

**First steps Guide for students
at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary**

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your admission and becoming a scholarship holder – welcome to ELTE! We collected some useful information for the start of your studies:

WHAT TO DO – BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT ELTE (AUGUST 2025):

- ✓ Log in to Neptun
- ✓ Apply for a visa to Hungary
- ✓ Arrange travel and health insurance for the period until you enroll at ELTE
- ✓ Arrange your travel to Hungary
- ✓ Arrange accommodation in Budapest
- ✓ Prepare for your enrolment at the university
- ✓ Check out the welcome event dates
- ✓ Ask for a mentor (optional)
- ✓ Course registration
- ✓ Other specific and useful information

HOW TO DO IT:

1. Log in to and get familiar with the Neptun system: check our [Neptun tutorial](#) on how to use the system

- 1) You either have already received or will receive shortly your Neptun code, which is an individual username for our online study management system called Neptun.
- 2) Generate your password. Instructions are available [here](#), but you also receive(d) info on how to do it with the Neptun code. Make sure you use exactly the same information the same way you uploaded it in the DreamApply system when you submitted your application!
- 3) **Activate your semester in Neptun: *Administration / Enrolment* – tick the box to set the listed 2025/26/1 semester for active. This is something you will need to do at the beginning of every semester, otherwise you won't be able to register for courses.**

2. Apply for a visa <https://www.elte.hu/en/visa-procedure> <https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en>

- If you are a student from a non-EEA (European Economic Area) country, you need to apply for a residence permit visa (D-visa) for the purpose of studies before you come to Hungary.
- You can apply for a visa at the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate which operates in your country.
- The dormitory address in your acceptance letter can be used for visa purposes (which does not mean that you have a booked dorm place, though).

3. Arrange temporary travel and health insurance

- Arrange travel and health insurance for the period of your travel and for the first month of your stay (until the end of September).
- As a scholarship holder, you will be eligible for state-funded and supplementary health insurance after you have enrolled at the university and have all the necessary documents. You can find more info about that here: <https://www.elte.hu/en/health-insurance/non-private>

4. Arrange your travel to Hungary

- Registration period/enrolment for international students begins on **27th August** (recommended to arrive by this date)
- Welcome events begin on **2nd September** (highly recommended to arrive by this date)
- Registration period/enrolment for international students ends on **2nd September** (you are expected to arrive by this date)
- If you can't arrive within the abovementioned registration period due to visa issues or illness, contact your [coordinator](#) or our [Registrar's Office](#).
- Tuition begins on **8th September (Monday)**.

5. Arrange accommodation in Budapest <https://www.elte.hu/en/accommodation>

- Dormitory info and application for the waiting list: https://www.elte.hu/en/dormitory_waiting_list
- Find safe accommodation with the help of our Housing Office: <https://www.elte.hu/en/housing-office>

6. Prepare for your personal enrolment at the university <https://www.ppk.elte.hu/en/freshmen/enrolment>

- Log in to Neptun with your Neptun code and password <https://neptun.elte.hu/Account/Login>
- After activating your semester (see 1.3 above), print the enrolment sheets (*Information/General Forms*)
- Time and location for personal enrolment and registration: **27, 28, 29, 30 August and 1, 2 September**, at no. 23-27, Kazinczy street, Budapest
- **Physical documents to bring along for enrolment – if any of these documents are missing, you won't be able to enroll!:**
 - ✓ enrolment sheets (all pages) printed from the Neptun system, completed and signed – 2 copies
 - ✓ identity document (passport) + photocopy
 - ✓ 1 ID photo (3.5x4.5 cm) with name and date of birth on the back
 - ✓ **original degree(s) + photocopy(s):**
 - **for Bachelor studies:** high school diploma(s)
 - in original language and
 - official English translation
 - **for Master studies:** higher education (BA) degree certificate(s)
 - in original language and
 - official English translation
 - **for Doctoral studies:** (Master / University level) higher education certificate(s)
 - in original language and
 - official English translation
- In addition to the enrolment (which is done only once at the beginning of your studies), scholarship students must register in person with the International Office **at the beginning of every semester** to prove they are in Hungary. The dates of the personal registration will always be announced in advance. If you do not complete this personal registration at the beginning of the semester, you won't receive the scholarship payments.

7. Welcome events / Orientation Days

- **2 – 5 September**, 23-27, Kazinczy street, Budapest
- Detailed programme and information will be sent at the end of August.

8. Ask for a mentor (optional) <https://www.elte.hu/en/mentor/shmn>

An English-speaking local student mentor can

- help you find your way at ELTE and in Budapest

- be available at the beginning of your stay and studies to help you have a smooth start
- answer your questions concerning your stay here during and also prior to your arrival

9. Course registration

- Course registration for BA and MA/MSc students is already open. You can find an explanation for the different course registration periods in the attached PDF guide. You can check your curriculum here: https://www.ppk.elte.hu/en/student_administration/curriculums (please choose your appropriate level and programme from the drop-down lists). Note: In some programmes, the 2025 curriculum is not uploaded yet, but there will be no changes from the 2024 curriculums so you can freely use them as well.
- Anything that has "1" in the "recommended semester" column is a subject that you will need to register for in your first semester. Since there is only one intake for the programmes per year, freshmen always start their studies in September, which is reflected in the availability of the subjects: recommended semester 1, 3 and 5 will always mean that those subjects are available only in the autumn semester, while 2, 4 and 6 mean that those subjects will be available only in the spring semester.
- There are two main types of subjects: lectures and seminars/practices. Lectures are more frontal presentations by professors, are usually held once per week and are attended by all students at once. Seminars are more practice-oriented classes where students work in smaller groups. Because of this, seminars have more options you can choose from, depending on your schedule and preferences. You need to choose only one of the available options for seminars.
- Another crucial thing to pay attention to is prerequisites: these refer to subjects that must be completed before you are allowed to register for another, usually higher level, subject. Prerequisites in bold mean that they must be completed at least one semester before you are allowed to complete the later subject. Prerequisites in italics mean that they may be completed in the same semester as the later subject but if you don't pass the prerequisite, you are not allowed to pass the later subject either.
- When registering for courses, please make sure that the code of the subject in Neptun exactly matches the subject code as written in the curriculum. Also, you will be put on a "waiting list" after registering for your courses. This is completely normal: you will be on the waiting list until the end of the first course registration period (see the attached PDF for reference).
- Course registration for PhD students follows a different procedure. Please contact your Doctoral School for clarification about the process and the course registration period (which only starts in September): pdj@ppk.elte.hu for psychology PhD and ndi@ppk.elte.hu for education PhD.

10. Other specific and useful information

- The Faculty of Education and Psychology ("PPK") has two main buildings, nicknamed KAZY and IZU. KAZY is located at 23-27 Kazinczy street. This is the main administrative building and the teaching venue for programmes other than psychology. IZU is located at 46 Izabella street and this is the primary teaching venue for psychology students (at all levels). IZU can only be accessed with a special entrance card ("IZU card"). All psychology students (and other students who may have classes in IZU) will receive an entrance card from the International Office, which will need to be returned after you graduated.
- Both the International Office and the Registrar's Office are located in KAZY. While the International Office has standard opening hours (Mon-Thu 9:00-16:00 and Fri 9:00-14:00), the Registrar's Office is open only

on set days and in specific working hours. You can check their updated opening hours here: https://www.ppk.elte.hu/en/student_administration/contact

- We'd strongly recommend you to get familiar with the faculty website: <https://ppk.elte.hu/en/>. All important information can be found here. The following webpage from the central university website also includes tons of important and useful information: <https://www.elte.hu/en/current-students>

Please note that during the summer period (1 August - 20 August) the university is closed and we have limited access to emails.

We look forward to meeting you at ELTE PPK in Budapest!