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A group of five diverse students (three women and two men) are smiling and posing for a photo in front of the main building of the University of Debrecen. The building is a large, classical-style structure with a red-tiled roof and many windows. The students are in the foreground, and the building is in the background.

INTERNATIONAL
**STUDENT
GUIDE
BOOK**

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Dear Students,

Thank you for choosing the University of Debrecen for your studies abroad. Our university offers a full range of study programs, right in the heart of Europe.

Getting to know new people and places is an exciting experience and opens new horizons that will have a great impact on your future. We are happy to welcome you and sincerely hope your stay in Debrecen will be pleasant and rewarding.

You will find all the information necessary to understand how coming to the University of Debrecen can offer you so many opportunities and be such an enriching experience. Because we are confident that human values and knowledge are the most important assets with which the lives of all individuals can be improved, we do our best to provide you with both so.

In Debrecen, life is both easy-going and culturally stimulating, and it is close to Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Here, we have created a space both for diversity and for acquiring knowledge, where you will always be welcome.

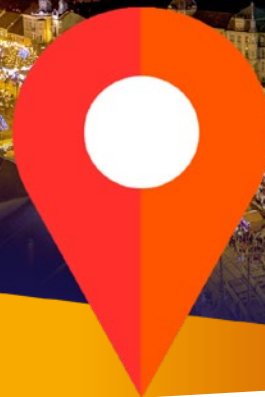
In this guidebook we have tried our best to include relevant issues for all incoming students. We are here to lend a helping hand whenever necessary. There is however always room for improvement and we are grateful for your suggestions.

You have reached your destination!

The Team of the Coordinating Center for International Education,
University of Debrecen.



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A PLACE FOR YOU

Hungary and Debrecen: In the Heart of Europe

Hungary [ˈhʌŋɡəri] (Hungarian: Magyarország [ˈmɒɟɒrorszɒɡ]) is a landlocked country in Central Europe. It is situated in the Carpathian Basin and is bordered by Slovakia to the north, Ukraine and Romania to the east, Serbia and Croatia to the south, Slovenia to the southwest and Austria to the west. It is often referred to as the heart of Europe, Hungary is a relatively small country of 10 million people, which has seven neighbours and one of the longest histories of European nations with a statehood of over 1100 years. As a member of the European Union and at the crossroads of East and West, it is a very accessible location and an ideal base to explore all of Europe. The official language is Hungarian.

Main facts about Hungary

- Official name:** Hungary
- Official Language:** Hungarian (Magyar)
- Capital and largest city:** Budapest (population 2,500,000 including suburbs)
- Area:** 93,030 km²
- Population:** 10,156,239 (2023 estimates)
- Government:** Parliamentary republic
- Accession to the European Union:** May 1, 2004
- Religion:** Christian
- Largest cities outside Budapest:** Debrecen, Miskolc, Szeged, Pécs, Győr
- Currency:** Forint (HUF)

Time Zone: CET (GMT+1)

Climate: temperate continental, 4 seasons

Major rivers: Danube (417 km), Tisza (597 km)

Largest Lakes: Lake Balaton, Lake Velence, Lake Fertő

Highest point above sea level: Kékes (1014 m) in the Mátra Hills

Electricity: 230V 50Hz

Electric Plug Details: European plug with two circular metal pins

Drive on the right

Internet TLD: .hu; .eu

Date format: yyyy.mm.dd.

Telephone country code: +36

Debrecen is the largest city outside Budapest and has over 200,000 inhabitants. At a convenient distance of 230 km to the East from the capital, Debrecen is a cultural, economic and scientific centre of the region and a renowned university town.

History of Debrecen in a nutshell

- 1235** First reference to Debrecen in ancient charters
- 1538** Establishment of the College of the Reformed Church in Debrecen
- 1567** Higher education starts in the College
- 1693** Debrecen is declared a free royal town
- 1849** Debrecen is proclaimed the capital of Hungary
- 1912** Establishment of the Hungarian Royal University with Faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine and Theology
- 1914** Some parts of the university are functioning in the College building
- 1918** Inauguration of the Main Building of the Medical Faculty by King Charles IV of Hungary
- 1921** The Medical Faculty starts to function
- 1932** Building of the campus is finished
- 1944** During the world war the town is again the capital of Hungary but the university gets abandoned for a while
- 1949** The only year the university has five faculties
- 1950** Faculty of Law declines, Faculty of Natural Sciences is established

- 1952** The university is divided into three parts (Academy of Theology, Medical School, Lajos Kossuth University of Arts and Science)
- 1991** Debrecen Universitas Association is established
- 1998** Federation of Debrecen Universities is founded
- 2000** The federation transforms into the unified University of Debrecen with all the customary faculties and 20 thousand students.

A university for you

University of Debrecen – A prestigious institution of higher education

With a student body of about 30,000 the University of Debrecen is one of the largest institutions of higher education in Hungary today.

The cooperation of thirteen faculties ensures the multidisciplinary background guaranteeing the University a leading role as a research and education institution, and the intellectual center of Eastern Hungary.

The University, with an academic staff of ~2,500 and non-academic staff of about ~5,000, does everything in its power to fulfil the role of one of the most prestigious universities of the country. In 2007, our institution was the first to receive the highest degree of the Higher Education Qualification Prize awarded to the most reputable Hungarian higher education institutions.



Main facts about the University:

- 30,000 students
- ~2,500 academic staff
- one of the largest higher education institutions in Hungary
- 13 faculties on 8 campuses
- 24 doctoral schools
- around 80% of the instructors have doctoral (PhD) degrees, and 110+ professors are doctors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 521-530 in QS WUR 2021
- 151-200 in THE Europe Teaching Ranking (2019)
- UD conducts 14-15% of the volume of research carried out in Hungary
- 7,300 international students from 120 countries

**Gerundium – Symbol of the University**

Gerundiums are heavy rods that were used by students of the Reformed College to put out fire. As the “fire brigade” of the City, they very often risked their lives saving the books and other valuables of their school. The name refers to the fact that these rods were just as difficult to handle, as it was to learn Gerundium in Latin Grammar. Later the Gerundium became the symbol of the University of Debrecen. You can still meet the symbol of the University, the Gerundium at Graduation Ceremonies and other prominent events.



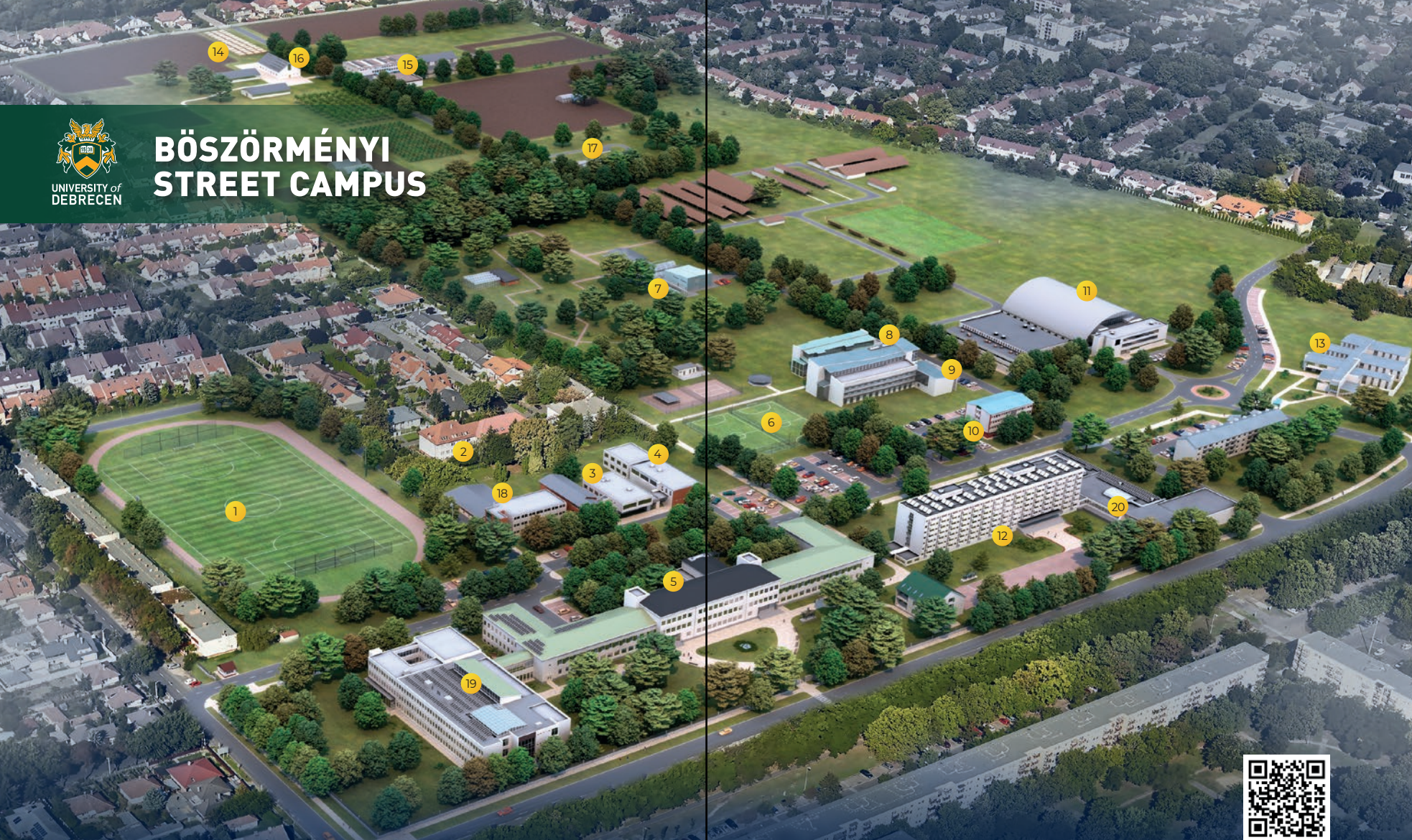


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| 1 Directory, Post office | 10 Department of Urology | 19 Department of Medical Imaging, Department of Nuclear Medicine and Pediatric Immunology | 29 Augustza Student Hostel | 38 Dormitory No. 1 |
| 2 Gastroenterology Clinic; Emergency Clinic | 11 Department of Infectious Diseases and Pediatric Immunology | 20 Oncoradiology Center | 30 Department of Internal Medicine, Building C and Rheumatology | 39 Dormitory No. 2, Student Service Center |
| 3 Department of Orthopaedics | 12 Department of Dermatology | 21 International Imaging Center | 31 Department of Surgery and Neurosurgery | 40 Dormitory No. 3, General Practitioner's Office |
| 4 Department of Radiology | 13 Theoretical Building | 22 Department of Psychiatry and Pulmonology | 32 Augustza Main Building (Neurology, Cardiology) | 41 Nagyerdei Canteen |
| 5 Rotating Gamma Institute | 14 In Vitro Diagnostic Center | 23 Central Pharmacy | 33 Department of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery | 42 Life Science Building |
| 6 Department of Pediatrics | 15 Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery | 24 Department of Oncology | 34 Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care | 43 Life Sciences Library |
| 7 Department of Ophthalmology, Center of Medical Simulation | 16 Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology | 25 Kidney Dialysis Center | 35 Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care | 44 Department of Ecology |
| 8 Department of Internal Medicine, Building A | 17 Faculty of Dentistry | 26 Kenézy Mansion | 36 Department of Anatomy, Pathology, Physiology and Forensic Medicine | 45 Institutes of Mathematics and Earth Sciences |
| 9 Department of Internal Medicine, Building B | 18 Department of Oncology II. | 27 OEC West Hostel | 37 Educational Center | 46 Institute of Sport Sciences |
| | | 28 Department of Internal Medicine C, Outpatient Care Building and Rheumatology Outpatient Care Building | | 47 Chemistry Building |
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BÖSZÖRMÉNYI STREET CAMPUS



- 1 Sport field
- 2 Tessedik Building
- 3 "C" Building
- 4 Kazánház

- 5 "A" Building
- 6 Sport field
- 7 Aquaculture Lab
- 8 Fényház
- 9 Magház

- 10 "C" Building
- 11 Teknős Tennis hall
- 12 Veres Péter Dormitory, Student Service Center, Faculty of Economics and Business Registrar's Office

- 13 TVK Building
- 14 Food Innovation Center
- 15 Farm Machinery Laboratory

- 16 Student Garden
- 17 Plant-Protection Demonstration Garden

- 18 "D" Building
- 19 "B" Building
- 20 "Agrár" Restaurant



KASSAI CAMPUS



1 Incubator House
of Information Technology
2 Faculty of Informatics

3 Lovarda Cultural and
Conference Center
4 Chancellery Building No 3.

5 Debrecen Swimming Pool
6 Campus Hotel

7 Kassai Street Campus
Library (KCL)
8 Faculty of Law

9 Chancellery Building No 2.
10 Chancellery Building No 1.

11 Registrar's Office and Dean's Office
12 Student Service Center

FIRST STEPS

Coordinating Center for International Education

The Coordinating Center for International Education is responsible for handling the majority of non-academic issues of international students.

Office hours of the CCIE

Medical and health science students: Room 212, Educational Center

Non-medical students: Room 208, Educational Center



Please always check current office hours before visiting CCIE at edu.unideb.hu/p/contacts

Students can turn to CCIE with the following concerns:

- Personal registration
- Health insurance
- Medical check-up
- Tuition fee related matters
- Inquiries and requests regarding the foundation programs
- Questions related to the immigration office
- New application and admission
- USMLE Step 1 preparatory course
- Stipendium Hungaricum and other scholarship programs
- Student loans

Registrar's Office

Education-related matters are coordinated by the Registrar's Office in case of medical and health science programs, and by CCIE and Faculty Coordinators in case of non-medical programs.

Opening hours of the Registrar's Office (RO)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00-12.30

Tuesday, Thursday: 12.30-16.00

Education related matters are coordinated by:

Concerns	Responsible body	
	Medical programs	Non-medical programs
Neptun registration	Registrar's Office	CCIE, then Faculty Coordinator
Subject- and exam-related questions	Registrar's Office	Faculty Coordinator
Student status certificates	Registrar's Office	CCIE
Summer Practice	Registrar's Office	Faculty Coordinator
Student Card	Registrar's Office	CCIE
Thesis submission	Registrar's Office	Faculty Coordinator
State exam requirements	Registrar's Office	Faculty Coordinator
Graduation ceremony	Registrar's Office	Faculty Coordinator
Transcript of records	Registrar's Office	CCIE

Students studying at UD can obtain various official cards:

Student Card "DIÁKIGAZOLVÁNY"

Registered international students can apply for a student card ("DIÁKIGAZOLVÁNY" in Hungarian):

- Not compulsory, for external use only
- Entitles you to certain discounts (public transport, stores, restaurants, cinemas etc.)
- Temporary student card is available at non-medical CCIE/Registrar's Office until getting the permanent plastic card (initial application at the Government Office is required to receive a temporary student card).

Venues:

Government Office ("Kormányablak")

Venues: Piac utca 42-48., tram stop 'Szent Anna utca', Kálvin tér 11., tram stop 'Kálvin tér'

Based on the guidance of the office the following hours are less crowded (on weekdays only): between 1-3pm and 6-8pm.

An officer will welcome you at the entrance; where you will have to tell that you are there for a 'STUDENT CARD' application. The officer will provide you with a number.

When you see your number and the window number on the display, you have to go to the particular window, where the officer will initiate the procedure. They will take your ID documents (passport and address card), then you will need to inform them about the aim of your visit (i.e. to obtain a 'STUDENT CARD'). The officer will take a photo of you, after which you will have to sign a document – the sample signature you provide will be visible on your student card, for which reason we advise you to provide a genuine one. At the end of the procedure, you will be provided with an A4 size paper with your photo and date on it, which is called 'NEK' datasheet. You will have to submit this datasheet to the NEPTUN system. A detailed guide will be sent to you via email about the process. Students of the Faculty of Public Health have to submit the form to the education office of the School of Public Health, Kassai Campus.

After submitting the datasheet, the Registrar's Office will inform you when you can collect your temporary student card. Obtaining the permanent student card could take several months, and will be available at the place where you submitted the NEK datasheet for it.

UniPass Card

The UniPass Card system is the property of the University of Debrecen. The card represents that the card holder belongs to the University of Debrecen. The card is used for identification on university campuses. The previously ordered cards are valid in the UniPass system until their validity date.

Please note that it functions as the Library card for registered readers in the University and National Library of the University of Debrecen (DEENK) and in its organizational units.

You may find more information about library at www.lib.unideb.hu/en



The UniBike bicycle rental system operating at the University of Debrecen is available to all holders of the UniPass Card.

The UniPass Card may be also used as a payment device in university canteens, buffets, clubs, at the events of Nagyerdei Viztorony and Campus Festival too, both are organised by Campus Nonprofit Közhasznú Ltd.

Various discounts for products and services can also be available with the UniPass Card inside and outside the campuses. For the whole list of places where the card is accepted visit the Features of the card / UniPass card is accepted website.

<https://en.unipass.hu>

Tax Card

The tax ID is only necessary if you wish to work as a student.

You can apply for the tax ID here:

29/c Faraktár Street, Debrecen
Phone: +36 52 517 200

Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday 8.30 am–6.00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 8.30 am–12.00pm
Friday 8.30 am–11.30 am

Health Insurance

First aid and emergency medical care are free for foreigners, in other cases you have to pay for the treatment.

Hungarian authorities require foreign students to have valid insurance in Hungary.



Health insurance is a **precondition for registration each semester** for the entire duration of the studies.

The process of obtaining the necessary health insurance depends on your status - fee-paying students and Hungarian Governmental Scholarship holders need to follow different steps.

How to obtain a valid insurance?

INFORMATION FOR FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

The University offers a compulsory combined health and travel insurance the fee of which is included in the tuition fee. In case of emergency you can use it all over Hungary BUT in other cases it is valid only at the University, where you will be treated by the University Doctors.

Please be aware that you will have to go through a medical check up upon arrival.

We advise you to read carefully the terms and conditions of your Generali Studium Health Insurance at the following website: insurance.unideb.hu

If you have Generali Studium Health Insurance and you feel sick, we kindly ask you to visit your GP, who provides primary medical care for all students in office hours (Monday- Friday, 8.00- 16.00).

If your condition requires a consultation with a specialist, your GP will refer you to a specialist of the University of Debrecen Clinical Center. **Therefore, it is not recommended to turn up at a clinic without a referral from your GP, since clinics require referral from primary care providers. Without a referral, you may be asked to pay the full cost of your care in advance.**

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS (SH, SCY, DIASPORA)

Based on your status as a scholar, you are allowed to use the facilities of the Hungarian social security system after obtaining a valid Hungarian Social Security number.

For this reason, for scholarship holders, one of the first things to do is to get the Hungarian Social Security number and card. You generally need to request the Social Security number during registration or as soon as you have all necessary documents for the application. Please note that we can only request a Social Security number and card for you if you fill out and sign all necessary forms and submit a copy of all necessary documents!

The following documents are necessary for the Social Security (TAJ) number and card application*:

- Order form (NYT. 52)
- Application form (NYT. 53)
- Authorization form (TB NYT. 159)
- Passport (copy)
- Residence Permit (issued by the Immigration Office) (copy)
- Address (Registration) Form (issued by the Immigration Office) (copy)
- Letter of Award (issued by Tempus Public Foundation) (copy)
- Student Status Certificate (issued by the University)

* First application can be done during your first personal registration at the University

You can also apply for Social Security (TAJ) card personally in the office of National Health Insurance Fund in Debrecen during their opening hours. It might take less time to receive the card if you apply there personally, and further renewal of your card can also be done here (address: 4026 Debrecen, 11 Darabos Street). If the applicant acts personally, the originals of the necessary documents have to be presented!

Where to go in case of a health problem?

GP's office is located at 4032 Debrecen, 1 Egyetem Square, in the building right behind the Coordinating Center for International Education - Ground Floor of Kossuth Dormitory III.

Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.00 am-16.00 pm

Your GP's: Dr. Éva Albók and Dr. Ágnes Bertók

Telephone number for requesting an appointment: +36 30 227 8604 *

You may also book your appointment online at udgpoffice.setmore.com

* Please always call and book an appointment before visiting the GP's Office!



If your condition requires a consultation with a specialist, your GP will refer you to a specialist of the University of Debrecen Clinical Center.

Emergency care

Ambulance telephone number: 112

Outside the GP's office hours or during weekend, students can get health care at the Emergency Clinic, which can be found at the left side of the Gastroenterology Clinic. Phone: 1830

Also the Traumatology Department of Kenézy Gyula Hospital (4031 Debrecen, 2-26 Bartók Béla Street) offers treatment in case of emergency 24/7.

Medications

The Hungarian word for pharmacy is 'Gyógyszertár' or 'Patika'. These are located all over the city, usually close to the city centre, supermarkets and, at the University Main Campus as well. Opening hours may vary from pharmacy to pharmacy but usually they are open till 7 pm or 8 pm on weekdays. Drug stores, like DM and Rossmann, carry a minimum amount of light medicines, for example pain killers.

Medical Check-up

The vaccination and the obligatory medical check-ups are regulated by the Hungarian law and the University of Debrecen.

Furthermore it is required to have medical tests carried out before the medical insurance card becomes valid.

In case you are a student of the Medical School, you will have to go through regular medical examinations that prove the health-related aptitude of each student, as certain chronic or recurring diseases and conditions (e.g. infectious diseases) may interfere with patient care or safety and may be incompatible with medical training or practice.

Please note that students cannot register for the subsequent semester and cannot start their practice (block practice, 6th year practice) without an up-to-date and official medical certification. Official medical certifications can be provided only if the student has completed every part of the required test.

The procedure:

STEP 1 Before you arrive to Hungary

Please bring the following documents with you. All should be provided in English:

- **Medical Certificate:**

The required form can be downloaded from the following website:

<https://edu.unideb.hu/p/medical-check-up>

This should be filled out, signed, and stamped by a registered doctor. You must present the document at registration.

It includes information about your general health, immunisation, serology, blood and urine test, tuberculosis etc. **Please attach the required results as well.**

- **Health Questionnaire:**

The required form can be downloaded from the following website:

<https://edu.unideb.hu/p/medical-check-up>

Please fill it out by yourself, print it and sign it. You must present the document at registration.

In case you have any chronic diseases, please bring with you all your Hospital/Outpatient/Primary Care medical reports, discharge letters, outpatient letters, list of medications etc. in English.

- **International Vaccination Booklet or Vaccination Report**

You must present the document at registration.

Missing examinations, investigations or vaccinations can/will be completed at the International Occupational Health Service of the UD. Any additional cost incurred might be born by the student.

STEP 2 At registration

Please present in English:

- Health Questionnaire filled and signed by you,
- Medical Certificate filled, stamped and signed by a *registered doctor, with required results*
- International Vaccination Booklet or Vaccination Report

These documents will be forwarded to the Occupational Health Specialists (located in the GP's Office) of the University of Debrecen.

- **The Coordinating Center for International Education will provide you with a CHECK-LIST, that contains the exact time and date of your first appointment.**

STEP 3 Visit the GP's Office

- On the given time and date you will need to visit the Occupational Health Specialists at the **GP's Office**

Your first appointment and any **additional test (e.g. blood test)** will take place on the scheduled date and time.

- The nurse will give you a scheduled **appointment for the physical examination**. It will be added to your CHECK-LIST.

STEP 4 Additional Examinations (If Needed)

In justified cases, the Occupational Health Specialists of the UD may ask you to take additional tests and examinations (e.g. chest X-ray).

Chest X-ray can be taken in the CT Laboratory at the Augusztia Center (Department of Cardiology), open from Monday to Friday 14:00 – 15:30. (2 PM – 3:30 PM)

STEP 5 Return to GP's Office

On the scheduled to the appointment for the physical examination, you will need to return to the GP's Office to receive and discuss test and examination results with the Occupational Health Specialists.

FOR ALL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS PLEASE PRESENT YOUR VALID PASSPORT AND CHECK-LIST.

DURING YOUR STUDIES

You must take part in regular physical examinations and health check-ups with Occupational Health Specialists of the UD, which depends on the subject you study and you will be notified by the Coordinating Center for International Education.

Special regulations:

- All required additional tests will be taken at the Clinical Departments of the University of Debrecen.
- No other provider's medical test results will be accepted.
- In case the cost of the examination has to be paid by the student, it must be paid in advance.
- Charge for replacement of lost check list: 5,000 HUF. Charge for missed scheduled appointment: 5,000 HUF/new appointment.

Clinical practices can only be started with a valid medical clearance.

Visa and residence permit

**National Directorate-General for Aliens Policy
(commonly known as "Immigration Office").**

IMPORTANT! No matter where you originate from, you have to visit the Immigration Office at least once during your stay in Hungary!

1. EEA/EU citizens: only once for getting the registration card
2. Non-EEA citizens (Israel, South Korea) and Third Country Nationals (Nigeria, Turkey, Iran etc.): application for residence permit and renewal

Basic rules:

- ALWAYS book an appointment online! (www.bevandorlas.hu)
- Check the required documents and always bring your PASSPORT!

All international students have to register at the Immigration Office.



In cases where you need a visa to come to Hungary, you will need to apply for the residence permit, which will replace your visa. You will be able to travel back to your home country and travel within the Schengen area with a valid residence permit.

Regional Directorate of Northern Lowland (Észak-alföldi Regionális Igazgatóság)

Specialization: Refugee Affairs, Aliens Policing

Address: 4033 Debrecen, Sámsoni út 149.

Phone number: 00 36 52 503 840 | **Fax:** 00 36 52 503 841



1 Residence Permit Number (9 characters) 2 Expiry Date (Day/Month/Year) 3 Issuing Date (Day/Month/Year)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE.

www.bevandorlas.hu » administration menu » appointment booking

How to get there

1. Bus 10, 10A, 10Y (from Egyetem Square to Széchenyi St.)
2. Bus 19 (from Széchenyi St. to Sámsoni St.)

**National Directorate-General for Aliens Policy
(commonly known as “Immigration Office”)**

Online appointment booking: www.bmbah.hu/en



The following checklist includes all the necessary documents that you must obtain before you go to the Immigration Office in Debrecen. Please make sure that you have all of them.



1 Students who cannot enter Hungary without a visa

- Passport
- Passport size photo (stamped on the back by the Hungarian Consulate)
- Documentation of your residential background:
 - Address registration form signed by owner of the premises
 - OBEY THE INSTRUCTION “Adatlap a tartózkodási engedély kiadásához”
(Please do not stick your photo on!)

2 Non-EEA citizen students who can enter Hungary without a visa

- Passport
- Passport size photo
- 18,000 HUF administration fee (can be paid with cash or credit card)
- Certificate of your student status
 - Certificate of admission
 - Certificate of enrollment
- Valid health insurance
- Documentation of your residential background:
 - Certificate of accommodation in the student hostel
 - If you are the owner of real estate, the ownership certificate
 - Lease contract or any other agreement about your accommodation (containing the expiration date and the amount of rental fee)
 - Contract or statement providing accommodation by courtesy
- Documentation of your financial background:
 - A written declaration explaining your financial circumstances: the source, amount, currency and regularity of your income
 - If you have a Hungarian bank account: history of debits and credits on this account at least for the previous 6 months
 - If you have access to a foreign bank account: history of debits and credits on this account at least for the previous 6 months
 - If you receive cash via money transfer: all currency exchange statements and spot cash statements within a 6 month time period
 - It is worth collecting all money-related documents to avoid complications (bank account certificate, transfer history, money exchange receipts, payout/ATM receipts)
 - Letter of Award for Scholarship students
- Proof of ability to leave Hungary:
 - Valid ticket or reservation
 - Amount of money to buy a ticket put in deposit in your bank account

- Forms to be filled in:
 - "Accommodation reporting form for third country nationals" (with the signature of the person or the dormitory providing your accommodation)
 - "Application for residence permit for the purpose of studies" (Do not stick on your photo!)

3 Students from EEA countries (member of the EU and Lichtenstein, Norway, Iceland , Switzerland and the United Kingdom)

- Passport or ID card
- 1000 HUF administration fee (can be paid with cash or credit card)
- Health insurance card
- Certificate of your student status (you get this after registration at the University)
- Documentation of your residential background:
 - Certificate of accommodation in a student hostel the ownership certificate
 - Lease contract or any other agreement about your accommodation (containing the expiration date and the amount of rental fee)
 - Contract or statement providing accommodation by courtesy
- Documentation of your financial background:
 - scholarship / student loan certificate (Current Lånekassen / CSN / LÍN statement)
 - your own bank account certificate / transfer history
 - money exchange receipts / payout (ATM) receipts
 - cash via money transfer (e.g.: Western Union) certificates
- Form to be filled in
 - "Form for issuing registration certificate and reporting accommodation"

Please provide a copy of your residence permit to the Coordinating Center for International Education.

If your residence permit is about to expire you have to apply for a renewal online at the Immigration Office.

Please keep in mind that your current residence permit can be extended within 6 months before its expiry date but you are required to go for an extension at least 30 days before the expiry date.

Extension of residence permit

You can extend your residence permit **online through the Enter Hungary system**: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/?en>



You can find a guide about the online renewal process on our website: <https://edu.unideb.hu/p/residence-permit-info>

These are the basic documents to bring to extend your residence permit:

1. the Application Form – printable from the website (www.bmbah.hu) or available at the Office of Immigration. For a quicker process, please fill it in before you go there.
2. One ID Photo (passport size)
3. Current Residence Permit
4. Passport valid for the requested period
5. For current administrative service fees please visit: www.bmbah.hu/en

Further documents are also needed for the approval of your application but those can be submitted later (normally in 2 weeks from the submission of documents stated above). They are the following:

1. Documents on Purpose of Stay:
 - Student status certificate (contact the responsible coordinator at the University by email or during office hours, make sure to ask for a student status certificate for residence permit renewal to receive the correct version of the document).
2. Documents on Financial Background:
 - 6 months of certified bank account history (sealed and signed by the bank officer in charge) or ATM/currency exchange receipts for the last 6 months/Letter of Award
 - Proof of valid health insurance
3. Documents on Accommodation:
 - Address registration form with the signature of owner(s) – if not submitted earlier. That is also printable from the website (www.bmbah.hu) or available at the Office of Immigration or you may ask it from the University, too.
 - Lease contract valid for the requested period signed by owner(s), beneficiary(ies) or tenant(s)
 - OR dormitory contract if staying in a dormitory.

If you need any help, please visit the office of Coordinating Center for International Education or send an e-mail to info@edu.unideb.hu.

Neptun Electronic Academic System

For educational administration, the NEPTUN Electronic Academic System is in use at all faculties of the University of Debrecen. This electronic system is used to manage all administrative matters related to registration, courses, exams, tuition fees and stipends. All students as well as administrators and lecturers throughout the University use the Neptun system.

For the students of the University of Debrecen the system offers the following possibilities:

- modify their personal data;
- access information about courses, study requirements, exam dates and locations;
- sign up for their courses;
- sign up for their exams;
- check their grades;
- accept the grades offered by the teachers;
- send and receive messages to and from lecturers and administrators;
- pay certain other fees;
- give authorization to a 3rd person to get information about your academic progress
- send feedback about lecture(r)s.

How to register to the Neptun system

The first step is to visit this link:
<https://portal.unideb.hu/en/eduid/register>



Set the language to English in the "Nyelv" menu by clicking the British flag.

Here you must identify yourself with your Neptun identifier (Neptun code) and your date of birth in the following format: yyyyymmdd.

After a successful login, you will be requested to choose your eduid. Next you will have to set your password, review your profile, and finally accept your eduid registration.

Login to Neptun

1. The Neptun system can be reached at this website: <http://neptun.unideb.hu>
2. Click on the NEPTUN logo which is displayed on the left side of the screen below "Hallgatói/Student".
3. Set the language to English in the "Nyelv" menu.
4. Enter your network id into the "Login name" field and the relevant password into the "Password" field.
5. Log in to the system by clicking on "Login".
6. In case you forget your password, you may obtain a new one at <https://eduid.unideb.hu/unideb/eduid/selfservice/lostpassword>

Subject and course registration

In Neptun you can register for subjects and courses. You can easily do it by following the steps below:

You are able to register for your subjects from the 'Subjects' menu then select 'Register for subjects'. You will have to choose the current semester and click on 'List subjects'. You are able to register for the subject if you click on 'Register' in the line of the subject.

Registering for exams

Under the 'Exams' menu if you click on 'Exam registration' you will be able to register for your final exams. You have to choose the current semester and click on the 'List exams' to see the exam list.

At the end of the line of the relevant date click on 'Option' (+) and you can register for the exam.

If you would like to deregister from your registered exam date, you have to choose the 'Exam' menu then 'Taken exams' menu. You will see those exams you are registered for. At the end of the line if you click on 'Option' (+) you can deregister from the exam.

Further information

Regarding the use of Neptun, further help is available by using the context-sensitive help in the information box on the left side of the screen; or by clicking the question mark icon. You can also download the complete user's manual of Neptun Student Web in pdf format. (<http://neptun.unideb.hu>, 'Students' menu)

Transferring money to the Neptun Joint account of the University of Debrecen

Please include the following information in the comment section:
 NEPTUN CODE (in "NK-Neptun code" format and your FULL name – e.g.:
 NK-AB1234, John Smith).

Our bank account details are as follows:

Bank: OTP Bank Nyrt.

Beneficiary Name: DEBRECENI EGYETEM- NEPTUN GYŰJTŐ SZL

Bank Account Number: 11738008-21489901-00000000

IBAN: HU04 1173 8008 2148 9901 0000 0000

SWIFT CODE: OTPVHUHB

You are advised to transfer money to your Neptun account at least 3 working days prior to processing any payments in the Neptun system. Please note that transferring money to your Neptun account alone does not mean you have performed the necessary payment(s)! You need to make sure you have taken the necessary actions concerning transcribed items in the Neptun system (Finances/Payments menu). Apart from the Tuition fee, Application fee and Entrance exam fee, all other proceeding fees should be paid via the Neptun System, via bank transfer to the Neptun Joint Account of the University of Debrecen.

Tuition and other fees

Transferring your TUITION FEE to the University of Debrecen.

Beneficiary's name: University of Debrecen
Beneficiary's address: Egyetem tér 1. Debrecen, Hungary H-4032
IBAN number: HU82 1176 3385 6165 4017 0000 0000
Beneficiary's bank name: OTP Bank Nyrt.
Beneficiary's bank address: Nádor street 16. Budapest, Hungary H-1051
SWIFT code: OTPVHUHB
Correspondent bank: Deutsche Bank (SWIFT code: BKTRUS33)

In case you would like to transfer in other currencies than USD (equivalent with the tuition fee given in USD), every time you should use the account number which you can find on the following website:

www.edu.unideb.hu/p/payment-in-other-currencies

Please note that bank cheques and cash payments are not accepted.

The costs of health insurance, medical checkup and student card are included in the tuition fee.

Other Fees

Courier fee (Fedex)	15,000 HUF/50 USD
SAS late registration	15,000 HUF
Medical check-up (new appointment, lost checklist)	5,000 HUF
Re-validation of the student card (sticker)	3,500 HUF

For other fees please consult your faculty or your Registrar's Office. The fees determined above are required to be paid through the Neptun Joint Account of the University of Debrecen.

Useful links



Timetables

are available on our website: www.edu.unideb.hu
 Please click on the Academics/Timetables menu.



Bulletins

are available on our website: www.edu.unideb.hu
 Please click on the For Current Students/Bulletins menu.



Student Loans and Scholarships:

Detailed information is available on our website at www.edu.unideb.hu
 Please click on the For Prospective Students/Loans and Scholarships menu.



Erasmus Program:

www.mobi.unideb.hu
www.internationaloffice.unideb.hu



International Student Union (ISU)

The ISU Debrecen acts as the students' representative, advocacy organization. Besides, it also provides information to the international students and organizing events such as the International Food Day.
 Contact: isudebrecen@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/ISUDebrecen



Troubleshooter

Facebook page for Debrecen-related updates and things to do in town.



CAMPUSES & FACULTIES

A multi-campus university

The university has four major campuses in Debrecen: The oldest one is the main campus, which is home to the majority of the faculties like Science and Technology, Humanities, Music and Medicine.

The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management and the Faculty of Economics and Business are in a smaller campus on Böszörményi street.

The third campus is on Ótemető street, where the Faculty of Engineering can be found. The youngest campus is based on Kassai street where the Faculties of Law, Informatics and Public Health are located.

The Faculty of Health is also an educational unit of the University of Debrecen, however its campus is located in the nearby city of Nyíregyháza.

We have campuses in Hajdúböszörmény and Szolnok as well.

Website: edu.unideb.hu

Faculty of Science and Technology

The Faculty was established in 1949, and now plays a leading role in training professionals, teachers and experts in science and technology in the Northern Lowland Region of Hungary. It cultivates, mediates and teaches a number of fields of biology, physics, geography, chemistry, environmental science and mathematics at an advanced level. The Faculty enables students to acquire a complex knowledge of natural phenomena in a practice-oriented way.

The Faculty has a teaching and research staff numbering over 200, who are engaged in significant research activities both in Hungarian and in international teams and actively participate in various professional organizations. The institutes of the Faculty have continuously expanded relationships with the corporate world in the fields of education, applied research and innovation.

The following programs are available in English:

- Biochemical Engineering, BSc • Biology, BSc • Biotechnology, BSc
- Chemical Engineering, BSc • Chemistry, BSc • Earth Sciences, BSc
- Electrical Engineering, BSc • Geography, BSc • Geoinformatics, MSc
- Mathematics, BSc • Physics, BSc • Applied Mathematics, MSc
- Biology, MSc • Chemistry, MSc • Environmental Science, MSc
- Geography, MSc • Hydrobiology - Water Quality Management, MSc

The following doctoral programs are offered to international students in the fields of science and technology:

- Biology and Environmental Sciences, PhD • Chemistry, PhD
- Earth Sciences, PhD • Mathematical and Computational Science, PhD
- Physics, PhD



Contact details:

Coordinator: Alexandra Csatóry
 Address: Main Campus - Debrecen, Egyetem Square 1.,
 Chemistry Building, Room No. A101
 E-mail address: acsatory@science.unideb.hu

Faculty of Economics and Business

The Faculty of Economics and Business is currently the largest faculty of the University of Debrecen with about 4000 students and more than 120 staff members. The Faculty has been created by the merger of two former faculties of the university: the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and the Faculty of Applied Economics and Rural Development.

The Faculty has a very wide scope of education dominated by economics and business administration; however it has a significant variety of programs in agribusiness and rural development. We are proud of the large number of our international students currently in the BA in Business Administration and Management and the MA in International Economy and Business. The attractiveness of our education is indicated by the popularity of the Faculty in terms of incoming Erasmus students as well.

The following programs are available in English:

- Business Administration and Management, BSc
- Commerce and Marketing, BSc • Rural Development Engineering, BSc
- International Economics and Business, MSc
- Rural Development Engineering, MSc

The following doctoral program is offered to international students in the field of business:

- Management and Business, PhD



Contact details:

Coordinator: Ms. Tünde Majorik

Address: Böszörményi Street Campus - Debrecen, Böszörményi Street 138.,
Veres Péter Dormitory, Ground floor, Room No.1.
E-mail address: majorik.tunde@econ.unideb.hu

Faculty of Informatics

This faculty boasts the only accredited university-level educational program for IT specialists in the Eastern Hungary. The six professors, 19 associate professors (senior staff), 29 assistant professors (staff), 16 teaching assistants and 5 graduate computer scientists working at the faculty's seven departments, represent a formidable pool of intellectual potential, which has earned recognition even at international level.

The aim of the Faculty is the training of professionals with complex theoretical knowledge, who are also capable of solving everyday problems in their profession. Practice is given an increasingly significant role in the training. Main research topics include cryptography and computer algebra, information technology, the modelling of information systems and networks, probability theory and stochastic processes, digital image processing, computer graphics, library and information science, and new computational paradigms.

The following programs are available in English:

- Business Informatics, BSc • Computer Science Engineering, BSc
- Computer Science, BSc • Business Informatics, MSc
- Computer Science, MSc • Computer Science Engineering, MSc
- Data Science, MSc • Postgraduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence

The following doctoral program is offered to international students in the field of informatics:

- Informatics, PhD

Contact details:

Program Coordinator: Mr. Imre Ecsedi
Address: Kassai Campus - Debrecen, Kassai street
26., Informatics Building, Room No. 20
E-mail address: to@inf.unideb.hu

Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering of the University of Debrecen is at the forefront of the education and training of engineers in the Northern Lowland Region of Hungary. It is a dynamically developing Faculty with over 3000 students and a highly-qualified and enthusiastic teaching staff of about 80 members. The Faculty offers a great variety of BSc, MSc courses and post-graduate training courses tailored to suit the rapidly changing world of engineering and focusing on European and international trends. In order to optimize the quality of training the Faculty continuously strives to expand the number of industry and educational partners at home and abroad.

The Faculty was awarded the Quality Prize in 2011 by the Ministry of Education as a recognition of its efforts in this field.

The following programs are available in English:

- Civil Engineering, BSc • Mechanical Engineering, BSc
- Mechatronics Engineering, BSc • Professional Pilot, BSc
- Vehicle Engineering, BSc • Engineering Management, MSc
- Environmental Engineering, MSc, • Mechanical Engineering, MSc,
- Mechatronical Engineering, MSc • Urban Systems Engineering, MSc
- Postgraduate Diploma in Lean Engineer
- Postgraduate Diploma in Lean Manager
- Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Engineering and Sustainability Leadership

Contact details:

Address: Engineering Campus - Debrecen, Óttemető street 2-4.

Civil Engineering BSc, Engineering Management MSc, Mechatronics BSc, Mechatronical Engineering MSc

Coordinator: Mrs. Zita Popovicsné Szilágyi, Room No. 124
E-mail address: szilagyzita@eng.unideb.hu

Mechanical Engineering BSc, Mechanical Engineering MSc, Environmental Engineering MSc, Urban Systems Engineering MSc; Erasmus and visiting students

Coordinator: Mr. Márton Lévai, Room No. 123
E-mail address: levai.marton@eng.unideb.hu

Professional Pilot BSc, Vehicle Engineering BSc

Coordinator: Ms. Tímea Török, Room No. 123
E-mail address: torok.timea@eng.unideb.hu



Faculty of Law

Roots of legal education in Debrecen go back to 1742. Today the Faculty is a dynamic, student-oriented and friendly institution that gained several academic excellence awards throughout recent years. This school puts a significant emphasis on high-quality interdisciplinary teaching and research involving legal practitioners and respected academics from the region. The Faculty offers Hungarian and English language programs to students interested in legal and public administration sciences. The international study and research network of the faculty is extensive mainly in Europe and North America having cooperation with more than 40 foreign institutions worldwide. The 54 full-time faculty members and around 20 adjunct professors teach and research various aspects of legal and political sciences under 12 departments.

The following program is available in English:

- European and International Business Law – LL.M.

The following doctoral program is offered to international students in the field of law:

- Law and Legal Studies PhD

Contact details:

Coordinator: Dr. Petra Gabriella Várbiró
Address: Kassai Campus - Debrecen, Kassai street 26.,
Faculty of Law building, floor 1, Room No. B/104
E-mail address: varbiro.petra@law.unideb.hu





Faculty of Music

The Faculty of Music at the University of Debrecen has a history of nearly 50 years.

The aim of the faculty is to educate musicians who, with their performing skills, theoretical knowledge and highly developed musical abilities, enrich and spread Hungarian and International music culture. They can enrich the repertory of musical knowledge with their sophisticated musical taste and are able to work in musical institutions, professional performing ensembles, religious ensembles and in other occupations that require a musical education. Apart from demanding high level classes of well-known professors and artists, the Faculty provides a great number of extracurricular activities such as master classes, national and international meetings and competitions, but also remembers to organize entertainment programs.

The following programs are available in English:

- Contemporary Pop Music, BA
- Musical Creative Art and Musicology, BA
- Performing Arts (Music), BA
- Choral Conducting, MA
- Classical Musical Instrumental Performance, MA
- Opera singing/Oratorio and Art Song Singing, MA

Contact details:

Coordinator: Ms. Ágnes Szabó
 Address: Main Campus - Debrecen, Nagyerdei boulevard 82.,
 Music Faculty Building, First floor
 E-mail address: szabo.agnes@music.unideb.hu

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management

The aim of the educational, research and development activities at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management is to satisfy the present and medium term requirements of Hungary, the agricultural sector and the society. The Faculty trains experts at the BSc, MSc and PhD levels in numerous fields of agricultural sciences: classical fields (animal husbandry, crop production and horticulture), environmental management, food processing, game management, nature conservation and crop protection are included in the diverse educational programs.

The following programs are available in English:

- Agricultural Engineering, BSc
- Food Engineering, BSc
- Precision Agricultural Engineering, BSc
- Agricultural Environmental Management Engineering, MSc
- Agricultural Water Management Engineering, MSc
- Animal Husbandry Engineering, MSc
- Crop Production Engineering, MSc
- Food Safety and Quality Engineering, MSc
- Plant Protection, MSc

The following doctoral programs are offered to international students in the fields of agricultural sciences:

- Animal Science, PhD
- Crop Sciences and Horticulture, PhD
- Food Science, PhD



Contact details:

Coordinator: Ms. Mariett Papp
 Address: Agricultural Campus - Debrecen, Böszörményi street 138.,
 "A" Main building, Room No. 56 Main Building, Room No. 56.
 E-mail address: papp.mariett@agr.unideb.hu

Faculty of Humanities

The Faculty primarily serves the task of training university-level scholars and teachers from the region. For decades, the Faculty has been one of the highest-ranked units of higher education in Hungary. A major asset of the Faculty is its versatility: traditional, classic university degree courses exist alongside the more recently created programs. Another major forte is languages: in addition to bachelor's courses in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, and Russian, students may also study Bulgarian, Chinese, Finnish, Japanese, Spanish and Ukrainian.

The following programs are available in English:

- American Studies, MA
- English and American Studies, BA
- English Studies, MA

The following program is available in French:

- Romance Philology and Cultures (French Studies), BA

The following doctoral program is offered to international students:

- Linguistics, PhD
- Literary and Cultural Studies, PhD

Contact details:

Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Judit Katona

Address: Debrecen, Egyetem Square 1., Main Building, third floor, Room No. 333

E-mail address: katona.judit@arts.unideb.hu

English and American Studies:

Coordinator: Mrs. Margarita Mezőné Fenyvesi

Address: Main Campus - Debrecen, Egyetem Square 1., Main Building, Institute of English and American Studies, Room No. 114.

E-mail address: fenyvesi.margarita@arts.unideb.hu

French Studies:

Coordinator: Mrs. Anikó Forgács

Address: Main Campus - Debrecen, Egyetem Square 1., Main Building, Department of French, Room No. 427

E-mail address: forgacs.aniko@arts.unideb.hu

Psychology, BA:

Coordinator: Ms. Katalin Balázs

Address: Psychology Institute building, floor 1, 123

E-mail address: balazs.katalin@arts.unideb.hu

Medical and Clinical Center

The Medical and health science programs of the University of Debrecen are all rooted in the spiritual heritage of the Reformed College where the first physicians were trained in the region. The Medical School consists of the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, the Faculty of Health and the Faculty of Public Health. The mission of the Medical School is to train medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, public health experts, health degree holders and health specialists, and to ensure their continuous educational development. The center also functions as a regional health service provider not only for the city and the county, but also for the Northeastern region of Hungary.

The international programs were launched in 1987 and all of them are delivered in English. At present the number of international students is about 2,500 and they represent countries from all major regions of the World, including Europe, the Middle and Far East, Africa and North America. The Medical School is one of the largest hospitals in Hungary with 18 clinical departments and more than 1800 beds. Our medical school is not only the best equipped institution in the area, but also represents the most important health care facility for day-today medical care in our region. In 2013, the number of inpatients was about 90,000, and close to 1 million outpatients were treated.

This includes, besides other services, a hemodialysis center, open-heart surgery facilities and a kidney transplantation unit. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Medical School has been operating as an official reference center of the WHO for many years.

The following programs are available in English:

- Medicine, MD
- Dentistry, DMD
- Pharmacy, PharmD.

Contact details of the Registrar's Office

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy programs: Address: Main Campus, International Education Center, first floor (94 Nagyerdei krt, Debrecen)

Medicine 1st year, Molecular Biology:

Coordinator: Mr Gábor Hatvani, E-mail: hatvani.gabor@med.unideb.hu

Medicine 2nd: Coordinator: Mr. Imre Karap, E-mail: karap.imre@med.unideb.hu

Basic Medicine Course, Medicine 5th year: Coordinator: Ms Réka Rónai, E-mail: ronai.reka@med.unideb.hu

Medicine 4th and 6th year: Coordinator: Ms Éva Ludánszki, E-mail: leva@med.unideb.hu

Medicine 3rd year, Dentistry: Coordinator: Ms Nóra Máthé, E-mail: nora.mathe@med.unideb.hu

Pharmacy: Coordinator: Mr Tamás Buka, E-mail: buka.tamas@med.unideb.hu

Faculty of Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences in its present form was created in 2022, as the former Faculty of Public Health was integrated into the former Faculty of Health. The Faculty of Health Sciences operates on **3 different campuses**, in 3 different cities: *Nyíregyháza, Debrecen, and Szolnok*.

Its educational structure remains the same as it was before the merge. Even though being a recently established institution, the Faculty of Health Sciences has a long history through its predecessor institutions.

The Faculty offers education in Hungarian and English for its **approximately 3,000 students**, with a staff of 150 people who are committed to a high level of university training. The Faculty offers **bachelor and master programs fully taught in English on its Nyíregyháza and Debrecen campuses**.

English programs operating in Nyíregyháza:

- Nursing and Patient Care (Nurse), BSc
- Social Work in Health Care, MSc
- Social Work and Social Economics, MA

English programs operating in Debrecen:

- Nursing and Patient Care (Physiotherapy), BSc
- Health Care and Disease Prevention (Public Health), BSc
- Public Health, MSc

In order to ensure the professional quality of its training programs and to maintain the social integration of the predecessor faculties in its host cities, the Faculty of Health Sciences operates extensive and effective partnerships. Students can learn from the physicians and researchers of the clinics and hospitals located in the cities of the campuses. These long-existing co-operations provide the highest quality of professional training to the students studying at the faculty.

The aim of the Faculty of Health Sciences is to provide up-to-date and extensive theoretical and practical knowledge to the students that enables them to perform well in their future jobs.

Campuses and contact details:

26. Kassai street, 4028 Debrecen Phone: +36 52 512 768
2-4. Sóstói street, 4400 Nyíregyháza, Phone: +36 42 404 411
14. Tiszaligeti street, 5000 Szolnok Phone: +36 56 510 300
Email: info@etk.unideb.hu



Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs

History and education

The Campus in Hajdúböszörmény was established in 1971

The Faculty offers quite a wide range of educational programs:

- Kindergarten Educator BA: 6 semesters
- Kindergarten Educator specialization Roma Ethnic Minorities BA: 6 semesters
 - Infant and Child Care Studies BA: 6 semesters
- Social Pedagogy BA: 6+1 semesters • Social Pedagogy MA: 4 semesters
 - Romany Studies: 6 semesters
- Postgraduate Specialization degree programs in several fields: 4 semesters

The mission of the Faculty is to equip the students with valuable and up-to-date knowledge that will enable them to excel professionally and realize themselves personally in several fields of the educational and social sphere. The faculty offers broad professional perspectives as well as keeping the traditions, offering diversity and the opportunity to become a successful intellectual. Training kindergarten attached to the Faculty is running at the Campus where students can gain valuable experience in caring for and teaching children aged 3-6. Practical training in kindergartens is a major integral part of the Kindergarten Educator BA program.

The following program is available in English:
Kindergarten Education, BA in English

Contact Information:

Address: 4220 Hajdúböszörmény, Désány István utca 1-9.
Phone: +36-52/229-433, Fax: +36-52/229-559
Email: titkarsag@ped.unideb.hu, vnaniko@ped.unideb.hu
Dean: Erzsébet-Gortka Rákó PhD



SPECIAL COURSES

Foundation Programs

For students who require additional instruction in English language or other subjects the University offers one or two semesters of preparatory courses.

These are called the Basic Medicine Course (BMC) (preparing for Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy programs) and the Foundation Program (preparing for Agriculture, Business, Engineering, IT and Science programs).

The premedical (Basic Medicine) course of one or two semesters is recommended for those not having sufficient knowledge in Biology, Physics and Chemistry from high school. In addition to these subjects, courses in English and basic Hungarian are also included. The one or two-semester Foundation Program includes Mathematics, Physics and other subjects according to the student's chosen principal course of study; as well as English and basic Hungarian.

Debrecen Summer School

Debrecen Summer School specializes in teaching Hungarian as a foreign language and diffusing knowledge of Hungarian culture.

Its mission is to help its students pursue specific aspects of the Hungarian language and culture in depth. Unique among Hungary's similar language institutions, this summer school draws upon a great and long-standing tradition. Established in 1927, it has grown to become the biggest Hungarian summer school. Each year more than 1,000 students from 30-40 countries are taught by a team of about 50 experienced instructors who specialize in teaching Hungarian to foreigners.

www.nyariegyetem.hu

Mental Health Counselling for International Students

Students of the University of Debrecen have the possibility to receive mental health support that is provided by mental health professionals at the University's Mental Health Centre. They give support in family, relationship problems, adaptation difficulties and conflictual difficulties. The service is free and anonymous.

Contact information and appointment: www.mentalconsult@unideb.hu
More information: www.demek.unideb.hu/en





THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Study and grading system

The academic year consists of two semesters, the autumn (September – January) and the spring (February - June) term. Both semesters include a 15-week study period for lectures, seminars and practice and a 6-week examination period. Exams are concentrated in the 6-week exam period but students have assignments and tests during the 15-week study period prior to their exams. In average, students have classes requiring 25-40 hours of instructional time per week depending on their study field. At the beginning of each semester students are required to sign up for their courses, while at the end of the study period they need to sign up for their exams using the Neptun system.

Training is based on a seminar/lab and lecture system. Seminars in general are smaller discussion groups, with active student participation. At seminar/lab, grades are usually awarded on the basis of in-class performance, mid-term and end-term papers, take-home essays, oral presentations, or a combination of these requirements. Class attendance is mandatory for seminars. Lectures follow the typical model: a bigger audience, where students have little chance to make comments. As for lectures, class attendance is recommended (in case of certain medical lectures, the attendance is compulsory). Grades are awarded on the basis of oral and/or written exams, which take place during the 6-week long exam session at the end of the term.

Some courses require students to complete a laboratory practice or field work too.

Credit system and the methods of assessment

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) was introduced in Hungarian legislation in September 2003. Students are assessed on the basis of their individual learning and performance. The grading system is as follows: excellent (5), good (4), satisfactory (3), pass (2), and fail (1). A three-level classification is also applied in certain cases: excellent, satisfactory, fail.

Hungarian grades and their ECTS equivalents:

Hungarian		ECTS
5	excellent	A
4	(very) good	B
3	satisfactory	C
2	passed	D/E
1	failed	FX/F
N	No credit	N

Calculation of academic average

TYPE	CALCULATION
Credit index	$\frac{\sum \text{completed credits} * \text{grade} (>1)}{30}$
Corrected credit Index	$\frac{\text{Credit index} * \sum \text{completed credits}}{\sum \text{credits taken}}$
The aggregate corrected credit index	The aggregate corrected credit index should be calculated similarly to the corrected credit index with the difference that 30 credits for each semester and the number of credits taken and completed in the relevant training must be used.
Weighted academic average	$\frac{\sum \text{completed credits} * \text{grade} (>1)}{\sum \text{completed credits}}$
Corrected weighted academic average	The corrected weighted academic average should be calculated similarly to the Weighted academic average with the difference that the number of credits completed in the relevant training must be used.
Stipend index	$\frac{\sum \text{completed credits} * \text{grade} (>1)}{\sum \text{credits undertaken}}$

EVERYDAY LIFE

COMMUNICATION

Telephone and dialling info, important numbers, internet & wi-fi

Telephone, Fax

Hungary country code: +36
 Debrecen area code: 52 (+6-digit number) (i.e.: (+36) 52 123-456)
 International pre-dial: 00 + country code + local number
 Domestic long distance pre-dial: 06 + area code + local number (i.e.: 06 1 123-456)
 Cell-phone numbers are 9-digit, after dialing 06, the first two numbers depend on the telephone company: 20, 30 or 70
 (i.e.: +36 30 123 4567 or 06 30 123 4567)

Important telephone numbers

Ambulance: 104 • Police: 107 • Fire department: 105
 Directory Assistance: 198 • International Directory: 199
 International Emergency Call: 112

Internet

Within the grounds of the University and in the Library free wifi is available. (eduroam)
 Office365 cloud guide (in Hungarian only)- <https://mailbox.unideb.hu/utmutato>
 IT services - <https://it.unideb.hu>
 EduRoam and WiFi setting support: helpdesk@it.unideb.hu

Post Office Services

Post offices are usually open from Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 16:00.
 On campus:
 At the entrance of Clinical Center (Address: Nagyerdei körút 98.)
 More information on post office services: www.posta.hu

DKV (Debrecen Public Transportation Company) offices:

NAGYÁLLOMÁS (Train Station)	Opening hours: Every day: 6:00 – 20:00
MALOMPARK INTERSPAR building, on the 1st floor, under the G4 2.0 fitness center)	Opening hours: Monday: 8:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 8:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 8:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 8:00 – 17:00 Friday: 8:00 – 16:00
Doberdó utca	Opening hours: Between 1st and 10th of every month Monday - Friday: 6:00 – 20:00 Saturday: 7:00 – 14:00 Sunday: 13:00 – 20:00 Between 11th and 31st of every month Monday - Friday: 6:00 – 20:00

International Student Union (ISU)

The ISU Debrecen acts as the students' representative, advocacy organization. Besides, it also provides information to the international students and organizing events such as the International Food Day.

Contact:

isudebrecen@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/ISUDebrecen



Public Safety

- Just as anywhere around the world, travelers in Hungary should follow certain basic rules: carry travel documents and valuables in a secure bag around your neck or belt pouch worn under your clothing and never leave any valuables in a parked car.
- Carry only the minimum necessary amount of money and those credit cards that are accepted by most commercial units. When you are short of cash, use card operated ATM machines. (If you lose your credit card, immediately notify the issuing bank!)
- Exchange your currency only at official exchange bureaus, travel agencies, official exchange offices or ATM machines – never change money with street hawkers!
- When travelling by taxi, use officially registered taxi companies and, before starting out, make sure that the taxi is equipped with the driver's photo ID, and that the rate chart is displayed and the meter is on. At the end of the trip you must receive a receipt; if the driver fails to provide one, always ask for it!
- Only uniformed police and immigration officers with proper identification are entitled to check your identity or to ask for your ID.
- In places of entertainment always ask for a menu with a price list before making an order! In Hungary, a service charge is not customarily part of the bill. It can only be added to the bill if it is explicitly stated on the menu. The business is required to issue a receipt for all costs and services printed by a cash register; the waiter's hand-written bill is not accepted as proof of purchase. Tipping is customary.

Money

currency, coins, bank notes, exchange rates, banks, credit cards

For scholarship students it is compulsory to open a HUF bank account. For this you will need your ID cards (passport, in some cases residence permit and address paper) and a student status certificate from the Registrar's Office/CCIE. There are multiple banks in the city, you should check their offers and choose the one suitable for your preferences. For scholarship payments we cannot accept online banks such as Revolut.

ATM info

- Currency: Hungarian Forint (HUF), inland abbreviation: Ft
- Coins: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 HUF
- Bank notes: 500; 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000; 20,000 HUF
- Banks are usually open between 8.00–17.00 on weekdays. ATM and currency exchange offices are available throughout the city.
- Major credit cards (AmEx, Visa, Mastercard) can be used in the participating shops and businesses. Look for the logo displayed at the entrance.

- ATMs operate 24 hours a day. Major credit cards and banking cards are accepted. Cross-bank transactions may charge extra.
- Erste Bank and OTP Bank branches are located in the Chemistry Building. ATMs are available in the Chemistry Building, Main Building and in the Theoretical Building of the University.

Public Holidays

- **1 January** - New Year's Day
- **15 March** - National Holiday (memorial day of the 1848-1849 Revolution of Independence)
- in **March/April** - Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Monday
- **1 May** - Workers' Day / Labour Day
- in **May/June** - Pentecost (Whitsun)
- **20 August** - St. Stephen's Day
- **23 October** - National Holiday: (memorial day of the Revolution of 1956)
- **1 November** - All Saints' Day
- **25-26 December** - Christmas



Shopping

In general, shops are open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stores do not close for lunch. You can find several supermarkets and shopping centers in town. They can be open until 10:00 pm.

Public Transport

One way tickets are available at news' stands, and can be purchased at ticket machines at bus/tram stops and from drivers (in the latter case it is a bit more expensive). The best and most convenient way to use public transportation is to buy a monthly pass, available at a discount price with your student card, at post offices and online. The monthly pass is only valid together with your student card and with the OM number (azonosítószám) written on it.

More information: dkv.hu

Train

If you wish to travel out of the city, you may use a train, please check the routes/schedule at mavcsport.hu/en
You may also purchase your ticket online, or from the ticket office / ticket machine at the train station.

Laundry

Here's a list of some of the laundromats that are available in Debrecen. Please check their websites for exact prices and opening hours:

Masa Laundry: www.masalaundry.com Bubbles: www.bubbles.hu/home-en Wishy Washy: www.wishywashy.hu

Website: augusztahotel.hu



Biking requirements

Wearing a helmet is not compulsory in Hungary, but we'd always recommend it. Good bike lights are absolutely essential – both high light power and flashing lights are allowed. A high-quality light is also obligatory for all cyclists.

On the basis of the national Highway Code the following equipment is compulsory for you:

- an easy-to-use handlebar
- a bell
- two brakes which are independent of each other, and which are reliable even in severe weather conditions
- a white or amber front light
- a red rear light, a side-maker lamp that can be seen from a distance of at least 150 meters



- at least one red rear and one white front triangular retro-reflectors
- at least two spoke reflectors on the front wheel
- a reflecting waistcoat, which helps other road users to see you in poor light, when riding on a road outside urban area

Good to know

We know that traffic regulations and customs might be different in your home country and it's not easy to adapt to a new environment but for the sake of your safety and the safety of other citizens, please make sure you comply with all traffic regulations.

First of all: make sure your bike has lights. It gets dark very early in the winter months, so it's essential that you are well seen from a distance when riding your bike!

Please also make sure you use the bike lane where possible, and use the road where there's no bike lane. You must not cycle on the pavement!

Make sure you wear a helmet as well, if possible.

Please always stop at red lights and stop signs.

Also, when crossing the road by bike, you have to get off at the zebra crossing, cross on foot, and get on your bike on the other side only.





STUDENT FACILITIES

ACCOMMODATION

Finding the best place to live is always difficult. At Debrecen University you can choose to rent in dormitories and in private flats. The student hostels are located in the campus area, and are primarily occupied by foreign students. The most favored ones are:

Augustza Hotel (only available for students of the Medical and Health Science programs)

- 200,000 HUF/semester/person (720 USD) in a room of double occupancy
- 2 and 3 room apartments are also available
- each apartment has a kitchen with a fridge, a microwave oven, an electric oven and kitchenware
- internet access provided in every apartment
- parking lot suitable for 50 cars
- other services: fitness room, sauna, laundry room, conference hall and copy shop.

additional info and prices at: www.augusztahotel.hu

West Hostel (only available for students of the Medical and Health Science programs)

- 80 non-smoking rooms with extra bed capacities throughout the year
- the rooms are air-conditioned, equipped with TV and internet connection
- each apartment has its own kitchen and bathroom
- the hostel operates a 24-hour reception service, security service, safe, car park, laundry and a Korean restaurant.

additional info and prices at: www.westhostel.hu/en



Troubleshooter University Info Point

Troubleshooter is the official info point of the University of Debrecen. It helps students find private accommodation and gives assistance in other non-academic matters such as:

- Booking an airport pickup: students can travel from Budapest Airport to Debrecen with TroubleShooter's contracted shuttle bus partner at a discounted price.
- Finding suitable private accommodation and/or flatmates for students of the University of Debrecen through its dedicated Facebook groups
- Sharing some practical information on various topics such as transport options, services or events in Debrecen and more.
- It is also a document pick-up point without prior appointment.



For more information,
please visit their website:
www.troubleshooter.hu



TROUBLESHOOTER
UNIVERSITY INFO POINT



Restaurants and canteens

- Nagyerdei Restaurant at nagyerdei.hu
- Korean Restaurant at zing.hu
- Restaurant of the Faculty of Engineering at etelhordo.hu
- Lovarda canteen at lovarda.hu
- Medical Restaurant and Canteen at klinikamenza.hu
- Restaurant in the Theoretical Building at klinikamenza.hu
- Campus Restaurant at campusetterem.hu
- Ali Baba Gyros halal food restaurant at facebook.com/alibabagyros.debrecen/

Shopping malls

Fórum

4029 Debrecen, Csapó utca 30.
www.forumdebrecen.hu/en

Debrecen Plaza

4026 Debrecen, Péterfia u. 18.
www.debrecenplaza.hu

Cinemas

Cinemacity (in Debrecen Plaza)

www.cinemacity.hu/cinemas/debrecen

Apolló Cinema

4025 Debrecen, Miklós u. 1.
www.apollomozi.hu

Libraries and bookshops

University Library, Main Building
University Library, Life Science Building
Medicina Bookshop, Theoretical Building, Medical School





FREE TIME ACTIVITY

UNIVERSITY CLUBS

HALL, the newest public space, is located in the heart of the Great Forest, right under the fully redesigned Stadium

- The multifunctional establishment is nearly 2,000 square meters and has the capacity of approximately 2,000 people
- Primarily, it serves as a place for concerts, lectures, proms, conferences, exhibitions, company parties and sport galas
- At the back of the room, a 35-meter long desk consisting of 5 units, is responsible for fulfilling various demands
- The extraordinarily planned interior design becomes full with the presence of special light and sound technology
- Home of the regular Wednesday party – CAMPUS Parties – that are known to be the biggest university parties in the country

additional info at www.facebook.com/hall.debrecen

WATER TOWER

- A 1913 water tower has become a new refreshment spot in Debrecen
- Architects Zoltán Gyórfy and Róbert Novák recently completed nine months of renovation works on the still-functioning tower, creating a bar, cafe, shop, gallery and observation deck within its concrete frame. Intrepid visitors can also scale the building via the climbing wall that wraps around its central pillar

- Called 'Nagyerdei Víztorony', the structure is owned by the nearby University of Debrecen, which it still supplies with water. Originally designed by architect József Borsos, it was transformed as part of regeneration works in the wider Great Forest area
- The bar and cafe have taken over the ground floor, while the gallery occupies the structure's basement. On the top level, an observation deck provides views of the surrounding forest and city, including the Nagyerdei Stadium, a sports stadium that opened in 2014.

additional info at www.nagyerdeiviztorony.hu

LOVARDA – Cultural and Conference Centre

- 3,000 square meters for conferences, movie and theatre nights, fashion shows, exhibitions, pop and classical music concerts
- the building includes a separated and soundproof bar, a café and a restaurant on the first floor
- 50 square meter rooms on the ground floor, separated from the main performance hall, providing a place for smaller events or group meetings
- concerts feature performers from multiple genres including the likes of Uriah Heep, Clawfinger, Ghymes, Lajkó Félix and Djabe

additional info at www.lovarda.hu

KAZÁNHÁZ University Club

- built in the 2001/2002 academic year
- the club and its covered terrace take up more than 500 square meters
- open on weekdays from 9 am to midnight
- offering darts, table soccer, coffee specialties and student[-]friendly prices
- parties are held every Wednesday night during the term
- smaller concerts, class reunions, as well as New Year's Eve parties are also organized
- contributing to the success of the traditional "Yellow-fever" party with a beer pavilion

additional info at www.facebook.com/kazanhaz

KLINIKA University Club

- Debrecen's oldest student club
- re-opened in September 2005 with a gallery and an exquisite garden
- providing students with movie nights, parties and concerts

additional info at www.klinikaklub.hu

OBJEKTUM – Sport and University Club

- the DEAC sports ground's popular pub
- open every day year-round
- televised sporting events on LCD screens
- table soccer

additional info at www.facebook.com/teniszke

CAMPUS BOWLING BAR

- opening hours: Tue - Thu 15:00 pm-22:00 pm;
Fri - Sat 14:00 am-24:00 pm, Sun 14:00-19:00 pm
- offering bowling lanes, table soccer and darts

additional info at www.campusbowling.hu

City life

Debrecen offers high-quality attractions all year round including festivals, concerts and all sorts of sporting events.

Main attractions and places to visit:

- Hortobágy National Park
- Great Forest of Debrecen and Lake Békás
- Aquaticum Medicinal and Bath Centre with Mediterranean Aqua Park
- Debrecen Zoo
- Fonix hall – national and international sports events center (capacity: 8,000 spectators)
- Debrecen Ice Rink
- Debrecen Swimming Complex
- Déri Museum
- Kölcsey Convention Centre – the largest conference center of Eastern Hungary (capacity: 1,150 people)
- MODEM (Modern and Contemporary Arts Centre)



SPORT AND RECREATION

The University of Debrecen attaches great importance to students' well-being and provides on-campus sports opportunities.

The university's tennis courts, running tracks, football fields and gyms are open to all students and staff members who wish to spend their free time actively. Students are also welcome to compete in the university's Athletic Club (DEAC). DEAC includes 22 sports categories from tennis, fencing and sailing to futsal. Students may also join day-trips to various parts of the country, skiing holidays in winter and rowing tours in the summer.

Athletic club

The Athletic Club of the University of Debrecen (DEAC) was established in 1919 with the aim of providing an opportunity for all students to participate in the university sport life.

DEAC includes 22 sections such as:

- Volleyball • Basketball • Futsal and football for men • Tennis • Bowling
- Chess • Aerobic • Athletics • Swimming • Table tennis • Bridge • Hiking
- Sailing

Debrecen Swimming Complex

- One of the most modern sports facilities in Hungary since its opening in December 2008 and as such regularly hosts international sports events and competitions
- The swimming pool complex offers a long course (50 m) competition pool, a short course (25 m) training pool, a learner pool, a Jacuzzi, a Finnish sauna, and an outside thermal pool (34-36 °C)

Debrecen Ice Rink

- Indoor ice-skating complex opened in 2004
- Capacity: 500 people

Nagyerdei Stadium

- An all-seater asymmetric football stadium in Debrecen
- Besides being the regular home venue of the local club (DVSC), the stadium also occasionally hosts matches of the Hungarian national football team
- Capacity: 20,340 seats

UniFit Fitness & Gym Center

- The UniFit Fitness & Gym Center opened in 2017 with a total floor space of 2,600 m² with 200 training stations.



For additional information please visit www.sportsci.unideb.hu



MINI DICTIONARY

English	Hungarian
Hello!	Szia!
How are you?	Hogy vagy?
I'm fine, thanks.	Köszönöm, jól.
What's your name?	Mi a neve(d)?
My name is...	A nevem...
Pleased to meet you	Örülök, hogy megismertelek / megismertem
Good morning!	Jó reggelt!
Good afternoon!	Jó napot!
Good evening!	Jó estét!
Goodbye!	Viszontlátásra!
I don't understand.	Nem értem.
Please say that again.	Megismételné?
Do you speak English?	Beszél angolul?
How much is this?	Mennyibe kerül ez?
Sorry	Bocsánat
Thank you	Köszönöm
Yes	Igen
No	Nem
Please	Kérem
Bus	Busz
Tram	Villamos
Train	Vonat
Bus stop	Buszmegálló
Airport	Repülőtér
Ticket	Jegy
Where can I buy a ticket?	Hol tudok jegyet venni?

Can I have the bill please?	Kérem a számlát.
Street	Utca
Student	Diák
Teacher	Tanár
Faculty	Kar
Course	Tantárgy
Department	Tanszék
Doctoral Studies or Doctoral Programme	Doktori iskola
Exam	Vizsga
Oral/written	Szóbeli/írásbeli
Student card	Diákigazolvány
Residence permit	Tartózkodási engedély
Passport	Útleveél
Water	Víz
Menu	Étlap
Academic year	Tanév
University	Egyetem

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