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START **YOUR** ACADEMIC
JOURNEY IN BUDAPEST—

With **ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences**

Your Path to a Social Sciences Degree Starts Here.

April 13, 2026



ONE DAY @ ELTE, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



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OUR **UNIVERSITY**



ABOUT EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (ELTE)

- **Leading research university** in Hungary
- Founded in **1635**
- Top-ranked **global university** with strong international recognition
- **Academic excellence** in social sciences and humanities
- Wide range of English-taught degree programs (BA, MA, PhD)
- **International student community** in the heart of Europe (Budapest)
- **High graduate employability** and strong international career pathways
- 30K+ students



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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



LOGO

ARWU

RANKING

ShanghaiRanking
(ARWU) 2025

CATEGORY

Overall universities

RANK

501–600



QS

QS World University
Rankings 2025

Overall universities

584

QS EU

QS Europe University
Rankings 2026

Eastern Europe

6



THE

THE Subject Rankings
2026

Social Sciences-related
(HU)

#1 HU



CWUR

Center for World
University Rankings
2025

Europe

196



USN

U.S. News Best Global
Universities 2025/26

Overall universities

495



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OUR **COMMUNITY** // OUR **PROGRAMS**

FACULTY PROFILE—ELTE, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



- The only faculty in Hungary **solely focusing on social science research and education**
- 2,5K+ students
- 500+ **(20+%) international (non-Hungarian) students**
- 100+ academic staff—**internationally acknowledged and cited professors**
- Dedicated social-science research institutes and labs—**strong access to international/EU research schemes (MSCA, ERC, Horizon Europe)**

WE ARE PROUD, AS

- Our graduates **find employment quickly** in the job market
(The average job search duration is 1.4 months for bachelor's graduates and 1 month for master's graduates.)
- Our graduates **rarely experience extended periods of unemployment**
(The proportion of those seeking employment one year after graduation is below 0.5% for both bachelor's and master's graduates.)
- Those who studied with us **work in graduate-level, higher-prestige positions**
(More than two-thirds of our bachelor's graduates and 85% of our master's graduates are employed in jobs that require a university degree — these rates are higher than those of graduates in the humanities, and similar to those in the natural sciences.)



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FACULTY PROFILE—WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

high social impact
projects & knowledge
transfer to non-, for-
profit, and governmental
organizations;
environmentally
responsible community

INCLUSIVITY— DIVERSITY

freedom of
expression—every
opinion is listened
to; students =
partners

COLLABORATION— TEAM SPIRIT

institutional
partnerships;
research-led student-
faculty collaboration;
student participation in
research projects

CREATIVE THINKING

tradition ✕ critical
approach = creative
solutions & academic
progress



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FACULTY PROFILE—WHAT PROGRAMS WE OFFER



Bachelor of Arts/Sciences

- [Applied Economics BSc](#)
- [Sociology BA](#)
- [International Relations BA](#)

Master of Arts/Sciences

- [Community and Civil Development Studies MA](#)
- [Computational Social and Behavioral Science MA](#)
- [Cultural Anthropology MA](#)
- [Ethnic and Minority Policy MA](#)
- [Health Policy Planning and Financing MSc](#)
- [International Relations MA](#)
- [Social Policy MA](#)
- [Survey Statistics & Data Analytics MSc](#)

Doctor of Phil./PhD

- [Sociology PhD](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Social Research PhD](#)
- [International Studies PhD](#)



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FACULTY PROFILE—WHY CHOOSE OUR STUDY PROGRAMS?

- **AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREES**

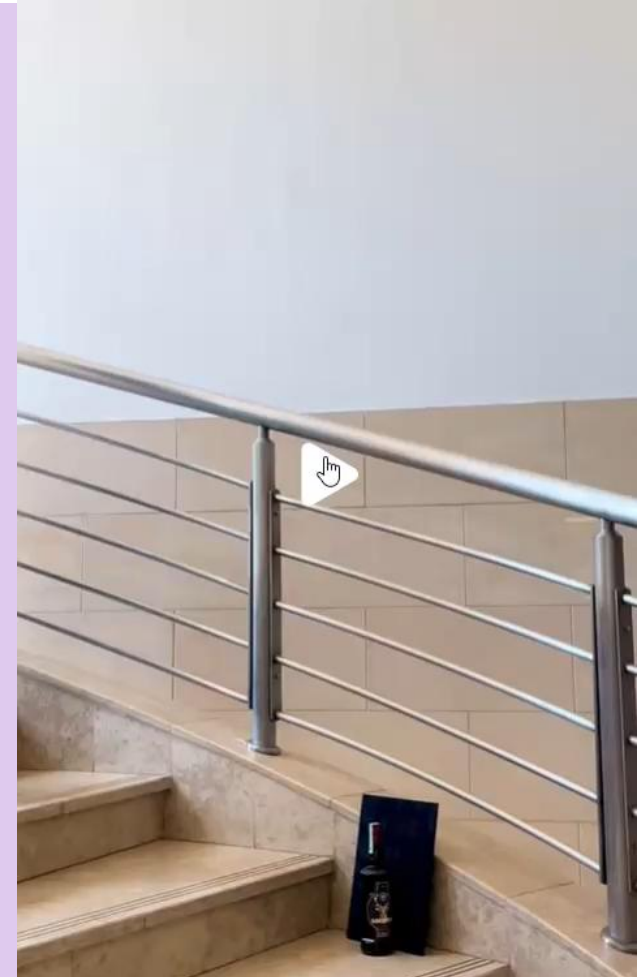
strong academic standards with excellent value for money

- **TOP-NOTCH LECTURERS**

internationally cited researchers and scholars

- **MENTOR SYSTEM FOR SMOOTH ONBOARDING**

personal support from the first steps of your studies



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FACULTY PROFILE—STUDENT TESTIMONIES

MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

“ELTE is more than a university; it’s a space where you can reinvent yourself, if you let it.”

Aidana Erkinbekova

*International Relations BA
Kyrgyzstan*



MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

“I like the student culture here, all of the groups and social events. I also like how many study spots there are, and how beautiful the campus is.”

Lewis Alexis Kareen

*International Relations BA
United States*



MEET OUR AMBASSADOR!



“The campus area is calm and beautiful, and studying in such a peaceful environment makes everyday life feel more enjoyable.”

Aizhan Zhalel

*Sociology BA
Kazakhstan*



MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

“The energy at ELTE is what grabbed me. You feel the history walking through the hallways, but it’s paired with this vibrant, international community that makes you feel like you’re part of something bigger.”

**Shah Syed
Muhammad Komail**

*International Relations BA
Pakistan*



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FACULTY PROFILE—ONBOARDING

UNIVERSITY MENTOR NETWORK

Mentors will be there for you from the very first steps till the end of your studies and maybe further.

- arrange visa/residence permit
- arrange Health Insurance and Tax
- Identification number
- arrange Bank Account,
- arrange registration to ELTE
- arrange student ID, Neptun password, university administration,
- finding a flat or room,
- finding the best pubs, shops, restaurants, etc.
- help find EN-speaking medical aid provider. . .



FACULTY MENTOR NETWORK // BUDDY SYSTEMS

Mentors provide aid closely related to academic progress:

- assist to orient students in faculty and study-related admin tasks
- help in academic progress
- help in application/scholarship submission
- build faculty community
- build study groups
- peer mentoring

+++ program-level initiatives

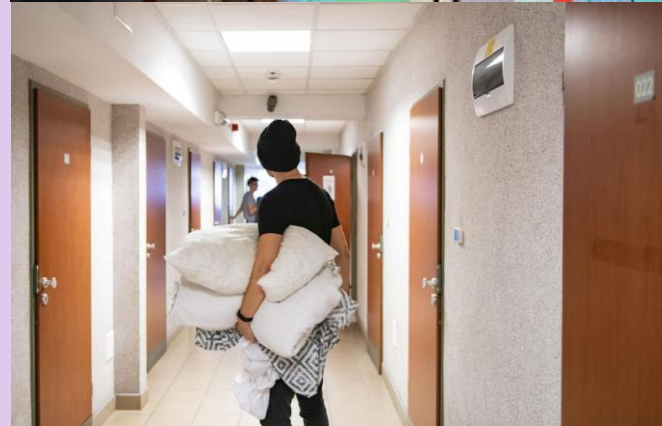
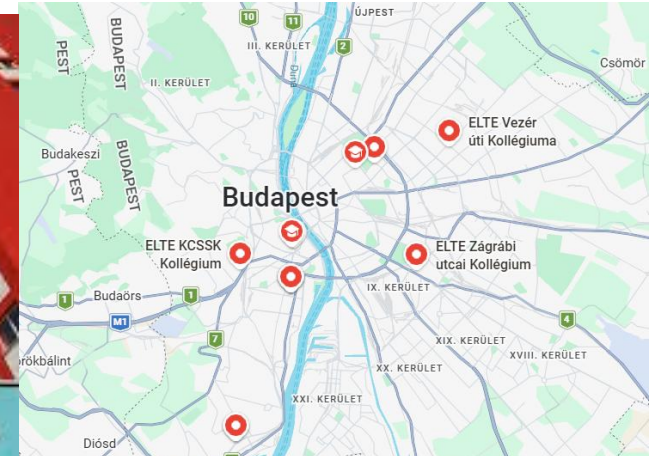


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FACULTY PROFILE—HOUSING

- **UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES**
13 ELTE dormitory complexes
affordable student housing in Budapest
- **PRIVATE FLATS & SHARED ROOMS**
wide range of options across the city
Lower living costs than Western Europe
- **ELTE HOUSING SUPPORT**
official guidance · mentor help · trusted
platforms



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FACULTY PROFILE—WHAT WE OFFER FOR YOUR WELL BEING



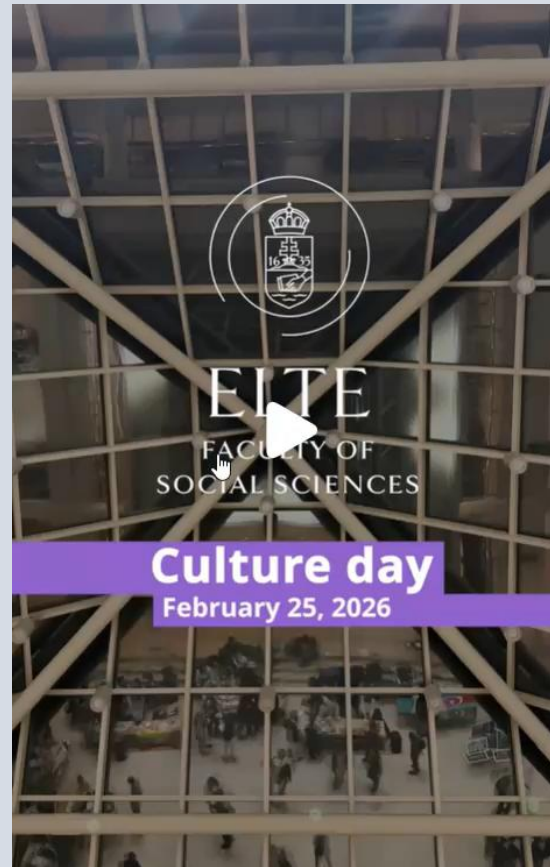
- **COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY ACCESS //** University libraries, digital databases, study spaces, and research tools
- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT & JOB SUPPORT //** Career counselling, CV checks, job and internship postings, career events
- **STUDENT COUNSELLING & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT //** Free psychological counselling and wellbeing services
- **SPORTS & RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES //** Free or very low-cost access to university sports facilities and activities
- **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES & DISABILITY SUPPORT //** Personalized academic and accessibility support services
- **ACADEMIC ADVISING & STUDENT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT //** Ongoing help with study planning, administration + student life issues
- **FREE ACADEMIC ENGLISH COURSES & FREE PROOF READING SERVICES BY NATIVE EDITORS //** by the Faculty



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FACULTY PROFILE—OUR COMMUNITY



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FALL IN ❤️ **WITH BUDAPEST**



BOARD ON



- **EUROPEAN CAPITAL WITH A STUDENT HEART**
Historic, vibrant, and internationally connected
- **AFFORDABLE LIVING**
Lower cost of living than most Western European capitals
- **SAFE & LIVABLE**
Well-connected public transport, walkable city center
- **IN THE HEART OF EUROPE**
Easy travel across Central and Western Europe

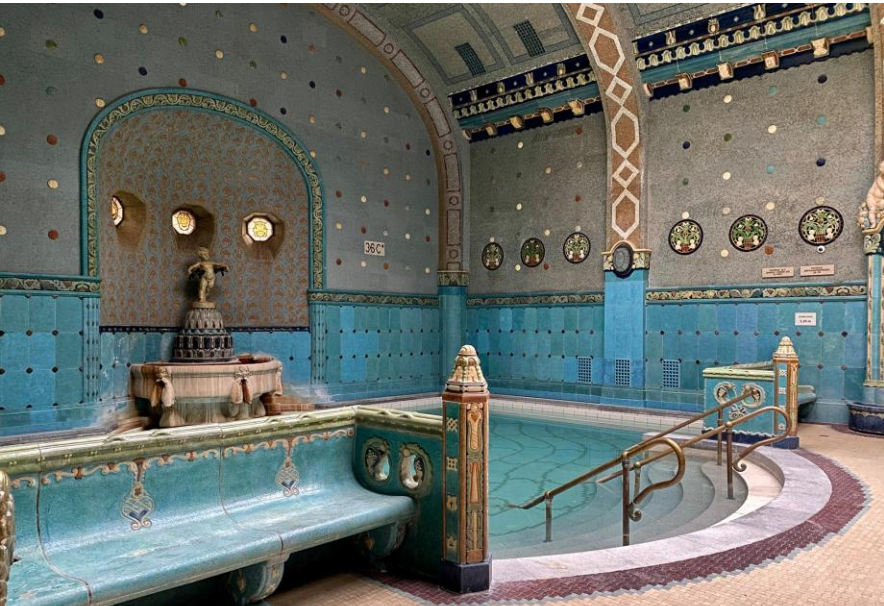
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RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE



- **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

Buda Castle District, Andrassy Avenue, Danube riverbanks

- **ICONIC ARCHITECTURE**

Parliament, Chain Bridge, Matthias Church, Opera House

- **THERMAL BATH CULTURE**

Historic spa tradition from Roman and Ottoman times

- **MUSEUMS & GALLERIES**

Fine Arts, National Museum, House of Music, contemporary spaces

- **VIBRANT EVERYDAY CULTURE**

Cafés, literary heritage, ruin bars, street life

- **TRADITION & MODERNITY TOGETHER**

Living history in a youthful European capital



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STATS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW—A LIVABLE CITY

INDICATOR	NUMBER / RANKING	SOURCE
SAFETY	Safety Index ~66 (among Europe's safest capitals)	Numbeo Crime & Safety Index 2025–2026
INTERNATIONAL EXPAT COMMUNITY	~98,000 foreign residents (≈5.8% of the population)	Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH), 2022 Census
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY	30,000+ international students in Budapest	KSH; Budapest International College; CDP Center
LIVEABILITY INDEX	#32 globally (Economist Intelligence Unit, 2024)	EIU Global Liveability Index 2024
GREEN AREAS	~47% of the city area classified as green space	HUGSI Green Space Index 2024–2025

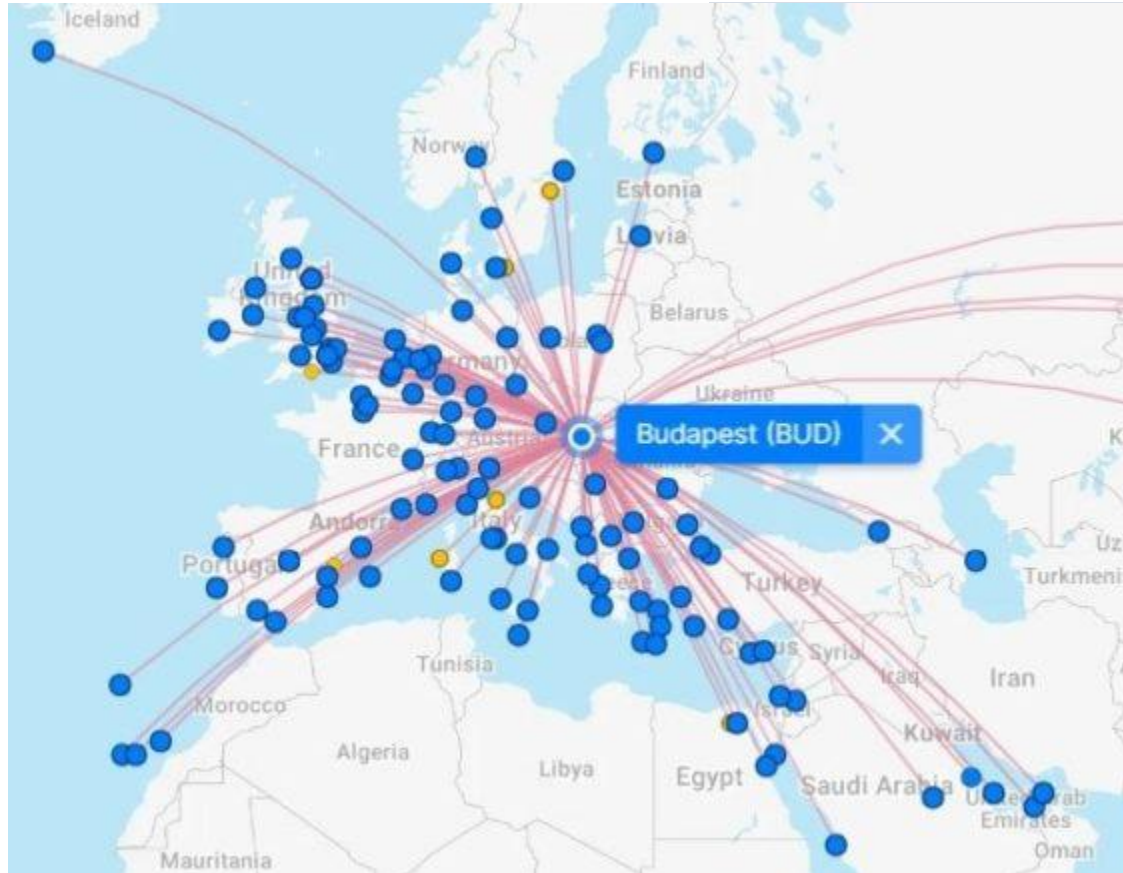


STATS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW—EXPENSES

BUDAPEST — EVERYDAY STUDENT COSTS (APPROX.)	
EXPENSE	TYPICAL COST (EUR)
RENT (1 ROOM IN SHARED FLAT)	€280– / month
COFFEE (CAFÉ)	€2–3.5
SUPERMARKET MEAL (MEAT + RICE/POTATO + VEGGIES + WATER)	€4–6
MOVIE TICKET (STUDENT)	€6–7
PUBLIC TRANSPORT — MONTHLY UNLIMITED (STUDENT)	~€9
LUKÁCS THERMAL BATH — STUDENT TICKET (WEEKDAY)	€7



IN THE ♥ OF EUROPE



- **BUDGET FLIGHTS ACROSS EUROPE**
Flights from €25 from Budapest to major European cities
Schengen access
- **TRAVEL EASY WITHIN HUNGARY**
50% student discount on public transport nationwide
- **ENDLESS EXPLORATION**
Cities · culture · nature · history—just one trip away



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AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO KICK-START YOUR CAREER



Budapest is the business expat capital of the CEE region. Multinational companies offer a wide range of internship and career opportunities at both junior and senior levels—**social science & policy experts / analysts are in consistently high demand.**



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

