

Information for the Exchange students on the 2020 Fall semester at Corvinus University of Budapest

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TEACHING AND COURSES

Courses in all the English degree programs (including courses offered for incoming exchange and visiting students) will be offered in different formats (online, blended learning, face-to-face).

The decision on the format in which a specific course will be offered will be taken individually will depend on a number of factors.

For detailed information on all the possible options (as it appears in Annex 1 of the 44/2020 decision of the Corvinus President's Committee) please see the English version of the part relevant for international students (see Appendix 1 in this document, p. 5).

What we can guarantee

All courses offered in English will be made available to international students online, i.e. students enrolled for the semester will be able to start, continue and finish courses taken (including exams, assignments, presentations, etc.) irrespectively of where they are located during the semester.

What we cannot guarantee

As a separate decision will be taken in the case of each and every course, a **final decision on how the individual courses will be held (face-to-face, blended, online) will be taken only at the end of August** (when the professors and Institute directors see the exact number of international students who would be taking part in a face-to-face format for the given course)..

Professors will take a decision on how the course will be offered based on the results of the survey and the ratio of the registered students (Hungarians, international students who will be in Budapest for the semester, international students who will not be able to come to Budapest for any reason whatsoever, but wish to achieve the semester online). **The decision will be included in the course syllabus posted on the university website and you will be able to access it yourself after creating your CUSMAN password** (separate e-mail on how to do this has been sent. In Appendix 1 you can check how to view the course syllabi).

Please check for the possible scenarios for courses in Appendix 1 at the end of this material.

In keeping with the above, **we cannot guarantee that any of the courses you have registered for will be offered in a face-to-face format.**

How you can assist in the decision on how your own specific courses will be offered?

An online survey will be sent out to all international students soon via Neptun and also directly to your e-mail to determine how many students will be in Budapest during the semester and how many plan to achieve their courses online. Please make sure to fill it in **as soon as possible**.

NB: While your response will be taken into account to the extent possible, the decision will be made based on all the responses received and may not necessarily coincide with your wishes or expectations.

Academic Calendar

Please also make sure that you're familiar with [the 2020 Fall semester's date and Academic Calendar!](#)

Mask-wearing is going to be mandatory in all of the University's administrative and educational spaces (classrooms, offices, hallways, community spaces), in case a safe distance of 1,5 meters cannot be kept or there is no other safety device installed (plexiglass, partition wall). In addition, the University is going to set up disinfection points at major hubs (it is highly recommended to use them), and in the toilets, soap dispensers are going to be filled up with antiviral products. Educational buildings, buffets and the Faculty Club are going to operate as usual

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in the university dormitories will only be available for Hungarian nationals (including Hungarian students coming from neighboring countries).

International students

All international students must make their own arrangements for accommodation (please check the "Accommodation" part of the Survival Guide sent out to all visiting and exchange students previously).

The university (Campus Directorate and Student Services) is currently working on being able to provide students arriving from countries where the Hungarian legal regulations prescribe a mandatory 2-week quarantine will be on possible options for accommodation.

Further information on this will follow as soon as it is available.

Hungarian nationals

Hungarian nationals will be able to apply for a place in the dorm and if accepted, they will be able to move in on or after the officially designated date.

IMPORTANT: If coming from a „yellow” or „red” COVID-19 infected country, the student will be able to move into the dorm only after he/she has fulfilled the officially designated quarantine requirements.

Students living in any of the university dormitories will have to agree to move out should they become infected with the COVID-19 virus at any point in time during their stay.

IMMIGRATION

Since July 15, 2020 the Hungarian Administration, based on the current level of infection, classified all countries into three groups:

- green (low infection level) – no restrictions!
- yellow (less serious infection level)
- red (severe infection level)

Please refer to the general rules for border crossing for foreign nationals or further information: <http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing>.

We strongly recommend that you contact the Hungarian Consulate in your country for the most updated information on whether the country you are coming from is green, yellow or red as the categorization of countries is reviewed (and in certain cases changed) each week. This should be available on the given Consulate's website. You can search for the Hungarian Consulate(s) in your country here: <https://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions>

Students coming from a “green” country (EU and EEA countries):

You can enter Hungary freely – without a visa if you are an EU or EEA national. No quarantine will be required

Students coming from a “red” country (also valid for EU and EEA countries):

Students coming from so-called “red” countries **MUST STAY IN QUARANTINE FOR 2 WEEKS** – no exceptions are made.

This also means that you will need to order food (everything) online, under no circumstances are you allowed to leave your accommodation! The authorities will check frequently whether you are adhering to the rules of the quarantine at different times during the two week period (from the time you entered Hungary). If you are not found at your designated quarantine, you may be subject to serious legal consequences such as being banned from Hungary!

Students coming from a “yellow” country (also valid for EU and EEA countries):

The waiving of quarantine is possible for students coming from countries designated as “yellow” IF they have 2 negative PCR test results (NOT the quick one!) not older than 5 days with at least 48 hours between the dates of the two tests. **The Hungarian authorities accept only the PCR test (polymerase chain reaction test) results as being valid for the waiving of the mandatory quarantine period.**

In keeping with the relevant legal regulations, you're not allowed to leave your quarantine until you have two negative test results (with min. 48 hours having passed between the dates of the tests)! This also means that you will need to order food (everything) online, under no circumstances you're allowed to leave your accommodation! The authorities will frequently check whether you are adhering to the rules of the quarantine at any time during the two week period (from the time you entered Hungary). If you're not found at your designated quarantine when there is check (and you are not able to show the official permission granted to leave your quarantine to take the

PCR test), you may be subject to serious legal consequences such as being banned from Hungary. (Please find below information how you can request such permission)

Traveling from a "yellow" country **you have three options:**

a) You can get one test done in your home country before travelling and the second one here - within min. 48 hours of each other.

b) You take the PCR test twice in Hungary with a minimum of 48 hours between the two tests. If both tests are "negative", then you do not have to stay in quarantine in your room for the official two weeks, you can move about without any restrictions once the second test (taken at least 48 hours after the first one) is negative.

c) Stay in quarantine for 2 weeks.

If you need to take a PCR test in Hungary:

PCR test costs approx. 100 EUR per test.

Testing centers:

[International Vaccination Center](#) (address: 1134 Budapest, Váci út 70).

Book an appointment online: https://oltokozpont.hu/hu/COVID-19_teszt_jelentkezes (unfortunately it's in Hungarian, please use google translate when booking an appointment!)

Or book an appointment at a private clinic:

<https://www.rmc.hu/en/coronavirus-covid-19-tests>;

<https://bhc.hu/en/individuals/laboratoriumi-vizsgalatok/>

<https://firstmedcenters.com/cov19test/>

The rules for being tested - **8 hours prior to having the test, you MUST NOT:**

- eat
- drink
- smoke
- wash your teeth
- wash out your mouth in any way (not even with water of any kind)
- use a chewing gum, eat any sweets or candy, use any breath freshener.

As you will probably need to take the PCR test outside of your designated quarantine address in Hungary, you will need special permission of the Népegészségügyi Osztály (Department of Public Health) responsible in the district you are living to allow you to leave your place of residence during the quarantine period.

How to request such permission from the Népegészségügyi Osztály?

1) At the airport, you should receive a so-called "ideiglenes intézkedő határozat". You will have to scan or take a photo of it (not too large in size, pls.).

2) You have to determine which Népegészségügyi Osztály is responsible for residents of the district where you are living. (See attached pdf – "[BFKH xxx Kerületi Hivatala](#)" gives the number of the district where the Népegészségügyi Osztály is located. "*Illetékesség*" gives the districts for which the given Népegészségügyi Osztály is responsible. (Budapest district numbers are given in Roman numerals, e.g. I. = 1, II. = 2, III. = 3, IV. = 4, V. = 5, etc.)

3) You have to pay a procedural fee of 3000 HUF to the following bank account:

Bank: Államkincstár

Bank account no.: 10032000-01012107-00000000

Bank account name: Eljárási illeték bevételi szála (if needed this can be shortened to "Eljárási ill. bev. Szla")

In the „comments/megjegyzés” section you have to write: "district **xxx** NEO" (i.e. the district in which it is located) and karantén kérelem"

4) Having paid in the 3000 HUF, you have to write to the given [Népegészségügyi Osztály's e-mail address](#) and attach the following:

a) scanned copy of the „ideiglenes intézkedő határozat” you received at the airport (point #1)

b) proof of payment of the 3000 HUF procedural fee. (point #2)

c) request email where you explain that you would like to leave the quarantine to take the PCR test. You may use the bilingual template attached at Appendix 2.

An official decision will be sent (via e-mail) in approx. 2 days. It is recommended to book an appointment at the testing center as soon as possible after you have received the decision.

Extra IMMIGRATION INFORMATION for students coming from “red” countries

Equity request must be obtained by foreign nationals entering Hungary from a “red” country:
<http://www.police.hu/en/content/equity-request-to-enter-hungary>

Because of the Corona Pandemic **all international students coming from a “red” country must submit a leniency application to the Hungarian police**– i.e. COVID-02 form – to enter Hungary. A decision will be taken and sent to the student (by the police).

To fill in and submit the form please follow the instructions below:

1. Open this link :

<http://www.police.hu/hu/ugyintezes/elektronikus-ugyintezes/meltanyossagi-kerelem-magyarorszagra-torteno-beutazashoz>

2. At the bottom of the page it says: „The request and the appeal can only be lodged electronically in Hungarian or English language, by using the standard forms. „
3. Please click on “ English ”
4. It will take you the next page where you will see a table with different forms. In the second row, in the second cell, click on the blue icon, next to NOVA. (202.07.15, v3.0)



5. This will take you to a security page.
6. After typing in the security code, the actual entry request form (COVID-02) will open. You can start filling it in!

Here is some more useful information!

1. The form is 4 pages long but on the 3rd page you need to choose that you are coming alone, then you don't need to complete the 4th page.
2. Right at the beginning you need to choose the location where you enter the country: if you are flying you need to type in the airport: **Liszt Ferenc Airport** / if you come by train you need: **Hegyeshalom (or the station where the train will enter Hungary)**
3. In the list of countries / nationalities / only the non-EU countries are included, so you need to choose your home country.
4. However, later you will give your current address which will be your real address (if you are studying outside your home country).

5. There will be a section where you need to give the purpose of your visit: **Please state here that you are coming to study at Corvinus university during the Fall semester as a: degree student in a bachelor or master degree program / an exchange student** (write as applicable).
6. Finally, when you upload supporting documents: you need to upload your *Letter of Acceptance*, your *visa*, your *flight or train ticket details*, your hotel booking or Airb'n'b booking. (You can just make screenshots of these booking confirmations)

This form needs to be submitted **as soon as possible but no later than one week prior to your tavel to Hungary!**

APPENDIX 1.

Based on Annex 1 of the 44/2020 decision of the President's Committee and <https://www.uni-corvinus.hu/hir/autumn-semester-start-at-corvinus/?lang=en>

ENGLISH DEGREE PROGRAMS AND COURSES (scenarios for how courses will be held)

In case of **lectures in English**, lectures of more than 60 students are going to be recorded in studio quality (similarly to 200+ lectures in Hungarian), whereas for lectures of 40-60 students, the recordings are going to be made by the lecturers themselves. Lectures of less than 40 students are only typical of programs with a small number of students; in case of these, it is up to the lecturer whether to hold personal consultations/give interactive lectures or not.

In case of **seminars in English**, the scenario is going to be chosen based on the composition of the group. Scenario A is going to be used in groups of mostly Hungarian students. In this case, most students may attend the class in person. However, for those who do not live in Hungary, there is going to be an online group as well.

Scenario B is going to be used in case of classes where roughly half of the students resides in Hungary and half of them resides in a foreign country. In this case, the group is divided into two parts. On every second week, students residing in Hungary attend the class in person, whereas students residing in a foreign country perform individual tasks. On the other weeks, students residing in a foreign country attend an online class, whereas students residing in Hungary perform individual tasks from home.

Scenario C is going to be used in cases where the majority of the group resides in a foreign country. In this case, all seminars are going to be held online.”

Where you can access the course syllabi (login with Cusman required)

The decision on exactly how individual courses will be held will be taken by August 25th and students will be able to check in the syllabus of each and every course by logging in with their Cusman name and password here: <https://www.uni-corvinus.hu/main-page/programs/subjects-amp-courses/?lang=en>

Possible changes in Fall 2020 arising from a change in the COVID-19 situation

Should there be any change in the COVID-19 situation in Hungary resulting in the introduction of stricter regulations, all professors will be prepared to continue the courses in a fully online format via Moodle and/or TEAMS.

APPENDIX 2.

Copy the text into an email and attach the other two necessary documents!

You will need to complete the bold sections.

All personal data should be in line with the data in your Personal ID/passport.

Subject line: Karantén elhagyására kérelem COVID19 tesztelése céljából/*Request to leave quarantine for the purpose of testing for COVID19*

Email template:

Alulírott/*Undersigned:*

Családnév/Family name:

Keresztnév és középső név/First and middle names:

Születési dátum/Date of Birth:

Születési hely/Place of Birth:

Kérelmezem a Népegészségügyi Osztálytól, hogy engedélyezze a karanténra kijelölt címem elhagyását/*hereby would like to request from the Hungarian Department of Public Health to allow me to leave my designated quarantine:*

Cím/Address:

A COVID19 (PCR) tesztelés ideje alatt, amely a következő helyen esedékes/*For the period of PCR testing (official COVID19 test) at:*

Neve és helye az intézménynek, ahol a tesztelés történik/Name and location of the institution where the testing takes place:

Csatolva/Attached:

a) a repülőtéren kézhez vett „ideiglenes intézkedő határozat” szkennelt példánya/*scanned copy of the "ideiglenes intézkedő határozat" received at the airport*

b) a 3000 forintos eljárási díj megfizetésének igazolása/*proof of payment of the 3000 HUF procedural fee.*