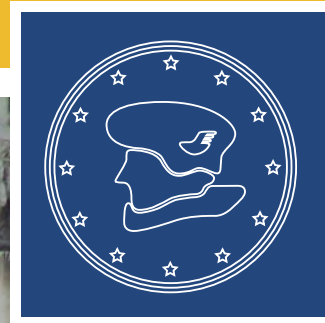


▶ Information for Erasmus Students

University of Szeged



Welcome

Congratulations! You have made a good choice to study at the University of Szeged. We hope that you will be successful in your studies and enjoy living and working with Hungarian students. This leaflet is to help you with practical information about the application procedure and your future studies at our university.

The University of Szeged (Szegedi Tudomány- egyetem – SZTE)

The University of Szeged is a research and teaching centre located in Szeged, the 'City of Sunshine' in the Hungarian Great Plain, the area which is also famous for its attractive countryside and cultural heritage.

With its 30.000 students and 7000 employees, the University of Szeged is one of the largest and most widely recognized universities of Hungary and has a great academic tradition.



Its legal predecessor was founded in Kolozsvár, (present-day Cluj-Napoca, Romania) in 1872. At the end of World War I, in accordance with the Treaty of Paris, Hungary ceded Transylvania to Romania, and the University of Kolozsvár was moved to Szeged in 1921.

Many outstanding professors worked and have been working at the University of Szeged, including Nobel Prize winner Albert Szent-Györgyi, who was the first

to isolate Vitamin C, extracting it from the Szeged paprika.

The University of Szeged is the legal successor to the Szent-Györgyi Albert University of Medicine, József Attila University, Juhász Gyula Teacher's Training College, College of Food Engineering, College of Agriculture and Conservatory.

At present, the University of Szeged has eleven faculties covering nearly all fields of science:

- ▶ Faculty of Arts
- ▶ Faculty of Science
- ▶ Faculty of Law
- ▶ Faculty of Medicine
- ▶ Faculty of Pharmacy
- ▶ Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
- ▶ Faculty of "Juhász Gyula" Teacher's Training College
- ▶ College Faculty of Food Engineering
- ▶ Faculty of Health Sciences
- ▶ College Faculty of Music
- ▶ College Faculty of Agriculture

Most of the university buildings are in downtown within easy walking distance of each other.

The Socrates / Erasmus Programme at the University of Szeged

The University of Szeged has been participating in the Erasmus programme since 1998. Since then the number of its cooperating partner universities has been continuously growing and now it is over 200.

*International Relations Centre
University of Szeged*



The academic year

The academic year begins in September and is divided into two semesters: the Autumn and the Spring Semester. Dates for the given academic year can be found on the homepage of the International Relations Centre:

<http://www.u-szeged.hu/intrel>

How to apply

If your application is approved by your home university to study at SZTE you should carefully fill in an **Application Form for the University of Szeged** and also attach the required enclosures, the **certificate of the Erasmus status** and the **preliminary Learning Agreement** as well as the **Application Form for Accommodation**. These forms can be downloaded from the following homepage:

<http://www.u-szeged.hu/erasmus>

The application form of the University of Szeged and the preliminary Learning Agreement must include an official institutional stamp and signatures of your Erasmus departmental and institutional coordinators.

Erasmus students are required to send their applications and enquiries for the next academic year to the International Relations Centre to the following address:

**International Relations Centre (IRC)
University of Szeged
H-6720 Szeged, Dugonics tér 13.
Tel/fax: +36 62 420 895
E-mail: peto@rekt.u-szeged.hu**

Applications should if possible be sent to the IRC by:

30 June for the 1st semester
(starting in September)

31 October for the 2nd semester
(starting in February)

As soon as your university accepts your study programme you will be sent a letter of acceptance and an information package.

Health insurance

It is strongly recommended that you take out health insurance to cover your study period in Hungary. In case of students from EU member states medical care is ensured on the basis of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). If you are a non-EU citizen, you should inquire whether there is a bilateral agreement on health care between Hungary and your country.

In case of an accident or emergency you will receive free treatment provided you have EHIC or an adequate health insurance.

Visa and residence permit

For a stay of less than 90 days in Hungary, neither EU nor non-EU citizens need a visa. However, in case of certain countries the visa-free period covers only 30 days. Applications for visas should be submitted at the Hungarian Embassy of your country.

If your stay in Hungary exceeds three months, you are required to apply for a residence permit. You should submit your application to the Hungarian authorities at least 15 days before the end of your 90-day stay.

Courses offered at the University of Szeged

Make sure that you understand well in advance which courses will be available for you at the University of Szeged. Discuss it with your lecturers at your home institution and try to get a clear idea whether these courses will be recognised by your home institution when you return. The courses you intend to attend should be listed in your Learning Agreement which may be modified after your arrival in Szeged.



Detailed information about the current courses offered in foreign languages is available on the homepage of the IRC.

<http://www.u-szeged.hu/intrel>

Click on the link ERASMUS and then on 'Course descriptions for Erasmus students.'

Hungarian language courses and the "Erasmus Studies"

Our Erasmus students have the opportunity to attend Hungarian language courses to integrate socially during their studies in Szeged. The language courses offered by the Foreign Language Centre are usually available at three different levels. Besides language courses, our Erasmus students can also choose from among a variety of courses announced as "Erasmus Studies" providing a glimpse into Hungarian culture. For further information visit the homepage of the IRC.

Accommodation

To help us organize your accommodation, you are required to complete the Accommodation Form which can be downloaded from our homepage and should be returned to the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator of our university together with the documents mentioned above (see "How to Apply").

The University of Szeged cannot ensure accommodation in dormitories but you will be able to visit flats to let with the help of Hungarian students during the Orientation Week. Costs of apartments

vary depending on place and sharing but most rents are from about 40.000,- HUF (150 EUR) to 100.000,- HUF (265 EUR) per month plus overhead costs.

For the time of the Orientation Week, the IRC can offer hostel accommodation for Erasmus students at very favourable prices.

What to bring with you to the IRC?

For the registration, all Erasmus students are required to bring the following documents to the IRC:

- ▶ Your passport or your identity card (in case of EU citizens)
- ▶ One passport photo for the student card
- ▶ Certificate stating the Erasmus status and indicating the length of your stay
- ▶ Health insurance
- ▶ Visa (if necessary)

Orientation programme

All new international students are required to arrive for the Orientation Week organized by the International Relations Centre. There is an orientation week scheduled for the beginning of September and another one for the end of January. The courses usually start right after the Orientation Week.

The programme of the Orientation Week is designed to give students information and advice on various topics like:

- ▶ Presentation of the University of Szeged
- ▶ Registration
- ▶ Information about courses, language courses; meeting tutors
- ▶ Enrolment for courses at the faculties
- ▶ Information about library and computer facilities
- ▶ Student cards, season tickets
- ▶ Health insurance, student health care
- ▶ Visits to the faculties, the Study and Information Centre and the University Library
- ▶ Visiting flats to rent
- ▶ Information on programmes, excursions organized by the Erasmus Student Network and the Student Union
- ▶ Sightseeing
- ▶ Welcome party



Registering for courses

The University of Szeged has an electronic system called ETR (Egységes Tanulmányi Rendszer = Unified Studies System) through which every student can register for courses. In general, through the ETR our students can access the entire course catalogue, correspond with their teachers and other university students, learn their exam results and obtain information on their scholarship and finances.

After having discussed with the relevant departmental coordinators which courses to take and –if necessary- having modified the preliminary Learning Agreement, our Admission Offices will register the required courses for you in our online system with the help of the IRC.

Assessment/Examination

All Erasmus students are required to take the examinations associated with the courses attended. At seminars students are expected to hand in shorter essays related to a given topic, give presentations and write tests. In case of lectures there are oral or written final exams taking place during the exam period (either from the middle of December to the end of January or from the middle of May to the end of June).

The grading system used by our university, as well as by other higher education institutions in Hungary is as follows:

Local credits

One local credit is equal to 30 hours of student workload and 30 credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one semester, thus, 1 Hungarian credit corresponds to 1 ECTS credit.

Local grading scale – indicators of quality of performance

5 / jeles - excellent, very good

Outstanding with minor errors.

4 / jó - good

Generally sound work with a number of notable errors.

3 / közepes - satisfactory

Fair but with significant shortcomings.

2 / elégséges - pass

Performance meets the minimum criteria.

1 / elégtelen - fail

Further work is required.

Transcript of Records

All Erasmus students will be issued with a Transcript of Records at the end of their studies at the University of Szeged. In order to facilitate the recognition of your study period by your sending institution, detailed descriptions of courses (including required student workload, the course

subjects, aim of the course etc.) will be attached to the transcript.

Should you have any further questions regarding your studies at the University of Szeged, please contact the International Relations Centre

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