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Starting the autumn semester

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Orientation Week, 31 Aug-4 Sep 2026

BEFORE WE BEGIN introducing the people you will meet

Your foundation programme **coordinators**:

- Dr Attila STARCEVIC, deputy head of DIA
 - Ms Dóra SZABÓ, international coordinator
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Your **director of studies**:

- Dr Kornél ZIPERNOVSZKY (**English** Foundation, International Study Centre)
- Ms Ildikó SZLAMKA (**Hungarian** Foundation, International Study Centre)



WELCOME & INFORMATION Week

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Programme:

- <https://btk.elte.hu/en/welcome-to-our-new-students>

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Programmes:

- Campus tour
- ESN community programmes for students (Details: use link above to be in the loop)

Challenges:

- <https://eenjoy.elte.hu/en-US/login>
- https://www.instagram.com/eenjoy_elte/
- **Sports:** <https://www.beac.hu/en> (Budapest University Athletic Club) for 6K HUF/course

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<https://elte.funcode.hu/events/128265>



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Our homepage

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- <https://btk.elte.hu/en/welcome-to-our-new-students>



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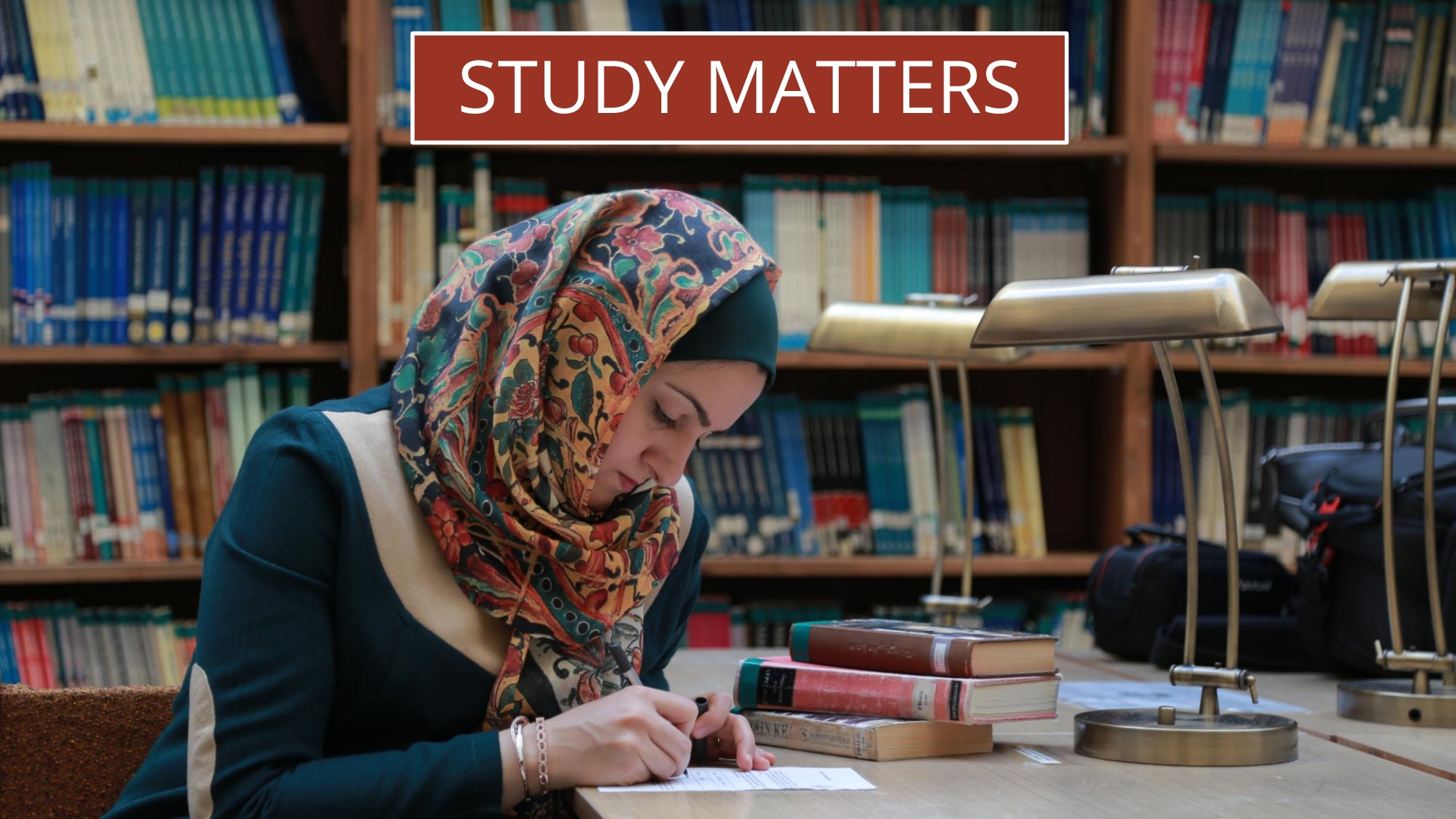


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STUDY MATTERS



REGISTRATION

Registration is in-person in building A, room 31
(ground floor past the ATM machine to the left)

Book an appointment with us IF and ONLY IF you know you will be in Budapest at the chosen date (link already sent to those who filled in the arrival questionnaire)

For an appointment write to foundation@btk.elte.hu



DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION

Bring originals and *photocopies*

DOCUMENTS required for registration (please have them at the ready when you come to meet us)

- ✓ **Letter of Acceptance** received from ELTE
- ✓ **Confirmation of Payment** document of your tuition fee received from ELTE and/or the copy of your bank slip (if you are an SH scholarship holder, disregard this)
- ✓ **passport**
- ✓ your original **certificate of matriculation** (**graduation certificate** from high school and **list of completed subjects** (transcript))
- ✓ your **Hungarian address** (postcode, city, name of the public place, floor, door number)
- ✓ your **Hungarian phone** number (acquire one from one of the providers in Hungary)
- ✓ **student visa page**
- ✓ **2 colour passport photos** – Write your full name on the back with capital letters



What happens when today?



NOW you will hear a short **introduction** on your programme



You will find this ppt at

<https://btk.elte.hu/en/welcome-to-our-new-students>



IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS short campus tour of the Int Study Centre with your coordinator(s)



big campus tour starting at **3.30 pm today outside Building A**



What happens later in the week (or next week)?



Placement Tests (only for registered students)

Upon registration, we will forward your name and email to our teaching staff, they will be in touch regarding your placement test (keep checking your mail box, including the spam folder looking for instructions)

Place for placement tests for registered students only:

- EN FOUND: Int Study Centre: Main Building, 3rd Floor, Teachers' Common Room #305
- HU FOUND: 8 September in the morning

FURTHER INFORMATION DURING REGISTRATION



Registration

in person **ongoing until 9 Oct** (ask for appointment by writing to us at foundation@btk.elte.hu)



Contents



- Legal stay
- Student ID
- Bank account
- Campus
- Courses
- Academic regulations / Absence policy
- Technical and practical issues



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Stay here legally



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Keeping your stay legal

National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing - OIF
(Immigration and Asylum Office earlier)

Registration is a must





If you are not required to have a student visa for entering Hungary (Japan, Korea), you must initiate registration as soon as you can at <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>

This is a procedure you must complete yourself. This is how you will obtain your residence permit.



Your Residence Permit





Keeping your stay legal



- Keep your active student status
- Keep us informed at all times about changes
- Report all emergencies affecting your status
- Request information from us if you have any doubts or questions





Keeping your stay legal: active vs. passive status



- By registering in person you have obtained your active student status
- In case you need to leave Hungary temporarily (due to a medical emergency in your home country), it is your duty to inform us about your departure
- It is absolutely forbidden to have active status while you do not attend classes. Students who are active and do not attend classes will be reported to the relevant authorities and there is no refunding of tuition fees





Picking up your residence permit:

Quaestura Students' Services:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/quaestura-office>

Egyetem tér 5, 1053 BP



**You will be notified by email by the
above office**



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Student ID (aka Student card)



Where?

Quaestura Office Services (not the Faculty), see for details at

<https://qter.elte.hu/>

Egyetem tér 5, 1053 BP



What do they do? They issue

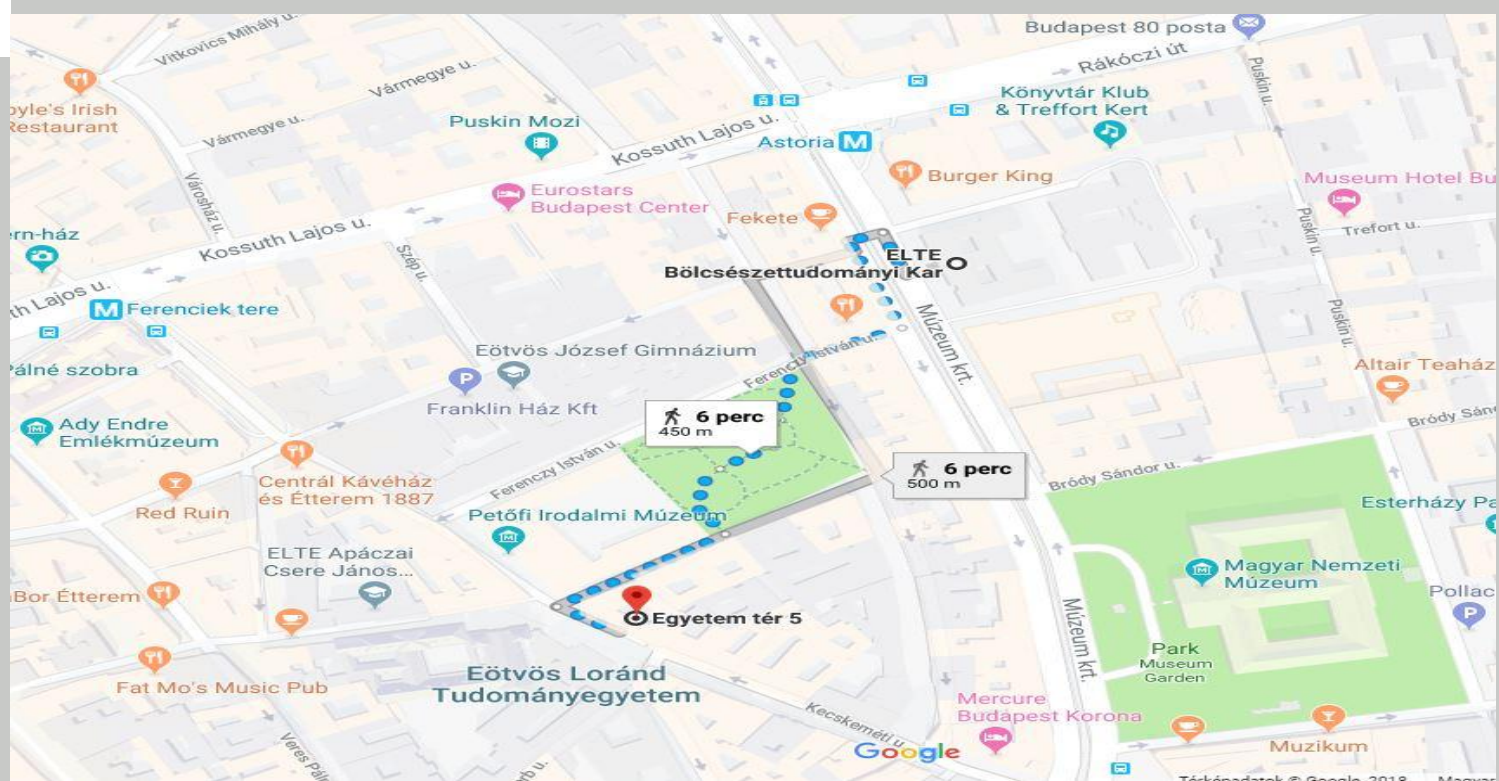
- Certificate of Student Status (active/passive)
- Student ID/Card (*NOTE: do not ask for your student ID from us, we do not issue them*)
- Health Insurance, etc.



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Student ID

Students staying for shorter than 12 months



- Temporary Student ID paper (not a plastic card)
- Issued by Quaestura (central students' services office)
- Show identification
- Know your Neptun Code and password
- DO NOT forget: the ID is valid for up 60 days, must renew it regularly (for end date check point 6 on the paper card)





Student ID/Card Is Good For What?

Discounted transportation in Budapest



Points to remember:

- ALWAYS carry your student ID with you + your monthly pass
- Monthly discounted pass: 3450 HUF
- Your student ID card number is necessary for the pass to be valid
- <https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/>



Available from around the 3rd week of Sep



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Further Points to Remember

- You must have a validated (punched/time stamped) ticket or a valid monthly pass on the vehicles (DO NOT get on vehicles without this)
- BKK officials are authorized to check the validity of your ticket or pass any time during or after your trip
- Passengers without valid ticket or pass are to pay a heavy fine



- If you do not yet have your student ID, buy a full price monthly pass (8950 HUF) for a month.
- After you receive your student ID, buy the discounted pass





Finances



First-year-students: before enrolment

After the first semester:

deadline – mid January/September (NOT March)



Payment details & tuition fees: <https://btk.elte.hu/fees-and-finances>



Payment happens through neptun using your neptun code: follow the instructions you receive in the notification on payment (NOP)



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Open a bank account in Hungary

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**Scholarship holders (SH, Diaszpóra):
you have to own a bank account in Hungary**



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Open a bank account in Hungary

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You can open an account at any bank
Closest bank:
near Astoria (campus): Károly krt. 1



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Buy a Hungarian SIM card



Choose from a variety of providers:

The Yettel logo consists of the word "Yettel." in a bright green, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue rectangular background.

- Yettel: (closest to the campus: Károly krt. 3/a, 1075 Budapest)

The Vodafone logo features a red speech mark icon followed by the word "vodafone" in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font.

- Vodafone

The Telekom logo is a stylized magenta letter "T" followed by three small magenta squares, all on a white background.

- Telekom



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Summary



- Health Insurance:

- A) Scholarship holders: **Covered** (must have a TAJ szám/number, **go to Quaestura** for assistance)
- B) Self-payin students: **Buy an insurance policy in Quaestura** (Egyetem tér 5., 1053 Bp)

- **Student Card:** Quaestura (after registration)

- **Mobile Phone/SIM Card:** Yettel, Vodafone, Telekom (find your provider, google your nearest spot, go to a shopping mall)



Campus



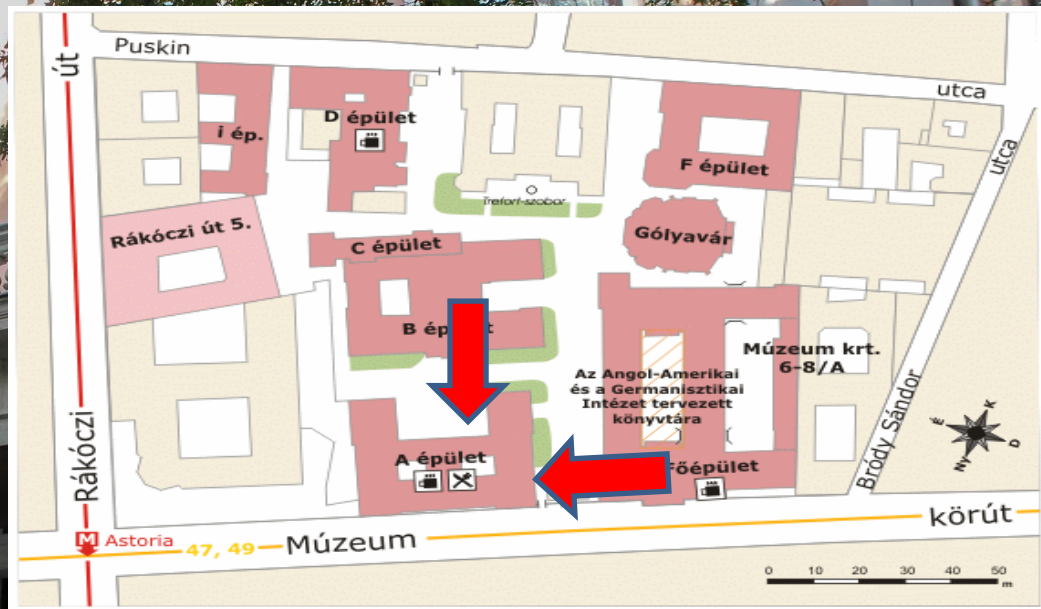
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Where is Your Dept of Int Affairs (DIA)?

Múzeum krt. 4/A
1088 Budapest
Ground floor, room 31
Working here
Attila STARCEVIC and
Dóra SZABÓ)



How Do I Contact DIA?

By email:

foundation@btk.elte.hu

During Our Office Hours (not earlier, not later):

Monday: 13.00-16.00

Tuesday: no office hours

Wednesday: 13.00-16.00

Thursday: no office hours

Friday: 9.00-12.00



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Courses

Registration Week: 31 Aug–4 Sep

Last Day to Register for Aut 2026: 9 Oct (Fri)

Study Period: 7 Sep until end of January 2027

Exam Period: End of January (details later)

Last teaching day: 29 Jan 2027 (Fri)

Itemised calendar: <https://brk.elte.hu/en/content/academic-calendar-for-the-foundation-programmes.t.3453?m=249>

Note: academic calendar may change without further notice due to possible unforeseen circumstances



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Foundation Programmes

General Calendar¹

Academic Year: 2026/27

Note: There may be unforeseen circumstances that will have to be accommodated in the calendar. You will be informed about any such change.

Autumn semester (17 teaching weeks)	
Orientation and registration week	31 Aug – 4 Sept 2026, Mon–Fri (no teaching, placement tests only)
Placement tests	<i>continuous from 1 Sept (Mon) until 2 October</i>
First day of teaching	7 September 2026 (Mon)
Autumn holiday	26 Oct – 30 Nov 2025 (classes start 2 Nov 2026, Mon)
Winter holiday	14 Dec – 3 Jan 2026 (classes start: 4 Jan 2026, Mon)
Progress/Proficiency exam	<i>beginning on 18 Jan 2027</i>
Last day of teaching in the autumn semester	29 Jan 2027
Public holidays or Uni Days on workdays for autumn semester 2026	23 October 2026 (Fri) <i>1956 Revolution Remembrance Day</i>
Spring semester (20 teaching weeks)	
Registration week	1 – 5 Feb 2027 (no teaching, placement tests for the newly arrived, deadline for clearing tuition fee for those in the Sept intake)
First day of teaching	8 Feb 2027
Spring Holiday	29 March – 2 April 2027 (classes start: 5 April)
Final exam	<i>beginning on 14 June 2027</i>
Last day of teaching	2 July 2027 (Fri)
Public holidays or Uni Days on workdays during teaching weeks for spring semester 2027	15 March (Mon) <i>1848 Revolution Remembrance Day</i> 26 March (Fri) <i>Good Friday</i> 7 May (Fri) <i>Pázmány Day – University Day</i> 17 May (Mon) <i>Whitsun</i>



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Course registration period

In the foundation programme, DIA enters your courses into NEPTUN

Why?

- There is no cherry picking, you must take (and hopefully pass) ALL your subjects and
- Which course you attend depends on your level of language proficiency and
- Some of you may arrive after the course registration period ends and NEPTUN shuts down



Exams

We will register your term exams for
you.
This will happen in Dec/Jan...



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A few interesting facts about subjects and courses

Always check the [study unit list / curriculum](https://btk.elte.hu/en/content/foundation-programmes.t.3437?m=245) at

<https://btk.elte.hu/en/content/foundation-programmes.t.3437?m=245>

Find it under your programme → List of study units

The list of study unit shows:

- Code of the subject
- Title of the course
- Credits
- Recommended semester
- Prerequisites



How to sign up for the courses?

In NEPTUN, but in the foundation year DIA enters your courses into NEPTUN. You will be able to check your timetable in NEPTUN after all your courses have been registered (end of Sept)

In the meantime, your time timetable (after the placement test) is at

<https://www.btk.elte.hu/en/timetables-for-english-foundation>



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Which device can I use for my classes?
Laptop (+ microphone + camera), **phones are not allowed**



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Institutional websites

You will find more information (e.g. the timetables) at:

<https://btk.elte.hu/en>

Find Education

Find Foundation programmes

(find EN or HU)



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Academic Regulations / Absence Policy



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Academic Regulation #0: your reason for being at the University

- You are here to study in an academic programme, not miss classes, be chronically late for classes, work full time, work when you are supposed to be in class, etc.
- The Foundation Programme is a 'package', all courses must be taken together, there is NO picking and choosing



Academic Regulation #1: Getting Grades for Your Courses

- by the end of semester (end of January) you must have at least 1 completed subject (with a grade better than 1 'fail')
- in case you do not, an official letter will be sent out calling you before a committee to explain your results



Academic Regulation #2: Reporting Absences

you are here to complete your programme (= study), not miss classes, so

- inform your teacher in advance of any absences, providing an acceptable reason
- if your absence is caused by an emergency, you should contact your teacher afterwards, providing an acceptable reason
- contacting your teachers in advance (or later) does not mean you are exempted



Academic Regulation #3: Absence Policy

(based on University Regulations adapted to the foundation programme, read in full: <https://btk.elte.hu/en/content/absence-policy-for-the-foundation-programmes.t.4220?m=305>, a copy of which you will sign in acceptance of its content)

x Counting your absences

Number of weeks per term (as specified in the current academic calendar for the foundation year)	Taught lessons (22 x 45 mins/week)	Allowed number of absences (20% of total taught lessons)
17 weeks	374	74
18 weeks	396	79
19 weeks	418	83
20 weeks	440	88



Consequences

- we will discontinue your status
- we will forward your case to the **National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (aka Immigration Office)**: your residence permit is issued for education



Academic Regulation #4: Failed Subjects, Retakes

If you fail a subject in the 1st semester, can you retake it in the 2nd semester?

No. Why?

Because they are not given in the 2nd semester



Consequences of your absences (summary)

- Your status will be discontinued/terminated
 - All your courses will be deleted from neptun
 - There will be no classes, no grades, no credits
 - There will be no exams
- There is no refund of your tuition fee
- We will have to forward your name to the Immigration Office (after this you may find it difficult to renew your residence permit in case you stay in Hungary, even if you have been admitted to another university)



Academic Grading system

Five-point scale:

- An excellent (5) grade is assigned to the student who thoroughly knows the entire subject matter in all of its inherent relationships and is able to independently apply his/her knowledge with absolute certainty;
- A good (4) grade is assigned to the student who thoroughly knows the entire subject matter of the course and can safely apply its content;
- A satisfactory (3) grade is assigned to the student who knows significant portions of the subject matter of the course and is able to apply them with suitable safety;
- A pass (2) grade is assigned to the student who knows the significant parts of the course on a satisfactory level and is able to demonstrate an acceptable level of familiarity in the application of the content of the course;
- A fail (1) grade is assigned to the student who does not command sufficient knowledge and demonstrate skill in applying the practices of his/her chosen field.

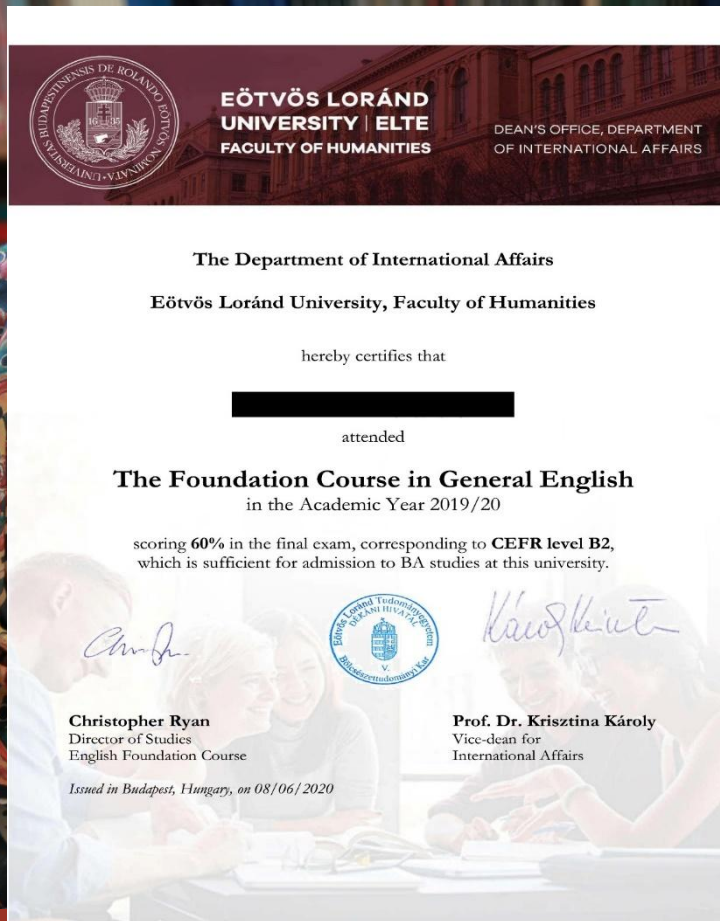


What happens at the end of the spring semester next year if you pass ALL your subjects during the course of your 2 semester programme?

- You will get a **credit certificate** (stating all the credits you completed)
- And
- A **certificate of achievement stating your achievement in %** based on the end of year exam in June. The type of certificate depends on whether you pass all the courses or just some, as well as the level of your achievement and the programme you have completed:
 - English: levels below B2 will not be shown in the certificate (such certificates will not be issued)
 - Hungarian: all levels will be shown (B1, B2, C1)



Sample Certificate



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What's there in a certificate for you?

If you achieve B2 level of CEFR, you will get from us an offer (letter of acceptance/LOA) for autumn semester 2027/28/ in

- BA in English and American Studies at ELTE
- BA in Hungarian at ELTE

There is no admission procedure, no entrance exam, no questions asked. Of course, you can choose not to start your programme. The letter of acceptance is valid for one autumn semester only.

To inquire about whether our certificate is accepted as proof of language competence at other universities, make inquiries at the university of your choice.



Registration and picking a time slot

In Person Registration:

- Write to us at foundation@btk.elte.hu



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Documents needed for on campus personal registration

- Letter of Acceptance received from ELTE
- Confirmation of Payment document of your tuition fee received from ELTE
- Passport
- your original Certificate of Matriculation (graduation certificate from high school studies)
- your Hungarian address (zip code, city, name of the public place, floor, door number)
- Your Hungarian phone number
- student visa page
- 2 photos (colour) – Write your full name at the back with capital letters



Some important facts about your tuition fee

After your completed (in person) registration, you are an active student of the University. Interrupting your legal status as an active student is a serious matter. It can only be requested on grounds of poor health or a serious family emergency. You will have to write to us to request this and will be asked to submit supporting documents in English.

NOTE

About deadlines on possible refund cases read our 2nd information letter (sent to your mailbox in Dream Apply at apply.elte.hu and/or directly to your email address)



Technical issues, and other practical matters

Use Wi-Fi at the campus

You can use the wi-fi at the university if you ask for a username and password.

For requiring a username and a password, you need your Neptun ID (code) and password

On how to ask for the wi-fi and set it up:

Step 1. IIG ID: <https://www.elte.hu/en/it-support>

Step 2. Setting up the Wi-Fi connection: <https://btk.elte.hu/en/content/it-support.t.5128?m=350>



Copy shops

- Building R on the campus (Rákóczi út 5) or
- Kálvin square, 5-8 min walk from the campus:
 - Mini Copy
 - Copy Guru



What happens now?

- **small tour of the International Study Centre** (the place of your classes) -- **NOW, DON'T GO AWAY**
- **grand tour: starting at 3.30 pm today** (organised by the Students' Union) of the whole of the campus, **COME BACK**, collection point: outside Building A



Small tour covers the place of your classes (International Study Centre)



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