

[HONGRIE] – [Eotvos Lorand (ELTE)]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

[Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why ?]

I really liked my experience in Budapest as an Erasmus student because there is always something to do or somewhere to go. However, the university is very demanding because of their grading system.

GRADE : [4]

=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) - 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

If you are european, no need for a visa.

2. The flight

Marseille - Budapest

3. My luggage

[Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)]

4. Bank account

Since Hungary doesn't have the Euro, I met a lot of people who used Revolut to pay in forints. However, in my bank I could choose an international option for free, so I didn't have any extra costs when paying in forints.

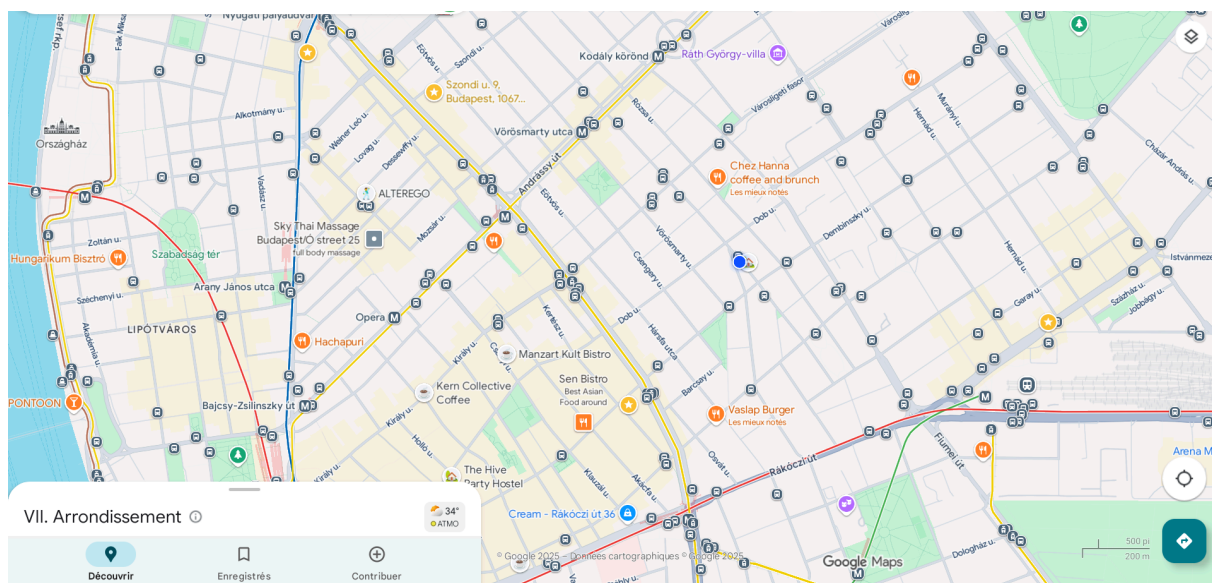
5. Insurance

My insurance for France works and the European Health Card is very important.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

I would recommend to live in the VII or VI district as they are close to the city center (jewish quarter) and I would recommend to live close to the tram 4/6 because it is really useful and connects the whole city.



2. Find a flat or a room

My flat is with Downtown Apartments agency and I recommend it.

3. Cost

I pay 420 euros my room with my own bathroom + 50-60 extra costs each months (one of the cheapest extra costs)

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

They welcome you during two days where the international office and the vice-dean explain to all the exchange students from our faculty how everything works.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

Mainly the classes were interesting and the teachers spoke really good english (maybe a part from 2 or 3 professors).

2. Organization of the Class

The courses are organized like in France with seminars (TD) and lectures (CM) but attendance is not mandatory in both. Since there are two to three midterms per course, the content of the class is organized by 3 different teachers each time.

The timetable is very heavy with a lot of classes that sometimes overlap.

3. List of courses and recommendation

Business Statistics: very hard and not a good teacher at all. I don't recommend it.

International Financial Management: harder than MOMA but very interesting content. I recommend it.

Business Law: easy and very interesting. The teachers are really good. I recommend it.

Business and Human Rights: very very interesting and the teacher is very friendly. The class is mainly about discussing the news. I recommend it.

Management Accounting: as hard as in MOMA (comptabilité) and one of the teachers is not very nice. I don't recommend it.

Negotiation: very easy but the teachers are not very good especially when it came to the exam, it was very difficult and they did not prepare us for this. I recommend it.

4. Exam

So basically, in my university you could either validate your credits by validating the final exams (at 51%) which are in June or validate in controle continu by summing up 60 points out 100 though the midterms and small quizzes in class.

6 credit courses have 3 midterms and 3 credit courses have 2 midterms so I have 16 midterms in 3 months. But I chose the midterm strategy because that way I had less volume to study (volume of 1 final exam in moma = 1 midterm in ELTE) and also because I could finish everything by mid-may. Although it was a very complicated rhythm to get used to at the beginning because I had 2 exams every week, I could still manage to enjoy the erasmus life.

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

Budapest is very safe but some neighbourhoods are obviously less welcoming although it is not in the center.

B. Phone and Internet

You can use you french data without probleme.

C. Events

In Budapest there are two main associations that organize events for the erasmus: ENS (linked to the university) and ELB which is a private organization. You can just follow them on instagram, they are very clear.

D. Sports

The university offers a lot of different sports for a very small price depending on the sport and ELTE has very big facilities for the students.

E. Eating

Restaurants are quite cheap if you go out of the city center and the main touristic place.

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

Our faculty (of economics) is in the city center so it is very accessible by bus, tram or metro.

G. Travels

From Budapest you can take the bus to anywhere. I strongly recommend Slovenia and also don't hesitate to visit other cities in Hungary. With the student transportation pass you can take a lot of trains and buses for 4,70 euros per month, so I did a lot of day trips to other cities very easily.

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

I would've liked to know that ELTE GTK (which is our faculty) is very demanding and that attendance in class is very important to earn extra-points.

Also, nobody prepared us to the master application so it is very important to start thinking, searching and asking questions before leaving because it is hard to manage when you are on erasmus.

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

I got accepted in M1 Nouvelle Économie Sociale in Jean-Jaurès (Toulouse).

B. Did you apply for master?

[remember to fill in the excel :

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