



Student Guide



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Dear Erasmus Student,

Congratulations! You have made a good choice to study at the University of Szeged!

As an Erasmus student you will be joining one of Hungary's leading universities which enjoys an international reputation for high-quality teaching and research in a great many fields of science. As well, you will be part of a friendly community in one of the largest cities of Hungary, where you will never be short of things to do since there is a wide range of leisure activities to experience throughout the year.

We are committed to making your Erasmus experience at the University of Szeged and in Hungary even more pleasant and in cooperation with our academic departments and service units we will do our best to ensure full support for your studies and life in Szeged.

The present guide is intended to provide some invaluable practical advice and useful tips on studying at the University of Szeged and on what to expect when you arrive in Szeged. In a short guide we cannot hope to answer all the questions you may have as you prepare to come to Hungary, so please feel free to contact the International relations Centre if something does not seem to be obvious for you or if you have any questions remaining unanswered.

I do hope that you will enjoy your studies and stay in Szeged and also living and working with Hungarian students. I wish you the very best in your future studies and look forward to welcoming you to Szeged as one of our Erasmus students soon.

*Professor Gábor SZABÓ,
Rector*



1 WELCOME TO SZEGED!

IN & AROUND SZEGED

The City...

Szeged is a thriving city with lots to offer students. The city centre abounding in sights offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities, catering to all tastes. Szeged, one of the most attractive cities in Hungary, is a good choice for any student...

Szeged is situated near the Southern border of Hungary, on the banks of the river Tisza. A large part of the town lies on the right bank, while Újszeged, a leafy residential district, lies on the left bank of the river. Szeged is the cultural and economic hub of South Eastern Hungary, and a thriving university town famous for its open-air theatre. The city centre is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Roman Catholic Cathedral (Dóm). This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20th century to commemorate the rebirth of the city after the devastating flood of the Tisza in 1879.

By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city with its population of 180,000. The climate is highly favourable. The mean temperature is 11°C (52° F), somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as



it enjoys an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine annually.

The region around Szeged has been inhabited since Roman times. During the period of the Great Migration from the fifth to the ninth centuries, it was a meeting place for various tribes. The region is therefore abundant in valuable archaeological sites.

The settlement was given the rank of a free royal town in 1241; it was an important monastic centre in the Late Middle Ages; during the 16th and 17th Centuries it was occupied by the Turks and served as an administrative centre.

The great flood of 1879, mentioned earlier, turned out to be a blessing in

disguise. The reconstruction that followed – through the help of Vienna, Paris, London, and other European cities – created a modern city with an exemplary layout of avenues and boulevards and a strikingly homogenous architecture that preserves the Eclectic and Art Nouveau styles from the turn of the century.

Szeged is the economic centre of the region and is famous for food processing, especially salami and paprika. Textiles, clothing and natural gas are also significant, but the city is most famous for its culture, including its university.

In spite of the fact that Szeged has the atmosphere of a quiet college town, the city is surprisingly cosmopolitan. The local opera is second in reputation only to the one in Budapest. Theatres, cinemas, clubs, the riverbanks, parks, swimming pools

and sports grounds provide a variety of venues for recreation.



Szeged – the festival city

Szeged is known for the numerous festivals it holds throughout the year which attract hundreds of thousands of visitors.



Szeged Events Calendar

MAY	Day of Szeged – The city’s greatest festival attracts thousands of visitors year by year. A great many events take place on this occasion e.g. the Wine Festival, the Bridge Fair etc.
MAY	Wine Festival – Each of the 22 Hungarian wine regions are represented at the most prestigious wine festival of the Southern Great Plain preceded by a wine competition.
MAY	Bridge Fair – The traditional handicraft fair takes place in the heart of the city on “Belvárosi” bridge.
JUNE	Rose Festival in Szeged-Szőreg – A three-day series of programmes in the home of roses, Szőreg. The local rose growers decorate the streets and squares of Szőreg with their flowers of European fame while a Queen of Roses is elected.
JUNE	Beer Festival – A great variety of selected beers, appetizing dishes and concerts entice visitors.
JULY	Witch Festival – The last witch trial took place in Szeged in 1728. The festival commemorates the tradition of witchcraft within the framework of a series of amusing programmes.
JULY-AUGUST	Szeged Open-Air Theatre Festival – <i>www.szegediszabadteri.hu</i>
AUGUST	International Grill Festival – Besides traditional Hungarian grilled dishes you can also taste the specialties of international cuisine.
SEPTEMBER	International Tisza Fish Festival – Visitors have the opportunity to taste the traditional Szeged fish soup. Fisherman's restaurants (halászsárda) prepare typical local dishes in huge kettles on the banks of the River Tisza. The event takes place on the first weekend of September.

To find out more about Szeged and the dates and venues of the above events please visit the home page of the city: www.szegedvaros.hu

Szeged paprika

If you are in Szeged, you should not miss the opportunity to visit the *Pick Salami and Szeged Paprika Museum* or the *Röszke Paprika Park* where you can get acquainted with the tradition of paprika growing and processing in and around Szeged dating back hundreds of years.

Pick Salami and Szeged Paprika Museum

6723 Szeged, Felső Tisza-part 10.
www.szegedipaprika.hu

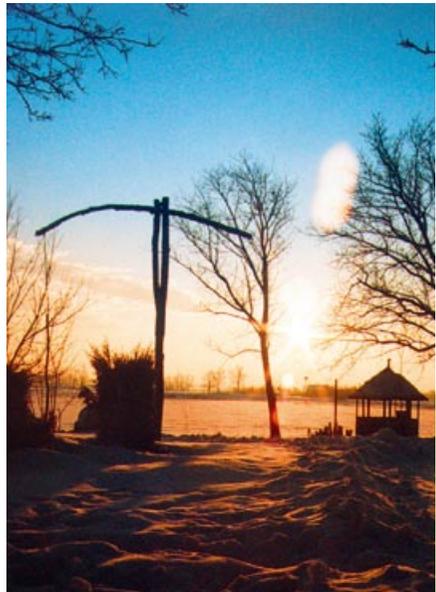
Röszke Paprika Park

6758 Röszke, II. ker. 50/B.
www.paprikamolnar.hu



and the surrounding area of Szeged, the Southern Great Plain...

The Southern Great Plain encompasses three administrative areas: the counties of Bács-Kiskun, Békés and Csongrád. The region lies in the heart of the Carpathian Basin; in the town of Szarvas there is even a monument which marks its exact geographical centre. The region is famous for its national parks (e.g. Kiskunság, Körös-Maros) as well as for its thermal baths. Cultural events are held throughout the year: among the many offerings are the Gyula Castle Tournament and the Famous Festival in Kecskemét.



Walks and excursions around Szeged

■ An approximately 30-minute bus journey takes you to **Ópusztaszer**, one of the most popular historical sites of the region. The area was first mentioned by the 13th-century chronicler, Anonymus, in his *Gesta Hungarorum* as the venue of the first National Assembly of the chiefs of the conquering Magyar tribes led by Prince Árpád. **The Ópusztaszer National Historical Memorial Park** is home of the monumental-sized **Feszty Panorama** illustrating the victorious charge of the Magyar tribes through the Verecke Pass into the Carpathian Basin more than 1100 years ago. The other main attraction of the Park is the *Open-air Ethnographical Museum* including 19 building complexes and 3 open-air exhibitions. (www.opusztaszer.hu)

■ Visit wineries around Szeged and enjoy local wines! The Tisza unites the four districts of the **Csongrád wine region**: the Csongrád, Kistelek, Pusztamérges and Mórahalom–Ásotthalom growth areas. Natural conditions of the territory include sandy soil and a continental climate with little rainfall and lots of sunshine. Typical white wines include *Olaszrizling*, *Rajnai Rizling*, *Chardonnay* and *Muscat Ottonel* while characteristic reds of the area are *Kékfrankos*, *Zweigelt*, *Kövidinka*, *Kadarka*.

■ The beautiful **White Lake** located between Szeged and Sándorfalva



is an internationally protected landscape area under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. The White Lake Bird Reserve can be visited by permission only, however, the lookout tower standing at the edge of the area is open to everyone.

■ By bus you can easily access some of the minor towns of the region such as **Makó** famous for its onions, **Kalocsa** well known for its special type of embroidery and paprika, **Mezőhegyes**, where you can find a beautiful stud farm founded at the time of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy, **Kiskunhalas** famous for its Lace Museum or **Hajós**, where you can find a unique row of wine cellars...

■ Just an hour from Szeged are attractions such as the **Kiskunság National**

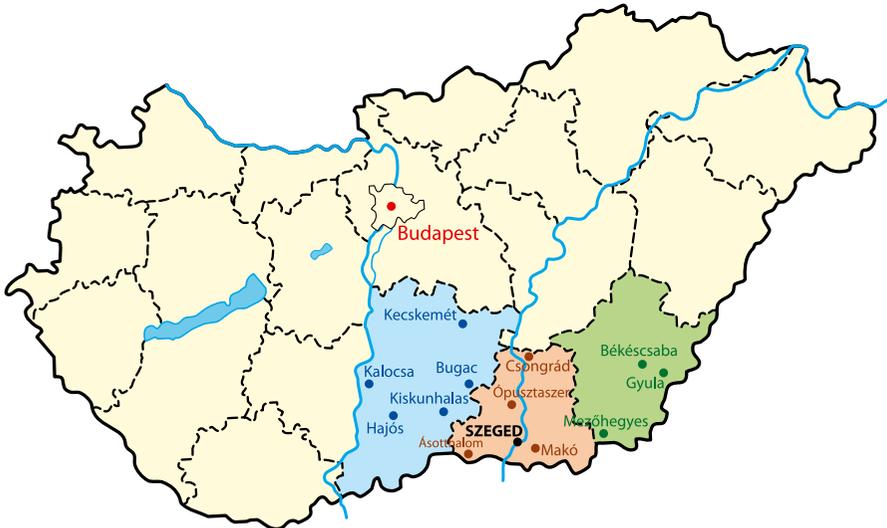
Park with lovely farms, csárda-inns and stables or the **Bugac Plain** where traditional methods of raising cattle have been preserved up to this day...

■ You should not miss visiting **Kecskemét** marked by the Cifrapalota (Ornamented Palace), a unique piece of architecture, known as the masterpiece of Art Nouveau with its wonderful "waving" walls, shining roof tiles and ceramic ornaments of plants and animals. The palace houses the Kecskemét Art Gallery.

■ Spend an unforgettable day in **Gyula** famous for its medieval castle and excellent thermal bath or visit **Békéscsaba**, where Hungary's biggest



Lutheran church can be found. At the popular *Békéscsaba Sausage Festival*, which takes place in late October, you can taste the traditional "Csabai" sausage. (www.kolbaszfesztival.eu)



Further information about these places and other sights of the region can be obtained from the TOURINFORM information office located in the city centre.

Address: 6720 Szeged, Dugonics tér 2.
Tel.: +36 62 488-690, +36 62 488-699
Fax: +36-62 488-690
szeged@tourinform.hu

2 BEFORE LEAVING HOME



The LLP Erasmus Programme at the University of Szeged

The University of Szeged has been participating in the Erasmus programme since 1997. Since then the number of its partner universities has been continuously growing and is now over 300 (see Annex).



The European Quality Label is an international quality assurance project supported by the European Commission which seeks to recognise those institutions that have demonstrated significant achievements in decentralised projects and mobility activities carried out under the Socrates programme.

2007: the University of Szeged was awarded the European Quality Label for its ERASMUS student and teaching staff mobility project and for its excellent project management.

2008: **ERASMUS Success Stories 2008: In teaching staff mobility activities the University of Szeged is among the top ten universities of Europe.**

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: www.u-szeged.hu/erasmus

The application form of the University of Szeged and the preliminary Learning Agreement must include an offi-

cial institutional stamp and signatures of your Erasmus departmental and institutional coordinators.



Deadlines of application:

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

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



Please do not forget to fill in our **Online Erasmus Student Registration Form** which is available at the above-mentioned website address.

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

Health insurance

It is strongly recommended that you get health insurance to cover your study period in Hungary. In the 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.

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 University of Szeged

H-6720 Szeged
Dugonics tér 13.
Hungary

Tel.: +36 62 546 366

Fax: +36 62 546 365

E-mail: peto@rekt.u-szeged.hu



In the case of an accident or emergency you will receive free treatment provided you have EHIC. However, EHIC entitles you to state-provided medical treatment only and in certain cases you may be required to contribute to the cost of your treatment. Therefore, in addition to the above, you are also recommended to purchase medical insurance in your home coun-

try (in this case you will be requested to pay for your treatment on the spot and your medical expenses will be refunded by your insurance company).

Visa and residence permit

In December 2007 Hungary became a member of the Schengen Area, therefore entry into the territory of the country is governed by the Schengen regulations.

*Citizens of EU and EEA member states and of certain non-EU and non-EEA countries may travel to Hungary without visa, however, the Schengen visa and entry regulations are only applicable for a stay not exceeding 90 days.** If your stay in Hungary exceeds three months, you are required to apply for a residence permit. Applications should be submitted to the Regional Directorate of the Office of Immigration and Nationality within ninety-three days from the time of entry.

The availabilities of the **Regional Directorate of the Office of Immigration and Nationality** are as follows:

6724 . Szeged, Londoni krt. 15.

Tel.: +36 62 549-140

Fax: +36 62 549-147

www.bmbah.hu

Don't forget to make sure you are insured for the journey from your home country to Szeged as well.



Schengen visa applications should be submitted at the Hungarian Embassy of your country. Visas and residence permits issued by one of the Schengen States are valid also for Hungary. Visas Issued by Hungarian representations abroad and residence permits issued by Hungarian national authorities are valid for the entire Schengen Area.*

For further information about entry conditions please visit the home page of the Hungarian Embassy of your country.

* Source: Homepage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary (www.kulugyminiszterium.hu)

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 a dormitory but from the beginning of your arrival, during the orientation programme the International Relations Centre can book a hostel accommodation for you at the Tisza Sport Hotel (address: 6726 Szeged, Szent-Györgyi Albert u. 42.) for a very reasonable price.

During the Orientation Week students will be able to visit flats to let with the help of Hungarian students (Erasmus Student Network) and find appropriate accommodation. It's relatively easy to find a suitable flat as there are a lot of them to let. Prices depend on location, transportation, number of renters per apartment, how the apartment is furnished etc. Prices can range from minimum ca **40.000,- HUF to 100.000,- HUF per month/person plus overhead costs**. (The current rates of exchange are available at www.xe.com/ucc/.)



The students of ESN will provide you every assistance during your apartment search. They will show you around the available flats and serve as your interpreter if necessary and your rental contract will be signed both in Hungarian and English in their presence.

If you intend to rent a flat or a room you may need to bring bed linen, blankets and towels or buy them following your arrival. Basic kitchen equipment is usually provided. You may also be required to pay a deposit which will be returned to you before your leaving on the condition that no damage has been caused to the property you were renting.

3 UPON ARRIVAL

What to do upon arrival in Hungary

■ HOW TO GET FROM BUDAPEST TO SZEGED?

BY TRAIN: From the Western (Nyugati) Railway Station there are a number of trains every hour. The journey to Szeged takes approximately two and a half hours.

You can check the timetable on the following web site: www.elvira.hu

If you arrive BY PLANE you do not need to go to the Western Railway Station, since trains depart also from Ferihegy Terminal 1. You can get from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 by taking bus No. 200.

An airport shuttle service called "Airport Minibus" is also at the disposal of travellers and its minibuses can take you from one terminal to another or to any destination within Budapest.

For further information on Ferihegy Airport and the transportation services offered visit:

www.bud.hu/english

BY COACH: Coaches depart from Budapest Népliget; travel time is approx. 3 hours. Please visit www.volán.eu to check the timetable.

BY CAR: Take Motorway M5 leading to Szeged directly. Motorway



vignette is necessary. Please visit www.motorway.hu for further information.

■ ARRIVING IN SZEGED – HOW TO GET TO THE CITY CENTRE?

Arrival **by train:** The railway station is approx. 2 km from the city centre. Take tram 1 to the University and the centre.

Arrival **by coach:** The coach station is in the western part of the city (Mars tér), the centre can be reached by tram 1 or local buses 70 and 71 as well as by trolley buses 5 and 9.

Please inform us about the time of your arrival in advance and your mentor, a Hungarian student, will be waiting for you at the railway station or the bus station in Szeged and help you to find your way to your accommodation. Therefore, it is advisable to arrive in Szeged in the daytime or early in the evening!



The Orientation Week

The International Relations Centre holds an Orientation Week for new Erasmus students to familiarize them with the university and its facilities and to help them with adjustment to life in Hungary. The Orientation lasts up to one week. You will be informed about the detailed programme via e-mail well in advance. Though participation is not compulsory, you are strongly advised to attend. The Orientation will cover a variety of useful topics:

- 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 faculties, the Study and Information Centre and the University Library
- Visiting rental flats
- Information on programmes, excursions organized by the Erasmus Student network and the Students' Union
- Sightseeing
- Welcome party



Erasmus registration

The registration takes place within the framework of the Orientation Week organized by the IRC, therefore, all new Erasmus students are recommended to arrive by that time. If it is not possible for you to arrive before the Orientation Week, you can go to the International Relations Centre to get registered during regular office hours from 8.00-16.00 from Monday to Thursday and from 8.00-12.00 on Friday.

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)

4 LIVING IN SZEGED

The cost of living

It depends partly on your own spending habits how much money you will need during your stay in Hungary. In general, living expenses are reasonable in Hungary especially in comparison with Western European countries. The average cost of living in Szeged, including room and board amounts to 80-100.000 HUF per month depending on the type of accommodation you choose. However, we advise you that you may need more money than the above amount in case you plan to buy clothes or get involved in various leisure activities etc.

Banks

Banks are usually open Mon. to Fri., 9.00-16.00, and Sat., till 12.00. You can exchange money at any banks, travel



agents and larger post offices. They may offer different deals concerning the rate of exchange and the fees charged, so you are advised to look around in the city before exchanging foreign currency. EuroCard, MasterCard and Visa Electron are the most popular bank/credit cards in Hungary,

and you can easily find ATM machines in Szeged to withdraw money from your home account.

Postal services

Main post offices are usually open Mon. to Fri., 8.00-19.00, and Sat., till 12.00 only. Stamps can also be purchased at any tobacconist's.

The address of the central post office is: 6720 Szeged, Széchenyi tér 1.

Public transport

There are various forms of public transport available in Szeged. Bus, tram and trolley bus tickets can be purchased at any tobacconist's or newsstand. A day pass gives you unlimited use of public transport for one day. Weekly and monthly passes are also available. Buses, trams and trolley buses run from 5.00-23.00. At night, they run much less frequently. While on public transport beware of pickpockets.



Shops

Most shops are open Mon. to Fri., 9.00-18.00, and Sat., 9.00-13.00. Large shopping centres have extended hours of operation or are open non-stop.

Market: The biggest market in Szeged is in Mars tér by the coach station where you can purchase local produce every day of the week.

Universum Book Shop: A foreign-language book shop in Oskola utca for dictionaries, language books, novels, poetry etc.

Canteens

University canteens (*menza*) offer meals at very reasonable prices. In fact, it might be more affordable to eat there than to cook a meal at home. Students of the University of Szeged usually go to the SZOTE Canteen (Simmelweis u. 4.) or drop into the nearby Irinyi Canteen (Boldogasszony sgt. 4.). Some restaurants like Restaurant Gödör (Tisza Lajos krt. 103.), Restaurant Fesztivál (Dóm tér 1-4.), the self-service



restaurant located on the ground floor of Szeged Nagyáruház (Jókai u. 1.) or Boci Tejvó (milk bar) (Zrínyi u. 2.) also offer dishes at rather favourable prices.

Traditional Hungarian cuisine

Traditional Hungarian food is often spicy since hot paprika, which gives a unique taste and a fiery colour to our dishes, is commonly used. Other essential ingredients accounting for a special flavour are sweet paprika, ground black and white pepper, onion, garlic, sour cream, cottage cheese (sometimes sweetened), smoked bacon and a variety of herbs. Though most authentic Hungarian dishes require lard, nowadays most restaurants and housewives use vegetable oil instead of pork fat.

Some must-try Hungarian specialties are *halászlé* (fisherman's soup), "*Jókai*" *bablevés* (Jókai bean soup), *Újházi tyúkhúsleves* ("Újházi" chicken broth), *pörkölt* (a ragout made from pork, beef, mutton or chicken with onions and paprika powder), *paprikás* (made in the same way as *pörkölt* but sour cream is mixed in the paprika and onion sauce), *nokedli* (small dumplings), *goulash* (a soup of thick consistency eaten as a main dish), *túrógombóc* (cottage cheese dumplings), *szilvágombóc* (plum dumplings), *palacsinta* (pancake either with sweet filling e.g. sugared cottage cheese, jam, sugared cocoa or cinnamon powder or stuffed with meat "Hortobágyi" pancake), *rétes* (strudel with various fillings e.g. cottage



cheese, apple, poppy-seed and sour cherry) and *Somlói galuska* (sponge dumplings with chocolate sauce, rum and whipped cream) etc.

To savour the culinary delights of Hungary drop in one of the traditional fisherman's restaurants (*halászcserda*) of Szeged.

Once in a semester, the staff of the International Relations Centre organizes a gastroparty (e.g. outdoor "Paprika Potato" Party, "Cserda" Party) for the Erasmus students to get them better acquainted with the traditional Hungarian cuisine.



THE JÓZSEF ATTILA STUDY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

www.u-szeged.hu/tik

H-6722 Szeged, Ady tér 10.

The “heart and soul” of the university is the József Attila Study and Information Centre the mission of which is to provide an innovative, technologically-advanced and comprehensive learning environment. The Centre, always bustling with life, is a unique combination of library and instruction space, classrooms, the best computing and instructional support for our students and faculty. From Monday to Wednesday various lessons take place in the lecture and seminar rooms of the building and from Thursday to Sunday the Centre is the venue of national and international conferences, university and business meetings, cultural and charitable programmes (concerts, exhibitions), receptions and balls.



General opening hours:

Monday-Friday: 08:00-20:00

Saturday: 09:00-16:00

Library facilities

The University Library has the largest collection in the region of the Southern Great Plain and is one of the most significant scientific libraries of Hungary. It unifies the holdings, services and infrastructure of nearly every faculty, institute and department of our university. In the reading rooms located on four floors (1st floor: Social sciences, 2nd floor: History, 3rd floor: Languages and literature, 4th floor: Natural and life sciences) there are more than 300.000 books arranged thematically as part of a collection of over 1,5 million items. For up-to-date and detailed information on the University Library, its collections and services please visit the following homepage: www.bibl.u-szeged.hu.

Free WiFi access is provided throughout the area of the university.



Student Guidance and Welfare Services at the University of Szeged

The University of Szeged provides a range of services to its students:

- Students' Union
www.ehok.u-szeged.hu
- Students' Service Office
www.u-szeged.hu/tik
- Career Office
www.sztekarrier.hu
- Psychological and Counselling Centre for Students & Office for Students with Disabilities
www.eletv.u-szeged.hu

Erasmus Student Network Szeged (ESN Szeged)

www.esnszeged.hu

The Erasmus Student Network Szeged – founded in 2002 – is a member

organization of ESN International. It is a non-profit student organization with the mission of providing services for ERASMUS exchange students all over Europe on local, national and international levels. ESN Szeged is one of 300 volunteer-based, student-helping-student local sections.

Our main objective is to make our exchange students' stay enjoyable and memorable in our city by providing assistance with the academic, social and cultural integration process. We are committed to representing the needs and expectations of ERASMUS students at the University of Szeged.

We offer help with flat-hunting, cell-phone service and organize orientation programmes, gastroparties ("European Club") and sightseeing trips ensuring a truly international experience for all participants.



Sports facilities in Szeged

Sports Centre of the University of Szeged

The Sports Centre of the University of Szeged offers good opportunities for every student to take up a sport. Our students can choose from among a great variety of indoor and outdoor sports.

www.sport.u-szeged.hu

6725 Szeged, Hattyas sor 10.

Swimming Pools

- Sports pool (Városi Sportcsarnok):
Temesvári krt. 33., Újszeged.
- Liget bath (Ligetfürdő):
Torontál tér 1., Újszeged
- Sziksós bath (Sziksósfürdő
Strand és Kemping):
Széksósi út, Kiskundorozsma
- Anna Spa (Anna Gyógy-, Termál- és
Élményfürdő): Tisza Lajos krt. 24.



Ice-skating

- Skating Rink (Műjégpálya),
Szabadkai út

Tennis and Squash

- Erzsébet Ligeti Teniszközpont
(Tennis Centre, University of
Szeged): Újszeged, Liget,
e-mail: tenisz@univkht.hu
- Gellért Fitness Center:
Derkovits fasor 113.
Court reservation:
www.gellert.szeged.hu/language/en
- Kisstadion (Tennis Courts):
Derkovits fasor 1-3.
- Squash Club: Kenyérgyári út 3.
www.squashclub.hu



5 ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The University of Szeged – more than 400 years of tradition

The adventurous history of the University of Szeged dates back to **1581** when *István Báthory*, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Lithuania and Prince of Transylvania issued a deed of foundation in order to establish a Jesuit university (*academia*) in Kolozsvár (present day Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

Though the *academia* ceased to function due to religious turmoil in the country, Jesuit education soon resumed in Kolozsvár. In the second half of the 18th century the institution was reorganized and given the name *universitas* by Maria Theresia, Queen of Hungary. The legal successor of the *universitas*, the Hungarian Royal University of Kolozsvár, was established in **1872**. At the end of World War I Hungary ceded Transylvania to Romania, and the university was moved to Szeged in **1921**.

From the beginning, the city of Szeged was devoted to turning the town into a comfortable home for higher education. One of the outstanding professors working at the University in the inter-war period was Nobel Prize winner Albert Szent-Györgyi, who was the first to isolate Vitamin C, extracting it from Szeged paprika. After World War II, the University of Szeged was the first in Hungary to resume functioning.

In 1951, the Medical Faculty became an independent institution. In 1962, the former university took the name of the great Hungarian poet, Attila József, who had been a student here in the 1920s.

In 1991, the leaders of the higher education institutions in Szeged signed an agreement to merge into a large, unified research and education centre. On 1 January **2000**, this newly formed University of Szeged was founded as the legal successor to the Szent-Györgyi Albert Medical University, József Attila University and Juhász Gyula Teachers Training College.



Faculties



Faculty of Engineering



Faculty of Economics and Business Administration



Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Work



Faculty of Agriculture



Faculty of Music



Faculty of Law



"Juhász Gyula" Faculty of Education



Faculty of Arts



Faculty of Dentistry



Faculty of Science and Informatics



Faculty of Medicine



Faculty of Pharmacology

The university buildings

The University of Szeged does not have a campus per se. Over the years the buildings of the university have spread over the entire city, so that today they completely blend into the cityscape. You can find most of the faculty buildings in the downtown area within easy walking distance of each other. One of the faculties, the Faculty of Agriculture, is located in the adjacent town of Hódmezővásárhely. For further information please visit the home page of the University of Szeged: www.u-szeged.hu



JATE Club

The academic year

The academic year consists of two semesters of fourteen weeks each. The first semester usually begins in the second week of September and lasts until the middle of December while January is the examination period. The second semester usually lasts from the beginning of February to the middle of May.

The second part of May and much of June are reserved for examinations.

The current university calendar can be downloaded from the homepage of the International Relations Centre. (www.u-szeged.hu/erasmus)

Courses to be studied in Szeged

Make sure that you understand well in advance which courses will be available to you in Szeged. Discuss these with your advisors at your home institution and try to get a clear idea of what courses you intend to take before arriving in Szeged. The courses you would like to attend should be listed in your Learning Agreement which may be modified following your arrival in Szeged.

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

www.u-szeged.hu/erasmus

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 take Hungarian language courses to make their everyday lives in Hungary easier. The language courses offered by the Institute for Communication in Foreign Languages 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.

Student card

You will receive your student card soon after your registration at the relevant faculty of the university. (You will be informed about further details during the Orientation Week.)

The student card entitles students to numerous discounts at several local shops, to cheaper fares in certain taxis and 50% discount on trains and coaches. Season tickets are valid with student cards only.



Registering for Courses

The University of Szeged has an electronic system called ETR (Egységes Tanulmányi Rendszer = Unified Studies System) through which our students 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.

Textbooks, books, course notes

The textbooks, books and course notes you will need during your studies in Szeged can be borrowed from the University Library or bought in the University Book Shop located in the Atrium of the József Attila Study and Information Centre. Prices range from 500-2000 HUF in the case of course notes and from 1500-8000 HUF in the case of course books. Medical textbooks are the most expensive, in general they cost 5000-30.000 HUF.



You can access some of the books, handbooks, journals, dictionaries etc. electronically by visiting the home page of the Library (click on the link *E-resources*). The University's Electronic Collection of Course Notes (*ejegyzet.bibl.u-szeged.hu/*) includes course materials in pdf format (mainly in Hungarian but also in foreign languages).

If you get registered for any of the Hungarian language courses offered within the framework of the "Erasmus Studies" you will be provided with free course books under the auspices of the LLP Erasmus Programme.

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. For lectures oral or written final exams take 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.

For further information on our grading scheme please visit our Erasmus home page: www.u-szeged.hu/erasmus (Please click on the link "Grading system")



Transcript of Records

All Erasmus students will be issued a Transcript of Records at the end of their studies at the University of Szeged. Your transcript containing the appropriate credits and the grades awarded by each subject's professor, will be sent to your home institution. You can download the detailed descriptions of courses (including the required student workload, the course subject, aim of the course etc.) from our home page.

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

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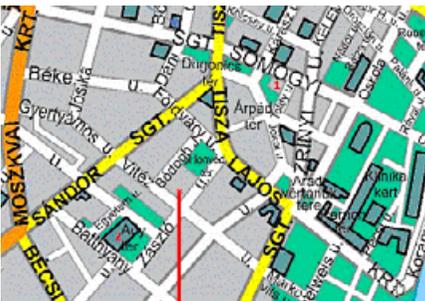
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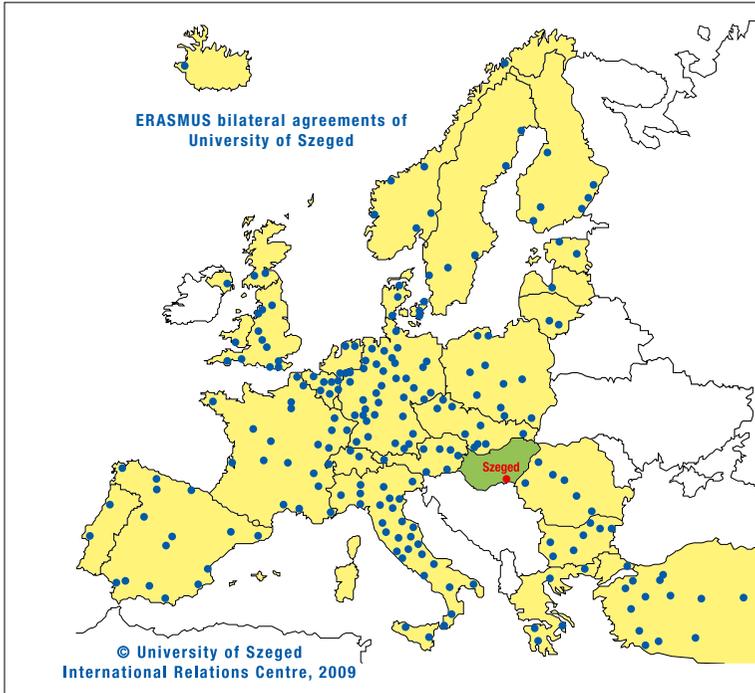
ATTENTION!

The building of the Rector's Office (6720 Szeged, Dugonics tér 13.) is currently under renovation, therefore our office has been temporarily relocated to 6722 Szeged, Honvéd tér 6. (see the map below)

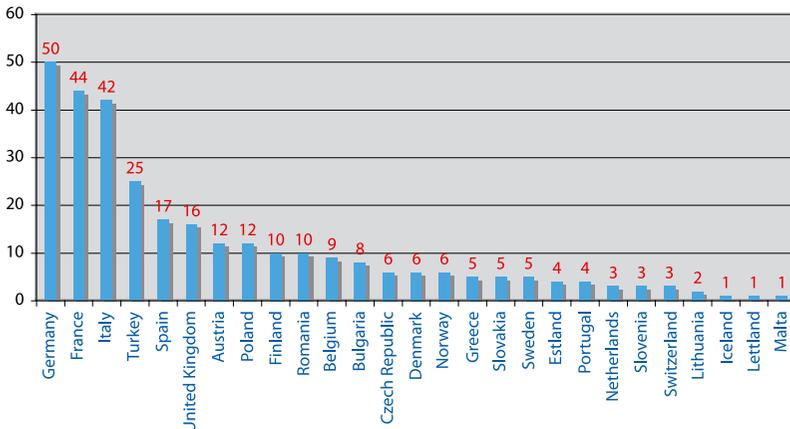


1. Building of the Rector's Office
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The Partner Universities of the University of Szeged



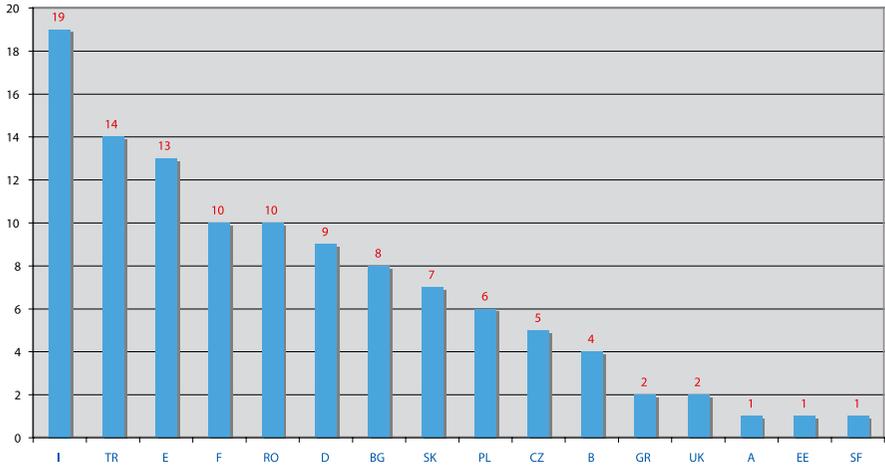
The number of our partners by countries in the academic year 2009/2010



STUDENT MOBILITY

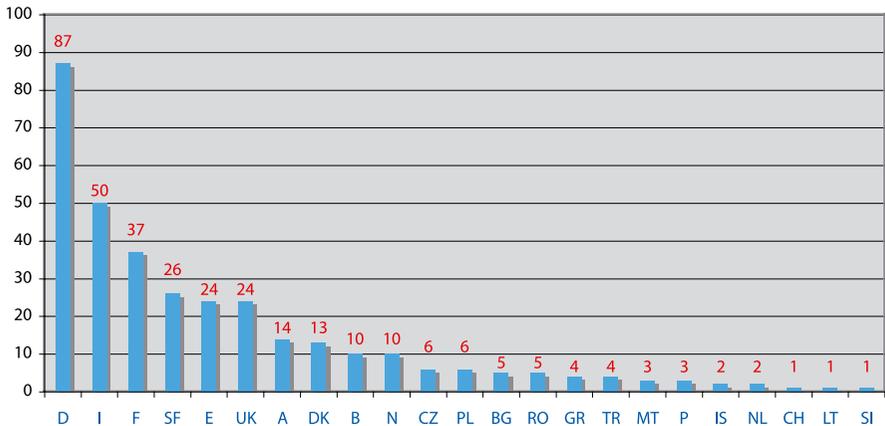
Incoming Erasmus students

Incoming ERASMUS students sorted by host countries - academic year 2008/2009



Outgoing Erasmus students

Outgoing ERASMUS students sorted by host countries - academic year 2008/2009



BASIC DICTIONARY

Welcome	<i>Üdvözljük!</i>
Good morning	<i>Jó reggelt!</i>
Good afternoon	<i>Jó napot!</i>
Good evening	<i>Jó estét!</i>
Good night	<i>Jó éjszakát!</i>
How are you?	<i>Hogy van?</i>
Fine, thank you	<i>Köszönöm jól.</i>
Excuse me	<i>Elnézést!</i>
I'm sorry	<i>Bocsánat.</i>
Here you are	<i>Tessék, itt van.</i>
Thank you	<i>Köszönöm.</i>
Thank you very much	<i>Nagyon köszönöm</i>
You're welcome	<i>Szívesen</i>
Please	<i>Kérem</i>
Hello	<i>Helló</i>
Goodbye	<i>Viszontlátásra</i>
What's your name?	<i>Hogy hívják?</i>
My name is...	<i>A nevem...</i>
Nice to meet you.	<i>Örülök, hogy találkozunk.</i>
What's the time?	<i>Hány óra van?</i>
I don't speak	<i>Nem beszélek</i>
Hungarian	<i>magyarul.</i>
Do you speak English?	<i>Beszél angolul?</i>
I don't understand.	<i>Nem értem.</i>
I understand.	<i>Értem.</i>
Please speak slowly.	<i>Kérem lassan beszéljen.</i>
Yes	<i>Igen</i>
No	<i>Nem</i>
How much does this cost?	<i>Ez mennyibe kerül?</i>
What is this?	<i>Mi ez?</i>
I'll buy it.	<i>Megveszem.</i>
I'd like to buy...	<i>Szeretném megvenni...</i>
Do you have...	<i>Van...</i>
Open	<i>nyitva</i>

Closed	<i>zárva</i>
Train	<i>vonat</i>
Bus	<i>busz</i>
Airport	<i>repülőtér</i>
Railway station	<i>vasútállomás</i>
Coach station	<i>buszállomás</i>
Map	<i>térkép</i>
Tourist information	<i>turista információ</i>
Post office	<i>posta</i>
Museum	<i>múzeum</i>
Bank	<i>bank</i>
Police station	<i>rendőrség</i>
Hospital	<i>kórház</i>
Pharmacy	<i>gyógyszertár</i>
Store, Shop	<i>bolt, áruház</i>
Restaurant	<i>étterem</i>

Numbers / Számok:

one	<i>egy</i>
two	<i>kettő</i>
three	<i>három</i>
four	<i>négy</i>
five	<i>öt</i>
six	<i>hat</i>
seven	<i>hét</i>
eight	<i>nyolc</i>
nine	<i>kilenc</i>
ten	<i>tíz</i>
eleven	<i>tizenegy</i>
twelve	<i>tizenkettő</i>
thirteen	<i>tizenhárom</i>
fourteen	<i>tizennégy</i>
fifteen	<i>tizenöt</i>
sixteen	<i>tizenhat</i>
seventeen	<i>tizenhét</i>
eighteen	<i>tizennyolc</i>
nineteen	<i>tizenkilenc</i>
twenty	<i>húsz</i>

twenty-one
twenty-two
thirty
forty
fifty
sixty
seventy
eighty
ninety
one hundred
one thousand

huszonegy
huszonkettő
harminc
negyven
ötven
hatvan
hetven
nyolcvan
kilencven
száz
ezer

Chicken
Biscuit
Cucumber
Lemonade
Milk
Sausage
Apple
Potato
Carrot
Mushroom
Mustard
Lemon
Sugar
Tomato
Tunafish
Butter
Margarine
Bread
Beverage
Coffee
Te a
Juice
Water
Beer
Wine
Salt
Pepper
Meat
Beef
Pork
Fish
Poultry
Vegetable
Fruit
Salad
Dessert
Ice cream

csirke
keksz
uborka
limonádé
tej
kolbász
alma
krumpli/burgonya
sárgarépa
gomba
mustár
citrom
cukor
paradicsom
tonhal
vaj
margarin
kenyér
ital
kávé
tea
juice
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sör
bor
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bors
hús
marha
disznó
hal
baromfi
zöldség
gyümölcs
saláta
desszert
fagyalt / fagyí

Weekdays / Napok: **Months / Hónapok:**

Monday *hétfő*
Tuesday *kedd*
Wednesday *szerda*
Thursday *csütörtök*
Friday *péntek*
Saturday *szombat*
Sunday *vasárnap*
January *január*
February *február*
March *március*
April *április*
May *május*
June *június*
July *július*
August *augusztus*
September *szeptember*
October *október*
November *november*
December *december*

Shopping list:

Orange *narancs*
Banana *banán*
Cheese *sajt*
Egg *tojás*



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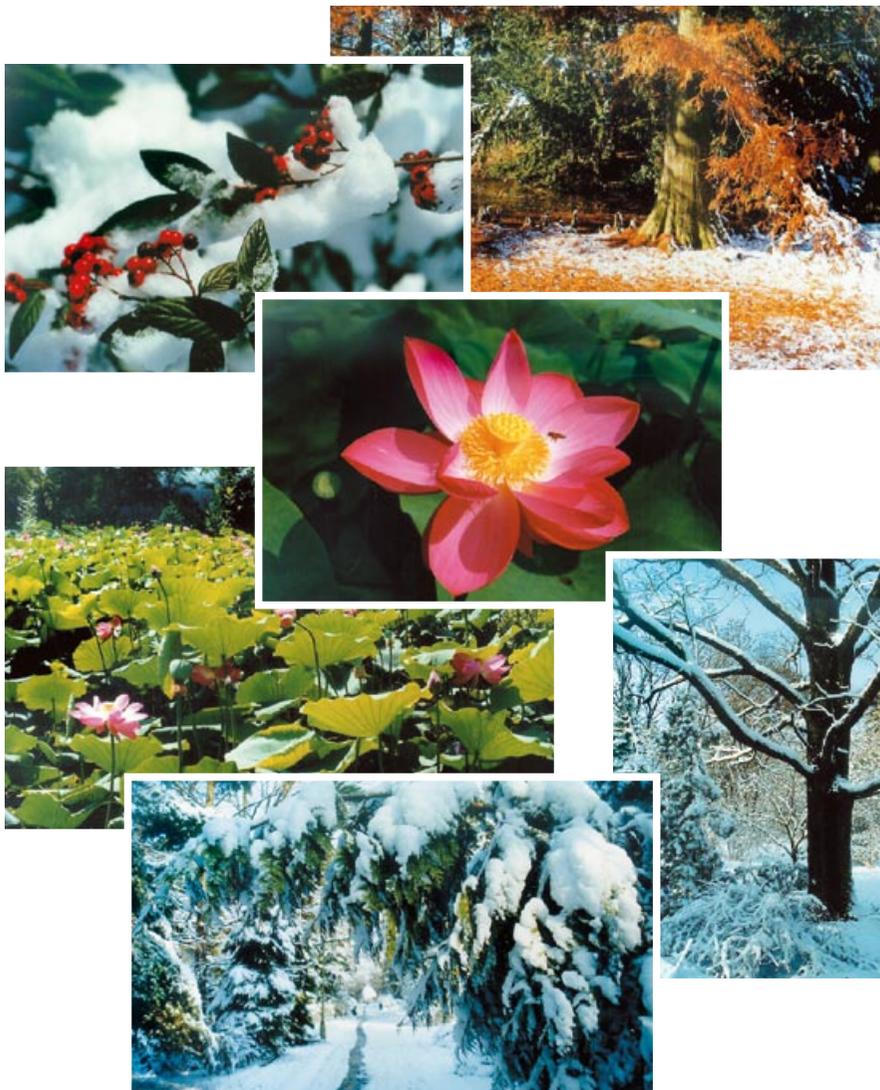
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