

From Bajza utca, it's about a 10-minute walk to the Rózsa Street campus.

Alternatively, take trolleybus 70 or 75 for one stop to Rózsa utca.

Option 2: Bus 200E + Metro M3 + Walk

1. Bus 200E from the airport to Kőbánya-Kispest (end station of Metro Line M3).

2. Take Metro Line M3 towards Újpest-Központ.

3. Get off at Nyugati pályaudvar or Lehel tér.

4. Walk (~15 minutes) or use local buses/trolleybuses to reach Rózsa utca 4–6, the location of the METU campus.



TO THE INFOPARK CAMPUS OF BUDAPEST METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Students arriving at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport (BUD) can reach the Infopark campus of Budapest Metropolitan University (METU) using public transportation in approximately 60–75 minutes, depending on the time of day and connections. The Infopark campus is located in the 11th district of Budapest, near the Rákóczi Bridge and Újbuda area.

Option 1: 100E Airport Shuttle + Metro M4 + Tram 1 (Recommended)

1. Airport Shuttle Bus 100E

Take the 100E direct airport bus to Kálvin tér.

Requires a special ticket (2200 HUF).

Travel time: ~30–35 minutes.

2. Metro M4 (Green Line)

At Kálvin tér, transfer to Metro Line M4 in the direction of Kelenföld.

Get off at Újbuda-központ station.

3. Tram 3, 62 or 62A

From Örs vezér tere, take tram 3, 62, or 62A.

Get off at Nagy Lajos király útja / Czobor utca stop, which is right next to the METU main campus.

4. Walk to the campus

The METU Infopark campus is a short walk (about 3–5 minutes) from the tram stop.



Option 2: Bus 200E + Metro M3 + M4 + Tram 1

1. Bus 200E from the airport to Kőbánya-Kispest (terminus of Metro Line M3).
2. Take Metro M3 to Kálvin tér.
3. Transfer to Metro M4, continue to Újbuda-központ.
4. Then take Tram 1 to Infopark, as in Option 1.

Tickets & Tips:

Single ticket: 500 HUF

Monthly public transport pass: 3450 HUF (with valid student ID)

100E shuttle: 2200 HUF (separate ticket needed)

Consider a 24-hour or 72-hour travelcard for unlimited rides.

Use the BudapestGO app for route planning, ticket purchase, and real-time updates.

Taxi: You can take a taxi at the airport. The official taxi company of the airport is Főtaxi. They have a booth in front of the arrival terminal. It is a good and reliable company, and the ride to the city centre is about 30 EUR.

Airport shuttle: You can get more information about this traveling option from the following link: <https://www.minibud.hu/>

Bolt/Uber: You can use Bolt or Uber to get around. Just type in where you want to go in the app. Most of the time, the cars are yellow taxis too — just with the company's logo on them.

Please note that the scholarship program doesn't cover your flight ticket and airport transfer.



ARRIVAL DATE

In the **2025/2026 academic year**, the fall semester will begin on 8 September 2025. The registration period opens on 21 August 2025, therefore we recommend that you arrive in Hungary towards the end of August to have enough time to settle in and complete the first steps related to your studies.

At the beginning of each new academic year, the University organizes a Welcome Day and an Orientation Day for freshmen.

THINGS THAT YOU MUST DO AFTER ARRIVING IN BUDAPEST

- Check in to the dormitory or your rented flat!
- Activate your semester at the International Coordination Office and register at the Student Information Centre (SIC)
- Apply for a student card at SIC (your SH mentor will help you)!
- Receive your residence permit card from SIC/SH coordinator!
- Apply for medical insurance – TAJ CARD - in the International Coordination Office (your SH mentor will help you)!
- Obtain a mobile phone number, open your bank account, and add your account number to Neptun (your SH mentor will help you)!
- Open your Tax Identification Number (your SH mentor will help you)!
- Sign your SH contract in the International Coordination Office!
- Pick up your student card at SIC!
- Enjoy your stay at the University!



REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IN THE STUDENT INFORMATION CENTRE

SIC will send you information regarding the procedure of registration via e-mail. This registration must be done only at the beginning of the first semester of your studies.

REGISTRATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE

Registration in the International Coordination Office (INFOPARK I(i) building, 3RD floor i325-326 office) is a must at the beginning of each semester. The Office will send you information on this via e-mail twice a year, at the end of August and at the end of December.

Please note that you must sign your scholarship agreement in your first year at the first visit because the scholarship transfer cannot be done without a signed scholarship agreement.

1.STEP:

D” type of visa picking up the first residence permit

Please visit: <https://oif.gov.hu/students> website.

“D” type of visa picking up the first residence permit

<https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/d-type-visa-picking-up-the-first-residence-permit>

Third-country nationals who submitted their application at Hungarian Consulate abroad and hold a type D visa must do the following:

Apply at the Consulate

Travel to Hungary with the type “D” visa

Please do not start any resident permit application online, because you have already done it at the Consulate before!

You can claim the issued residence permit only at the Educational Institute.

We cannot give you a residence permit at our client service; please do not appear there for this cause.

Your e-certificate accommodation will be sent electronically

If your accommodation has changed since you applied for the residence permit, you must report the change EnterHungary <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>

7. For reporting the change of accommodation, please do not visit the client service in person. You will get the e-certificate of accommodation electronically.

2. STEP:

How to extend your residence permit for the purpose of studies: know-how

<https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/exemption-from-payment-of-application-procedure-fees>

You are obligated to submit your application for an extension of residence permit through EnterHungary, so first register or sign in to your account at EnterHungary.

Select “Application for residence permit”, then click „Study or student mobility”

Fill out all the obligatory fields: The validity of a residence permit for the purpose of studies is 3 years. Please do not apply for more, because we cannot issue the permit for a longer time.

Upload all the mandatory attachments to your Enter Hungary case.

Pay the procedural fee if not exempted (see Procedure fees) through EnterHungary.

After submitting your application, you must visit the client service of the regional directorate according to your accommodation within 15 days to give biometrical data. (Check regularly your ‘to do/ storage’ menu points at the Enter Hungary)

The authority might upload the decision to the EnterHungary. The residence permit will be handled by the educational institution. Therefore, we recommend that after getting information about the decision, get in touch with the coordinator of the educational institution.

Please do not visit client service to get your residence permit. The residence permit cannot be handled by the client service.

Please also check the Mandatory enclosures for the extension of the residence permit section!

Any notifications (e.g. notification of missing documents, etc.) will be sent via EnterHungary, so check the „To do list / Storage” in your account as often as you can. You can only extend your residence permit within 45 days before the expiration date of your current permit. If your residence permit has expired, there is no option for an extension.

3. STEP:

EH manual for case uploading

This is a step-by-step guide to registration and extension and uploads all the mandatory enclosures. **Please read it carefully!**

<https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/eh-manual-for-case-uploading-student>

The procedure is free of charge:

The application for issue or extension of residence permit for the purpose of studies of those who receive Hungarian State Scholarship, e.g. Stipendium Hungaricum or the ones who have study purpose ministerial sponsorship.

step:

Client service: <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/client-services-for-students>

Address: National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (Budapest)

1135 Budapest, Szegedi út 35-37.

1115 Budapest, Budafoki road 60.

Office hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-14:00

Friday: 8:00-12:00

If you have any questions, please contact to regional offices: The contact details of regional offices: <https://oif.gov.hu/regional-offices>

If you require further information, please dial our Call Center.

CALL CENTER:

+36 1 463 9292 (MO-THU: 8.00-16.00, FR: 8.00-13.30)



HOW TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT IN HUNGARY

In order to receive your monthly Stipendium Hungaricum allowances, you must open a Hungarian bank account. We would encourage you to open a bank account with some major banks in Hungary and be familiar with the special conditions for students. Please check affiliate bank withdrawal charges because they will charge more than your own bank ATMs.

Steps you need to do in order to open a bank account in Hungary:

Ask your mentor to accompany you and help you with translation if necessary.

Take all personal documents with you, including passport, student status certificate, residence permit, and” address paper”.

After you have opened your new bank account, log in to Neptun and upload your Hungarian bank account number.

Exchange rates may vary, so you are advised to check them in advance. They are always available on the websites of banks as well. Smaller shops also accept bank cards, and paying with PayPal is becoming more and more widespread, mainly in the capital and in larger cities. Banks are usually open from 8.00 am to 16.00 pm. At weekends and on national holidays banks are closed. You will need to have your passport.

What does ATM stand for?

ATM stands for Automatic Teller Machine. The use of ATM machines is common in the country; cash can be withdrawn at post offices as well. It is necessary to pay attention to which ATM you use because ATMs not affiliated with your bank can charge higher commissions. Furthermore, you can change money in banks or private money exchange offices.



REQUESTING A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The tax identification mark is required for all students, given that the University cannot transfer scholarships and housing allowances without this.

Please note that the scholarship transfer is not possible if your tax number is not registered in the Neptun system!

Please send the TAX ID number to SIC, who will register it in Neptun and send it to the International Coordination Office as well.

Documents to be submitted to claim the TAX ID:

passport; residence permit;

accommodation application form

(proof of address from the dormitory/flat). student status certificate

Letter of Award about the scholarship

Office in Budapest:

Address: NAV Dél-budapesti Adó- és Vámigazgatósága - Vaskapu u. - Központi ügyfélszolgálat
1097 Budapest, Vaskapu u. 33-35.;

https://nav.gov.hu/igazgatóságok/igazgatóságok/Pest_megye

OPENING HOURS:

Monday: 8:30-18:00

Tuesday: 8:30-12:00

Wednesday: 8:30-18:00

Thursday: 8:30-12:00

Friday: 8:30-11:30



STUDENT ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES OVERVIEW

APPLYING FOR THE PERMANENT STUDENT CARD IN NEPTUN

Get a NEK datasheet at the nearest Government Office

Submit your application in your Neptun account:

Go to Administration > Student Card request, click on Add new and click on Save after filling in the required fields.

Fill in the NEK identifier ("NEK azonosító" on your NEK datasheet), the Street address, and the Demand type fields. Please choose your Hungarian address (Temporary address).

In the case of international students, make sure that your permanent address in your Neptun account is entered, international students can only apply for a student card with their foreign permanent address! If necessary, go to My data > Contact information, and update your address before submitting your student card application.

24 hours after submitting the application in Neptun you can request a temporary student card at the Educational Office. The temporary student certificate is valid for 60 days, after which a new one is to be requested if necessary.

In case of having an old student card from another Hungarian educational institution where the studies ended in the previous semester, the validity sticker of the old card is valid until 31 October in the Autumn Semester, and 31 March in the Spring Semester. The issued student cards are sent to the Educational Office, and when they arrive, administrative staff will contact you by e-mail.

When you receive your permanent student card, please validate it by picking up a sticker at your study program coordinator's office. The permanent card is NOT valid without a sticker, and it must be validated each semester.





DIASPORA

Scholarship Programme
for the Hungarian Diaspora

SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFER-STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM, HUNGARIAN DIASPORA SCHOLARSHIP

Steps you need to take in order to get your first scholarship transfer:

- In September, at the beginning of your first semester, you have to sign the Scholarship Agreement during the scholarship registration. This must be done only once.
- You have to register for the scholarship in person during the Enrolment/Registration week. In the first semester identify yourself with your passport, later either with your passport or with your residence permit. This registration must be done at the beginning of each active semester until the end of your active student status. The International Coordination Office will send you a reminder on this via email.
- You have to apply for a TAX ID, and it has to be registered in Neptun.
- You have to open a Hungarian (HUF) bank account in a Hungarian bank and your bank account number has to be registered in Neptun.
- You have to activate your student status in Neptun.

The first scholarship and accommodation contribution (if applicable) transfer will be made only if all of the above are fulfilled.

If you are a first-year student, you have a chance to get the first scholarship in October but only if you activate your Neptun by the 10th of September at the latest and your bank account and tax numbers are registered in Neptun by the 25th of September at the latest.

Registration in person for the scholarship is a must at the beginning of each semester. Should you miss these deadlines for any reason whatsoever, your scholarship transfer will be delayed by a month. After the first instalment of each semester, you get the scholarship at the beginning of each month, by the 15th of the given month.

ACCOMODATION

Whether you would like to live on-campus or off- campus, there are a number of options you can explore to find housing to suit your needs. You will be an incoming freshman who can choose to live in a dormitory or rent a flat independently.

DORMITORY AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will make up the most significant percentage of your total monthly budget as a student living in Budapest. You will need an amount of approximately € 300-600 to cover your monthly accommodation costs.

The amount you'll need will depend on the type of accommodation you choose:

1. **Dormitories and student hostels cost about € 310-490,**
2. **or you can rent a private apartment for about € 500-600.**

The living costs in Budapest are about another 150-250 EUR/months. This sum includes grocery, food, personal hygiene, local transport, telephone bills, and other expenses apart from the tuition fee and housing.

New students first arriving to live in Hungary usually prefer to live in a dormitory, as this is the most convenient and affordable option. In addition, it is also a great opportunity to make friends with other international students!



DORMITORY

CEU RESIDENCE CENTER

Budapest Metropolitan University offers you a place at its contracted partner hostel in Budapest. The CEU Residence Center is located only a few minutes away from our Nagy Lajos campus and offers extra services.

CEU Residence Center is a large and modern residence complex approximately 12 minutes away from the main campus of Budapest Metropolitan University. The CEU Residence Center offers comfortable, furnished, airconditioned accommodation in 14,8 m² single and double rooms. All rooms have private bathrooms.



FACILITIES OF THE DORMITORY:

It is run as a hotel-type service and students can find many other facilities such as:

- 24/7 reception
- 24/7 security service
- 24/7 maintenance service
- cleaning of the rooms and fresh bedsheets once in a month
- Wi-Fi
- gym, billiard, football, table tennis
- safe
- iron, vacuum cleaner
- study room
- common kitchen and TV lounge on every floor
- sports field and outdoor tennis court (sport equipment available at the reception)
- garden with relaxing furniture
- bicycle storage
- pub (can be booked for private parties)

ROOM WITH PRICE*

	MONTH/PERSON	
	5 MONTHS CONTRACT	10 MONTHS CONTRACT
2 BEDS	€ 370	€ 345
1 BED	€ 550	€ 515

Please note that a uniform invoice of 630 EUR is issued for everyone for the coverage of the first month's rental fees and the mandatory cleaning fee'. If you get accommodated in a cheaper room type or a different accommodation, the generated overpayment will be deducted from your second month's rental fees. Please note that for certain regions, some fees may differ from those listed.

In case you have any questions, please contact: ceucenter@ceu.edu





THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU NEED FOR LIVING IN HUNGARY

You receive the following amount of money each month in the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program. This amount will not cover all your needs as this is only a contribution. You can check below how much money you actually need to live on.

BA/BSc and MA students

43 700 HUF - scholarship

40 000 HUF - housing allowance

Renting one room costs about 85.000- 120.000 HUF/month + utility (25.000-30.000 HUF). All in all, you will need about 210.000-280.000 HUF/month and again based on your needs.

In the first month, you will probably spend more money as you have to buy some basic things.

HEALTH INSURANCE

You are entitled to the following two health insurances.

Hungarian Social Security card - TAJ card- which is free of charge

Private insurance – please contact the International Coordination Office about the options

TAJ CARD (Hungarian social security card)

You have to apply for the card in the International Coordination Office. You have to present the following documents:

- Letter of Award from Tempus Public Foundation;
- copy of your passport;
- copy of your residence permit (both sides);
- copy of your accommodation reporting form (both sides);
- student status certificate.

You have to bring the documents in person as you have to sign a form that allows the SH coordinator to arrange the card for you.

You must have a valid TAJ card in order to get any medical service provided by the Hungarian state. Having only a TAJ number is not enough.

The TAJ card can be used **FREE OF CHARGE** at Hungarian hospitals, surgeries and clinics operated by the Hungarian government.

The hospital/surgery staff most probably speaks only Hungarian.

The TAJ card covers all health-related costs with no limitation: f. e. surgery, X-ray, plaster, bandage, staying in a hospital etc.

Basic dental services (checking, filling, root canal treatment, tartar removal) are **FREE OF CHARGE** at surgeries and clinics operated by the Hungarian government.

You can pick up your TAJ card in the International Coordination Office, once it is ready.

It takes approximately 3 months to get the TAJ card. The countdown starts on the day when you apply in the International Coordination Office.

The expiry date of the TAJ card equals the expiry date of your residence. The expiry date is stamped in the right- hand corner at the bottom of the TAJ card, in Hungarian date order. It is your responsibility to apply for the TAJ card renewal.

HOW TO GET A NEW TAJ CARD?

First of all, make sure that your residence permit is valid!

Please collect a copy of the following documents and show the original documents to the TAJ Office:

- copy of your passport;
- copy of your residence permit (both sides, valid at least 3 months);
- copy of your accommodation reporting form from third-country nationals (both sides);
- TAJ card;

Letter of Award and Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship contract;

student status certificate which was issued no longer than 30 days;

TAJ card request sheet, which can only be filled by hand, with blue pen and capital letters.

TAJ Office in Budapest:

Address: Kormányablak, 13. kerület, 1139 Budapest, Teve utca 1/A-C

Opening hours:

Monday: 8:00-18:00

Tuesday: 8:00-16:00

Wednesday: 11:00-19:00

Thursday: 8:00-16:00

Friday: 8:00-14:00





MEDICARE the medical service

Medicare is a private healthcare provider that offers medical services through its own clinics and hospitals. They provide general and specialist care, diagnostics, and health check-ups. The university has a contract with Medicare, so students can access certain medical services through them.

MEDICARE APPOINTMENT CANCELLATION AND MODIFICATION POLICY

1. If a Patient books an appointment online or by telephone with MEDICARE for any outpatient healthcare service (hereinafter referred to as „healthcare service”), the Patient understands and accepts that the booking constitutes a contract between the Patient and MEDICARE, under which MEDICARE is obliged to provide the booked healthcare service and the Patient is obliged to pay the corresponding service fee. The Patient also understands and accepts that by making an appointment, he/she is subject to the obligations set out in this Policy.

2. Patients may not cancel or modify their booked appointment any later than 2 working days and in case of endoscopy any later than 3 working days respectively before the visit date, and those who receive an appointment within 2 working days and in case of endoscopy within 3 working days respectively from the date of booking are not entitled to cancel or modify the visit date.

3. Booking an appointment involves responsibility. If the Patient fails to cancel the booked appointment at least 2 working days and in case of endoscopy at least 3 working days respectively before its date for any reason (not including confirmed illness or other reason established by a medical opinion), or wishes to cancel or change the appointment within 2 working days and in case of endoscopy within 3 working days respectively before its date, or fails to show up for the booked appointment, the Patient will be obliged to pay MEDICARE a cancellation fee of HUF 20,000 as lump-sum compensation, or only that part of the service fee paid in advance via our webshop in excess of HUF 20,000 will be refunded. If more than one date is affected by the above in a booking, the maximum amount of the lump-sum compensation is HUF 40,000. The occupational health assessment package is considered a single appointment, so a one-off cancellation fee is payable.

4. The Patient has the option to pay the lump sum specified in section 3 via the MEDICARE webshop, by credit card, by clicking [here](#) or in person at any MEDICARE reception desk within 3 working days of the missed appointment. If the Patient fails to comply with this obligation, he/she understands and accepts that MEDICARE may take legal action to enforce its claim for the payment of lump-sum compensation; any and all additional costs of which shall be borne by the Patient. Further, the Patient understands and accepts that MEDICARE will not offer him/her a new appointment for any medical service until he/she has fulfilled his/her obligation to pay the lump-sum compensation.

Important to know:

The dormitory must be registered as the temporary place of residence and the Residence Card must show this address as well in order to receive basic medical treatment.

It is advised to arrive on time to the general practitioner (GP), which means at least 30 minutes before the end of consultation hours.

Take your documents with you (ID card/passport, Residence Card, Health Insurance Card: it can be a private health insurance, the European Health Insurance Card).

HOW TO USE THE UNIVERSITY'S IT SYSTEMS

Your data will be registered into the central academic system called **NEPTUN**. You will get your **Neptun ID** from your study program coordinator in August before the beginning of your studies. Your study program coordinator will give you specific instructions on how to log in, change your password, how and when to register for the courses and later for the exams. For practical information please check the Neptun guide of the university.



COOSPACE

WHAT IS COOSPACE?

CooSpace is an integrated e-learning platform used by Budapest Metropolitan University (METU) and other Hungarian higher education institutions. It is designed to support digital learning, teaching, and collaboration between students and instructors.

Main Features and Tools

1. Personal Profile and Calendar

Personal Profile: Every user has a profile containing basic information like name and email. You can also add additional details such as Skype ID or language skills.

Calendar: The system automatically tracks deadlines, classes, and events, displaying them in a personal calendar. It can sync with external calendars like Exchange or web calendars.

2. Course Spaces („Scenes”)

Scenes: Learning environments within CooSpace are called „scenes.” Each scene contains all tools and materials related to a specific course.

Scene Tools: Inside a scene, you'll find tools like assignments, quizzes, surveys, document repositories, and glossaries to help with learning and tracking progress.

3. Assignments and Quizzes

Assignments: Instructors can create assignments with deadlines and grading options. Students submit their work through the platform before the deadline.
Quizzes: The system supports online quizzes with various question types, time limits, randomized questions, and limited attempts.

4. Surveys and Feedback

Surveys: You can create surveys to collect opinions, satisfaction levels, or other information. Surveys can be anonymous and the results can be statistically analyzed.

5. Document Repository and File Management

Document Repository: Users can upload, organize, and share files within scenes or with other users.

Personal Folder: Each user has a private folder for confidential documents.



WHAT IS NEPTUN?

Neptun is a university administration system used by most Hungarian higher education institutions, including Budapest Metropolitan University. Its purpose is to digitalize educational administration, such as course registration, exam enrollment, grade tracking, and other student-related matters.

Main Features and Functions

1. Course Registration

Students register for courses in Neptun at the beginning of each semester. Mandatory and elective courses can be easily selected based on the current study plan.

2. Exam Enrollment and Results

Students can sign up for exams during the announced periods through Neptun. Exam results are also available here, and the system automatically calculates averages and credits.

3. Timetable and Study Information

The system displays the current timetable, including the location and time of lectures and seminars.

Individual study progress can be tracked: total credits, failed courses, and academic status.

4. Messaging and Communication

Neptun allows official communication between students and instructors.

Important notifications, deadlines, and information are also delivered through the system.

5. Financial Management

Information about tuition fees, payments, and any outstanding balances is available.

Online invoices can be accessed and downloaded.

You will receive the login information from the SIC and the International Coordination Office.

CLASS SCHEDULE OF METU

METU has a set class schedule, and you can have courses anytime in between these timeframes. Your specific schedule depends on the given semester.

Timeframes:

08.00–09.30

09.40–11.10

11.20–12.50

13.20–14.50

15.00–16.30

16.40–18.10

18.20–19.50

TIME FORMAT IN HUNGARY

A 24-hour time format is used in Hungary. 12.00 or 00.00 is always midnight. We don't use am or pm.

BEING ON TIME

Time is an important and huge issue in Hungary, and being late is unacceptable, especially in the classroom. Please be careful and always be on time. For example, 9.50 always means 9.50 and not any time after that. Of course, you can be in the classroom some minutes earlier than the start of the class but never later than that.

WAITING FOR AN ANSWER TO YOUR E-MAIL

Once you sent an e-mail to a university staff member, please do NOT send them a reminder in less than 48 hours on weekdays and less than 96 hours on the weekends. Remember, each staff member is dealing with hundreds of students and problems at the same time.

Please give them time to get around and respond to your e-mail. If you send an e-mail at 11 p.m. in the evening, do not expect a reply by 8 a.m., even in the most optimal case. Always plan and think ahead.

Furthermore, please note that Facebook, Snapchat, Viber, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, etc., are not official platforms for communication with the university staff members. If you need anything from a coordinator or a professor, please send them a letter to their official e-mail address instead of sending them private messages via Facebook.



OTHER SERVICES

LIBRARIES

We have a Library Point in Infopark for the benefit of those students and staff who no longer come to our other campuses. It is located **in Building D, in room 221**.

Opening hours:

Wednesday 09:00 - 13:00.

Outside opening hours, you can also pick up your book from lockers in buildings D and I. In building D, you will find this locker on the corridor between rooms 220 and 222.

In building I, you can find it in the Reception (Room 301).

The Library Point is too small to have a permanent collection of books, but you can request books from our other campuses at lib@metropolitan.hu. You can find a guide to requesting books here. The books you requested will be sent to the Library Point, where you can pick them up. Also specify which pickup method you prefer. Please always use this method for requesting books.

Requests submitted until Monday 12:00 (noon) will be available for pickup on Wednesday (same week).

If you chose to have your books delivered to one of our lockers, we will email you the information you need to retrieve them.

You will be able to return books in person while the Library Point is open. When we are closed, you can also drop them in the Book Drop Box located in the hallway near the Library Point. Be careful with the due dates of the books you return, because we can only register the returns in our system on the days we are open. Once this is done, we will send you a notification in e-mail (sent to the address stored in the Neptun system). You can check your due and returned books here. You can also return books you requested to Infopark at either of our Libraries.

You can also come the Library Point with other questions, such as research-related issues, and for information regarding library use.

If you need the full range of our services, including a reading space, please come to our Rózsa street Library instead.

Our Rózsa Street opening hours:

Monday: 13:00-16:30

Tuesday: 9:00-16:30

Wednesday: 13:00-16:30

Thursday: 9:00-16:30

Friday: 12:00-18:00

Saturday: 09:00-15:00

As a METU student with a valid student ID card, you now have the opportunity to register for free at the Central City Library of Budapest (Metropolitan Ervin Szabo Library). The registration is for one year. The library offers a large number of English books, as well as access to several online services (databases) you might find useful for your studies and, especially, thesis writing.

How to apply?

If you would like to take this opportunity, contact the METU Library (in person, by phone or by e-mail) and ask for a certificate that entitles you to registration at the Central City Library. This opportunity is open to the first 140 applicants, provided on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to take advantage of it, contact us as soon as possible. If you apply too late to receive a certificate, you will be put on a waiting list, and you will receive your certificate if someone decides to step back or fails to register in time.

If you fail to register at Metropolitan Ervin Szabo Library within 30 days of receiving your certificate, you will lose your place, and another student will get the chance.

Please keep in mind that this certificate is only valid for the Central Ervin Szabó Library (1088 Budapest, Szabó Ervin Square 1).

For more information, feel free to contact us in person, at Coospace, by phone (+36-1-273-3098) or at lib@metropolitan.hu





CAFÉS AND CAFETERIAS

You can find a wide variety of cafés, restaurants, and canteens on all METU campuses and near the campuses.

TELEPHONE AND MOBILE PROVIDERS

The international code for Hungary is +36. Making a phone call within the country: 06 – [regional number] – [telephone number]

The regional number of Budapest: 1.

Telephone numbers in Budapest consist of 7 digits while countryside numbers are 6-digits. Hungarian cell phones have mobile dialling codes: 20, 30, 70.

Making a phone call within the same region or Mobile Network Operator: without prefix. There are three big mobile service providers in Hungary. You can check their websites for more information:

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

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

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

STUDENT ORGANISATIONS AT METU

The Students' Union (in Hungarian: Hallgatói Önkormányzat, abbreviated: HÖK) at the University is working for the students and their well-being. Along with the representation of the current students, it also focuses on enriching the students' educational, sport and social life. One of the noble tasks of the organization is to judge and allocate the different scholarships, to help students with educational issues, to provide sports

facilities and to organize social events, of which the most important and biggest is the annually organized Freshmen's Camp.

Artists Team:

One of the most important tasks of Student's Union Artist team is to connect the students studying in the Art and CBT majors and to foster and support mutual projects. This unit of Students' Union is the cornerstone of improving the University's creativity and organizing its cultural life, also manages the initiatives arising from students' regarding different art- and cultural events.

You can contact them through: mkameniczky@hok.metropolitan.hu

BEING LONELY AND DEPRESSED

Being away from home can be lonely and depressing, and it is not always easy to make new friends.

If you need mental health service, contact the International Coordination Office (INFOPARK II) building, 3RD floor (325-326 office) through e-mail.

Emergency numbers

General emergency number: 112

Police: 107

Ambulance: 104

Fire service: 105

To call the numbers above is free of charge.

24-hour English-language crime hotline: +36 1 438 8080

English language telephone directory service: 191

International operator: 199

Blue Point Drug Ambulance

Address: 1095 Budapest, Gát utca 25. I/8

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-18:00

E-mail: bluepoint@t-online.hu

Phone: +36 70 607 4969

Client reception only by appointment!

Taxi companies

City Taxi: +36 1 211 1111

Főtaxi: +36 1 222 2222

Or try one of the car-sharing apps: [https://bestofbudapest.hu/transportation/ vehicle-sharing/](https://bestofbudapest.hu/transportation/vehicle-sharing/)

MOL Limo: <https://mollimo.hu/en/>

Green Go: <https://greengo.com/hu/index-en>

Drive Now: [https://www.share-now.com/hu/en/ budapest/](https://www.share-now.com/hu/en/budapest/)

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

Donkey Republic: <https://www.donkey.bike/>

Scooters: <https://www.li.me/>

Bolt: <https://bolt.eu/hu-hu/cities/budapest/>

Uber: <https://www.uber.com/hu/hu/ride/>

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN HUNGARY

The major grocery stores, shops, shopping centers, market halls and the university buildings (including the library) are closed on the following days.

New Year's Day January 1.

National holiday March 15

Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday March/April depending on the year

Labour day May 1

Whit Sunday and Monday May/June depending on the year

National holiday August 20

National holiday October 23

All saint's day November 1

Christmas day and boxing day December 25-26



A TO Z – USEFUL THINGS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

ADDRESS CARD

The Immigration Office developed an online platform for processing your application, and you can now simply upload your documents to enterhungary.gov.hu

From 2023, it is not possible to renew your Address Card in person, you must apply through this platform.

When your application is approved, you can download the Address Card from the website. From 2023 there is a new format of Address Card. The new one doesn't have a stamp and signature on it, only a QR code, which will verify your address; however, if you have the old format, it is still valid.

Whenever you move to a new place, you are legally obliged to report it to the Immigration Office within 3 workdays.

BANK CARD (DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD) VS. BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

You must be careful to whom you give your personal data, most specifically, your debit/credit card number.

This information **MUST NOT** be given to anyone. If you give this number to someone, that person can use your card sometimes, even without having your CCV code (3 digits), which can be found on the back of your card.

Never give your PIN number to anyone, and never carry it together with your debit/credit card.

The bank account number is different from the debit/credit card number.

The card numbers contain 16 digits, looking like 1234 5678 1234 5678. The Hungarian bank account numbers contain 16 or 24 digits, looking like 12345678-12345678-00000000 or 12345678-12345678 or 12345678-00000000-12345678, depending on the bank. If you transfer money from your bank account to another bank account or receive money from another bank account, you need to use your bank account number. If you buy anything online, you need your card number and possibly CVV code. You can always check your bank account number online if you have the application of your bank on your mobile phone.

CLOTHING AND SECONDHAND SHOPS

Hungary is a country of extremes regarding the weather. September can still be quite warm during the day (+25-27 Celsius), and the weather gets colder and colder as we enter October and November.

November can be cold, with temperatures under +10 Celsius. Winter months can be really cold. In winter the average temperature is zero to -10 Celsius. In extreme circumstances and at night, the temperature can go below -15 Celsius.

We would like to encourage you either to bring warm winter clothes, a coat, scarf, hat, gloves and boots or buy them here. Buying them here is not a problem either as we have a lot of shopping malls with all the major fashion chains.

If you want to save some money, try the second-hand chains Háda, Cream or Humana.

DATE FORMAT IN HUNGARY

A yyyy.mm.dd. date format is used in Hungary. For example, 2021.01.31. or 2021. január 31. or 2021. jan.31.

DISTRICTS OF BUDAPEST

Budapest has 23 districts, and the city is divided by the River Danube into Buda and Pest. Buda is hilly, Pest is rather flat, and the city centre is on the Pest side. The most central and most expensive districts are 5, 6, 7, 9(Pest side), 1, 2, and 11 (Buda side).

ELECTRONICS

You may need to buy some electronic stuff after arrival such as an adapter or an internet cable etc. This you can do in the electronic stores that you will definitely find in all the shopping malls. The biggest ones are Best Byte, MediaMarkt and Euronics.



EXCHANGING MONEY

Some grocery stores accept EUR, but otherwise, you must pay in HUF when you buy something anywhere in the country. There are several legal places in the city and near the university where you can exchange your currency into Hungarian Forint (HUF). You can choose an exchange booth or any bank, but never ever accept an offer from somebody on the street. Exchanging money on the street is highly illegal in Hungary. We recommend you read the following article about the 5 best places to exchange money in Budapest: <https://getsegway.hu/blog/the-5-best-places-to-exchange-money-in-budapest/> .

GROCERY STORES IN THE CITY

There are some big grocery store chains that are worth a visit. Some of them can be found in the city centre as well, but some of them only in the suburban area. The most well-known and popular ones are Aldi, Lidl, Spar, Tesco, Auchan, and Penny.

HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE

Hungarian is said to be complex and difficult but it's useful to learn some basic expressions. Prepare yourself as it can be difficult to communicate with people in the shops or on the street. Unfortunately, a lot of Hungarians don't speak English. Even in the cafeteria or in the buffet of the university, you can have difficulties if you don't speak some basic Hungarian.

The University offers a one-year (2 semesters) Hungarian language course for first-year students; please contact the International Coordination Office for a detailed course catalogue.



METRIC UNITS

Please note that the metric system is used in Hungary such as liter, centimeter, kilogram etc.

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

Why is your mum's maiden name so important for the Hungarian authorities? You probably realized that it is asked on all the official papers like your scholarship application, your rental contract, your scholarship agreement, Neptun etc. In Hungary the following data can identify you 100%, if they are used together. your name, the place where you were born, the date when you were born and your mum' maiden name (the family name and first name she was born with)

NAME ORDER IN HUNGARY

Hungarians use a reverse name order. Family name first and given name second.

PARCEL COMPANIES

Foxpost, GLS, DPD, Express One and Hungarian post. All these companies have applications we advise you to download and use.

POST OFFICE

Nearest post offices:

Nagy Lajos király str. Campus: 1149 Budapest, Nagy Lajos király útja 173.

Rózsa srt. Campus: 1087 Budapest Baross tér 11. C. staircase

INFOPARK Campus: 1117 Budapest Irinyi József Utca 38

In case you send an important letter and you would like to know if the recipient received it, send it as registered mail: (https://www.posta.hu/sending_mail/additional_services/registered).

This is a special postal service by which an official record of posting and delivery is obtained for a letter. The post office will provide you with an official record ('return receipt') of the fact that your letter has been posted and delivered. You must pay an extra fee for this service, but it will guarantee that you have posted the letter

POSTAL CODES OF BUDAPEST

The 2nd and 3rd numbers of the Budapest postal codes show the district. For example, the uni's postal code is 1148 and it is in the 14th district.

PHARMACY

Prescribed medicines can only be bought in pharmacies (gyógyszertár or patika in Hungarian). Pharmacies are usually open on weekdays from 08.00 to 18.00. Some pharmacies are also open on Saturdays.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transport Company of Budapest:

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

Monthly Transportation pass for students: <https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/monthly-passes/monthly-budapest-pass-for-students.61/>

Please make sure that your valid student ID is with you when you use your monthly transportation pass.

Your Education ID (e.g. 71822563945) must be printed on the pass.

The penalty is very high if you are caught using the student pass without a valid student ID. The price of the student PEST County pass is very reasonable at 945 HUF/month compared to the full pass, which is 9.450 HUF/month. It can be used unlimitedly on all kinds of transportation in the city, like metro, bus, tram, suburban railway (HÉV), trolley, etc., within the administrative boundaries of Budapest.

You have several options to get your ticket, pass or travelcard:

- At any time of the day, around the clock, from BKK ticket vending machines with cash or a bankcard. You can find our points of sales on the map here.
- BudapestGO application, you can check the details here.
- You can find our Customer Service Centres and Ticket Offices at more points in the city (for example at the airport as well), where maps and other brochures are also available. Both cash and bankcards are accepted for payment.



YOU CAN FIND THE RELIGIOUS PLACES AT THE ADDRESSES BELOW IN BUDAPEST

Nearest Baptist Church

1082 Budapest, Nap u. 40.

Nearest Buddhist centre

1082 Budapest, Baross u. 80. (doorbell 22.)

Nearest Greek Catholic Church

1074 Budapest, Rózsák tere 10.

Nearest Mosque

1119 Budapest, Fehérvári út 41.

Nearest Reformed Church

1089 Budapest, Üllői út 90.

Nearest Roman Catholic Church

1089 Budapest, Rezső tér

Nearest Synagogue

1075 Budapest, Síp utca 12.

SHOPPING CENTERS

There are several Shopping Malls in the city where you can find almost all the big trademarks of the world. The biggest shopping malls are Westend, Corvin Plaza, Allee, Árkád, KÖKI Terminál, Lurdy Ház, Etele Plaza. The shops are usually open from 10.00 until 21.00 even on Sunday.

SMALLER SHOPS

There are also a lot of small grocery shops around the city that have longer opening hours even 24/7.

SPORT AT METU

The METU puts special emphasis on the physical education of students. You can sign up for sports on COOSPACE you are interested in. You can change your registration later to sign up for new ones or leave the activity.

TRANSLATION OFFICE

If you need an official and attested translation of your documents, please contact the Hungarian Office for Translation and Attestation Ltd.



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Your TAJ card is valid only in Hungary. You are not insured at all as soon as you leave the territory of the country. You are NOT entitled to get the blue EU card unless you have a permanent address in Hungary or in any of the EU countries. We recommend that you buy travel insurance at any travel agency even if you leave Hungary only for one day. Buying the insurance online is unfortunately not an option for you as all the websites are available only in Hungarian. The most reliable travel insurance companies are Európai Utazási Biztosító (EUB), Allianz, Aegon, Union, and UNIQA. Take your residence permit, passport and address card with you when you buy the insurance.

WHERE TO BUY THINGS THAT MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

You probably need a lot of things when you arrive such as an iron, ironing board, drying rack, mugs, cutlery, plates etc. You can buy all these things in stores like XXXLutz, Mömax, IKEA or Möbelix. Alternatively, you can try the Chinese shops that are available all over Budapest, but if you need a lot of different shops in the same place, try Budaörs Auchan.

You can join several Facebook groups.

We sincerely hope that your years here will help you to achieve your goals and you will make great contributions to your home nations or to other communities that you may eventually join; and we hope that you will consider yourselves part of the METU community not only during your studies but for the rest of your lives.

HUNGARIAN EXPRESSIONS

Below you'll find some useful Hungarian expressions that might come in handy during your stay.

Egyetem / Tanulás

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

egyetem
hallgató / diák
tanulmányi osztály
tárgyfelvétel
vizsgára jelentkezés
kredit
Neptun-kód
előadás
gyakorlat
tanulmányi átlag
záróvizsga
diploma

University / Learning

IN ENGLISH

university
student
student affairs office
course registration
exam registration
credit
Neptun code / student ID
lecture
seminar / practice class
GPA (grade point average)
final exam
diploma / degree

Lakhatás / Kollégium

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

kollégium
szoba
lakótárs
beköltözés
kiköltözés
bérleti szerződés
kaució
rezsi

Housing / Dormitory

IN ENGLISH

dormitory / student residence
room
roommate
move-in
move-out
rental agreement
deposit
utilities

Közlekedés

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

busz / villamos / metró

megálló

jegy

bérlet

havi diákbérlet

érvényes jegy

pótdíj

átszállás

végállomás

Transport

IN ENGLISH

bus / tram / metro

stop / station

ticket

pass

student monthly pass

valid ticket

penalty fee / surcharge

transfer

final stop / terminal

Étel / Étterem

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

étlap

napi ajánlat

vegetáriánus

számla / blokk

elvitelre kérem

készpénz / bankkártya

borravaló

Food / Restaurant

IN ENGLISH

menu

daily special

vegetarian

bill / receipt

I'd like it to go / take away

cash / credit card

tip

Egészség/ Orvos

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

orvos
rendelő
időpontot foglalni
biztosítás
diákbiztosítás
fájdalom
láz
gyógyszertár
recept

Health / Doctor

IN ENGLISH

doctor
clinic
to book an appointment
insurance
student insurance
pain
fever
pharmacy
prescription

Alap kifejezések

HUNGARIAN/ MAGYARUL

Jó napot!
Köszönöm
Szívesen
Elnézést
Beszélsz angolul?
Nem értem
Segítenél?
Hol van a ...?

Basic expressions

IN ENGLISH

Good afternoon!
Thank you
You're welcome
Excuse me / Sorry
Do you speak English?
I don't understand
Could you help me?
Where is the ...?

TOP ATTRACTIONS IN BUDAPEST

BUDA CASTLE

Located on the Buda side of the city, this historic castle offers amazing views of the Danube and Pest. It's home to the Hungarian National Gallery and the Budapest History Museum.

Tip: Walk up or take the funicular for a scenic ride!

CHAIN BRIDGE (LÁNCHÍD)

One of the most iconic symbols of Budapest, connecting Buda and Pest across the Danube. At night, it's beautifully illuminated and perfect for a relaxed evening walk.

Fisherman's Bastion (Halászbástya)

This fairytale-like terrace sits near Matthias Church and offers one of the best panoramic views of the city. Great spot for photos!

SZÉCHENYI THERMAL BATH

One of Europe's largest and most famous thermal bath complexes. It's a must-visit for students wanting to relax in hot spring waters — even in winter!

Student-friendly tip: Bring your own towel and flip-flops to save money.



VAJDAHUNYAD CASTLE & CITY PARK (VÁROSLIGET)

Located in the City Park behind Heroes' Square, this eclectic castle looks like it came out of a fantasy film. There's also a lake (ice skating in winter!), and it's perfect for a picnic or chill afternoon.

DOHÁNY STREET SYNAGOGUE

The largest synagogue in Europe and the second-largest in the world. It also houses the Jewish Museum and Holocaust Memorial — highly recommended for those interested in history.

GELLÉRT HILL & CITADEL

Hike up Gellért Hill for breathtaking views over Budapest. The Citadel and Liberty Statue at the top are iconic, and the walk is a great way to escape the city noise.

GOZSDU UDVAR & JEWISH QUARTER

A lively area full of restaurants, cafés, bars, and street food. It's the heart of Budapest's nightlife and a favorite hangout for international students.



HOUSE OF TERROR MUSEUM

A powerful and emotional museum that presents Hungary's 20th-century history under Nazi and Communist regimes. Thought-provoking and educational.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS & HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

Great for art lovers! Both offer permanent and temporary exhibitions ranging from ancient art to modern Hungarian history.

RUIN BARS (E.G., SZIMPLA KERT)

Budapest is famous for its „ruin pubs” — bars set up in abandoned buildings with a creative, artsy vibe. Szimpla Kert is the most iconic one and a favorite among students.

Enjoy your journey with METU in Budapest and remember that we are here to support you should you have any questions!



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