

## Welcome to Debrecen, Hungary!

With these pages we would like to help you, guide you how to find us how to register to the University easier, how to use our city's public transportation and everything that might ease your first steps in Debrecen, Hungary.



After getting admission to the Medical and Health Science Center of the University of Debrecen we would like to be the first to say **congratulations** to you! The very first thing you should do is to pay the fee indicated on your Letter of Acceptance. Fax or e-mail the scanned version of the transfer notice/receipt to the University (Fax: +36-52-414-013 or e-mail: [info@edu.unideb.hu](mailto:info@edu.unideb.hu)). After receiving the notice we will send you the Hungarian visa support letter in case a visa is needed for you to come to Hungary. You can obtain the visa entitling for residence permit at the nearest Hungarian Embassy. (More information about the visa process: [www.kulugyminiszterium.hu](http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu)).

### Visa

It is always indicated in your Letter of Acceptance when you need to obtain a visa authorizing stay longer than 3 months. For information on the visa application process you need to consult the website of the Hungarian Embassy in your country or closest to your place of residence. The visa will entitle you to a residence permit in Debrecen.

Students from certain countries (e.g. EU and EEA countries, USA, Israel, Canada, Japan, South - Korea etc. – for the complete list of these countries please visit [www.kulugyminiszterium.hu](http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu)) can come without visa and apply for a residence permit directly in Debrecen. During registration we will provide you with the necessary documents.



## Getting to University of Debrecen, MHSC

You probably arrive to Budapest by airplane. To get to Debrecen, you can take an **airport minibus** shuttle. The University partner agency, **Troubleshooter** ([www.troubleshooter.hu](http://www.troubleshooter.hu)), specialized in providing services for international students of the University, will help you to book a transfer. Please make your reservation at least two or three days before your flight. For information on the agency's further services please visit their website.

You can also take a **train** to Debrecen. InterCity trains from Budapest to Debrecen stop at "Budapest Airport Terminal 1". From of "Terminal 2" you need to take a bus to Terminal 1 (For



details please contact the Information Desk at Terminal 2). Train tickets are available at the ticket office at Terminal 1. For InterCity trains you need to buy a ticket plus a seat reservation that will cost you about HUF 4000 (Later, with your student card that you get at registration, you will be entitled to a discount price). The seat reservation ticket contains the car number (*kocsi*) and the seat number (*hely*). Please ask the ticket office's help in finding them. Trains depart at every

hour and 43 minutes between 06:43 and 19:43 and it takes 2:09 hours to get to Debrecen. For more information on the airport and transportation go to [http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/transport\\_and\\_parking/by\\_train](http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/transport_and_parking/by_train).

## Transportation, location

When arriving in Debrecen by train you may take a taxi to the University. Taxis are parked in front of the railway station.

You may also take the tram that leaves from the railway station. There is only one tram line in Debrecen, and this is the easiest way. For information on public transport in Debrecen visit the website: [www.dkv.hu](http://www.dkv.hu).

One way tickets are available at news' stands, grocery stores and from the tram driver (in the latter case it is a bit more expensive). The best and most comfortable way to use public transportation is to buy a monthly pass, available at a discount price with your student card, at post offices and at the University Main Building during the first five days of the month. **The monthly pass is only valid together with your student card and with the student card number written on it.**



## Registration at the University

After arrival please visit us at the **International Education Center** located on the campus and register for the semester.

Do not forget to bring

- ✚ your passport
- ✚ your Letter of Acceptance
- ✚ your original high school diploma  
(transcript )
- ✚ 4 passport size photos



Before registration make sure that you have paid/transferred your tuition fee to the bank account of the University and you have a copy of the bank statement with you.

Office hours of the **International Education Center** and the **Education Office**:

Monday:	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	12:30 p.m. – 16 p.m.
Wednesday:	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:	12:30 p.m. – 16 p.m.
Friday:	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Student Card

All students in Hungary receive a student card that entitles them to a discount price at public transport, some restaurants, stores and cinemas. More information is provided by the Education Office.

### Health Insurance

Health insurance for the period of your studies is a precondition for registration each semester. The University offers a compulsory combined health and travel insurance the fee of which is included in the tuition fees for students of the Medical and Health Science Center. The insurance contract is sent to you together with your visa documents and it can be used for visa application as well. For more information please check the **Generali Health Insurance Terms and Conditions** at [www.edu.dote.hu](http://www.edu.dote.hu) in *Downloads*.

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

## Accommodation

To find the best place to live, you can choose between **dormitories** and **private flats** to rent. Two student hostels are available for foreign students on campus. **Troubleshooter** ([www.troubleshooter.hu](http://www.troubleshooter.hu)) will help you reserve a place in one of the student hostels as a free service. Moreover, they can also help you search for stunning flats to rent for a reasonable service fee. Please contact them well before arrival.

**Augustza Hotel\*\*\* and Student Hostel** is capable of rooming 300 guests. The complex of five, 3-storey buildings primarily occupied by foreign students form an individual residential area within the University. The blocks are made up of mainly one room, and a few two room and three room apartments. All of them are furnished with the following: fridge, microwave oven, electric cooker, kitchen with pans, study room, bathroom, hall and balcony, telephone, TV sets and internet connection. In the basement there is a computer room, fitness room, sauna, laundry room and other services. To go downtown or to the Railway Station take Bus 10.



**OEC West Hostel** is located in the area of the Clinics. They provide accommodation in 56 single rooms and 24 double rooms. The rooms are air-conditioned, with TV and internet connection and each apartment has its own kitchen and bathroom with shower cabin. Their services include 24-hour reception, security service, safe, car park use, laundry, and there is a Korean restaurant in the building.

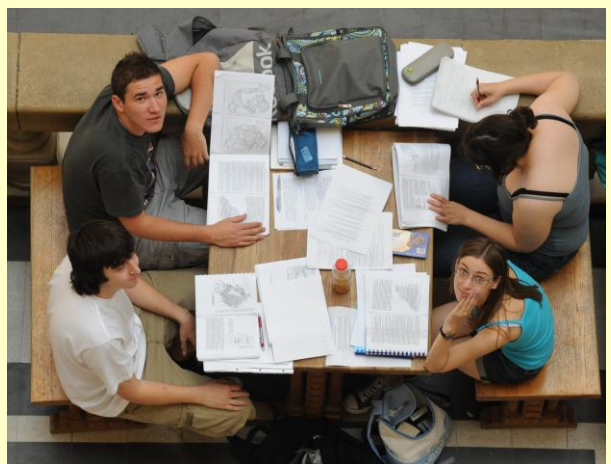
## Useful telephone numbers

Call code of Hungary	00 36
Call code of Debrecen	00 36 52
Emergency	112
Ambulance	104
Police	107
Fire Department	105
Office of Immigration and Nationality	00 36 52 503-840
City Taxi	00 36 52 555-555
Fónix Taxi	00 36 52 444-444
Főtaxi Debrecen	00 36 52 444-555
Fan Taxi	00 36 52 888-444

## Good to Know

### Foreign Medical Student Association (FMSA)

FMSA is the official student union at the University of Debrecen representing the students' interests, improving academic and social aspects during the students' time of study at UDHSC. Members of the student union are volunteering students from different years. FMSA serves as a contact between the students and the University. They represent the opinion of international students in the different committees of the university, and participate in the annual voting. FMSA organizes different social events, sport tournaments, parties, the International Food Day, and writes and distributes a monthly newspaper to students ([www.fmsa.hu](http://www.fmsa.hu))



### Climate



Hungary has a continental climate. Winters are usually cold, cloudy and humid. Temperature may be down to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $14^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Summers are rather warm ( $38^{\circ}\text{C}/100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The average annual temperature is  $9.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $49.5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The average temperature in summer is  $27$  to  $32^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $81$  to  $90^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), in winter it is  $0$  to  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $32$  to  $5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The average yearly rainfall is approximately  $600$  mm ( $24$  in).

## Currency

The currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). 1 EUR is approximately 275 Forint and 1 USD is approximately 180 Forint. You can change money either in banks or in private exchange bureaus. Credit cards are accepted in an increasing number of places (American Express, MasterCard, EuroCard, Visa, etc.) Look for their stickers in shop windows.

It is a good idea to bring cash if possible, since the banks ask for 5% commission to change travelers' cheques. Unless Western Union Transfer is used, bank transfers take up to 2-4 weeks to arrive. It is difficult to use personal cheques too. Banks need at least 1 month (usually 6 weeks) to cash a personal cheque.

## Cost of living

Here is a list to give you a rough idea of the living expenses in Debrecen:

Accommodation: from 70 000 HUF

1 kg loaf of bread: 250-300 HUF

1 l of milk: 180-200 HUF

1 bottle of beer: 150-400 HUF

1 bottle of wine: from 400 HUF

Monthly pass for students: 3 300 HUF

Ticket (bus, tram): 270 HUF (350 HUF if you buy it from the driver)

Cinema ticket: approx. 1 000 HUF



## Cell Telephone

In Hungary, three phone companies offer cell phone service:

- ✓ Vodafone ([www.vodafone.hu](http://www.vodafone.hu))
- ✓ T-Mobile ([www.tmobile.hu](http://www.tmobile.hu))
- ✓ Telenor ([www.telenor.hu](http://www.telenor.hu))

You can buy cell phones at various stores all around Debrecen, but do not forget to take your passport with you.

## Holidays

During public holidays in Hungary schools, shops and offices are closed. These days are usually written in red in Hungarian calendars.

1st January – New Year's Day

15th March – in memory of the 1848–1849 Revolution of Independence against the Habsburg Monarchy

Easter Monday

1st May – Labour Day

Whit Monday (seven weeks after Easter Sunday)

20th August – St. Stephen's Day, the establishment of the Hungarian State

23rd October – in memory of the Revolution of 1956 against Russian rule, the proclamation of the Republic

1st November – All Saints' Day

25th–26th December – Christmas

## Student life

Students can choose from a wide range of extra-curricular activities. The Faculties have a variety of student clubs. The Medical Athletic Club ([www.sport.unideb.hu/](http://www.sport.unideb.hu/)) has well-equipped facilities including tennis and basketball courts, a weight room and an easily accessible swimming pool is nearby ([www.sportuszoda.hu](http://www.sportuszoda.hu)). **Lovarda** organizes the country's largest student party each Wednesday night. You will find a number of coffee and tea shops as well as bars and pubs offering all kinds of night time entertainment in the City Center.



## Museum, Theatre

Debrecen has strong cultural and artistic traditions. The Déri Museum displays the craftsmanship and life-style unique to Eastern Hungary. Modem, the largest and most up-to-date modern and contemporary art centre of the country is also located in Debrecen ([www.modemart.hu](http://www.modemart.hu)). The Csokonai Theatre ([www.csokonaiszinhaz.hu](http://www.csokonaiszinhaz.hu)) presents professional performances all year round, and there are numerous exhibitions, festivals and cultural attractions that create rich and stimulating opportunities for relaxation and entertainment ([www.fonixinfo.hu](http://www.fonixinfo.hu)).

## University Calendar for Medicine Program: 2011/2012 Academic Year

**Crash Course of Hungarian Language:** 22nd August – 2nd September, 2011

**Opening Ceremony:** 4th September, 2011

**Medical Doctor Graduation:** 17th September, 2011, November, 2011, June 2012, September 2012, December 2012.

### 1st Semester

Year	Course	Examination Period
Basic Medicine Course	5th September 2011 - 16th December, 2011 (15 weeks)	19th December, 2011 - 27th January 2012 (6 weeks)
1st year Medicine 2nd year Medicine 3rd year Medicine	5th September, 2011 - 16th December, 2011 (15 weeks)	19th December, 2011 - 27th January, 2012 (6 weeks)
4th year Medicine 5th year Medicine	5th September 2011 - 16th December, 2011 (15 weeks - 4 weeks block practice included)	19th December - 27th January, 2012 (6 weeks)

### 2nd Semester

Year	Course	Examination Period
BMC	6th February - 18th May, 2012 (15 weeks)	21st May - 15th June, 2012 (4 weeks)
BMC II	9th January - 23rd June, 2012 (24 weeks)	25th June - 13th July, 2012 (3 weeks)
1st year Medicine 2nd year Medicine 3rd year Medicine	6th February - 18th May, 2012 (15 weeks)	21st May - 6th July, 2012 (7 weeks)
4th year Medicine 5th year Medicine	6th February - 18th May, 2012 (15 weeks - 4 weeks block practice included)	4th year: 21st May - 6th July, 2012 (7 weeks) 5th year: 21st May - 13th July, 2012 (8 weeks)

### Summer Hospital Practice

Year	Date
1st year Medicine 2nd year Medicine	9th July - 3rd August or 6th August - 31st August, 2012 (4 weeks)
3rd year Medicine	9th July - 27th July or 30th July - 17th August, 2012 (3 weeks)
4th year Medicine (freely chosen)	9th July - 31st August, 2012 (3 weeks between these dates)

Deadline of enrolling for the Summer Practice: **13th April, 2012**