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## Dear Student,

**Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) is a pioneering Hungarian public research university based in Budapest.** Founded in 1635, it is one of the culturally richest and most prestigious institutions of Hungarian higher education. The University boasts five Nobel laureates, as well as winners of the Wolf Prize, the Fulkerson Prize and the Abel Prize. ELTE comprises nine faculties, located in various parts of Budapest, including the scenic banks of the Danube.

**The Faculty of Humanities is the oldest and most comprehensive faculty of its kind in the country.** During its more than 380 years of history, it has gained an outstanding reputation internationally, which is also demonstrated in the faculty rankings. It has been Hungary's number one university faculty for more than ten years. It has also performed particularly well in the Arts and Humanities, especially in Archaeology,

Linguistics, English Language and Literature, and Modern Languages in the QS World University Rankings.

**Our faculty offers a dynamic and vibrant study environment, intended to inspire the next generation of global citizens.** Internationalization is a strategic aim of the faculty, so we provide opportunities for students to take part in our professors' international research projects, to study abroad, to learn foreign languages and to combine their academic studies with work experience through placements and internships. We strive to be a truly "international faculty."

**Currently we have approximately 600 international students, representing over 60 different nations on campus – so we can be considered a real global community.** Almost 200 of these students study here on Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarships. There are also hundreds of students who come here through **exchange programmes**, or who study abroad within the framework of the Erasmus exchange programme, the Visegrád Fund, Campus Mundi, CEEPUS or bilateral agreements. The faculty has active agreements with over 300 Erasmus+ partner institutions in 30 different countries.

Whether you are considering an undergraduate major, a Master of Arts degree or a PhD, or a foundation course in English, German or Hungarian, you will find many of your questions answered on our website ([btk.elte.hu/en/](http://btk.elte.hu/en/)).

**Our educational vision in the new millennium extends well beyond the gates of our campuses:** we recognise that no duty can be more important than that of using our resources to teach young people, be it on a local or a global level. We are genuinely and seriously committed to this goal.

**We offer about 50 study programmes**, from pre-university foundation courses through BA and MA to the PhD level, where we offer more than 70 programmes. Our aim is to equip our students with the skills and competences they need to become global citizens and succeed in the international job market. In a world which is ever more interlinked and globalized, we are constantly faced with local and global challenges. We therefore intend to train global citizens, with

the necessary global competences to deal with local, global and intercultural issues and engage in appropriate interactions with people from different cultures. We teach the largest number of languages and their respective cultures in Europe, altogether 70 languages.

**Most foreign students join our English foundation course, the English and American BA, the Communication and Media Studies MA or the Film Studies MA programme.** The English Foundation Course is for students who wish to study at ELTE or another European university, but do not yet have the necessary language and study skills to start a BA programme. We also have a Hungarian Foundation Course, designed to enable participants to pursue an academic or professional life in Hungary.

We offer BA programmes in English and American studies, in Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures (where students can specialize in French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Romanian). We also offer a BA in Germanic studies, where students can focus on German, Scandinavian, or Netherlandistic studies. And, of course, we advertise a BA in Hungarian studies. These programmes are for those who wish to develop their competence in the respective languages and in inter-cultural communication in a scholarly or business environment. Students also learn the foundations of critical thinking and practical research.

**For those who wish to further enhance their knowledge in these fields, we offer 2-year MA programmes in almost 20 different fields**, including modern languages, but also specialist areas such as Archaeology, Assyriology, Cultural Heritage Studies, Central European Studies, Film Studies, Indology, Logic and Theory of Science, Philosophy or Semiotics. Our programmes have a strong theoretical base but also offer small-group, practice-oriented seminars which provide opportunities for interaction, cooperation, project work and for creating personal contacts with the teachers. International students interested in studying to become English language teachers can join our new 1-year English language instructor MA programme.

The faculty's diverse offering of subjects makes it a unique doctoral centre in the country and in the whole of Central Europe. Our 74 PhD programmes are organised into four larger units, known as Doctoral Schools: the Schools of History, Philosophy, Linguistics, and Literary Studies.

**ELTE's Faculty of Humanities is also an excellent place to conduct research.** The faculty actively participates in national and international collaborations funded by the European Union or the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Talented students may participate in such projects in cooperation with their tutors.

**We are proud to have a major library**, with specialized collections of resources, books and journals. It is part of the Electronic Information Service National Programme, which allows access to a large number of scientific databases.

**With students from all over the world, we have a beautiful, historical, lively and truly multicultural campus**, with excellent public transport in the heart of Budapest and in the heart of Central Europe. As many of our students come from distant places with different educational backgrounds we provide plenty of support in adjusting to the learning environment at ELTE and in Budapest. There is a very helpful student mentor system in place, and our institutes and departments, as well as our teachers and professors, are also very supportive if students encounter difficulties.

**Students and teachers regularly come together to organize cheerful social, sporting and cultural events and parties** to help make new friends and acquaintances, and to make integration into this unique new environment easier. Learn about our people – our gradually expanding portfolio, our dedicated students, our renowned faculty, and our incredible global network of alumni. Our ambition is to become one of the world's leading humanities faculties.

**Dr. Dávid Bartus**  
Dean

# ELTE – Faculty of Humanities

**73** departments

**18** institutes

**4** doctoral schools

**70** languages and cultures

**7000** students

**48** BA programmes

**61** MA programmes

**74** PhD programmes

## FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- 3 FOUNDATION (PREPARATORY) PROGRAMMES
- 10 FOREIGN LANGUAGE BA PROGRAMMES
- 31 FOREIGN LANGUAGE MA PROGRAMMES
- 74 FOREIGN LANGUAGE PHD PROGRAMMES

- Top of the Hungarian higher education rankings
- Has been a bastion of the humanities since 1635
- Extensive international relations
- Vigorous student life
- Historical campus located in the heart of downtown Budapest

**1635**

Péter Pázmány establishes the Faculty of Humanities

**1860**

Hungarian-language instruction is officially allowed at the University

**1911**

The Faculty of Humanities relocates to the Trefort Garden

**1950**

The University adopts the name of world-renowned physicist Loránd Eötvös

# Our international faculty

We will be happy to welcome you to the stimulating and friendly environment of the best place in Hungary to begin your university or pre-university studies. Our Department of International Affairs offers a wide variety of services and programmes to international students at the Faculty of Humanities on the lush and vibrant campus in the very heart of the fair city of Budapest. You will find our capital both welcoming and inspirational – it has more in store for the continuously growing international community than many other European cities.

A truly unique and exciting country, Hungary is one of the most stunning places in the heart of Central and Eastern Europe. With its noble traditions and cultural diversity, Hungary provides a welcoming and hospitable environment for all visitors. The country has seen

tumultuous years during its history. Rulers came and went, empires rose and fell – still Hungary went on renewing and developing itself, and celebrated the 1000th anniversary of its foundation in 2000. Hungary has always enjoyed a well-deserved reputation for its excellence in education, which is also displayed by the intellectual richness of our faculty.

**We can proudly say that students come here from all over the world to pursue their studies in all fields of academics.**

## Some reasons why you should choose Hungary as your study destination

- Easy access – a gateway to Europe
- Excellent value for money – reasonable cost of living
- Cultural wealth: museums, exhibitions, and historical sites
- Endless educational possibilities
- World-class academic staff
- Stunning architectural styles
- Superb gastronomy and fine wines
- Thermal waters
- Friendly and open-minded people

“When I first got here I did not want to stay, but after one and a half years, I got many international friends and am enjoying Hungary a lot. My Hungarian neighbours and I even celebrate festivals together. When Lunar New Year took place, they came over to have dinner, and at Christmas time, I visited their house.”

**LISA, FROM CHINA**



# Academic system at ELTE

PROGRAMMES ARE ACCREDITED BY THE HUNGARIAN ACCREDITATION BOARD. COURSE CREDITS ARE TRANSFERABLE IN ALL EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES



Hungarian higher education system in general, takes part in the Bologna process

## International students at ELTE

➤ **"FULL DEGREE"**  
Bachelor and Master students undertake their entire Bachelor's or Master's degree at ELTE.

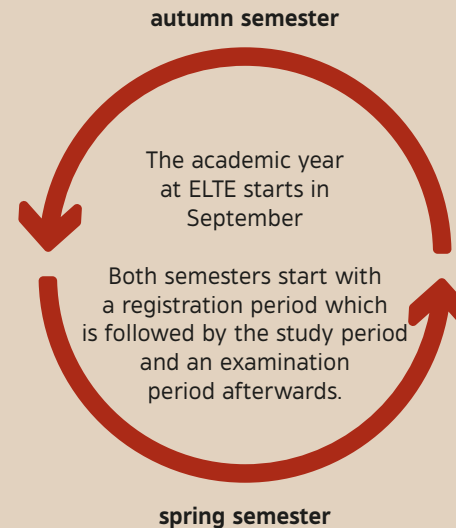
➤ **ELTE SUMMER UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS**  
visit ELTE in the summer, for summer programmes organised at ELTE.

➤ **STUDENTS IN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES**  
study at ELTE as full-degree students or as guest students for one or two semesters in the frame of one of our scholarship programmes.

➤ **ERASMUS+ STUDENTS**  
come from a European university with whom ELTE has an Inter-Institutional Agreement for a study period of one or two semesters.

2,500 international students from over 80 different countries each semester

## Academic calendar



## ECTS CREDIT SYSTEM

The ECTS conversion table ensures transfer procedures between the Hungarian academic credit system and the ECTS. The recognition of courses completed abroad is based on the credit transfer regulation. For incoming international students, a Transcript of Records is issued at the end of the semester, which contains the codes and titles of the completed courses, credits, their grades, and ECTS-compatible grades.

AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER, STUDENTS ARE GRADED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE ON A FIVE-GRADE SCALE

5 / EXCELLENT
4 / GOOD
3 / SATISFACTORY
2 / PASS
1 / FAIL



# Institutes

## **SCHOOL OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES**

- Department of American Studies
- Department of English Studies
- Department of English Applied Linguistics
- Department of English Linguistics
- Department of English Language Pedagogy

## **INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY**

- Department of General Philosophy
- Department of Logic
- Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- Department of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy

## **INSTITUTE OF GERMANIC STUDIES**

- Department of Netherlandic Studies
- Department of German Linguistics
- Department of German Language Teaching and Foreign Language Pedagogy
- Department of German Literature
- Department of Scandinavian Languages and Literatures

## **INSTITUTE OF ANCIENT AND CLASSICAL STUDIES**

- Department of Assyriology and Hebrew Studies
- Department of Egyptology
- Greek Department
- Latin Department
- Department of Religious Studies

## **INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES**

- Department of Indian Studies
- Department of Iranian Studies
- Department of Semitic and Arabic Studies
- Department of Turkic Studies

## **INSTITUTE OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES**

- Department of Buddhism and Tibetology
- Department of Mongol and Inner-Asian Studies
- Department of Chinese Studies
- Department of Korean Studies
- Department of Japanese Studies

## **INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

- Department of Archaeometry and Archaeological Methodology
- Department of Hungarian Medieval and Early Modern Archaeology
- Department of Classical and Roman Provincial Archaeology
- Department of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeology

## **INSTITUTE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

- Department of Library Science
- Department of Information Science

## **INSTITUTE OF ROMANCE STUDIES**

- Department of French Language and Literature
- Department of Italian Language and Literature
- Department of Portuguese Language and Literature
- Department of Romanian Philology
- Department of Spanish Language and Literature

## **INSTITUTE OF HUNGARIAN LINGUISTICS AND FINNO-UGRIC STUDIES**

- Department of Applied Linguistics and Phonetics
- Department of Finno-Ugric Studies
- Department of Hungarian Historical Linguistics, Sociolinguistics and Dialectology
- Department of Modern Hungarian Linguistics

## **INSTITUTE OF HUNGARIAN LITERATURE AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

- Department of Modern Hungarian Literature
- Department of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies
- Department of Early Hungarian Literature
- Department of Classical Hungarian Literature

## **INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL STUDIES**

- Atelier Department for Interdisciplinary History
- Department of Digital Humanities
- Department of Economic and Social History
- Department of Eastern and Central European History and Historical Russistics
- Department of Medieval History
- Department of Early Modern History
- Department of Cultural History
- Department of Ancient History
- Department for the Auxiliary Sciences of History
- Department of Modern and Contemporary History
- Department of Modern and Contemporary Hungarian History

## **INSTITUTE OF SLAVONIC AND BALTIC PHILOLOGY**

- Department of Polish Studies
- Department of Russian Language and Literature
- Department of Slavonic Studies
- Department of Ukrainian Studies

## **INSTITUTE OF ETHNOGRAPHY AND FOLKLORE**

- Department of Folklore
- Department of Material Ethnography

## **INSTITUTE FOR THE THEORY OF ART AND MEDIA STUDIES**

- Department of Aesthetics
- Department of Film Studies
- Department of Media and Communication

## **INSTITUTE OF ART HISTORY**

- Department of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Art
- Department of Modern and Contemporary Art

## **INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE MEDIATION**

- Department of Translation and Interpreting
- Department of Hungarian as a Foreign Language

## **INSTITUTE OF ARTS COMMUNICATION AND MUSIC**

- Department of Music Culture
- Department of Music Interpretation

# English Foundation Course

THE ENGLISH FOUNDATION COURSE HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY AT A CEFR A2 LEVEL IN ENGLISH AND WISH TO STUDY AT ELTE OR ANOTHER EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUT DO NOT YET HAVE THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OR STUDY SKILLS TO PURSUE A BA DEGREE PROGRAMME. WITH A MINIMUM OF 800 CONTACT HOURS GUARANTEED, THE ENGLISH PREPARATORY YEAR CAN BRING YOU UP TO SPEED IN AS LITTLE AS TWO SEMESTERS.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

**Duration of programme:**

1 year (2 semesters)

**Application deadline:**

31 May / 30 October

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Starting date:**

September / February

**Department:**

Department of  
International Affairs

## Language improvement

This is the core element of the programme, with a general course in language improvement, focusing on the basic skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading. To prepare you to use English for study purposes, there are also specialised courses in the accurate use of English grammar and vocabulary, as well as academic reading and writing, and classes on the presentation and discussion skills needed for participation in seminars.

## Study skills

Our teachers are there to help you, but you need to develop independent study skills for your future academic and professional career. You will attend courses designed to improve your ability to work on your own, with skills such as setting goals, managing time and monitoring progress. Your teachers will also set assignments to be completed through individual study and advise you about available resources.

Our English language proficiency test score requirements are as follows:

TOEFL PBT (Paper-based test):

453 – 497

TOEFL IBT (Internet-based test):

64 – 95

IELTS: 5.5.

## Cultural studies

It is impossible to use a language without understanding the culture that surrounds it. The programme includes courses on the major English-speaking cultures in the British Isles and North America. Other courses cover aspects of European culture in general, as well as the culture of your host country, Hungary.

## Goals

Students should be able to pass the CEFR B2 level language proficiency exam offered by the University at the end of the academic year. Passing the exam will gain students admission to ELTE's English and American Studies BA programmes, and programmes in other subjects taught in English. They may be admitted into another higher education institution of their choice in Hungary or the European Union depending on the language requirements of the other institution.

"I never spoke English a year ago, and now I am already studying grammar and words. I hope to study Economics or American Studies next year."

**GANERDENE, FROM MONGOLIA**



# Hungarian Foundation Course

SPECIALISING IN HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR FOREIGNERS, THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUNGARIAN OFFERS CUTTING-EDGE PROGRAMMES TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. THE HUNGARIAN GENERAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMME IS THE IDEAL WAY TO JUMP-START YOUR FUTURE ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN HUNGARY.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

**Duration of programme:**

1 year (2 semesters)

**Application deadline:**

31 May

**Language of instruction:**

English / Hungarian

**Starting date:**

September

**Department:**

Department  
of International Affairs

## First semester intensive course

The course aims to equip students with the tools needed to successfully manage communicational situations arising in the target language environment, and to understand factual texts containing the basic structures of the language, in both reading and writing.

## Second semester intensive course

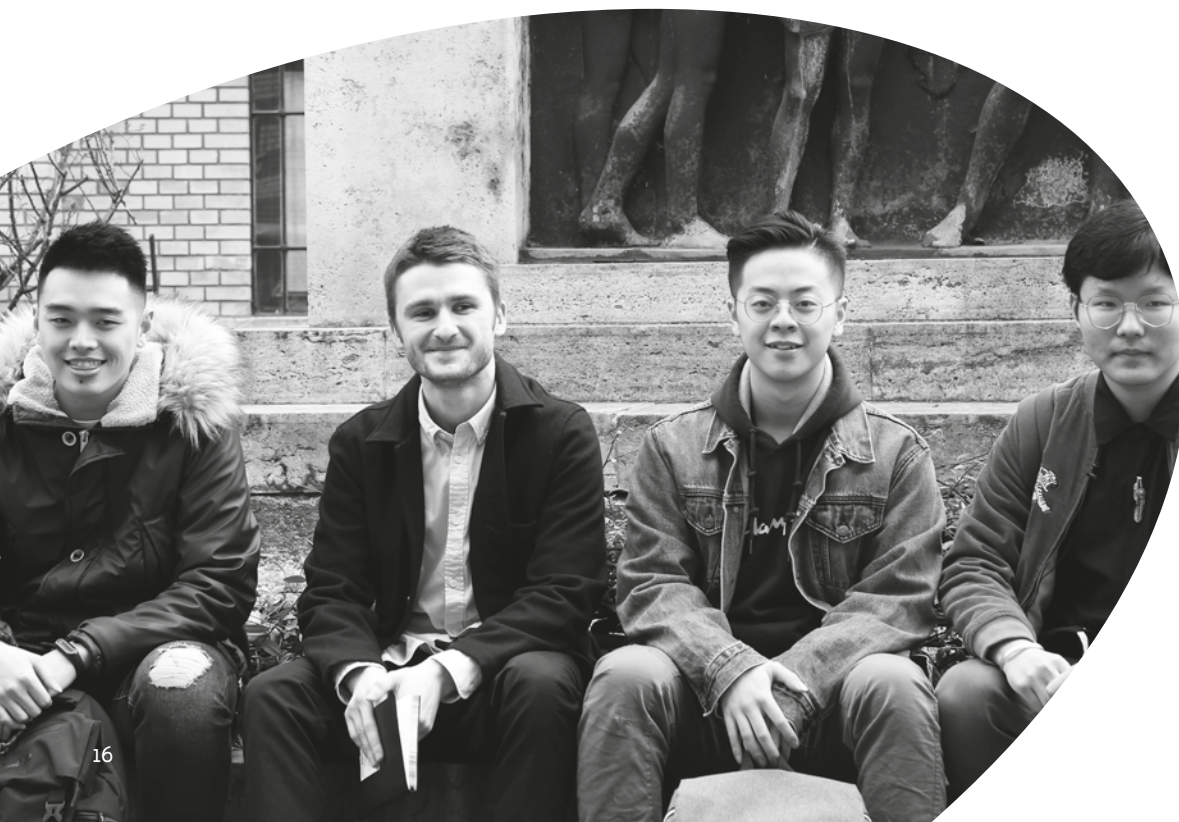
The course provides students with the full formal system of the Hungarian language. The course subjects, aimed at developing the various language skills, now concentrate on areas such as independent written compositions and language use for expressing opinions. The reading programme gradually leads from understanding texts with the help of a dictionary up to the independent processing of texts. The latter subjects can be expanded by developing the basic vocabulary according to the students' wishes into such areas as history, literature, sociology, etc.

The language proficiency acquired by the end of the course allows students to use the language for specific purposes, enabling them to continue their university studies or to use Hungarian as an intermediary language at work.



# Beyond the preparatory year

AFTER FINISHING YOUR PREPARATORY YEAR, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO CONTINUE STUDYING AT ELTE TO OBTAIN A BA, MA OR PHD DEGREE. AT THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES:



## English Studies and English Language Teaching

- English and American Studies BA
- American Studies MA
- English Studies MA
- Instruction of English as a Foreign Language MA
- PhD in English Linguistics
- PhD in Language Pedagogy and English Applied Linguistics
- PhD in American Studies
- PhD in Modern English and American Literature and Culture
- PhD in Medieval and Early Modern English Literature and Culture

## Hungarian Studies and Hungarian Language Teaching

- Hungarian BA

## Media and Art Studies

- Motion Pictures BA
- Communication and Media Studies MA
- Film Studies MA

## Graduate Schools

- Archaeology MA
- Assyriology MA
- Buddhist Studies MA
- Central European Studies MA
- Cultural Heritage Studies MA
- Indology MA
- Logic and Theory of Science MA
- Philosophy MA
- Semiotics MA
- TEMA+ European Territories: Heritage and Development Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree

## Modern languages and cultures

- Germanic Studies BA, Specialised in German Studies
- Germanic Studies BA, Specialised in Netherlandistic Studies
- Germanic Studies BA, Specialised in Scandinavian Studies BA
- Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures BA, Specialized in French Studies
- Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures BA, Specialized in Italian Studies
- Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures BA, Specialized in Portuguese Studies
- Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures BA, Specialized in Romanian Studies
- Neo-Latin Languages and Cultures BA, Specialized in Spanish Studies
- Bulgarian Language and Literature MA
- Croatian Language and Literature MA
- Czech Language and Literature MA
- Dutch Language and Culture Studies MA
- French Language, Literature and Culture MA
- German Language, Literature and Culture MA
- Italian Language, Literature and Culture MA
- Polish Language and Literature MA
- Portuguese Language, Literature and Culture MA
- Romanian Language, Literature and Culture MA
- Russian Language and Literature MA
- Scandinavian Studies MA
- Serbian Language and Literature MA
- Slovakian Language and Literature MA
- Slovenian Language and Literature MA
- Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture MA
- Ukrainian Language and Literature MA

# Doctoral programmes

The Faculty of Humanities launched its first doctoral programmes in 1993. We offer 74 accredited doctoral programmes in all fields of study within the humanities. The diversity of the subjects that may be studied here makes the faculty a unique doctoral centre in the Central European region. The PhD programmes are organised into four doctoral schools.

Students work on their dissertation topic under the guidance of a supervisor, an established member of Hungarian and international academic life. The doctoral programmes aim to endow the students with the research methodology needed for an academic career, and help develop their qualities as teacher and researcher.

## DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF LITERARY STUDIES**  
**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS**  
**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF HISTORY**  
**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY**

By fulfilling the publication requirements, students become part of international academic life. International agreements between universities and the diverse international academic relations of supervising teachers provide outstanding students with the opportunity to partake in foreign research programmes, or to complete their doctoral studies in a so-called Co-tutelle arrangement (double doctoral degree scheme).

Doctoral schools frequently organise conferences, which serve as an excellent forum for talented students to present the results of their independent research, and to develop the academic skills indispensable for a future scientist.

# Talent management

## Scientific Students' Associations

All scientific branches taught at the faculty have their own Scientific Students' Associations (in Hungarian TDK), which provide an organised framework for students' individual and group research activities. These associations give talented students the chance to conduct far more in-depth research activities than within their regular university studies and write and debate research papers under the supervision of teachers specialising in the given field. Students who put together the best papers get to take part in the biennial National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations. The best papers are published in the faculty's publications and scientific journals, helping their authors gain admission to a doctoral programme and to eventually become recognised figures in academic life.

## Colleges for advanced studies

The oldest college for advanced studies is Eötvös József Collegium founded in 1895, whose history is closely tied to that of the faculty. Talented students can get here the chance to immerse themselves in the research of a field of their choosing beyond their university studies.

## Tutoring

Tutoring gives students a chance to take part in one-on-one study sessions with an instructor of their choosing, allowing for a more intensive and immersive exploration of the given subject matter.

## Honorator status

The honorator status is the highest level of individual talent management. It entails taking on an additional minor or specialisation for a total of 50 credits free of charge beyond the mandatory minor or track comprising 180 credits. In addition, the faculty has established the Student Excellence Scholarship through which the Master's programme student deemed the most outstanding among their peers is awarded significant financial support with a view to enhancing their academic activities and professional advancement.



# Research

ELTE's Faculty of Humanities is also a great place to conduct research. The faculty actively takes part in national and international collaborations funded by the European Union or the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Talented students may participate in such projects in cooperation with their tutors.

The establishment of the research centres has allowed the Faculty to put its existing academic resources to use in an organised manner.

The faculty promotes bi- and multilateral international educational and research collaboration with the region's and the world's leading higher education and research institutions. We strive to become a leading centre of humanities research

within the Central European region. The instructors of the faculty's 18 institutes regularly travel abroad and host their international colleagues at home. They regularly organise international academic conferences and, by sending their students abroad, ensure that the future generations of researchers and instructors receive high-level training with an international outlook. Our instructors foster personal working or consultative relationships with university tutors and research centre staff from 40 countries, many of whom are involved in the editorial processes of renowned international scientific journals.

## ELTE's line-up of research centres is as follows

### FACULTY-LEVEL RESEARCH CENTRES

- Brazilian Centre
- Centre for Digital Humanities
- Methodology Centre
- Modern India Research Centre

### INSTITUTE-LEVEL RESEARCH CENTRES

- Budapest Research Centre for Linguistic Theory – BraCeLet
- DiAGram Research Centre for Functional Linguistics
- Centre for the History of Social Change
- Centre for Vietnamese Language and Culture
- Centre of Postcolonial Studies
- Department of Theoretical Linguistics
- Interdisciplinary Russian Studies Centre for Research and Methodology
- ProLang Training Centre for Language Professionals
- Research Centre for Hungarian Philosophy
- Research Centre of the German Minority in Hungary
- Research Centre for Minor Media/ Culture
- Research Centre for Women's History
- 'One Belt, One Road' Research Centre

### DEPARTMENT-LEVEL RESEARCH CENTRES

- Budapest Centre for Buddhist Studies
- Central European Research Centre for Documentation and Information on CPLP Countries
- Centre for Estonian Education
- Centre for the Study of Religion
- Contemporary Arabian Centre
- Contemporary Turkic Centre
- Galego Language Centre
- Indo-European Linguistics Research Division
- Latin American Research Centre
- Research Centre for Mongol Studies
- Scandinavian Cultural Centre
- The Low Countries and Hungary – Research Centre for Cultural Transfer

## Libraries in the service of research

Our library network – comprising the Central Reading Hall and the individual libraries of the various institutes – holds 1.2 million individual documents; a rarity not just in a domestic, but also in an international comparison, as only the most reputable institutions can boast such collections.

The faculty's imposing special collections, the works of its past professors and renowned academics, its private libraries, museum pieces (globally unique incunabula, manuscripts and records), its own periodicals (scientific journals, almanacs), doctoral dissertations, non-traditional documents (score sheets, photos) are indisputable treasures of Hungary's cultural heritage.

Many of the faculty's collections also function as national reference libraries. In addition to providing traditional library services, the library network also helps enhance research and education at the faculty by providing access to the major humanities and social sciences article databases like JSTOR or ERIC.





# How to apply

## Application information

All information about the degree programmes offered is available on our faculty's website:

**[BTK.ELTE.HU/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS](http://BTK.ELTE.HU/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS)**

After you select the degree programme you would like to apply for, you can easily arrange your online application here:

**[APPLY.ELTE.HU](http://APPLY.ELTE.HU)**

**ANY MORE QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS  
COORDINATOR:**

[admission@btk.elte.hu](mailto:admission@btk.elte.hu)

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are dedicated mentors for Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders too. They assist with everyday problems, questions regarding your stay in Hungary, Budapest and at ELTE.

## Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme

Hungarian universities and colleges attract thousands of international applicants each year. The number of Stipendium Hungaricum applicants as well as the number of available scholarship places are continuously on the rise. Every year, more than 5,000 students begin their studies in Hungary within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme.

The programme is based on bilateral educational cooperation agreements signed between the ministries responsible for education in the sending countries/territories and Hungary or between institutions. Currently around 80 Sending Partners are engaged in the programme throughout 5 different continents and the geographical scope of the programme expands each year.

For more information, visit:

**[STIPENDIUMHUNGARICUM.HU](http://STIPENDIUMHUNGARICUM.HU)**

## If you would like to apply for one of our degree programmes, just follow these steps:

### 1. LOOK THROUGH THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Browse through the degree programmes that the Faculty of Humanities of ELTE offers in foreign languages to international students. Note that fees, deadlines, admission requirements, application procedures and the procedure of the entrance examination are all specified separately for each degree programme as they might differ for the programmes, depending on the academic level and field of study.

Further information:

**[BTK.ELTE.HU/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS](http://BTK.ELTE.HU/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS)**

### 2. SELECT YOUR DEGREE PROGRAMME

### 3. READ THE PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

**4. READ THE DETAILS UNDER "ADMISSIONS"**  
Carefully check all deadlines, fees and entry requirements!

### 5. START YOUR APPLICATION IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

**6. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE**  
When you have prepared your application, don't forget to click on the "submit" button to submit the application.

### 7. PAY THE APPLICATION FEE AND THE ENTRANCE EXAM FEE

### 8. TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM

### 9. LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND TUITION FEE

If you do not meet the admission requirements, you will be notified about the rejection of your application. If you meet the requirements and have passed the entrance exam, you will receive the 'Letter of Acceptance' document in the online application system. You will also receive more information about how to pay the tuition fee and everything else that you need to arrange before you arrive at the Faculty of Humanities of ELTE in Budapest.

### 10. ACCEPT THE OFFER ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

After you receive your 'Letter of Acceptance', please confirm your decision in the online application system, stating that you would like to enrol in the programme.

### 11. PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

It's time to prepare for your stay in Budapest, Hungary. Follow the checklist in the online application system and learn more about practical matters such as housing, insurance, visas, and other important details.

**[WWW.ELTE.HU/EN/PRACTICAL-MATTERS](http://WWW.ELTE.HU/EN/PRACTICAL-MATTERS)**

# Required English proficiency

**ALL OUR MID-LEVEL PROGRAMMES (BACHELOR AND ABOVE) REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT PROOF OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.**

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH**

Recommended minimum level of English: A2 level of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference), i.e. a minimum of approximately 250 hours of previous studies;  
For the Foundation Course in English, no language certificate is required, but

meeting the above requirement is strictly the applicant's responsibility, as he or she will be asked to take a proficiency test at the beginning of their preparatory year. Should the student fail to meet this minimum requirement, he or she will not be able to follow the classes.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA AND MA PROGRAMME APPLICANTS**

Every international student applying for an English-medium study programme (Bachelor-level or higher) must show proof of a certain level of English language proficiency.

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH**

	TOEFL PBT	TOEFL IBT	IELTS	CEFR
BA PROGRAMME	453–497	46–59	5.5	B2
MA PROGRAMME	550–583	79–93	6.5	C1

## **NATIVE SPEAKERS**

Students from countries whose official (first or de jure) language is the language of tuition are exempt from the above language exam requirements. Instead of the required language certificates listed above, students must present an official, notarised document, stating that English has been the medium of their tuition throughout their high school and/or university studies.



# Department of International Affairs

THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (DIA) ORGANISES PROGRAMMES AND PROVIDES INFORMATION TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ABOUT THE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY, OFFERS CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE AT ELTE, YOU WILL MEET OUR DEDICATED TEAM, WHO WILL ALWAYS GO BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO MEET YOUR DEMANDS.

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## Who we are

a professionally trained advisory staff, specialising in strategic, procedural, and operational issues

## What we do

help students understand and overcome difficulties throughout their stay in Hungary (admissions, registration, immigration issues, housing, etc.)

## How we do it

by providing knowledgeable, practical, and empathetic advice to students

## Our specialty

we go the extra mile to help students with little English knowledge, trying to learn the language and pursue further studies

## You can reach us

by phone, email, or in person

## Our goal

to provide support to international students so that they may reach their educational goals, and feel safe and comfortable during their stay

## We are committed to

helping you face the new challenges of your new, exciting experience in Hungary



# University life

## and services for international students

### Orientation Days

We help you to take your first steps. These events are designed to introduce the University, staff and organisations you will be in contact with. You can get information and advice for easily adjusting to the learning environment of the University and to living in Budapest.

### IT support

All ELTE campuses provide free wi-fi access for ELTE students.

### Let's learn languages!

ELTE offers Hungarian and English language courses to its international students during their studies at the University. Courses are available at different levels. The type and level of courses depend on the demand of applicants for the given semester.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Our University's library is the oldest in the country. It was founded in 1561.

### Mentor system

ELTE provides personal mentoring before arrival and/or during their stay in Budapest.

### ELTE Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

One of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe with 13,500 active members. ESN organizes events and create a friendly and safe atmosphere among students. ESN card provides you special discounts.

### HELP

The HELP programme is a new scheme designed to help students achieve academic goals during their studies by providing information and a supportive learning environment. During your time at the University, you may experience personal and emotional issues that impact on your academic work and university life. The counselling services at ELTE offer free and confidential support to students to help them develop ways of overcoming difficulties.

### Sports at ELTE

The sporting life of ELTE is organised around two major ideas: courses offered by University Athletics Club (BEAC), and sports courses for credit. There are plenty of sporting opportunities at our university, including swimming, basketball, cheerleading and hiking.

### How can I arrange my accommodation?

You can choose ELTE dormitories or look for private accommodation. If you would like to stay in an ELTE dormitory during your studies, apply with the online registration form shared by the Dormitory Centre and the Housing Office:

#### [ELTE.HU/EN/ARRANGE-HOUSING](https://elte.hu/en/arrange-housing)

The ELTE Housing Office helps you find private accommodation that fits your expectations too. You can rent an apartment or just a room, alone or with other students.

Our enthusiastic, open-minded and helpful ELTE students can help you with:

- university administration
- faculty-specific questions
- finding a flat or room
- finding the best pubs, restaurants, etc.

### We believe in equal opportunities

The University's Disability Centre is responsible for providing direct and indirect services to any ELTE citizens, including international students and staff. You are not alone with your difficulties.

### Let's prepare for your future!

ELTE finds it essential that in addition to offering students quality education, their alma mater should also help them with finding career paths. The ELTE Career Centre helps ELTE students plan and prepare for their professional career after graduation in a conscious way.



# The City of Budapest

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Eötvös Loránd University is located in the very heart of Budapest. Most major sights are easily reachable on foot, turning every break from classes into an opportunity to venture into one of the city's many beautiful areas.

For those who prefer a different mode of transportation, taxis in Budapest are reasonably priced, but the capital's excellent public transportation network makes it unnecessary to take a taxi, especially in rush hours (after 5 p.m.). A major benefit: having an active student status at our university will enable you to buy transportation tickets at a discounted rate (student card strictly required).

"To come and study in Europe was a long pursued dream for me. Budapest is an intermediate city in size but wide in terms of culture and film production."

**SABINA TRIANA DUARTE, COLOMBIA**

## Affordable living

Budapest is a popular destination for students also because the city offers affordable living costs, but before you come to study at ELTE, you need to plan your budget to make sure you can cover your accommodation and other living expenses here.

### WHY BUDAPEST?

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is a cosmopolitan city with more than 2 million inhabitants. Hungary and Budapest itself have an abundance of history, culture and entertainment to offer students and other visitors. Despite the elements of modern life, Budapest still feels slightly nostalgic, often evoking a turn-of-the-century feeling. Art nouveau is present in nearly every nook and cranny of this dynamic city, which harmoniously integrates elements of Roman and Turkish history as well. Budapest is within easy reach of other cultural hubs in Europe. When it comes to entertainment and enjoying life as a young adult student, more and more people compare Budapest to the city of Berlin.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING ADMISSION DECISIONS?**

You have better chances of being accepted if you received high grades (GPA) during your high school studies or an undergraduate (BA or BSc) degree with “excellent” or “good” qualifications (in accordance with the Hungarian higher education system).

## **WHAT IS THE TUITION FEE?**

This depends on which programme you wish to follow. Information regarding tuition fees can be found on our website: [BTK.ELTE.HU/EN](http://BTK.ELTE.HU/EN)

## **WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING MY TUITION FEE?**

If you require a visa to come to Hungary, we strongly advise you transfer the fee to the university's account as soon as possible after receiving your letter of acceptance. The local Hungarian embassy or consulate is likely to issue your visa only if the tuition fee has been settled in advance.

Please only transfer the tuition fee to the university's account after you have been accepted onto one of our programmes. If you are a European Economic Area (EEA) national, the Faculty requires you to pay the tuition fee up to one semester in advance.

## **I AM A CITIZEN OF AN EEA STATE; DO I REQUIRE A VISA TO STUDY IN HUNGARY?**

No, you do not, but you might be required to apply for a registration card depending on the length of your stay: Citizens of states belonging to the European Economic Area (EEA) are entitled to enter the territory of the Hungarian Republic in possession of a valid identity card or passport and are allowed to stay for up to 90 days, without any special authorisation. EEA citizens planning to stay for more than 90 days in Hungary must apply for a registration card.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS I HAVE TO COMPLY WITH?**

Many of the instructions for obtaining a visa and residence permit (only for non-EEA nationals), or any other documents needed while staying in Hungary, can be found on our website: [BTK.ELTE.HU/EN](http://BTK.ELTE.HU/EN).

However, we strongly recommend that you should always inquire with the Hungarian authorities in order to make sure that you have the latest and most up-to-date information.

The National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (OIF) is responsible for most procedures that non-Hungarian nationals have to follow when they wish to study in Hungary.

## **Department of International Affairs**

If you wish to make inquiries about your future studies, fees, application processes, etc. at the Faculty of Humanities, our office will be pleased to answer your questions on undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA) studies as well as short-term courses and our intensive Hungarian language programme.

**CONTACT: [ADMISSION@BTK.ELTE.HU](mailto:ADMISSION@BTK.ELTE.HU)**

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