

For those planning to visit UPE next term (Fall, 2020/21)

The University of Physical Education (UPE) is continuously monitoring the global and domestic situation of CoVid19 and implements the necessary measures. UPE and its International Directorate has switched to a work-at-home model on March 20th, and serve our incoming and outgoing students, faculty and international partners online.

As for current news, measures, actions and preventive options that apply for the academic year of 2020-2021:

There are several unknown and uncertain factors affecting inbound and outbound mobility for Academic Year 2020-21. We do not know when each sending country allows to send students and faculty to travel to Hungary/ the Schengen Zone and when the latter will allow citizens from outside Europe to enter. We do not know when airlines will fly again and when our partner (sender) universities will reinstate their international operations and allow enrollment for outbound trips.

What we know is that UPE is preparing for a „return to normal” operations as of August, 2020, and hope to be able to welcome our international visitors and students. We kindly ask all of those planning a trip and stay/work/study at UPE in Budapest to frequently check all the official site as well as the UPE website for update on the COVID19 situation and related measures. We carefully consider each individual traveler’s case and make decision on receiving him/her or asking for a postponed tip, if necessary. We also suggest making all necessary health arrangements prior to departure, such as self-instated home quarantine, testing, wearing a mask and avoiding potential risk factors. We appreciate your kind understanding.

Please contact the International Office for specific questions related to mobility or partnerships: international@tf.hu or the usual contact channels of the area experts.

Hope to welcome you here in Budapest safe and sound soon.

INCOMING STUDENT MOBILITY (ERASMUS, ICM, NET)

For the upcoming fall semester, we hope to receive Erasmus+ applications until 31 May 2020, but we will be flexible after this deadline, too. We keep the students informed about any possible change.

At the moment we unfortunately cannot foresee if and how the fall term 2020/21 will take place. In case that face-to-face instruction will be cancelled again on short-term notice, incoming students may take online courses, or even study completely as remote students.

If meanwhile the student decides to cancel the exchange stay due to the unsure COVID19 situation, we except to be informed in time.

As far as we know, we plan to start with the fall semester as planned on 31 August 2020. However, as the global situation changes fast and we live in uncertain times, it is still possible that some changes might happen regarding teaching and learning during the fall semester.

As you can see, we are carefully making plans for the next semester but are aware that short term notices are always possible these days. For the students to be on the safe side, we recommend to always consult first with the home coordinators and to wait as long as possible with making travel plans to Budapest. When booking any tickets, we encourage the students to select rebookable/refundable tickets, as the situation may change rapidly. We also advise the students to book their apartment later during the summer, when all of us will have more information about the fall semester.

For the period of the Coronavirus pandemic, a step by step guide has been created for students and staff taking part in international mobility programs in Hungary.

Although the global situation is changing and each mobility participant may be in a different situation, we advise you to follow this guide in order to get a clear picture of the possible steps you can take.

Step by Step guide for Students taking part in international mobility programs in Hungary:

For students to travel to Hungary (updated 30 April 2020) –
<https://tka.hu/getDoc.php?doc=16e6fadf27535bcd2de9badb87ab81dceed257a7>

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ERASMUS(+) INCOMING / OUTGOING FACULTY AND STAFF MOBILITY PROGRAMS (STA, STT, ICM)

The following statement has been prepared in cooperation with the International Relations Center (IRC) and the International Committee (IC) of the University of Physical Education, considering the requirements of the Tempus Public Foundation, for Erasmus + Mobility Programs KA103 and KA107.

Before submitting any Erasmus application, please visit the following homepage for more information: <https://konzuliszolgalat.kormanv.hu/en>

In addition, UPE international coordinators have daily connection with the international officers from all partner institutions.

The planned mobility programs which could not be realized, have been postponed for the next academic year (2020/2021.) It means, the mobility documentation forms do not to be submitted again to the IRC. At the same time, we need to fill out a new Grant Agreement with each participant and the full package of travel documentation need to be updated.

The processing of the new Erasmus applications (STA, STT) will start on **31th of August 2020**.

If you have any further questions, we are available by email (international@tf.hu) or in person at the international offices (Main Building 1st floor).

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INTERNATIONAL COACHING PROGRAM (IOC ICC/NET)

At this point we assume that the fall term ICC program will be held in the usual format. Obviously, it may change if the COVID19 situation threatens us and our campus again. Please be prepared for those changes as much as for the precautions when preparing for your trip. Our program coordinator, Mr Greg Kiss (kiss.gergely@tf.hu) will be at your service prior to arrival, and will let you know if there is any change to observe. In need, we can reorganize the program to facilitate those who arrive a bit later or have to miss the first part of the program, since our faculty is prepared with partly online (blended learning) courses, too. Before you leave, please contact your consular services for update, and make sure you do everything to keep yourself 100% healthy, including a self-imposed quarantine and social distancing, wearing a mask and being extra cautious when travelling. We might have further restrictions on accommodating students next term.

All in all, keep yourself informed about international travelling, health conditions both in your home country and in Hungary/EU/Schengen Zone, and think flexibly about any prospective challenges we may all have this year.

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