

UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR

**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**



Hungary

Hungary is one of the top 10 international tourist destinations. What is it exactly that attracts more than 10 million tourists a year to the heart of Europe? Well, it is the legendary Hungarian cuisine, exquisite wines, hospitality and, of course, the country's natural treasures, architectural heritage and cultural life as well as its world-famous thermal baths. Hungary is a member of the European Union and part of the Schengen Area. It boasts a history of well over a thousand years and forms a proud link between East and West. Szeged has several names: it is the city of sunshine, the city of festivals and the city of the fair River Tisza, replete with a sunny, university centre with its unique atmosphere. One thing is for certain: Szeged, with its countless cycle paths, parks and rich cultural life is an attractive destination and for many, it is the ideal Alma Mater, one of the best university towns in Europe.

Embassies and consulates in Hungary

At present, the capital city of Budapest hosts 81 embassies. Several other countries have honorary consuls to provide emergency services to their citizens. The embassies' addresses and contact information can most easily be found here:

<http://www.embassypages.com/hungary>

Hungary is bordered by Slovakia to the North, Romania to the East, Serbia to the South, Croatia to the Southwest, Slovenia to the West, Austria to the Northwest, and Ukraine to the Northeast. The country's capital and largest city is Budapest
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Number of inhabitants:
9,855,571 (2015)
Demographic density:
106 inh./km²
Official language:
Hungarian

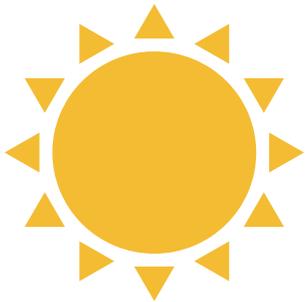
Main cities: Budapest
(capital); Szeged;
Debrecen; Pécs;
Miskolc; Veszprém;
Szombathely; Sopron.

Local time in Hungary is GMT+1
(Central European Time, or CET)
from the end of October till the
end of March and GMT+2 during
the rest of the year.

Hungary has a continental climate with cold
winters and warm to hot summers. The
average annual temperature is about 10 °C
(50 °F) with 27 to 35 °C (81 to 95 °F) in
the summer and 0 to -15 °C (32 to 5 °F) in
the winter. Mountainous areas are often
colder than average while the plains are often
warmer.

Szeged

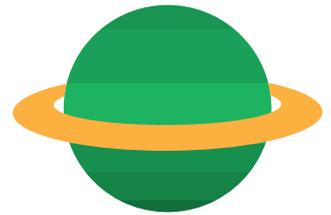
Szeged is located in the South-Eastern part of Hungary near the Romanian and Serbian border. It is an economical, educational, scientific and cultural centre of both Csongrád county and Hungary itself. Famous for its abundance of sunny hours – the city enjoys an average of 2000 hours of sunshine every year – the city is often referred to as the 'city of sunshine'. The climate is generally continental with Mediterranean overtones: summers are warm and dry with occasional thunderstorms while winters are moderately cold with varying amounts of rain and snow.



City of Sunshine



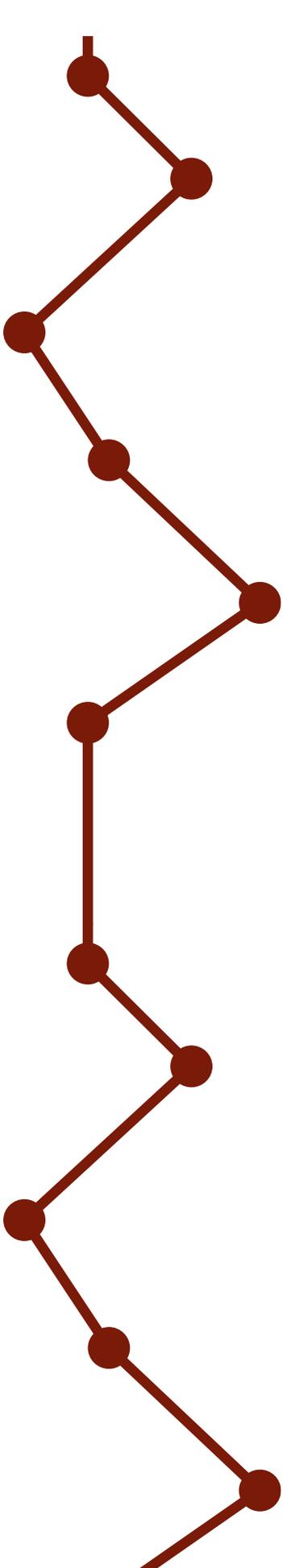
City of Festivals



International

Szeged is the 3rd biggest city of Hungary with a total area of 280.84 km² (108.43 sq mi) and a population of roughly 170,000 people. As a relatively condensed but very vibrant and lively city Szeged is considered much friendlier than bigger Central European metropolises with educational buildings, cultural venues and sporting facilities all being within comfortable walking distance in the city centre. Bicycle culture is flourishing in the city with relatively small distances as more and more bicycle roads are getting built every year.

The town is famous for a number of things within Hungary (and the world) including the traditional 'szegedi halászlé' (fish soup of Szeged), paprika, Albert Szentgyörgyi's Nobel Prize and the Szeged Open-Air Festival where classic and contemporary plays, operas and musicals are staged in front of the city's symbol, the Dóm Cathedral.



Important Tips

Location

The University of Szeged is located in the centre of Szeged but has no unified campus. Each faculty has a building of its own situated conveniently within walking distance from each other. The university library (TIK) can also be found in the centre of town.

Precise and practical online maps are available here:
<https://www.u-szeged.hu/english/new-students/campus-maps/campus-maps>

University buildings

Faculty buildings (Dean's offices):
<http://www.internationalrelations.u-szeged.hu/ekarok.html>

SZTE Klebelsberg Library (TIK)
(<http://ww2.bibl.u-szeged.hu/index.php/en/>)

Buildings of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

Main building (abbreviated: KO): Szeged, Kálvária sgt. 1.

Building in Feketesas street (abbreviated: GO): Szeged, Feketesas u. 28.

RANKINGS & REVIEWS

UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED



501-550th QS World University Rankings

19th the World Ranking of Green Universities

The University of Szeged as a unit is headed by the Rector and comprises of 12 faculties. The individual faculties are headed by 12 Deans. The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is an individual faculty of the University of Szeged.

Legal
predecessor
16th century
University

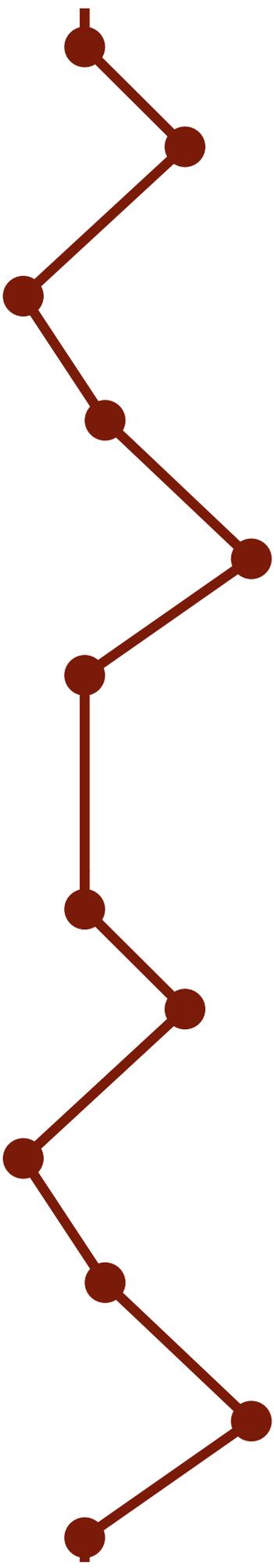
12
Faculties

19
Doctoral
schools

International
student
friendly town

2500+

The University of Szeged boasts a student base of 25,000 within its 12 faculties. The University offers over 200 undergraduate and more than 130 graduate training programmes. Over 2,500 international students are studying here each year with the number steadily increasing.



The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

The faculty is made up of four smaller units
(departments or institutes):

Department of Statistics and Demography

Statistical literacy

Statistic education

Multivariate data analysis

Demography of Hungarian minorities abroad

Social statistics

Business and economic statistics

Institute of Business Studies

Knowledge and information management

Relationship marketing

Measurement of public service performance

Market research

Business management

Economic psychology

Institutional divisions:

Division of Marketing and Management

Division of Economic Psychology

Institute of Economics and Economic Development

Theoretical aspects of interregional competition and regional competitiveness

The practice of cluster-based regional economic development aimed at improving competitiveness

Theory and practice of innovative cooperation and knowledge-based business development

Methodological issues related to geographical concentration and agglomeration

Institutional divisions:

Division of Regional Economic Development

Division of Economics

Institute of Finance and International Economic Relations

Contagions and divergences on the capital markets

The role of venture capital in corporate finance

Risks in the financing of municipalities

Accountancy research studies

Development cooperation and international aid programmes

European economic integration research studies

Institutional divisions:

Division of Finance

Division of Accountancy

Division of World Economics and

European Economic Integration



Scholarships

The Faculty of Economics and Business

Administration invites the most outstanding students at the Faculty to submit applications for scholarships funded by our corporate partners and co-funded from Faculty contributions to cover 50% to 100% of their training tuition fees.

International Directorate

Stipendium Hungaricum grant holders administration

Website: <https://www.u-szeged.hu/about-us/rector-office>

Main e-mail address: international@rekt.szte.hu

International department at the faculty

At the Faculty of Economics we place great emphasis on international relations and cooperation. The international „department” comprises of International Relations Manager Dr. Ildikó Pusztai-Varga, Study Officials Kinga Bődő and Gabriella Maczkó, and International Relations Coordinator Ambrus Nagy.

All the international study programmes can be found on the faculty's website: <http://www.eco.u-szeged.hu/english/training-programmes/programmes-for-international-students/programmes>

Contact information for admission and study related purposes

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International Relations Coordinator – nagy.ambrus@eco.u-szeged.hu

Dr. Ildikó Pusztai-Varga

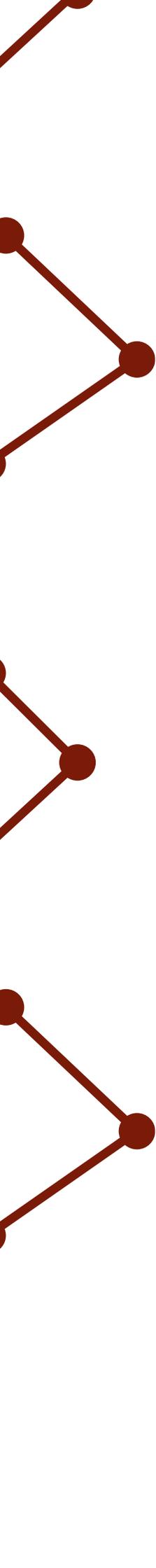
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International programmes

At the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, we invite applicants at all training levels as defined in the European Education Area. The bachelor's and master's training programmes and, for the most outstanding candidates, the doctoral school acknowledge student competence with degrees recognised in the European Union.

The programmes are proud to host international students from various nations all over the world, thus promoting a multicultural atmosphere in which students can strengthen their communicative and problem-solving skills as well as develop a greater sense of mutual tolerance and respect. Students are offered training to meet the challenges of the business world as well as those posed by the global trend of dynamic internationalisation in economic activities which calls for human resources that are adaptive and responsive to such changes.

The academic year

The academic year consists of two semesters. Semesters are divided into a term-time and an examination period. The term-time is 15 weeks; the examination period lasts for 6+1 weeks where the 7th week is a retake examination period. The program is taught entirely in English.

Students should complete all term assignments and obtain the practical course marks before the examination periods starts. Examination dates are assigned by the departments within the examination period according to the Academic and Examination Regulations of the University.

Study field and structure

The program consists of the following blocks: foundation courses, general business courses, specialization business courses, elective courses. The teaching methodology focuses on a combination of



- Lectures provide the necessary theoretical knowledge required;
- Seminars include interactive discussions where students can apply the theory in practice;
- Team work enable small group works, student projects and presentations, case studies and other business problem related issues to develop synergy;
- Electives widen the knowledge of students in fields of In addition to Business, Economics and Social science, as well offer the possibility to study foreign languages as per their choice.

Thesis

At the end of the programme, a degree thesis has to be submitted. The Faculty approves the topic, prescribes content requirements, also will give the general considerations for evaluation and the deadline for submission. The thesis has to be worked out under the guidance of an appointed teacher and must be defended in front of the Final Examination Board.

Final examination

The final examination is to test and assess the knowledge, skills and abilities required for awarding the diploma. Having acquired the pre-degree certificate, students can register for the final examination. The final examination consists of two parts: the defence of the degree thesis and an oral examination.



Internship

At the end of the program (in the 7th semester), students are required to complete a 12-week internship at a company where they will have the opportunity to apply their acquired knowledge in practical corporate life.

International Economy and Business MA Programme

About the programme:

The Master in International Economy and Business is a 4-semester-long training programme, taught fully in English. The programme consists of compulsory, elective and optional courses, thesis consultation, and thesis writing. Degree is obtained by successfully defending the thesis and passing the final exam.

Scope of the Programme

- giving a combination of sound theoretical grounds and practical skills
- highly emphasised international aspect
- skills: synthesise and organise information, analysis and evaluation of data, persuasive presentation of own knowledge and finding
- international flavour by channelled student and teaching staff

The degree is accredited and recognized by the European Union and its Member States.

Academic curriculum

The courses in the programme fall under four different categories that, together with the thesis module, make up the 120 credits of the Master programme.

Module Credits

A Basic module 25

B Program-specific core module 35

C Elective courses 37

D Optional module 8

Thesis module 15

Total 120

Modules A and B are compulsory, and contain courses of 5 credits each.

Modules C and D consist of elective programme-specific courses, and optional courses provided in related areas (Law, Political Science, Humanities). Of these, students have to complete as many so as to complete the required credits in those categories.

Double degree programmes

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, University of Szeged and its partner universities will grant the master's degree to students registered in the Double Degree program. Our partners so far:

University of Pavia

École de Management de Normandie

Practical information

Some benchmarks for the cost of living in general:

Breakfast: 400-600 HUF (1.5-2EUR)

Daily menu at a cheaper restaurant:
900-1500 HUF (3-5.5EUR)

Dinner for one at a high class restaurant:
4000-6000 HUF (13-20EUR)

Museum ticket: 600-1000 HUF (2- 4EUR)
Bus ticket for one trip: 320 HUF
(1.05 EUR)

Coffee: 200-500 HUF (0.8-2 EUR)

Hamburger: 500-1200 HUF (1.5-4 EUR)

Flat monthly rent: 30 000-150 000 HUF
(100-500 EUR)

(depending on location, size, etc.)

Cinema ticket: 900-1500 HUF (3-5 EUR)

Shampoo: 400-800 HUF (1.5-3 EUR)

Public transportation fairs:

Single ticket:

Pre-purchased – HUF 320 (1.05 EUR)

Purchased on the vehicle – HUF 400 (1.3 EUR)

Discount coupon book containing 10 single
tickets – HUF 3,050 (10 EUR)

General monthly pass (called „havi bérlet’)- HUF
7,000 (22 EUR)

Student monthly pass – HUF 4,000 (14 EUR)

Banking

The Hungarian currency is the Forint (HUF). There are notes of 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 Forint, and coins of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 Forint (HUF).

Main international credit cards are usually accepted in shops, restaurants, hotels, etc. but smaller shops and bars may not accept them. The best option is to always have some cash from any ATM machine.

Bank accounts and money issues

In Hungary banks are open on weekdays from 8am until 4pm. Banks are not open on Saturdays except for some branches in shopping centres. As in other countries, keeping your money in the bank means it is much safer than under your pillow. The state carries a depositor guarantee for the return of your money in case your bank becomes insolvent.

Opening an account

Most banks require a valid residence permit and address card for a new bank account. However, some banks allow foreigners to open an account with just the presentation of a passport. You will be charged a fee to open the account and you will also have to pay to get a credit card and for account management services. You will usually be able to have segregated currency accounts, in other words keep your money as Hungarian Forints (HUF) and/or in other currencies such as Euros or US Dollars.

Before you choose your bank we recommended you consider the following factors:

Will you have easy access to branches near where you live and work?

Are there ATMs in the country?

What are the costs?

As the personal impression is also important, it is useful to go in the bank in person and check their website. You might want to find out if someone on the staff in your local branch speaks English or another language that you might be able to communicate if you are not very strong in the local language.

What services will I be provided with?



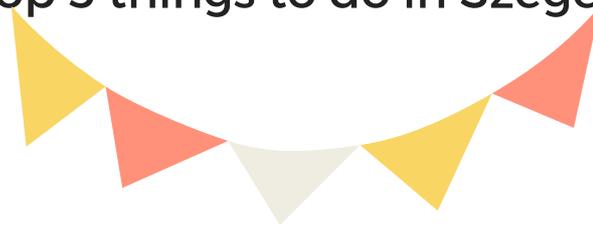
Post offices

In Hungary, post offices play a very important role in everyday affairs. Besides sending letters and parcels, you can also pay bills (central heating, water, electricity consumption, etc.). You will certainly encounter the so called „sárga csekk” („yellow cheque”), which is a means of paying bills in cash at any post office in the country. You might also receive such yellow cheques from the university which can only be paid at a post office (tuition fee, other fees for certain procedures related to your studies like paying for your student ID card, etc.).

STUDENT LIFE

Participating in sports events and festivals, attending balls and spending nights at parties in university clubs are all as much part of the legendary university life in Szeged as is attending lectures and seminars. University club meetings, parties and performances offer rich and pure entertainment to everybody. Szeged's cultural life would be unimaginable without these events or the ones staged in student hostels. Whether looking for a film club or a place to dance or sing, everybody can find what their hearts desire among the amateur groups and associations of our university. Events of the Autumn Festival, the University Spring and programmes of the TIK provide a foretaste of these activities for outsiders as well.

Top 5 things to do in Szeged



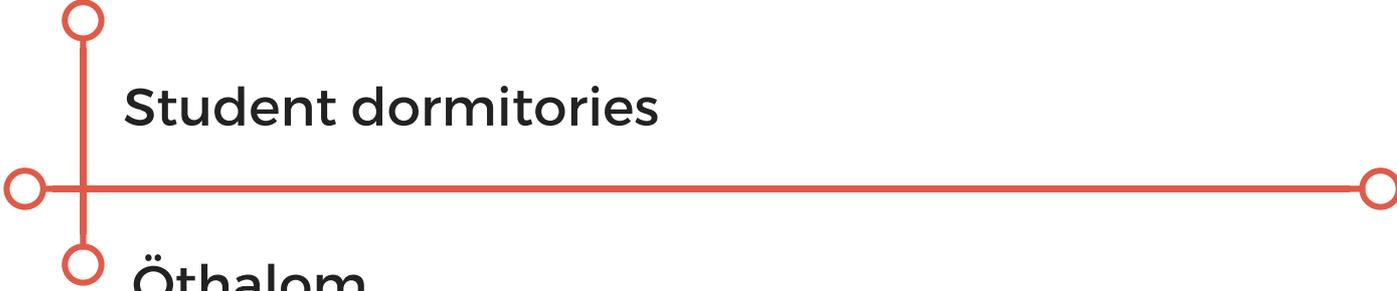
Festivals. Szeged is famous for the variety of festivals held during the year.

Cafeterias in the Main Street. Visit outdoor cafes in Kárász utca to enjoy a drink with your friends in sunny days

Picnics in New Szeged.
Stay until late to enjoy the stunning view to Dóm Cathedral at the night time

River Szeged Boat Tours

Clubs: Retro, Hungi (organizing international parties)
Jate(university parties) , Tisza Dock open air party



Student dormitories

Öthalom

The university has a number of dormitories in Szeged. Some of these are run and used by specific faculties, others offer accommodation to students from any faculty. As the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration does not have its own dormitory, students of our faculty can apply for places in the other, common dormitories like the 'SZTE Öthalmi Diáklakások'.

Lotus Hostel

Many international students stay at the Lotus Hostel which offers nice rooms and a truly international atmosphere. Find out more on their website: http://lotusszallo.hu/?page_id=394

Flat renting

There are agencies and different web sites which offer the apartments for rent, however best option is to follow the updates facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/266300070207455/>

Electronic study systems at the University of Szeged



NEPTUN

is an online database where all your study achievements, courses, grades and financial details are stored. This is the platform you will use to register for courses and exams.

MODULO

is system that handles official pleas like transferring credits or appeals to the Dean. Official documents of all shapes and sizes can be downloaded and submitted through the platform.

Coospace

As a useful online platform, helping students micromanage their studies. Individual classes all have their own scenes where students and teachers can communicate and share study materials with one another throughout the academic year.

Useful online addresses



- University of Szeged (SZTE): <https://www.u-szeged.hu/english>
- SZTE Faculty of Economics and Business Administration: <http://www.eco.u-szeged.hu/english>
- Information for foreign students: <http://www.u-szeged.hu/prospective>
- Szeged online tourist guide: <http://www.budapest.com/hungary/cities/szeged.en.html>
- Traveling from Budapest to Szeged: <https://www.u-szeged.hu/admission/how-to-get-to-szeged>