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2025–2026

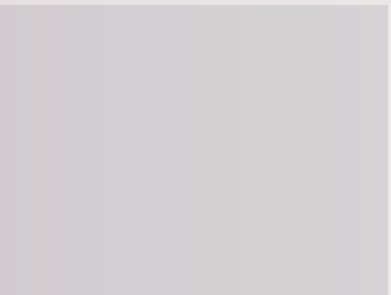


**UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED**

# UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED / SZEGEDI TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM



## PASSPORT



**Type:**

Visitor

Settler

Student

**Previous visits:**

First-timer

1-2

3-4

Too many to count

**Surname:**

**Given name:**

**Go-to emergency food or drink:**

**Special ability:**

**Guardian Spirit Animal:**



# Your Gateway to Knowledge

This special passport gives you access to a world of knowledge at our University, home to Nobel Prize winners. Use it to kick-start your incredible academic journey!



## **Albert SZENT-GYÖRGYI**

*Nobel Laureate and one-time Rector of the University; awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1937.*

## **Katalin KARIKÓ**

*Professor and an alumna of the University; the first Hungarian woman to receive the Nobel Prize, awarded to her in Physiology or Medicine in 2023.*

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# Student Passport

## A Must-Have for New International Students

Your Student Passport is an essential guide designed to help you navigate your first days in Szeged and at the university. It provides key information and useful resources to ensure a smooth and confident start to your academic journey.

With this booklet in hand, you'll feel more prepared as you settle into student life and complete the important steps needed to begin your semester successfully.

The Student Passport also gives you access to the Treasure Hunt on September 4 – it includes a map and all the instructions you'll need to take part in this fun and engaging activity.

Keep it with you at all times – it's your trusted companion for a strong start!

### **FUN FACT:**

**In Hungary, first-year students (freshmen) are affectionately called "storks" within university communities. It's a playful way of referring to new students just beginning their academic journey.**

# Facts about Szeged

- Szeged is the third largest city in Hungary.
- The country's longest river (Tisza) runs right through it.
- Inhabited since ancient times, its history dates back to around the 6<sup>th</sup> millennium BC.
- It is one of the most culturally rich and inspiring cities in Europe, thanks to its University and renowned international cultural festivals.
- Szeged is renowned for its iconic paprika – the bright red spice that lends a distinctive flavor to local dishes. It is also regarded as the city where Albert Szent-Györgyi first extracted vitamin C from paprika peppers.

 MORE INFO:



# Facts about Hódmezővásárhely

- Hódmezővásárhely is the hometown of SZTE's Faculty of Agriculture.
- The city has a long agricultural tradition.
- It ranks as the second largest city in Csongrád-Csanád County.
- A new Tram-Train service connects it to Szeged, making the journey just 25 minutes.
- It is an outward-looking city, committed to European integration, developing advanced infrastructure, and protecting the environment.



# Upon Arrival



## A Website to Help You Get Started

The University has a website with information about accommodation, enrollment, student life, and more – to help you settle in: **<https://u-szeged.hu/english/arrival>**

## Erasmus Student Network of Szeged (ESN)

ESN is a non-governmental, volunteer-based student organization in Europe. Its mentors help international students settle in Szeged. In cooperation with the University, they also support newcomers as they begin their academic and social life in the city. ESN and its events bring international students closer to the local community – and, most importantly, help them make friends, creating opportunities for intercultural exchange and personal growth.

Contact your ESN Mentor with any questions about student life in Szeged – for example, about accommodation, your student card, public services, health matters, and more. You can reach them by email or visit them at the **International Mentoring Center**.

Email: [president@szeged.esn.hu](mailto:president@szeged.esn.hu)

Location: Main Building, 13 Dugonics Square (tér), Room 45

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### MORE INFORMATION:

➤ [www.szeged.esn.hu](http://www.szeged.esn.hu)

➤ [www.facebook.com/szeged.esn](https://www.facebook.com/szeged.esn)





## Faculty Mentors

Several University faculties have Faculty Mentors to help international students find their way and manage academic matters – specifically, at the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, Economics, and Agriculture. However, for programs at the Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical School, the Faculty of Dentistry, and the Faculty of Pharmacy, mentors from the International Student Union of Szeged (I.S.U.S.) are your contacts for any questions about student life at SZTE. To find your mentor, you'll need to contact your program coordinator or admissions officer.

Please note that ESN Mentors cannot assist with university-related matters. If you need help with these, contact your Faculty Coordinator or Faculty Mentor.



# Immigration Procedures

Students from **European Union and EEA countries** must present the following documents in person to receive their registration card:

1. Filled and signed application form for EU and EEA students ☐

2. Proof of payment for the procedural fee:  
HUF 1,000 (EUR 2.6) and  
HUF 5,700 (EUR 14) for the address card (*paid separately*)

☐

Further information is available here:



3. Student Status Certificate ☐

4. Scholarship contract (*if applicable*) ☐

5. Declaration of address (*signed*)  
or lease agreement (*if applicable*) ☐

6. Copy of passport or ID ☐

7. Copy of bank card (*front side*) ☐

8. European Health Insurance Card (*if applicable*) ☐

9. Declaration stating date and place of entry into Hungary ☐

10. Declaration regarding financial background ☐



Immigration  
Office  
in Szeged

Location:  
3 Bakay Nándor  
Street (utca)

Students coming from countries **outside the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA)** need to apply for a residence permit. For detailed information about the procedure and required documents, please visit the following website or scan the QR code below:

[https://enterhungary.com/residence\\_permit\\_for\\_the\\_purpose\\_of\\_study/](https://enterhungary.com/residence_permit_for_the_purpose_of_study/)



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# Enrollment

Your enrollment process starts at the Admissions Office of the faculty offering your program. Visit the office and meet your program coordinator, making sure to take the original documents listed in your acceptance letter. The coordinator and your mentors will guide you through the steps of your **academic registration** and answer any questions you may have. The **location** and **dates for registration** vary by program, so be sure to check the details in advance.

## MORE INFORMATION:

➤ <https://u-szeged.hu/enrolment>



# Online Platforms



The University offers various online platforms to help you manage your studies and administrative tasks, with your login details provided after registration.

**NEPTUN** is an online system that serves as an administrative platform for students, as well as academic and non-academic staff. Using your own account, you can register for courses and exams, manage your financial and administrative tasks, and check your grades and class schedules – which is why it's important to get to know the system well.

Watch the Neptun tutorial:

 <https://u-szeged.hu/neptun-registration>

**COOSPACE** is an online communication and learning tool. Using your personal account, you can access materials for the courses you have registered for, contact your teachers, and submit assignments during the semester.



**MODULO** is an online platform that helps students manage more than 50 different administrative tasks. These may vary by program, department, or faculty, and clear instructions are provided for each procedure.

Watch the Coospace and Modulo tutorial:

 <https://u-szeged.hu/modulo-and-coospace>



# Grading System and Credits

## LOCAL CREDITS

As Hungary is a member of the European Union, Hungarian universities are part of the European Higher Education Area. This means that credits and degrees earned in Hungary are transferable to other European institutions. To support this, an **ECTS (EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM)** equivalent is used at all Hungarian universities. The minimum credit requirement is 180 credits for a Bachelor's degree, 120 for a Master's degree, and 240 for a doctoral degree.







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| 5  | A   excellent    | EXCELLENT    |
| Outstanding with minor errors                        |                  |              |
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| 4  | B   good         | GOOD         |
| Generally sound work with a number of notable errors |                  |              |
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| 3  | C   satisfactory | SATISFACTORY |
| Fair, but with significant shortcomings              |                  |              |
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| 2  | D/E   passed     | SUFFICIENT   |
| Performance meets the minimum criteria               |                  |              |
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| 1  | FX/F   failed    | FAIL         |
| Further work is required                             |                  |              |

# Student Life



# National Holidays

Hungary has several national public holidays. On these days, all shops are closed and public transportation operates on a limited schedule, so make sure to do your shopping in advance.



- On **October 23**, Hungarians mark the Memorial Day of the 1956 Revolution, commemorating the uprising against communist oppression.
- **November 1** is All Saints' Day, a day to remember lost loved ones, when families place flowers and candles on graves.
- **December 24** is Christmas Eve, when it is traditional in Hungary to gather and celebrate around the Christmas tree. The holiday continues on **December 25** and **December 26**, which are official public holidays.



- **March 15** is the Memorial Day of the 1848–49 Revolution for Independence, celebrated with music, commemorative speeches, and the wearing of special ribbons in the national colors of the Hungarian flag.
- Easter is of great significance in Hungary and is celebrated on a different date each spring.
- **May 1**, known as May Day or Labor Day, is a public holiday marking the arrival of spring.
- The Christian holiday of Pentecost is also a bank holiday, occurring on the seventh Monday after Easter Sunday.
- **August 20** is Hungary's State Foundation Day, featuring fireworks and day-long festivities.

# Student Support

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## OFFICE FOR FULL-TIME PROGRAMS

This office is responsible for the **Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship** Program as well as the scholarship programs for the Hungarian Diaspora.

Location: **Main Building, 13 Dugonics Square (tér),  
Rooms 41 & 45 (Ground floor)**

Phone: **+36-62-343-884**, Email: **stipendium@szte.hu**

To book an appointment, please contact the office staff via email.

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## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY CENTER

This office coordinates **ERASMUS+** and **CEEPUS** programs.

Location: **Main Building, 13 Dugonics Square (tér), Room 44 (Ground floor)**

Office hours:

To book an appointment, please contact the office staff via email.

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➤ [www2.u-szeged.hu/erasmus/eindex.html](http://www2.u-szeged.hu/erasmus/eindex.html)

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## CEEPUS program

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Phone: **+36-62-546-366**

➤ [www.u-szeged.hu/ceepus/](http://www.u-szeged.hu/ceepus/)



## STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE (HSZI)

This office is responsible for student enrollment (for Hungarian students) and

administrative and service tasks related to student finances. As an international student, you'll need to contact this office regarding your Student ID card, student status certificates, residence permit, and health insurance.

Location: TIK, 10 Ady Square (tér)

Office hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Email: [hszi@hszi.u-szeged.hu](mailto:hszi@hszi.u-szeged.hu)

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## OFFICES OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### **Student Union of the University (EHÖK)**

The Student Union is the main organization representing students' interests. It works in close cooperation with the student unions of the individual faculties.

Location: 34 Szentháromság Street (utca)

Email: [iroda@ehok.u-szeged.hu](mailto:iroda@ehok.u-szeged.hu)

Office hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



### **International Student Union of Szeged (I.S.U.S.)**

I.S.U.S. is a student-led organization, founded by students and supported by the Medical School. Its mission is to help medical students thrive – academically, socially, and personally.

I.S.U.S. is committed to guiding students through their studies, helping them overcome challenges, building strong connections between students and faculty, and fostering wellbeing across campus. From academic workshops to charity drives, sports tournaments to cultural celebrations, I.S.U.S. events bring the community together. At the heart of all these events is the highlight of the year – the International Cultural Evening, a vibrant celebration of diversity, talent, and student spirit.

Email: [isus.szeged@gmail.com](mailto:isus.szeged@gmail.com)

➤ Find I.S.U.S. on Facebook and Instagram

➤ [https://www.instagram.com/isus\\_szeged/](https://www.instagram.com/isus_szeged/)

# Accommodation

Student residences are available for international students who hold a governmental scholarship (e.g., Stipendium Hungaricum) or who are enrolled in programs – such as the Agricultural Engineering BSc or the International Relations MA in French – that provide accommodation in student hostels. Rooms are shared with one or two other students, and each room comes with internet access. The residences also provide facilities for sports, cultural events, and other social activities.

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## MORE INFORMATION:

➤ [www.u-szeged.hu/english/dormitories](http://www.u-szeged.hu/english/dormitories)

ASSISTANCE WITH FINDING ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN SZEGED.

## MORE INFORMATION:

➤ <https://u-szeged.hu/accommodation>







# SZTE International Orientation Days 2025

## **Dear Freshman,**

We are delighted to welcome you to Szeged! To help you adjust to your new life here, you are invited to take part in the International Orientation Days. Throughout this special event, you'll receive all kinds of useful and practical information to help you navigate student life in Szeged. In addition to diverse information sessions, our team-building activities and other fun programs will give you the chance to kick-start your social life as well. We hope you enjoy the Orientation Days!

## **Team Building in Ópusztaszer (Star Path)**

Let's explore Hungary's biggest outdoor maze together! Located in Ópusztaszer, just an hour's drive from Szeged, this 3.5 km-long hedge maze is the third largest in the world, with a design inspired by the legend of the Mythical Stag – so vast it's even visible from space. Make the right choices at 13 branch-

ing paths and find your way out! If you're interested, please register in advance.

## **Treasure Hunt**

Curious about the hidden gems of your new city? Want to discover the best study spots, party places, and communities in Szeged? Then join the treasure hunt team! For practical details, visit the information stand or registration desk.

## **Freshmen's Oath**

First-year students officially join the university community by taking an oath at the beginning of their studies. For international students at the University of Szeged, this tradition takes place at the end of the Orientation Days. Everyone dresses up for the occasion and solemnly swears that "We are up to no good!" The formal ceremony is followed by a community-building Kahoot quiz and an unforgettable Freshmen's Party.

# SZTE ORIENTATION DAYS

## September 2–4, 2025

Preliminary program\*

### SEPTEMBER 2 | TUESDAY

JÓZSEF ATTILA STUDY AND INFORMATION CENTER, 10 ADY SQUARE

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Welcome Greetings
1:10 PM – 2:00 PM	Information Sessions
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Coffee Break
2:20 PM – 3:00 PM	Police and Immigration Office Info
3:00 PM – 3:10 PM	Raffle
3:10 PM – 4:00 PM	Bridging Cultures: How to Overcome Challenges in a Multicultural Study Environment

### SEPTEMBER 3 | WEDNESDAY

JÓZSEF ATTILA STUDY AND INFORMATION CENTER, 10 ADY SQUARE

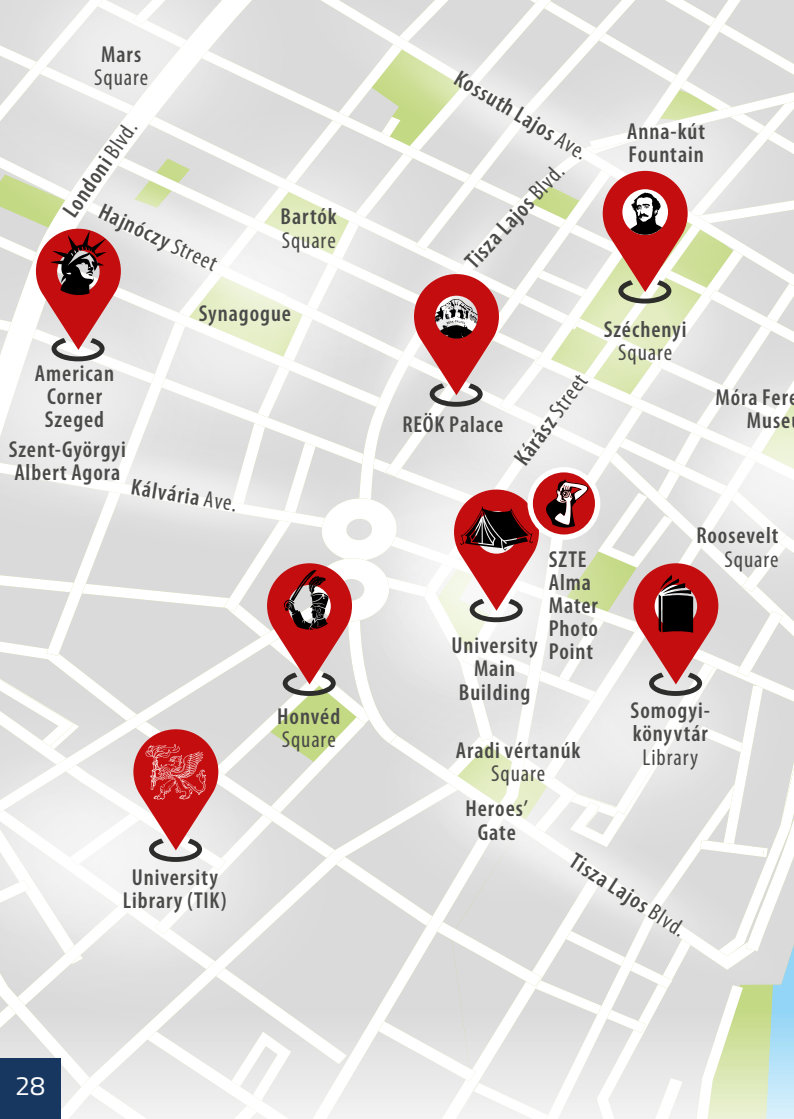
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Meet Our Service Units
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Information Sessions on Enrollment Procedures
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break in Groups
1:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Fun Team Building in Ópusztaszer (with bus transfer)

### SEPTEMBER 4 | THURSDAY

JÓZSEF ATTILA STUDY AND INFORMATION CENTER,  
PLUS VARIOUS CITY-CENTER LOCATIONS (starting point at the Rector's Office)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Library Tour (10 Ady Square) - optional
2:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Treasure Hunt in the City
5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Freshmen's Oath
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Freshmen's Party

\*Please note that this program is subject to change. For the latest information, visit [www.u-szeged.hu/orientation](http://www.u-szeged.hu/orientation)



Mars Square

Londoni Blvd.  
Hajnóczy Street

Bartók Square

Synagogue

American Corner Szeged

Szent-Györgyi Albert Agora

Kálvária Ave.

Kossuth Lajos Ave.  
Tisza Lajos Blvd.

Anna-kút Fountain

Széchenyi Square

Móra Ferenc Múzeum

REÖK Palace

Károly Street

Roosevelt Square

Honvéd Square

University Main Building

Aradi vértanúk Square

Heroes' Gate

SZTE Alma Mater Photo Point

Somogyi-könyvtár Library

University Library (TIK)

Tisza Lajos Blvd.



Tisza Lajos Blvd.

Stefania Park

Tisza River

Hungu  
Club

DOKK  
Party Boat

Napfényfürdő  
Aquapolis  
Aquatic Center

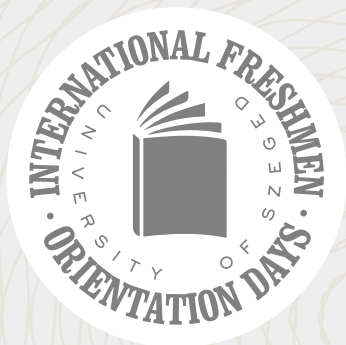
Liget  
Park



Treasure Hunt Stations

Parks

**FIND ALL THE LOCATIONS  
INDICATED ON THE MAP  
AND COLLECT ALL  
THE STAMPS!**





# Faculties of the University of Szeged



## AGRICULTURE

[www.mgk.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.mgk.u-szeged.hu/english)



## BARTÓK BÉLA FACULTY OF ARTS

[www.music.u-szeged.hu/english/](http://www.music.u-szeged.hu/english/)



## DENTISTRY

[www.stoma.u-szeged.hu/english/](http://www.stoma.u-szeged.hu/english/)



## ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[www.eco.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.eco.u-szeged.hu/english)



## JUHÁSZ GYULA FACULTY OF EDUCATION

<https://www.jgypk.u-szeged.hu/english/welcome/about-us>



## ENGINEERING

[www.mk.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.mk.u-szeged.hu/english)



## HEALTH SCIENCES AND SOCIAL STUDIES

[www.etszk.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.etszk.u-szeged.hu/english)



## HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

[www.arts.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.arts.u-szeged.hu/english)



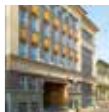
## LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

[www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english)



## ALBERT SZENT-GYÖRGYI MEDICAL SCHOOL

[www.med.u-szeged.hu/fs](http://www.med.u-szeged.hu/fs)



## PHARMACY

[www.pharm.u-szeged.hu/english](http://www.pharm.u-szeged.hu/english)



## SCIENCE AND INFORMATICS

<https://sci.u-szeged.hu/english>



# Health Insurance

Accidents and illnesses can happen, and sometimes it may become necessary to get medical assistance during your stay in Hungary. With health insurance, your medical expenses are partially or fully covered by the insurance company if you become sick or injured. It is also mandatory to have valid health insurance in order to receive your residence permit.

## PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (GENERALI STUDIUM)

Students can have a Generali Studium Health Insurance policy arranged through the University. For certain programs, the tuition fee already includes the health insurance fee – please check with your faculty for details.

For information about the terms and conditions of the Generali Studium Health Insurance policy, please visit: <http://www.u-szeged.hu/gz>

MORE INFORMATION: ➔ [www.u-szeged.hu/gz](http://www.u-szeged.hu/gz)



## GOVERNMENT-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE (TAJ CARD)

Holders of a valid **Student ID Card** or **Temporary Student ID Certificate** are entitled to health care services under Act CXXII of 2019 on the Entitlements to Social Security Benefits and on Funding These Services. They are therefore eligible to receive a social security card (known as a “TAJ card”). With a TAJ card – Hungary’s national health insurance card – scholarship holders can access public health care services free of charge, not only for emergencies or urgent care, but for general medical needs as well.

### Application

You can apply for a TAJ card at the Stipendium Hungaricum Office by booking an appointment. Please note that you can only apply once you have obtained your permanent residence permit. Processing takes at least 2-3 weeks, so it is important to submit your application as soon as possible..



## You will need the following documents:

- A copy of **your passport**
- Approved **residence permit certificate** (in Hungarian)
- A copy of your **residence permit**
- **Accommodation Reporting Form** (a certificate confirming your current accommodation in Hungary, with a QR code)  
More information:  
<http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?lang=en>
- A **certificate** of your active student status  
Available at the Office for Academic Affairs at your Faculty  
(Tanulmányi Osztály)

## MORE INFORMATION:

➤ <https://u-szeged.hu/health>



# Student ID Card

A Student ID Card or Temporary Student ID Certificate entitles students to enjoy various discounts for many services and at numerous venues.

## TEMPORARY STUDENT ID

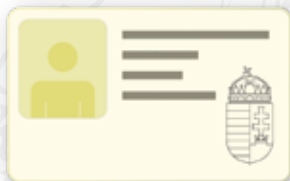
If you are in Szeged to study on a mobility program such as Erasmus or IISMA and are staying for a shorter period, you may benefit from a Temporary Student ID, which is issued much faster than the permanent one. Please make sure your student status is active in the Neptun system, then present your passport at the **Student Services Office** (10 Ady Square).

## PERMANENT STUDENT ID CARD

If you are staying for a longer period, you can apply for a permanent Student ID Card. After completing your **academic registration** and making sure your student status is active in Neptun, you will need to visit the **Government Office** to obtain the so-called **NEK Card Data Sheet** (NEK adatlap), which serves as proof of registration in Hungary's National Unified Card System.

### **Government Office**

Location: 1 Rákóczi Square (tér)



## Documents Needed for Official Card Data Sheet

- Letter of admission or student status certificate
- ID/passport
- Residence permit (for non-EU or non-EEA citizens)
- Registration card from the Immigration Office (for EU or EEA citizens)

At the Government Office, your photo will be taken, and you will receive your official Card Data Sheet (NEK adatlap) required for your permanent Student ID Card. You must submit this Data Sheet to the Student Services Office (HSZI) either in person or by email ([hszi@hszi.u-szeged.hu](mailto:hszi@hszi.u-szeged.hu)). Please do this as soon as possible, as it takes about one month for the Government Office to issue your plastic Student ID Card.

### MORE INFORMATION:

➤ <https://u-szeged.hu/download.php?docID=106102>



Government Office in Rákóczi Square

# Bank Account

Hungarian banks offer a comprehensive range of services, including account management, currency exchange, pension funds, insurance, and mortgages.

In most cases, you will need a valid residence permit and a Hungarian address card to open a bank account.

You will also need a Student ID Card or a valid passport.

## MORE INFORMATION:

 [www.u-szeged.hu/bank](http://www.u-szeged.hu/bank)



# Tax ID Number

Students awarded Hungarian state scholarships (such as Stipendium Hungaricum or the Scholarship for Christian Young People) are required to have a Hungarian tax ID number in order to open a bank account. To obtain a tax ID number, you need to fill in a Hungarian form and submit it in person to the Tax Office (NAV) together with the following documents:

- Your letter of admission
- Your passport

After you receive your tax ID number (printed on the certificate issued by the Tax Office), make sure to return to the Student Services Office and inform them of your tax number.



Nemzeti Adó-  
és Vámhivatal

Location:

14 Bocskai Street (utca)



# Public Transport



Szeged is easy to get around on foot, but you can also use buses, trolleybuses, and trams. Tickets can be purchased at kiosks throughout the city, or even on board by contactless payment. To take a bus, tram, or trolleybus, you need the right ticket, which must be validated on the vehicle. Daily, weekly, and monthly passes are also available, and university students are entitled to discounts with their Student ID Card.

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## MORE INFORMATION:

 [www.szkt.hu/en/](http://www.szkt.hu/en/)





# Cycling in the City



One of the best ways to navigate Szeged is by bicycle. It offers quick and easy access to anywhere in the city within minutes, and you can safely lock your bike almost anywhere you go. Cycling also lets you enjoy the city's beautiful views as you ride to your destination. It's fun, affordable, and good for the environment. If you don't own a bike, you can always rent one or buy a second-hand bicycle.



# Services





## KLEBELSBERG LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES (JÓZSEF ATTILA STUDY AND INFORMATION CENTER, TIK)

The Klebelsberg Library is Central Europe's largest university library, located in the Study and Information Center (TIK). The Library and Archives hold nearly 3 million documents, with about 350,000 available in open reading areas across four floors, organized by subject. A range of e-services is also available for your convenience: you can browse the online catalogue, place storage requests from home, or renew your books online. Wi-Fi is provided, and the ever-helpful library staff are ready to assist you until late evening on weekdays and weekends, for both general and electronic services.

Location: 10 Ady Square (tér)

Phone: +36-62-546-633

Email: [info@ek.szte.hu](mailto:info@ek.szte.hu)

 [www.ek.szte.hu/en/](http://www.ek.szte.hu/en/)

[www.facebook.com/libraryszeged](https://www.facebook.com/libraryszeged)

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER (IKI)

The Foreign Language Center at the University of Szeged offers general and specialized courses in English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, and Spanish – at nearly all levels – for students who are not majoring in these languages. Students with active status at the University are entitled to take a certain number of language courses free of charge for which they also receive credits upon completion. The Foreign Language Center is also an accredited examination center for various English, German, and Hungarian language exams (including Telc and Origo).

Location: 6 Honvéd Square (tér)

Phone: +36-62-544-539

Email: [titkarsag@lingo.u-szeged.hu](mailto:titkarsag@lingo.u-szeged.hu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/szte.iki](https://www.facebook.com/szte.iki)





CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE  
FRANCOPHONE  
UNIVERSITÉ DE SZEGED

## FRANCOPHONE UNIVERSITY CENTER

The Francophone University Center supports students studying in French, as well as lecturers and researchers working in French, helping them work toward their goals in an international

environment. The Center offers a well-equipped workspace with free access to computers and a constantly expanding collection of resources and documentation. By organizing cultural evenings, debate afternoons, film clubs, and other programs – including sports and music – the Center helps strengthen connections within the University's francophone community.

Location: 2 Dugonics Square (tér)

Phone: +36-30-228-3530

Email: [cuf@cuf.u-szeged.hu](mailto:cuf@cuf.u-szeged.hu)

 [www.cuf.u-szeged.hu/](http://www.cuf.u-szeged.hu/)

Facebook:

Centre universitaire francophone de l'Université de Szeged







Confucius Institute  
at University of Szeged  
赛格德大学孔子学院



## CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

The Confucius Institute is part of the international network of Confucius Institutes and Classrooms, which includes more than 1,500 facilities worldwide. It offers Chinese-language classes and cultural programs based on curricula approved by the Chinese government. Courses offered for university credit are taught by qualified native-speaking teachers. The Institute also organizes official language exams and provides scholarships in China for international students.

Location: 20 Mars Square (tér), 1st floor

Phone: +36-62-544-712

Email: [konfuciusz@szte.hu](mailto:konfuciusz@szte.hu)

The SZTE Cultural Office coordinates the University's cultural life, supports registered student arts groups and independent artists, and fosters cultural connections within the University and between the University and the city. It also organizes a wide range of cultural events. Its most prominent festivals are the Autumn Cultural Festival and the University Spring Festival. Each year, the Office announces creative competitions and performance contests for students. In the first semester, you can apply for the traditional University Music Competition and the University Poem and Prose Recital Contest. In the second semester, this continues with the University Photo Competition. Other creative competitions often include poetry, novel, and drama writing contests.

Location: 13 Dugonics Square (tér)

Phone: +36-62-544-045

Email: [kultura@szte.hu](mailto:kultura@szte.hu)

 [www.u-szeged.hu/kultura](http://www.u-szeged.hu/kultura)





## STUDENT COUNSELING

The Student Counseling Center helps students address life management challenges and personal difficulties. Counseling services are available to all active students of the University, with up to five free sessions offered upon registration. All counseling is strictly confidential, and no information is shared with any third party. Individual counseling sessions for international students are held in English.

Location: 17 Vitéz Street (utca)

Phone: +36-62-544-029

Email: [tanacsado@szte.hu](mailto:tanacsado@szte.hu)



## SZTE CAREER OFFICE



The SZTE Career Office provides job and internship opportunities, along with a variety of services to support the professional development of students and recent graduates, helping them prepare for the labor market. As an international student, you can take part in the Job Fair organized by the Career Office twice a year in the József Attila Study and Information Center, where you can meet representatives from more than 70 companies. This is the place to build valuable connections and find your dream job!

Location: 17 Vitéz Street (utca), Office 8

Phone: +36-62-546-680

Email: [fazekas.melinda@szte.hu](mailto:fazekas.melinda@szte.hu)



## SZTE ALMA MATER

Lifetime membership in our alumni community

Once an SZTE student, always an SZTE student!

The Alumni Organization of the University of Szeged, the SZTE Alma Mater, was established to create a unique community for former students. It hosts and coordinates engaging and informative programs, such as the Alumni Mentoring Program, the SZTE Alma Mater Weekend, art exhibitions, and classical music concerts. Stay connected!

Location: 6 Honvéd Square (tér)

Phone: +36-62-546-775

Email: [almamater@szte.hu](mailto:almamater@szte.hu)





## SPORTS CENTER

The SZTE Sports Center was founded in 2002 to organize compulsory Physical Education courses and coordinate sports activities at the University. There are nearly 150 courses available across 55 different sports.



Location: 10 Hattyas Street (sor)

Phone: +36-62-544-820

Email: [tokodi.margareta@sport.u-szeged.hu](mailto:tokodi.margareta@sport.u-szeged.hu)

 <https://u-szeged.hu/sportkozpont>



## BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Botanical Garden of SZTE not only maintains its ever-expanding plant collections but also contributes to preserving the genome of protected plant species. As an integral part of the University, it is dedicated to supporting education and research. In addition, the Botanical Garden plays an active role in promoting environmental awareness through science classes, extracurricular activities, family weekend programs, and exhibitions.

Location: 42 Lövölde Road (út)

 [www.fuveszkert.u-szeged.hu/en/](http://www.fuveszkert.u-szeged.hu/en/)





American Corner Szeged is a modern and welcoming community space located in the Szent-Györgyi Albert Agora community center. It hosts a wide variety of programs and is a great place for:

- Personal and professional skills development (with soft skills workshops, 3D printing and video training, and talks by speakers from diverse fields)
- Research, with access to academic resources like JSTOR, digital collections of newspapers and magazines through eLibraryUSA, and an ever-expanding library collection
- Exchanging ideas, improving your English, and meeting new people (Conversation Club, Cultural Conversations)



For more information, follow American Corner Szeged on Facebook or Instagram:

@americancornerszeged

Location (Szent-Györgyi Albert Agora):

23 Kálvária Ave. (sugárút), 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Email: [szegedach@gmail.com](mailto:szegedach@gmail.com)

Phone: +36-62-563-497

## TRANSPORT



Public transport (monthly pass for students)  
**15 euros**



Second-hand bicycle  
**120 euros**

## ACCOMMODATION



Large, 1-bedroom, rented apartment  
**400 euros/month**  
(bills not included)



Rented room  
**200 euros/month**  
(bills not included)



Student dormitory  
**100 euros/month**

# HOW MUCH DOES UNIVERSITY LIFE COST?

## FOOD & DRINK



espresso

2 euros



1 kg bread

2.5 euros



latte

3 euros



1 L milk (2.8%)

1.5 euros



1 pint of beer

1.5 euros



1.5 L mineral water

0.5 euros



0.75 L wine

5 euros

# PRICES IN SZEGED

# Useful Phrases for Everyday Conversations

ENGLISH	HUNGARIAN
Hello	Hello!
Good morning!	Jó reggelt!
Good evening!	Jó estét!
Good night!	Jó éjszakát!
Goodbye!	Viszontlátásra!
Yes	Igen
No	Nem
I know.	Tudom.
I don't know.	Nem tudom.
Do you speak English?	Beszél angolul?
Please!	Kérem!
Great!	Nagyszerű!
I don't speak Hungarian.	Nem beszélek magyarul.
I only speak a little Hungarian.	Csak egy kicsit beszélek magyarul.
Thank you very much!	Köszönöm szépen!
No, thank you!	Nem, köszönöm!
Excuse me/Sorry!	Elnézést kérek!
What is this called in Hungarian?	Hogy hívják ezt magyarul?

► FOR PRONUNCIATION GO TO:  
 [szotar.sztaki.hu/angol-magyar](http://szotar.sztaki.hu/angol-magyar)



## BOOST YOUR SKILLS THROUGH ONE OF THE LARGEST EU PROJECTS AT SZTE

As part of its Complex Digital Model Change – Intelligent Gear Change Project funded by the European Union (RRF-2.1.2-21-2022-00012), SZTE aims to deliver wide-ranging digital improvements. These include expanding skills training, driving training innovation, promoting smart specialization, supporting agile labor market integration, strengthening internationalization, and enhancing the overall student experience. As a result of this project, more than 3,000 digital devices will be installed at the University by April 2026.

Additionally, international students can access a variety of skills training courses in multiple languages through Coursera – the world's largest online educational platform. For more details, visit the **Coursera for SZTE** website:

<https://u-szeged.hu/english/coursera>

To help identify which skills you may want to develop, you can take part in a survey during the autumn semester. You will receive details in a CooSpace message after your arrival.

To explore the IT systems available on campus and boost your IT security skills, take our **IT Security at SZTE** course.

**More information is available at:**

<https://u-szeged.hu/iszi/courses/our-courses>



# József Attila Study and Information Center (TIK)

Location: 10 Ady Square (tér)

## SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE TIK BUILDING:

- SZTE Klebelsberg Library and Archives
- Student Services Office (HSZI)
- Computer Cabinet
- Gift Shop
- TIK Café
- Broadband Wi-Fi
- Other facilities: ■ CommuniTIK community space ■ Self-service lockers and cloakroom ■ Congress Center ■ Classrooms ■ Vending machines



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