

Study Abroad Program











# ÜDVÖZÖLJÜK! WELCOME!

IN THE HEART OF EUROPE, Budapest is the perfect location for easy access to the rest of the European capitals, offering an exciting opportunity for students to discover other European cities on long weekends.

Located in Central-Europe, Budapest is a stunning city filled with a variety of activities for all interests; from discovering historical sites to visiting ruin pubs along the way, Budapest not only offers a cultural mosaic to all those who visit, but also a great culinary experience for food and wine connoisseurs.

As you immerse yourself within Hungarian culture and walk along the cobblestone streets, you will be dazzled by the diverse architecture and marvelous bridges for which Budapest is renowned. Taking a stroll along the Danube river, which separates Buda from Pest, historical sights will capture your eye every step.

It is no wonder that Budapest is known to be the "Paris of the East" as well as a hidden gem within Europe. Indeed you will find yourself not only mesmerized by the unique charm which this city holds, but also expand your knowledge of Hungary's more than 1000 year old history which has shaped this country in the very heart of Europe.

WE WELCOME YOU TO EXPLORE BUDAPEST AND TAKE PART IN AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!



#### **FACTS**

AACSB and AMBA accredited. Member of the CEMS Alliance











#### Rankings:

Best Business School in Hungary

CEMS Master in International Management (MIM) program -

top-ranked by Financial Times

DISCIPLINES:
BUSINESS
ECONOMICS
SOCIAL SCIENCE

20/ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



WELCOME TO CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST

# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

THE GOAL OF CORVINUS' STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SPEND A SEMESTER IN BUDAPEST TO FURTHER EXPAND THEIR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

Ever since the first year of the program in 1990, hundreds of satisfied students have benefited from the academic excellence of Corvinus and the unique experience of living and studying in Budapest.

Corvinus' dedicated Study Abroad coordinators and academic staff are there to support student success and academic progress. Their aim is to facilitate intercultural communication and understanding, and to foster students in their personal and professional development. The university provides special support to students with disabilities.





# COURSES FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

During the application period, you will receive the current semester's course list and syllabi for each course. You are able to select which courses you are interested in and which credits you can transfer to your home university.

# You can choose from a wide range of disciplines:

Accounting	History
Business	Sociology
Economics	International Economics
Information Technology	Law
Marketing	Political Science
Management	Operations Management
Finance	





Thanks to its central location in Europe, Budapest is the gateway to destinations in all directions: to the warm Mediterranean in the South, the bustling cities of the West or the chilled terrains of the North. Budapest's easily accessible international airport is the starting point of a lot of budget flights including Hungarian airline, Wizzair for which you can purchase tickets for Hungarian forints. The city is also linked with train lines to some major and popular destinations in Hungary and outside of Hungary.

# WHY BUDAPEST? THE HEART OF EUROPE





## CITY OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

Listed as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Budapest's extensive World Heritage Sites include the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter, Andrássy Avenue, Heroes' Square and the Millennium Underground Railway, which is the second oldest metro line in the world. It has around 80 geothermal springs, the world's largest thermal water cave system, the largest synagogue in Europe, and third largest Parliament building. These are just a couple of highlights about this wonderful and unique city.

#### AFFORDABLE CITY

Hungary has reasonable cost of living, making it a great destination for students on a tight budget. Just to give you a couple of examples: public transportation, which is reliable, developed and extensive in Budapest. For students, a monthly student pass costs only HUF 3 450 (approx. ~10 USD). A lunch meal can vary from 2000 HUF to 4000 HUF (6-11 USD.) A latte can be from 800 HUF -private coffee shops to 1500 HUF - coffee chains (2-4 USD).

#### **CENTRAL LOCATION**

Corvinus University is situated along the beautiful river Danube, which makes it an ideal location for students to explore its surroundings. Not only is the University located in a stunning area, but it is also within walking distance to some of the city's loveliest streets, such as the famous Váci Street (in a pedestrian area of Budapest), Ráday Street (a top favorite amongst international students for trendy cafés and bagel shops), in addition to nearby charming neighborhoods.



#### GREAT STUDENT LIFE

Budapest's student life is really well-known. Several universities are located downtown, making the city center feel like a bustling, big campus. During the day, you'll enjoy studying at a quiet library, networking at a busy café or trying out a new eatery around the University. On warm days, you will be able to enjoy the sun during a picnic with friends or sunbathe on Margaret Island or at the City Park. The city center is pulsing with energy through the whole academic year.

#### MULTICULTURAL VIBE

Budapest over the years has become a very international city where you can meet people from all over the world, or even people from your own country or city. In Budapest, many people speak English (or another European language) which makes it easy to get around. Hungarians also really appreciate if you know a couple of words in Hungarian, so we encourage you to learn a few words before you come here and take part in our **Hungarian** for Beginners class.

## YOU'LL NEVER BE HUNGRY HERE!

Hungarian dishes are very rich in flavour and texture and are extremely delicious. Signature Hungarian dishes are mostly meat based and one of the main spices is red paprika. There are numerous restaurants in walking distance of the campus and the dorm, which offer hot meals for reasonable prices. Those who are not really keen on Hungarian food will be able to find a wide selection of international cuisine in Budapest let that be Indian, Italian, Turkish, Japanese or Nepalese etc.



#### CAREER BOOST

According to our alumni, employers will be interested to learn how you benefited from studying abroad. Budapest is considered an unusual destination compared to London, Paris, or Barcelona. Hence, it is guaranteed that your study abroad experience will be perceived as a competitive advantage both because you studied at a prestigious university and also because of the diverse opportunities provided by Budapest's unique location.

# **QUALITY ACADEMICS**

We put a particular emphasis on attracting outstanding academic staff from all around the world. We guarantee high quality education by the fact that each subject is taught by lecturers who are specialists in the given field or discipline, equipped with outstanding academic and practical knowledge.

## CONVENIENT SCHEDULE

We strive to offer a wide variety of courses with many available time slots. This not only gives you the flexibility to explore and immerse yourself in Hungary's and Europe's culture, but also more time to concentrate on your studies.



#### NEW SKILLS

Your professors at Corvinus challenge you to think outside the box. They support you in finding new ways to approach projects, problems and ideas that will later be useful in your professional and personal lives. You'll be inspired to discover your own potential. Students are encouraged to observe, explore, and participate in intercultural teamwork.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BODY

One of the added values of studying abroad is that vou can learn how other students from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds perceive a task and what their attitudes are when they face a challenge. Having discussions with your international and Hungarian classmates inside and outside the classroom will make vour semester a fun shared experience that will have a long-term impact on your life.

#### COSMOPOLITAN MINDSET

Spending a semester abroad, living in another culture and interacting with people with different cultural backgrounds can have a great impact on your view of the world and your attitude. By the end of your semester, you'll gain an extensive knowledge of this part of the world, and you will have made many local and international friends.

# DORMITORY ROOMS WITH PANORAMA

#### AT GELLÉRT CAMPUS

#### **ABOUT THE CAMPUS**

Corvinus Gellért Campus, which opened in February 2024, is the most sustainable educational building in the country, offering innovative and modern spaces, unique panorama, sports and accommodation facilities for students and professors alike.

#### DORMITORY ON 4 FLOORS, EACH FLOOR HAS:

- ▶ Rooms with 2 or 3 beds
- ▶ View with full panorama to the city
- ▶ Fully equipped community kitchen
- ▶ Lounge area
- ▶ Laundry room

#### **CAMPUS FACILITIES:**

- ► 118,000-square-foot park
- ▶ Sports centre with climbing wall
- ► Fields for team sports
- ► Fresh Corner snack bar (coffee, hotdogs, salads, other snacks and soft drinks)
- ► Rooftop Café place on the 7th floor

#### **ACADEMICS:**

- Classes may be also held in classrooms here
- ▶ Data Experience Lab
- **▶** Makerspace
- ▶ Reading room





AFFORDABLE PRICING IN DOUBLE ROOMS

#### **LOCATION**

Gellért Campus is located 20 minutes walking distance from the main campus or 10 minutes by tram plus a short walk. The campus is also accessible by bicycle, with bicycle storage at the main entrance.



# STUDENT NETWORK

IT'S VERY EASY TO MEET PEOPLE AND IT SEEMS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FEEL LONELY IN BUDAPEST. YOU CAN EASILY MAKE FRIENDS AT THE UNI OR AT OTHER ORGANIZED EVENTS.

#### **ESN**

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)'s mission is to represent all international students, thus providing opportunities for cultural understanding and self-improvement under the principle of 'Students Helping Students'. ESN is a nonprofit international student organization which is present in more than 900 higher education institutions in 40 countries. Internationally, they have around 15,000 active members.

Corvinus' ESN team organize lots of cultural and social events such as trips to various places in and outside of Hungary, sport tournaments, sightseeing tours, international dinners, parties etc. Check out their website for more Information:

http://corvinus.esn.hu/

#### **BUDDY PROGRAM**

Corvinus has a buddy system called the ESN Buddy Program. The goal of this program is to support international students in getting settled smoothly into their new student life in Budapest with the help of a Hungarian Corvinus student. It is also an easy way to get to know someone local prior to your trip to Hungary. Your local buddy can help you with getting around campus, setting up mobile phones, if you need something to be translated, etc. The program is also a great way to create lasting international friendships as many members keep in touch for years after their study abroad semester.

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU ARRIVE!

YOU'VE FINALLY ARRIVED. NOW, IT'S TIME TO GET UP TO SPEED ON ALL THE IMPORTANT DETAILS OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM.

#### **ORIENTATION**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** 

**ACCOMMODATION** 

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS** 

#### RESIDENCE PERMITS

Before the first day of classes you will be invited to participate in our orientation week. During the first study abroad session (Welcome session) you will be able to pick up your Welcome Package and receive information on your residence permit, Student ID, Corvinus wi-fi etc. In order to get a clear picture of what will be happening during the semester, you will need to participate in the Study Abroad Orientation where the essentials will be explained.

During the Add-and-Drop period's first week you can modify your schedule of your courses. During its second week you will still be able to add classes. Once you have finalized your decision, your schedule will be officially submitted to your home university.

Your Study Abroad coordinators are ready to support you and help you benefit from your academic experience. Additionally, they can provide information on housing, healthcare, residence permit and many more. At the end of the semester, after you completed all your courses, your Study Abroad coordinator will send your transcript to your home university.



TESTIMONIALS
FROM INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS



#### **Emily** Indiana University

"... The city is easily accessible through public transportation, it's inexpensive, and flights to other countries were convenient. My Hungarian student ambassador became one of my good friends during the semester, and she took me to visit her parents in their home in a village outside of Budapest. I felt so immersed in Hungarian culture and that one experience made me so grateful that I chose Budapest to study abroad. She and I still keep in touch today!"



# **Fiona**DePaul University

"... I loved learning about Hungary through the eyes of my Hungarian friends and professors - topics like communism, globalism, Hungarian film making, the language itself, and the list goes on. Plus, it felt like a home away from home because the program staff and residents at the dorm worked so hard to provide engaging community building events and showing us the lifestyle of a Hungarian student. Budapest was the perfect center point of Eastern European history packaged in a city of rolling hills, ruin bars, and plenty of goulash...!"



# **Allison**Michigan State University

"... Every part of my study abroad was amazing but the days that we were able to explore parts of Budapest were the ones I enjoyed the most because they allowed me to learn so much about the area I was living in. Whether it was visiting the thermal baths after class, playing soccer in Buda, or attending a ballet in Pest, I began to feel like I was truly part of the city. During my semester at Corvinus, I discovered a new passion for travel abroad and I developed a sense of confidence that I had been lacking before..."



#### **Noah** Indiana University

"... My favorite classes at the university were Eva Kiss's film and history class and the city of Budapest tourism class. These classes were amazing because I would never have the same respect for Hungarian culture without the excellent tour guides and Eva explaining what was so important and culturally defining about each film and sight we saw. Finally, my favorite activites in Budapest included attending multiple Ferencyaros and Hungarian National Team football games and going to the bath houses on an almost daily basis to relax..."

# TOP 3 THINGS

# TO LEARN WHILE STUDYING ABROAD IN HUNGARY

1

How to pronounce the word "Egészségedre!"

which means Cheers!/Bless you! in Hungarian – it's essential knowledge ©

2

What a chimney cake is and what other Hungarian desserts you should not miss

3

#### How to celebrate name days

Hungarians not only have a birthday, but name days as well. While birthdays are usually celebrated just in the immediate family, name days are widely known and celebrated. People usually give flowers, candy or a small gift.





# HUNGARIAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

**ESSENTIAL PHRASES** 

Hello = Szia [sio]

Good afternoon = Jó napot [jo: nppot]

Yes = Igen [igen]

Non = Nem [nem]

How are you? = Hogy vagy? [hot vot]

I'm fine, thanks. = Köszönöm, jól. [køsønøm jo:l]

Thank you very much/Thanks = Köszönöm szépen/Köszi [køsønøm/køsi]

I'm sorry = Bocsánat [bot[a:not]

I don't speak Hungarian = Nem beszelék magyarul [nɛm bese:lɛk moɟorul]

WHAT TO EAT

gulyásleves [ˈguja:ʃlɛvɛʃ] - goulash soup

palacsinta ['polot sinto] - Hungarian pancake

kürtös kalács [ˈkyrtø:ʃkɒla:t ʃ] chimney cake

lángos [ˈlaːŋgoʃ] - deep fried flatbread traditionally with sour cream and/or cheese topping

## **STUDY ABROAD TEAM**

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