

# UniPrep

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# WHERE IS HUNGARY?

Hungary is a medium-sized country within the European Union with about 10 million inhabitants. It lies in the heart of Central Europe surrounded by the beautiful Carpathian Mountains. Its pleasant four season climate makes it well suited for winter sports as well as classic summer activities. Hungary's Lake Balaton - the largest lake in Central Europe - is a popular holiday destination for foreigners and locals alike. Budapest, the capital city, has a lot to offer any visitor interested in history, architecture, or food and wine.



# WHY CHOOSE HUNGARY?

The state universities of Hungary originated in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries with Royal institutions. Naturally, a lot of changes have taken place since then, one of the biggest being the opening of the first international educational programs in the mid 1980's. On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 Hungary became a member of the European Union. This means that degrees acquired at Hungarian universities are given automatic acceptance, and in some cases an automatic license to practice.

Since the 80's numerous universities have developed international curricula and there is a vast range of prestigious universities offering programs taught in English. Budapest and other university towns also offer a versatile international community for students who decide to choose them as home for their university years.

Apart from its natural and is an attractive place for relatively low cost of living compared to most other EU countries. Tuition fees for universities are also more affordable than institutions of standard elsewhere in the area. Hungary uses the Hungarian Forint as its currency, which has a more favourable exchange rate with foreign currencies than for instance the



cultural beauty, Hungary students because of the low tuition fees for universities compared to most institutions of standard elsewhere in the area. Hungary uses the Hungarian Forint as its currency, which has a more favourable exchange rate with foreign Euro or Dollar.





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**TIVADAR PUSKÁS**  
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE



**ALBERT FONÓ**  
TURBOJET AND RAMJET  
PROPULSION



**KÁLMÁN KANDÓ**  
ELECTRIC RAILWAY  
TRACTION



Range of courses include general, business, languages for special purposes, intensive courses, exam preparatory courses, communication and grammar development trainings, FLIP courses, language coaching, and preparatory courses for university

We have been certified by The Association of Hungarian Language Schools since 1999

The main languages we teach are English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, and Hungarian as a Foreign Language

In our uniquely devised system there are 17 different language levels determined by our precise placement testing, which enables us to form homogeneous groups and determine the most suitable material

We are a state accredited institution  
(Accreditation number: E-000119/2014)

# CONVERZUM

– the language community

Our school was established in 1991 with the mission to create a supportive community by bringing together language learners and language teaching mentors. Our goal is to make language learning a shared and fun experience.

We strongly believe that we redefine language learning for those who choose us. After getting to know the needs and aims of our partners we devise tailor-made syllabi. This enables our teachers to improve our students' language competence with maximum efficiency.





# LOCATION

Our school is located at 11–15 Lajos street on the Buda side of the Danube river in Budapest. The school is 15 minutes from the center and easily accessible by multiple public transport lines. Our space is modern, bright, comfortable, and equipped with everything needed for an effective and supportive learning environment. In the area you can find restaurants, supermarkets, cafés, and a shopping center.





A stylized map of Budapest, Hungary, showing the Danube River (Danubius) flowing through the city. The map uses a muted color palette with yellow lines for major roads, grey lines for smaller streets, and green patches for parks. A blue location pin is placed on the left bank of the river. In the upper left, a teal rounded rectangle contains the word 'CONVERZUM' in white, with a small icon of two connected circles to its left. Below the name, the text '- a nyelvi közösségi tér' is written in a smaller font. A small black icon of a building is visible in the bottom left corner.

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# STAFF

Our teachers are our greatest assets and our complex recruitment procedure enables us to select the most suitable candidates. In addition to a face-to-face interview candidates are required to fill in a methodology questionnaire and to teach a demonstration lesson. Teachers are continuously monitored (via in-class observations, post-lesson discussions, teacher evaluation forms) and supported by our lead teachers. Professional development workshops and conferences are also offered.

Our office staff make sure that administration is thorough. They help students with any matter that might come up throughout the duration of the course.





## WHO IS UNIPREP FOR?

Our UniPrep Program has been designed for students who wish to enroll in an English university course in Hungary or elsewhere in Europe and who would like to acquire the English language skills required to do so. Our teachers, professors, and language mentors prepare these students for both oral and written exams. During the academic year spent with us, students gain fluency in English by using it on a daily basis with teachers, peers, and people they meet. The goal is to make speaking English second nature to make sure there are no problems succeeding during university.

## COURSE CONTENT (+COURSE MATERIAL)

Our UniPrep course is an 8 month course focusing on the skill set necessary for university application and studies. The course meets daily for 4 classes of 1.5 hours with breaks between them. Class topics include:

### LANGUAGE PRACTICE –

Focusing on writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills for academic purposes. (33% of all your classes)

### ENGLISH FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES/PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH –

Focusing on the vocabulary of a broad range of disciplines (16% of all your classes). Disciplines covered include Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Applied Arts, and Formal sciences. Once you decided on your target university, you can choose the discipline matching its entrance requirements.

**HOMEROOM** – Focusing on spoken English skills, exam skills, study skills, and cooperation skills such as discussing and solving the daily challenges of living in a foreign country (8% of all your classes)

### HUNGARIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (8% of all your classes)

Focusing on teaching the basics of Hungary's native language to make daily life easier in our country.

### ENTRANCE EXAM SUBJECT:

(10% of all your classes) Language skills, knowledge and special skills involved in the discipline the student needs for admission to the chosen university.

**STUDY ROOM:** Every day following their last class, students have the opportunity to stay in the building and study together with a teacher available in case of questions or need for guidance.

# WHY CHOOSE UNIPREP WITH US?

1. Program content is tailored to the entrance examinations of the universities

2. Regular testing, both written & oral, to acquire the necessary exam skills

3. More than two decades of experience in education

4. Small group size

5. Teachers, mentors, and trainers who care about teaching, about you, and your future career

6. Pleasant and friendly environment in a great location

7. Great international student community

9. Assistance in finding the appropriate accommodation and in adapting to your new way of life

8. Helpful staff

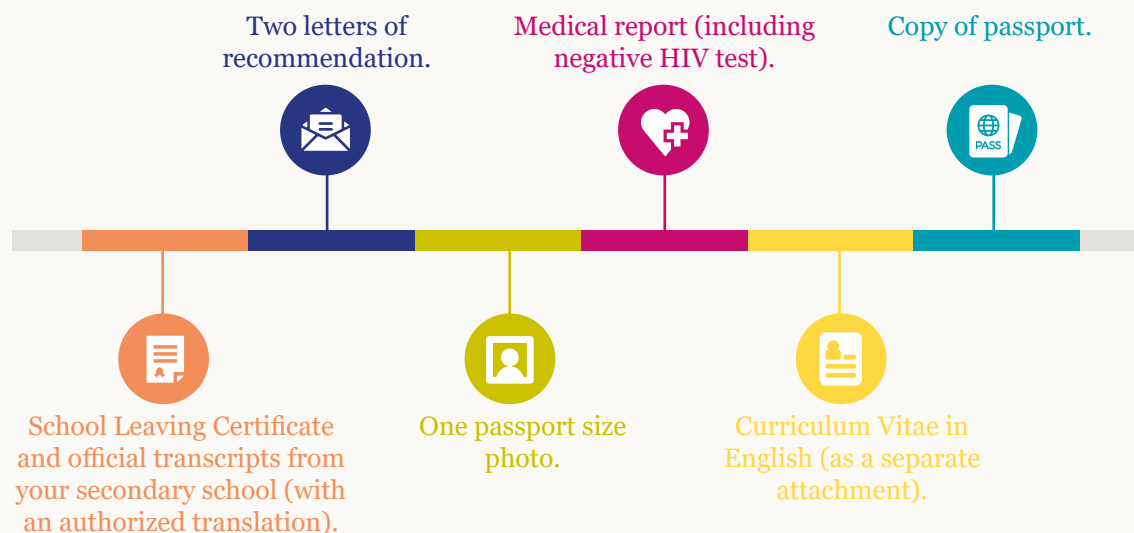
10. In partnership with a number of prestigious Universities (for details, consult our website)

+1 Economically advantageous – Hungary has much to offer at an affordable price. University tuition, accommodation, and daily cost of living are lower here than in the US or other EU countries.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application form and all supporting material must be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 to the officially appointed representative in your country or directly to Converzum through our online system. ([www.converzum.hu/uniprep/](http://www.converzum.hu/uniprep/))

Please make sure you electronically attach the following items to your application:



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Upon reviewing all application material, eligible candidates will be contacted with information about their skype interview. Late applications will be considered, but only in the case of unfilled positions.









# COST OF PROGRAM

Fees and costs 2019/20:

Registration fee /payable to Converzum upon registration: 200 EUR

Tuition fee/payable to Converzum upon successful placement interview :4970 EUR  
to be paid by the date specified in the acceptance letter

Payments should be made to the following bank account:

Account name: Converzum Tudomány Nyelviskola Zrt

Account (IBAN) Number: HU86 1040 4065 0000 0484 0000 0004

Bank name: Kereskedelmi és Hitelbank Zrt

Address: 1095 Budapest, Lechner Ödön fasor 9

Swift code: OKHBHUHB

Note: The transfer sheet should include the name of the student as it is written in their passport and the remark “UniPrep”.

# FACILITIES AND STUDENT SERVICES

## *MEDICAL INSURANCE*

A full basic health insurance plan valid in Hungary is a prerequisite for registration. This insurance also can be obtained in Hungary for approximately EUR 250 for a year. More details in the acceptance letter.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the year students can participate in many activities such as:



**University  
visits**



**Sightseeing**



**Excursions**



**Lectures on  
different  
topics**



**International  
Dinner and  
Ball**



**Museum  
visits**



**Parties and  
more**

# FOOD/DRINK

Our school cafe is open all day offering a selection of snacks and drinks. Cooked meals can be ordered on the previous day for a reasonable price and can be eaten in the school cafe.









# APPLICATION TO UNIVERSITIES – HOW WE HELP

Besides helping you acquire the skills needed to succeed in an English speaking university course, we also provide practical help with your university application. Our colleagues will help you prepare your application documents and give you all the necessary information about the application process and entrance examination requirements.

## HOUSING

Our staff will help you book the temporary accommodation necessary for your visa application and provide you with further help in finding a long term housing solution.



# VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

For information on visa and residence permit in Hungary, check our website ([www.converzum.hu/uniprep/](http://www.converzum.hu/uniprep/)) or enquire at your local Hungarian consulate/embassy.

# STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Converzum does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability.







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