

FACT SHEET

for **Erasmus+** exchange students



2022/2023
Fall Semester



PÁZMÁNY PÉTER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIONICS

Pázmány ITK AT A GLANCE

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WHY Pázmány ITK?

- interdisciplinary studies integrating electronics, computer science and biotechnology
- well-equipped, high-quality building and labs
- biology-related computer engineering
- very personal approach, good sense of community

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination deadline (by universities):	1 May (fall semester), 15 October (spring semester)
Application deadline (by students):	30 May (fall semester), 15 November (spring semester)

- Step 1:** Home University sends nomination (name of the student, date of birth, study level, study program) via email to international.office@itk.ppke.hu
- Step 2:** After nomination the student will receive registration link to the Mobility Online system, where all documents for application should be uploaded.
- Step 3:** Students should set up the Learning Agreement Before Mobility part based on the subjects listed in the Course catalogue (see part Academic Information). The Erasmus coordinator at the host University will provide help in this matter.

Required documents for application:

- Transcript of Records (about previous studies)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Learning Agreement Before Mobility, signed by two parties

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The required level of knowledge of English at Pázmány ITK is B2 (on CEFR), in order to be able to follow the courses.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Pázmány ITK offers a wide selection of courses taught in English. Exchange students can choose courses freely from all study fields offered. **BSc-level courses in English are offered in the fall term only.** At the same time, a great variety of MSc-level courses are offered both in the fall and spring semesters. Prerequisites of the courses should be taken into account.

The Course catalogue of the current and previous semesters, containing **courses and course descriptions in English** can be found at <https://itk.ppke.hu/en/exchange-programs/erasmus-program/course-offers>. You should prepare the Learning Agreement Before Mobility part based on the information of the Course catalogue.

The course list is made available approximately one month prior to the start of the semester.

INTERNSHIP AND/OR THESIS WRITING

We welcome students for an **Erasmus+ traineeship** (internship) from our partner Universities in our wide range of well-equipped laboratories.

It is also possible to write a thesis during your exchange period. In this case, a **thesis advisor** from Pázmány ITK is needed as well. Please specify the title of your thesis, and the chosen Pázmány ITK professor in your Learning Agreement.

An internship or thesis project can only be accepted if you have a Pázmány ITK advisor. We recommend you to turn to your supervisor at your home university. If you have difficulty in finding an academic advisor at Pázmány ITK, you may contact our International Office as well.

You can find more information about research in the laboratories [here](#).





TENTATIVE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2022/2023

- **Welcome week** 30 August - 3 September
- **Study period:** 5 September - 9 December
- **Exam period:** 12 December - 27 January 2023
- **Holidays:**
 - *Pázmány Memorial Day (no classes):* 12 October
 - *Public holidays:* 23 October, 1 November
 - *All Soul's Day:* 2 November
 - *Fall break:* 24 October – 2 November
 - *Immaculate Conception of Mary (no classes):* 8 December, Tuesday

More information about the **structure of the academic year** can be found at <https://itk.ppke.hu/en/education/academic-year>.

COVID UPDATE

Pázmány ITK is taking all necessary steps to ensure a safe learning environment during the pandemic, taking into account official guidelines in place. For official news updates about the Coronavirus situation in Hungary please keep checking the [government site](#). For entry requirements to Hungary please check the [Re-open EU](#) page. About the regulations in force in Hungary we recommend to check the [Helpers](#) page.

STUDENT LIFE

WELCOME WEEK

Pázmány ITK organizes a Welcome Week for incoming students a week before the study period begins. Apart from information sessions where academic and practical issues are discussed, various social activities help exchange students to set ground in Pázmány ITK and Budapest.



MENTORS

Mentors provide help for incoming students before arrival (e.g. in finding accommodation) as well as during the whole exchange period. A great variety of enjoyable cultural programs (from folk dance evening to walking tours) and sports activities (including hiking in the mountains) are organised by them, where exchange students have the opportunity to get to know one another better.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Pázmány ITK normally offers facilities for badminton, basketball, football, gymnastics, table tennis and volleyball. Sports classes are free, but registration for the classes is necessary. At the moment, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sports classes are suspended, but it is possible to join several hiking tours during the semester. Alternatively, students can participate in Spinal exercise sessions as well, via MS Teams.

MEALS

There are several self-service restaurants and cafes and food stores in the vicinity of Pázmány ITK (e.g. in the nearby shopping plaza) for all tastes and budgets, offering a wide range of meals from traditional Hungarian meals to pizza, gyros etc.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

At the beginning of their studies, students with special needs are assisted by the Equal Opportunity Coordinator to find student mentors who provide personal assistance to students. The mentors study together with the students with special needs, helping them to prepare for everyday life. The Pázmány ITK building is fully accessible by wheelchair.

LEARNING HUNGARIAN

Our Faculty offers beginners Hungarian language courses for Erasmus students for free.



VISA

Non-EU citizens need a study visa to enter Hungary. Information about **registration** for EEA nationals (as well as **visa** requirements for non-EEA nationals) is available at <https://itk.ppke.hu/en/stay-in-pazmany/organizing-your-stay/pre-arrival/visa>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance must be arranged individually by applicants. EU citizens can use their own EU Health Insurance Card (students should apply for it at home in advance).

ELECTRICITY

220 Volts/50Hz AC is used in Hungary. Electric appliances have standard European plug with two round shape metal poles.

CLIMATE

The climate of Budapest is **continental**, with cold winters and warm summers. The average temperature ranges from -1.5 °C in January to 21 °C in July. Summer lasts for 3.5 months, the climate resembling those of the Mediterranean environment. Winter lasts for about 3.5 months, too (December to February), these months are cold and dull. Precipitation is not abundant, and is equitably distributed all year round.

SAFETY

Public safety is fairly good, although just like in any other popular destination, there are some common tourist traps.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Budapest has an extensive, well-organised public transport network of buses, trolley buses, trams, suburban trains and subway lines. With the student ID, students are entitled to buy a monthly Budapest pass at a very reasonable price. More information on transportation services at www.bkk.hu/en.

ACCOMMODATION

Students should find accommodation on their own. However, a list of housing options is available at the Pázmány ITK **website**. To a limited number of Erasmus+ students, our University can offer dormitory housing as well. Please check the above link for housing updates.

LIVING EXPENSES

Budapest is a more affordable destination than most Western European cities, regarding accommodation, food, transport, admission to museums etc. The currency in Hungary is Forint (HUF). One EUR is approximately 350 HUF. Credits cards are widely accepted.

Estimated living costs per month (in EUR):

- **Accommodation:**
 - in dormitory or hostel 150-200
 - in a room/small flat 280-340
- **Charges** (electricity, gas etc.) 70-90
- **Public transport** (monthly Budapest pass for students): 12
- **Meals:** approximately 150. A two-course lunch costs EUR 4-6 in or around the Faculty (cafeterias, canteens, cafés, fast-food restaurants etc.)

LIVING IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, the capital city of Hungary, or as often called the "Pearl of the Danube", is listed as one of the world's most beautiful cities on the UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is a city in a stunning natural setting with a rich architectural and historical heritage, offering an unmatched combination of culture, arts, history, education, science, commerce, fine cuisine and thermal baths. Being the largest city in Central Europe and the ninth-largest in the European Union, Budapest attracts about 4.4 million tourists per year, making it one of the most popular cities in the world.

More detailed practical information concerning accommodation, prices, travels etc. can be found at <https://itk.ppke.hu/en/stay-in-pazmany/life-in-hungary/living-in-budapest>.

