

# **Corvinus University of Budapest**

# **Preparatory Programme**

# **for International**

# **Participants**

## **Programme Structure and Requirements**

The University reserves the right to change the Programme's structure and conditions before the end of the admission period.

**Academic Year 2025/2026**

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

### Application Deadline: 27 June 2025

The complex Preparatory Programme of Corvinus University of Budapest (PPCUB) prepares participants, potential future students of Corvinus University for admission to the different programmes offered by the university. PPCUB provides intensive **English language training** and **Hungarian language classes, as well as specialized professional preparation according to the BA or MA study choice** and other **supplementary services, like tutoring, mentoring and counselling**. We ensure a culturally and socially beneficial study period in Hungary.

Please consider that Corvinus University is a higher education institution with high international prestige and accordingly high admission scores for its most popular study programmes e.g., in Economics, Business, Communication and Media Studies, and International Relations. Therefore, only very good secondary school results can make the application for BA study programmes realistic. For admission to BA programmes minimum strong Intermediate level English is required, which is European B2 level or IELTS 6.0. It should be proved by the result of the B2 complex Internal Exam at the end of the spring semester, or by another accredited exam certificate (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo).

The programme is tailored to the specific needs of the participants and prepares them for the admission requirements. The completion of the Preparatory Programme highly contributes to the knowledge and skills of the participant that satisfy the admission requirements, but does not replace the official application procedure, and the admission is competitive. Participants can justify their English language knowledge when applying to BA or MA programmes in form of the Internal Exam – only when applying for programmes at Corvinus – which takes place at the end of the spring semester, or by another accredited exam certificate (e.g., IELTS, Duolingo, BME). The minimum language requirement for Corvinus is strong B2 level or IELTS General 6.0, while for MA or MSc majors the required level may be even higher.

Applicants for BA studies in Business and Economics write an online Mathematics entry test, and all MA or MSc applicants as well as those applying for BA majors in Social Sciences should participate in interviews.

As you see in the table below, besides the intensive English Language preparation we offer specialized professional preparation in Mathematics, Economic English, Preparation for International Economy and Business MA or Basics of Social Sciences to prepare students for the admission requirements.

## TRAINING PROGRAM

|  | <b>English language</b>   | <b>Hungarian language</b>                                  | <b>Specialized professional preparation</b>  |
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| <b>Fall semester Classes</b>                               | About 10 x 90 min/ week / from Monday to Friday   | 2 x 90 min / week compulsory                               | (Only in the spring semester)  |
| <b>Midterm exams</b>                                       | Written tests and oral exam Corvinus B2 complex mock exam. Marks in each subject are registered   | Written test and oral exam. practice marks are registered. | (Only in the spring semester)  |
| <b>Spring semester classes</b>                             | 10 x 90 min/ week - from Monday to Friday   | 2 x 90 min/week optional                                   | 4 x 90 min/week Mathematics,<br>2 x 90 min Economic English<br>OR<br>2 x 90 min Basics of Social Sciences,<br>Optional Contemporary International Issues |
| <b>Final Exam</b>  | Written and oral tests<br><b>Complex B2 English language exam;</b><br>marks in each subject are registered.   | Practice marks are Registered.                             | Maths test (if needed for the chosen study programme).<br>Practice marks are registered.   |
| <b>Complex cultural training and development programme</b> | Group training sessions two times/semester to help the adjustment of students to the new environment and requirements.<br><br><b>Hungarian Culture:</b> An intensive programme with classes and field trips in the city in English and Hungarian. |  |  |

The language training is organized by the Centre for Foreign Language Education and Research of the University, which is highly experienced in teaching foreign languages for General and Specific Purposes, as well as teaching Hungarian. The language courses are taught by highly qualified professors, and held in the well-equipped (computer, Internet, interactive board, projector, air-conditioning) modern premises of the University.

## **SERVICES – PROVIDED FOR THE WHOLE DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND INCLUDED IN THE TUITION FEE**

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| <b>Programme management</b>  | Responsible for the complex quality management of PPCUB; headed by the director of the Centre for Foreign Language Education and Research.  |
| <b>Professional supervision</b>  | Provided by members of the Programme Management Team in terms of Hungarian and English language training and specialized professional preparation.  |
| <b>Tutoring and administrative support for the BA/BSc and MA/MSc applications</b>        | Provided by the teachers and academic staff involved in the programme.  |
| <b>Sports classes</b>  | Students can choose from several types of university sports classes free of charge – based on availability. (Certain sports courses can be chosen for an extra fee.)  |
| <b>Mentoring</b>   | Provided by staff members at the university and in the student dormitory to assist the participants in daily problem solving.   |
| <b>Learning materials</b>  | Course books and supplementary photocopied materials.   |
| <b>Access to the University Library; Internet and international information networks</b> | Access to Hungarian and foreign books, periodicals, newspapers, databases, and up-to-date information at the University Library.<br>Access to university events e.g., regular lectures held by foreign guest lecturers, professional and free-time events and activities organized by and for the students. |
| <b>Student ID</b>  | It is a certificate that entitles to receive discounts, e.g., travel, cultural and sports events, theatres, cinemas, museums, etc.  |

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| <b>Counselling</b> | Information and orientation events e.g., open days, lectures, and personal counselling to help participants make decision regarding their application for study programmes after PPCUB. Psychological counselling is available upon individual request. |
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## ADDITIONAL COSTS–SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE WHOLE DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME BUT NOT INCLUDED IN THE TUITION FEE

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| <b>Accommodation</b>                                     | Participants can apply for accommodation in a good quality student dormitory of the University in safe, friendly environment with good public transport to the university; rooms are shared by 3 people, provided services (bed linen, fridge, TV, Internet connection, laundry, cooking facilities). The fees are to be paid in the Neptun system after admission. |
| <b>Health insurance (Purchased individually)</b>         | Comprehensive medical insurance in Hungary, needed for the visa application and residence permit. The student can choose an international insurance policy in the home country to have the necessary insurance covering the whole study period, or there is access to a Hungarian one after the arrival.  |
| <b>Travel pass (purchased individually)</b>              | It can be used for mass transportation in Budapest (tram, bus, metro, and suburban train in the city).  |
| <b>English language examination</b>                      | The Internal Exam is free of charge. The fee of any other English language examination is payable by the student individually.<br>Any exam except the Internal Exam is the responsibility of the student.   |
| <b>Cost of legalization and translation of documents</b> | The notarized translation of the high school/Bachelor diploma/certificate altogether with transcript of the grades from each year/semester to be submitted must be arranged by the student at his/her own expense.  |
| <b>University study programme application fee</b>        | If there is an application fee for any BA/BSc or MA/MSc study programme, it is paid by the students.  |

## PRICE LIST FOR 2025/26

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| <b>Application fee (non-refundable)</b>    | Paid at application – further assessment of application is not done until the fee is paid. | 75 EUR   |
| <b>Tuition fee</b>                         | Payable in one amount in the Neptun system after a successful interview.                   | 10 months: 5000 EUR (starting in September)<br><br>5 months: 3400 EUR (starting in February) |
| <b>Administration fee (non-refundable)</b> | Must be paid alongside the tuition fee in the Neptun system                                | 295 EUR  |

## REFUND POLICY:

In case of any obstacle causing the participant not being able to start the programme the paid tuition fee is refunded **except the non-refundable 75 EUR application fee and 295 EUR administration fee.**

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION:

- Application occurs via the DreamApply platform
- Transcript of high school grades from the last two semesters (Original + authorized English translation - or English original)
- Photo
- Passport (must be valid at least until the end of the programme you apply for)
- Paid application fee and proof of payment
- Optional: English language certificate if you have one (only those are accepted that the University itself accepts for other BA/BSc, MA/MSc application)

**High school graduation certificate is not compulsory for the preparatory admission, but it must be submitted for the BA/BSc application.**

**VERY IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

For the application for any BA/BSc or MA/MSc study programme in Hungary the notarized verified English copy of the high school graduation certificate or BA/BSc degree is required altogether with the transcript of the grades from each year/semester.

**We do not require a verified copy for the application to the Preparatory Programme, but you are asked to get it and bring it with you when you arrive in Hungary to start the programme as it is essential for the university application, and it is much more complicated if you must take care of it later while you are in Hungary.**

**WE ACCEPT** the application of Chinese students if they get the high school graduation documents later, but they need to submit them in July the latest for the admission process.

## STEPS OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Please scan the required documents and upload them to DreamApply.
2. Pay the application fee according to the instructions. You will find an invoice in DreamApply – Finances section.
3. If your documents are suitable for application, and you have been invited to an online interview, you need to book an appointment via the link. If you don't achieve 60 points minimum from your transcript, language exam and interview, your application will be declined. You must achieve at least 15 points on the interview to be accepted.
4. After a successful interview we will inform you about the admission result and we are sending you the payment and login details of the Neptun system, which is required for finalizing your application.  
  
The admission is decided based on the high school results and your language level you prove at the interview. IELTS is not necessary but good to have. Complete beginners are not accepted.  
  
Required minimum English level (CEFR): B1
5. As soon as we receive the payment credited to the bank account of Corvinus University, we are sending you the final Admission decision letter in DreamApply (signed and stamped) that you can submit it for your visa application.
6. The visa application is your responsibility. If you are an individual applicant, and you need visa interview preparation, our agents can help you for a fee.
7. Please start the visa procedure as early as you can as it can take at least 6 weeks (but usually more) to receive the final decision or an interview appointment.

The application for our programme works on a first-comes first-served basis. In case we meet the maximum capacity before the application deadline – all application assessment stops, and the applicants will be kept on waiting list. We also close applications at that time.



## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Maximum point: 100 points (= Part I. + Part II. + Part III.)

Threshold for admission: 60 points in total and minimum 15 points for the interview

### **Part I.: Transcript**

High school results in Mathematics and English

(Points are based on the average results of the last two semesters.)

below 60% - 0 points/subject

60-70% - 15 points/subject

70-80% - 20 points/subject

80-100% - 25 points/subject

Maximum from Part I.: 50 points

### **Part II.: English Language Certificate**

5.0 IELTS or equivalent – 10 points

5.5 IELTS or equivalent – 15 points

above 5.5 IELTS – 20 points

Maximum from Part II.: 20 points

### **Part III.: Online interview (approx. 15 minutes)**

Example of topics:

- Educational background and plan
- Personal questions regarding motivation, hobbies, interests etc.
- Corvinus University of Budapest
- Hungary

The interview may include other topics as well to better assess the applicant's English skills.

### **Interview Scoring System:**

- Grammar & Accuracy – 6 points
- Vocabulary & Academic Language – 6 points
- Fluency & Pronunciation – 6 points
- Coherence & Structure – 6 points
- Critical Thinking & Depth of Response – 6 points

Maximum from Part III.: 30 points

Minimum points for admission from Part III: 15 points

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