

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

LENGTH OF STUDY PROGRAMMES	<p><u>How long does it take to complete the program?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-engineering programs: 2 semesters • BSc programs: 7 semesters • MSc programs: 4 semesters • PhD programs: 8 semesters <p>For further information, please check: https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/education/programs/</p>
DIFFERENT STUDY PROGRAMMES	<p><u>How many different programs do you offer?</u></p> <p>1 pre-engineering program 2 BSc programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Engineering • Computer Engineering <p>2 MSc programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Engineering • Computer Engineering <p>2 PhD programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Engineering • Computer Engineering <p>For further information, please check: https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/education/programs/</p>
LIST OF COURSES	<p><u>Where can I find the list of courses?</u></p> <p>The description of the programmes, lists of elective subjects, a list of project lab / thesis work topics, a link to the subject descriptions and another to the thesis portal, a weekly schedule of the compulsory classes by specialisations and study semesters, and some other useful things to know are under:</p> <p>https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/students/</p>
SUBJECTS	<p><u>What are the subjects that are in the curriculum?</u></p> <p>Please check: https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/education/programs/</p> <p>Please note that you can find the detailed description of all subjects, but several courses are available in the fall semester, other courses are just available in Hungarian.).</p>
CURRICULUM	<p><u>What is the syllabus of your University subjects?</u></p> <p>You can find the road map (visualised curriculum) of the training programme here: https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/education/programs/</p> <p>and the link to the subject descriptions here: https://portal.vik.bme.hu/english/students/subjects/</p>
APPLICATION FOR FEE-PAYING STUDENTS	<p><u>Where can I apply for any programme as a fee-paying student?</u></p> <p>Please click on the following website: https://e-admission.bme.hu/</p>

TUITION FEE	<p><u>What do the programmes cost?</u></p> <p>For fee-paying students please check: https://www.bme.hu/tuition-fee?language=en</p>
LANGUAGE EXAM	<p><u>What kind of language exam or certificate must be uploaded for the application?</u></p> <p>For any applicant, the proof language proficiency should be EITHER English language skills at B2 level, proven by one of the following internationally recognised certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IELTS min. 5.0 ○ Cambridge B2 First (FCE) min. 160 ○ TOEFL iBT min. 72 ○ Trinity Integrated Skills In English (ISE) min. ISE II ○ TOEIC Listening min. 400 / Reading min. 385 ○ TOEIC Speaking min. 160 / Writing min. 150 ○ Pearson Academic (PTE) min. 29 <p>OR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a Medium of Instruction Certificate <p>In special cases (e.g. inability to take exams due to international sanctions, unavailability of service, etc.) exceptional permission has to be requested in advance for internal (BME) English language test.</p>
ADMISSION TEST	<p><u>When and where does the electronic admission test take place?</u></p> <p>BME will contact all the nominated applicants about the e-tests. There will be practice tests available before the actual test writing period.</p> <p>There will be no interview, but the online test is not so much about your previous studies but your knowledge in the field. The online test for <u>MSc</u> applicants will contain a question about your preference for the main and secondary specialisations.</p>
FAILING THE ADMISSION TEST	<p><u>I scored low on the entry test. Can I retake the exam?</u></p> <p>It is a policy at our faculty that we don't offer a second opportunity for the entry tests, independently of why they couldn't complete the tests.</p> <p>Generally, the decisions of our faculty made on the applications cannot be appealed. Once the decisions have become official, they won't be changed.</p>
PHD – COMPUTER ENGINEERING	<p><u>Is Computer Engineering program updated for Informatics Engineering?</u></p> <p><i>Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, and Informatics</i> are exchangeable concepts in Hungary. That is, these 4 expressions cover the same training programme.</p>

UNIVERSITY DATES	<p><u>What are the key University dates?</u></p> <p>Please find all dates in the Academic calendar below: https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/students/ https://www.kth.bme.hu/en/academic-information-20232024/student-administration/academic-calendar/</p>
HUNGARIAN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM	<p><u>Tell me about the Hungarian higher education system.</u></p> <p>In Hungary we have the 3-cycle system of bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes, supplemented by undivided master's programmes in certain fields. In order to get a degree, students should fulfil all the study and credit requirements, as well as the additional graduation requirements set for the given programme.</p>
SPRING AND AUTUMN ENROLLMENT	<p><u>Is there a spring and a fall enrollment so that each subject can be performed every semester in case of not completing a subject?</u></p> <p>MSc students enrolling in the spring will join those enrolling in the preceding autumn, doing the same compulsory subjects in the same semester of the academic year. Spring enrolment is considered as the standard. This is because our BSc programme is 7 semesters long, so students finishing it on time graduate in January, and can continue with the MSc right away.</p> <p>Most of the subjects given by our faculty are available either in the autumn or in the spring.</p>
PREREQUISITE COURSES	<p><u>What prerequisite courses are required for admission?</u></p> <p>The programmes have no specific prerequisite majors. However, a prior program of study that provides a background in the subject area is required.</p>
PERSONAL INTERVIEW	<p><u>Is a personal interview required?</u></p> <p>Only PhD applicants are required to have an interview with their potential supervisors.</p>
70% MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	<p><u>What does the minimum requirements (min. quality 70%), mean?</u></p> <p>Students applying for MSc programme on Electrical Engineering it is a requirement that their final or total BSc result should be at least 70% of the maximum achievable result. The online test in spring (for Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship applicants) covers the professional fields of Electrical Engineering so it is up to the applicants what results they reach.</p>
EVENING OR WEEKEND CLASSES	<p><u>Is there an option for studying at night and/or at the weekends (due to the work)?</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, there are no evening or weekend classes available at our Faculty.</p>
GRADUATION	<p><u>When does the summer and winter graduation take place?</u></p> <p>The summer graduation is always in July, the winter graduation is always in February or March.</p>
PLACE OF EDUCATION	<p><u>Where are classes taught?</u></p> <p>Most classes are taught in one of the buildings in the Campus.</p>

	https://www.vik.bme.hu/en/contact/map/
TIME OF EDUCATION	<p><u>When are classes taught?</u></p> <p>Classes are generally taught from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>https://www.vik.bme.hu/page/679/</p>
TRANSCRIPT	<p><u>Where can I get a certified copy of my transcripts?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc and MSc students should submit E027 Request for a certificate. Through this request you can ask for any kind of official certificate/document, e.g.: General Student Status Certificate, Transcript, Diploma copy etc. • PhD students should ask the international coordinators in Room QBF05 to print them one or to send them by e-mail.
STUDENT STATUS FOR RENEWING PASSPORT	<p><u>Where can I get a certified copy of my student status?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc and MSc students should submit E027 Request for a certificate: Through this request you can ask for any kind of official certificate/document, e.g.: General Student Status Certificate, Transcript, Diploma copy etc. • PhD students should ask the international coordinators in Room QBF05 to print them one or to send them by e-mail.
CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING STUDENT STATUS	<p><u>Can you give me a student status certificate while I am on a passive semester?</u></p> <p>We can only issue such certificate if you have already registered as an active student or we can issue a student status certificate that states you are on a passive semester.</p>
PROGRAMME / UNIVERSITY / FACULTY TRANSFER	<p><u>How can I transfer my programme/university/faculty?</u></p> <p>It may only be allowed to students who have started their first semester and the request for the change should be submitted in Neptun.</p> <p><u>SH/HDS/SCYP students</u> should submit E033 Request for changing institution, major or/and language of studies. It is available until 1st November in the fall terms and 15th May in the spring terms.</p> <p><u>Tuition-fee paying students</u> should submit E011 Request for transferring to another training program. It is usually open between the examination and registration periods.</p> <p>If you would like to transfer to BME or change faculty/training programme, please register in the E-admission portal of BME: https://e-admission.bme.hu/</p> <p>Please note that switching from one training programme to the other doesn't give you exemption from any requirements. The matching subjects can be recognised through credit transfer (you will have to submit an E024 request for this), but the subjects that have no match should be completed additionally.</p>
TRANSFER IN GENERAL	<p><u>What should I know about the transfer generally?</u></p> <p>If you are a BSc <u>fee-paying student</u> you should know that:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc programme begins only in the autumn semester, and the curriculum is built on a prerequisite system, so without completing the autumn semester subjects, you won't be able to take the majority of the spring semester subjects. • If you transfer for the spring semester, you will still have to take most (if not all) of the 1st-semester subjects next autumn, then register for all the other semesters of the programme which means you will have to spend altogether 8 semesters at BME to complete the 7-semester programme. • If you want to finish your MSc in a similar programme you can apply for it only if you have a bachelor's degree in a similar field or if you are currently doing a similar master's programme. • Transfer students should start our training programme from the beginning. You can't skip any semesters. • After enrolling for the programme, it is possible to request the recognition of subjects and results from earlier, <u>unfinished</u> studies for which our faculty will need the transcript of your records and the description of these subjects, so as to see if there are any matches with subjects of our curriculum. Recognition is compulsory if the contents and learning outcomes overlap in at least 75% but in case of a smaller overlap, recognition may be refused. • It is not possible to join in any higher semesters of the training programme. Therefore, we do not receive transferring students who have already completed the majority of their current studies.
TRANSFER IN SPRING	<p><u>How can I find out what subjects I can take in the spring as a transfer student?</u></p> <p>As most of our subjects are available only in one of the semesters, you will not be able to take the 1st-semester subjects in the spring semester. Moreover, the curriculum is built on a prerequisite system, so without completing the 1st-semester subjects, you won't be able to take the majority of the 2nd-semester subjects either.</p> <p>You should carefully examine your <u>study road map</u> and <u>prerequisite table</u> on our faculty website: BSc Electrical Engineering Roadmap: https://vik.bme.hu/document/5440/original/Roadmap_BSc_EE_20230310.pdf Prerequisite system: https://vik.bme.hu/document/4816/original/EI%C5%91tan_BSc_vill%20220901_EN.pdf</p> <p>BSc Computer Engineering Roadmap: https://vik.bme.hu/document/5454/original/Roadmap_BSc_CE_20230310_v2.pdf Prerequisite system: https://vik.bme.hu/document/4814/original/EI%C5%91tan_BSc_info%20220901_EN.pdf</p> <p>We suggest you take the 2-nd semester subject that has no prerequisite, plus all the compulsory and elective subjects in the <i>Economics and Humanities</i> category.</p> <p>The following autumn, you will have to take the 1st-semester subjects (see the road map), except for the ones that will be recognised through transfer.</p>

CREDIT TRANSFERS	<p><u>Is it possible to transfer my credits?</u></p> <p>After enrolling for our programme, you should submit an <i>E024 Request for subject accreditation</i>.</p>
SUBJECT/CREDIT/ GRADE TRANSFER	<p><u>In case of transferring to your university, can I transfer my completed subjects?</u></p> <p>A completed subject can be recognised here only if its syllabus and learning outcomes match those of a subject of our curriculum by at least 75% and you haven't earned a degree in the same field yet.</p>
POSTPONEMENT	<p><u>How can I postpone my studies?</u></p> <p>It is possible exclusively because of health issues or unexpected reasons for which the deadline is 30th September. Those students who have already arrived in Hungary and enrolled in a higher education institution are not entitled to request any postponement.</p> <p>The procedure is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You should submit a E004 request in Neptun System to our university that you want to postpone your enrolment. 2. Inform your sending partner that you want to postpone your studies. 3. When you receive both approvals, you should submit a written request to SiH (Unit of Tempus Public Foundation) along with the proof (i.e. a medical certificate). <p>Please note that according to the rules, you can have 2 passive semesters in a row.</p> <p>II.7.18. Postponement of the commencement of studies can only take place if the host institution issues a letter of acceptance for the new semester. The scholarship holder may only postpone the start of the scholarship status for health or other unexpected reasons beyond their control, so they can apply to start a scholarship status in a later semester. Postponement of the scholarship may only take place before the establishment of the student status.</p>
DELAYED ENROLLMENT	<p><u>Is it possible to enroll in the middle of October?</u></p> <p>The final deadline to join for BSc students is 2 weeks from the official beginning of the study period for MSc students 3 weeks from the official beginning of the study period for PhD students 4 weeks from the official beginning of the study period</p> <p>If you can't make it, you should request the postponement of your enrolment by either 1 or 2 semesters. You can choose between the two postponement periods.</p>
EXTENSION	<p><u>What are the needed documents regarding the extension to be submitted to the TPF?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate request for extension must be submitted to BME (Request E009, usually 15th October-15th November and 20 March-15th April) before of the last semester covered by the scholarship, • the scholarship may be extended on no more than two occasions (extended by a semester),

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the preparatory programme prior to the bachelor programme and specialisation programmes following bachelor and master programmes as well as part-time studies or doctoral programmes started from the 2016/2017 academic year cannot be extended, • Only those scholarship holders receives the same benefits during the extension period, who started their scholarship status before 2020/21/1, • the final decision will be made by Tempus Public Foundation <p>For further information about the process, deadlines, the other documents you will need to send TPF, please contact their office at stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu</p>
RESIDENCE PERMIT EXTENSION	<p><u>How can I extend my residence permit?</u></p> <p>You will need a certificate of active student status from the CAO and take that, also your address card and flat lease contract to the Immigration Office. For more information, please visit the mentors' website: https://www.imt.bme.hu/immigration/</p> <p>Also, you will need your scholarship period extended. The Immigration Office requires an official document to see why and how you want to stay here longer.</p>
EXTENDING RESIDENCE PERMIT UNDER EMPLOYMENT	<p><u>How can I extend my residence permit under employment?</u></p> <p>If you have a work contract with your company, you can apply for a residence permit for the purpose of employment. Please read the details on this page of the Immigration Office website: http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=62&Itemid=816&lang=en</p>
PASSIVE SEMESTER	<p><u>How can I register for a passive semester?</u></p> <p>Please log in your Neptun account and under "Administration" go to "Enrolment/Registration".</p> <p>Registration for the next semester will be available after the exam period ends. If you decide to be on a passive semester during the study period, you should submit a request in Neptun 'E031 Request for passive term'. However, please bear in mind, that during the passive semester, scholarship holders are not entitled to their allowances provided by the programme and a continuous interruption shall not exceed two semesters.</p>
BEING ON A PASSIVE SEMESTER	<p><u>Am I entitled to get all the student benefits while I'm on a passive semester?</u></p> <p>No, you won't receive any student benefits (e.g.: student travel pass). On the other hand, you can work full time all through the semester.</p> <p>You can have a maximum of 2 consecutive passive semesters, and another maximum number of passive semesters overall, specified for your degree programme.</p> <p>During a passive semester, your residence permit and TAJ card are automatically invalidated! It means that if you want to stay in Hungary, you must apply for a residence permit (either an "employment" type or an "other" type).</p> <p>As far as I know, you can get a student status from the Central Academic Office that states you are a passive student of BME and I suggest you go on the website of the Immigration Office and ask them:</p>

	http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=2068&Itemid=2320&lang=en
ABSENCE	<p><u>Do I need a permission for missing class?</u></p> <p>You needn't get a permission for this. However, you should know that there is a limited number of classes you can miss in each course. According to the Code of Studies: „In the case of a lecture, up to 70% of the total number of sessions of the total number of lectures can be required.</p> <p>Absences exceeding 30% of the total number of hours of practical sessions and laboratory practical sessions will result in a loss of credit for the course and the credits may not be obtained.”</p> <p>For SH students, there is a condition that if you stay abroad for more than a week, you must notify Tempus. But this does not affect the amount of absences from classes.</p>
DISMISSAL	<p><u>What could be the reasons of dismissal?</u></p> <p>According to Section 39 [<i>dismissal for academic reasons</i>] of the BME Code of Studies (http://www.vik.bme.hu/en >> For current students >> Rules and regulations >> Code of studies and examinations) programs), the following rules apply to dismissed students:</p> <p>"(1) The Student's legal status is terminated [...] if</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the student fails to obtain the leaving certificate (absolutorium) upon the expiry of twice the programme duration ..., b) the total number of the student's unsuccessful exams [...] in the same programme and same subject [...] reaches six, c) the student fails to obtain the credit points for the same subject in the same programme [...] having taken the same subject six times, d) the student's cumulative grade point average on a bachelor training programme [...] does not reach the value of 2.25 at the end of the fourth active term after enrolment, e) the student's cumulative grade point average on a master training programme does not reach the value of 2.50 at the end of the second active term after enrolment, f) the student did not obtain at least 20 credit points in the last three active terms.
WORK	<p><u>Can I work full-time and earn my degree?</u></p> <p>If you want to work full-time during the study period, you should take a passive semester. As it's written in Title 16 (Sections 35-37) of the BME Code of Studies http://www.vik.bme.hu/en >> For current students >> Rules and regulations >> Code of studies and examinations) programs), you can have maximum 2 passive semesters in a row, and altogether maximum 4.</p>
INTERNSHIP	<p><u>Is there any possibility to have internship at BME?</u></p> <p>We cannot offer any internships but it is mandatory to do internship for MSc students who have begun their studies from 2023/2024/1.</p>
TEMPORARY STUDENT ID	<p><u>How can I get a temporary student ID?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit the E066 request and attach your NEK data sheet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember to record your address in Budapest as your temporary address (<u>in addition</u> to your permanent address in your home country!) in Neptun If your personal data in Neptun are not fully identical to those on your NEK data sheet, please make the necessary changes <u>in Neptun</u>. If there's any difference in these data in the 2 places, the national system won't consider them as belonging to the same person. Your NEK data sheet is the standard.) Once your request is submitted, it will be under process for some time until you will get a reply in Neptun that you can go and pick it up. Please note that temporary student IDs are valid only for 2 months so if you do not get your permanent student card within these 2 months you will have to submit a new E066 request following the same procedure until you have your permanent student card
PERMANENT STUDENT ID	<p><u>How can I apply for a permanent student card?</u></p> <p>If you are a student staying at BME longer than 12 months, you have to apply for a permanent student card. It usually takes quite a few months until it actually arrives this way you should also submit a request for a temporary student ID while your permanent card is being processed.</p> <p>I.Go to any registration office where you can officially apply for a permanent student card. There they will take a photo of you and have your main data registered. You get a form with a code in the top right corner called NEK identifier.</p> <p>Please make sure all your data on the issued NEK-document is correct! The data on the NEK document have to be exactly the same as the data registered in the Neptun system (if not, your student card request will be rejected)!</p> <p>When you have your NEK sheet you can submit a request in Neptun Go to "Administration" -> "Student card request" -> "Add new"</p> <p>Here you need to type in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your NEK identifier (capital letters without hyphens) demand type where you can select the reason of your request (e.g. first application, due to data change, lost, new request due to false data). your address <p>Your student card will be posted directly to BME. As soon as the card is available, you be will informed in Neptun.</p>
LOST OR DAMAGED PERMANENT STUDENT ID	<p><u>What shall I do if my permanent student card got damaged or lost?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your name in Neptun is <u>exactly</u> the same as it is on your student card: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Administration, choose "Student Card request". (<u>Not</u> within "Requests". There's a specific item for the plastic card directly in the Admin. drop-down list.) Click on "Add new". In the appearing window: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NEK identifier</i>: type in the number <i>Demand type</i>: select the last item in the drop-down list, shown in Hungarian - see on the below screenshot click on <i>Save</i>, leaving the <i>Training</i> and the <i>Street address</i> as they are, and leaving the other 2 boxes empty

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your name in Neptun is <u>not exactly</u> the same as it is on your student card (i.e.: it has been changed in Neptun since you submitted your card request 2 years ago): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Go to a National Customer Service Office and get a new NEK data sheet. Make sure to give your name exactly as it is in Neptun. (If there's any slight difference, the national system won't identify the names in the 2 places as belonging to the same person!) ○ The procedure in Neptun is the same as above, except for 2 steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>NEK identifier</i>: copy the code from your <u>new</u> NEK data sheet - all in capital letters, without any hyphens! ▪ <i>Demand type</i>: select "Due to data change" <p>In both cases, you will be notified when your new card is ready.</p>
BENEFITS OF PERMANENT STUDENT ID	<p><u>Is there anything else besides public transport that I can use my student card for?</u></p> <p>65% discount when buying monthly pass for public transport (diákberlet). 50% discount on travelling by train. 50% discount on membership fee in public libraries. 50-100% discount on entrance fee in particular museums.</p>
DEGREE CERTIFICATES	<p><u>What certificates do students get at graduation?</u></p> <p><u>Degree certificate</u>: official document issued in Hungarian and foreign languages, certifying the higher education qualifications and skills.</p> <p><u>Diploma supplement</u>: official document, issued by the University in Hungarian and English, certifying the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired by the student during the studies leading to the acquisition of the degree certificate, as well as providing information about the qualification level and the exam results.</p>
REQUESTS IN NEPTUN	<p><u>How much time does it take for a request to be processed?</u></p> <p>You will see in Neptun when the decision has been made. It usually takes quite some time, depending how many requests have to be processed.</p>
ABSOLUTORIUM=LEAVING CERTIFICATE	<p><u>What does absolutorium mean?</u></p> <p>It is basically a leaving certificate that certifies that students have successfully passed the exams set in the curriculum (apart from passing the language exam and completing the bachelor or master thesis) and that they have obtained the necessary number of credits.</p>
DELAYED COMPLETION PERIOD	<p><u>What does 'delayed completion period' mean?</u></p> <p>It's a period for retaking or repeating the evaluations of learning outcomes completed in the study period. There are no contact lessons in the delayed completion period.</p>
FINANCES	<p><u>How can I pay for an exam?</u></p> <p>There is an info material that you can download from the Neptun website <u>before</u> logging in. If you miss the payment deadline, Neptun will not let you take any action, so you will not be able to register for further exams, either for the next semester or for any subjects until the transfer is made and recorded.</p>

FINANCES	<p>Do I have to pay for retaking an exam? And if I register for the exam and then drop it, do I need to pay again?</p> <p>You can register for and deregister from the exams <u>until 24 hours before</u> their official starting time. There is no fee for this. However, within 24 hours before the official starting time, Neptun will not let you make any changes. On the other hand, if you don't show up at a registered exam and if you can't justify your absence with an official document (e.g.: a medical certificate), you will have to pay a penalty fee.</p>
FINANCES	<p>Can I attend my exam even if the money hasn't arrived on Neptun account?</p> <p>You can and should attend all the exams you are registered for, independently of your payments.</p>
FOREIGN STUDENTS AT BME	<p>Are there many international students at BME?</p> <p>Yes, there are a lot. Every year thousands of foreign students arrive from all over the world to study in Hungary. Some of them come with different scholarship programmes (e.g. Erasmus+, Stipendium Hungaricum, etc), while others pursue self-financed studies.</p>
USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT HUNGARY	<p>Is there any useful information you can give me before going to Hungary?</p> <p>Please read any of the websites below with a great collection of useful information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.budapestbylocals.com • https://wlovebudapest.com/en/ • http://www.budapest.com/ • http://www.visitacity.com/en/budapest/ • https://www.budapestinfo.hu/en/ • https://wlovebudapest.com/
INSURANCE	<p>How will I get health care service?</p> <p>If you are an EEA (EU member states, Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland, United Kingdom) student, please apply for a European Health Insurance Card from your health insurance provider in your home country before you leave home. The citizens of these countries are entitled to receive the same treatment under the same conditions as the residents of the above countries.</p> <p>If you are a non-EEA student please be aware that you</p>

have to take care of your own health insurance before leaving your country. After your arrival you have to arrange your health insurance at BME for the semesters you spend at the university.

If you are a student with a scholarship offered by the Minister of Education in Hungary, you are eligible for a social security card (in Hungarian "TAJ card") with your social security number ("TAJ number") on it that enables you to use public healthcare services.

FOR STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM/YOUNG CHRISTIAN/DIASPORA SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

They are entitled to health insurance during their studies.

Without a valid TAJ card, you are not entitled for free medical care! This card entitles you to receive free medical care in Hungary.

You can sign a temporary health insurance policy for the first semester after registration at BME. During the first semester, you need to apply for your permanent health insurance, covered by the scholarship programme.

To be entitled for free health care in Hungary, it is necessary to make these steps:

- [Contact your mentor](#) or the mentor team who will assist you in the process who organize regular **TAJ APPLICATION APPOINTMENTS** in the Stipendium Hungaricum Student Office (Room 10 on the ground floor of building R).
- [Apply for TAJ Card](#) by **bringing the following documents – PRINTED & FILLED – with you to our appointments to apply for a TAJ card.**

The following documents are needed:

- ✓ **Application form**
- ✓ A copy of your **passport** (valid for at least 3 months),
- ✓ A copy of your **residence permit card** (both sides, valid for at least 3 months),
- ✓ A copy of your **address card** (both sides, stamped by the Immigration Office),
- ✓ An **original** student status certificate with both signature and stamp, that you can get only by visiting the CAO personally. It has to be issued **no longer than 30 days ago**,
- ✓ Your **Letter of Award** (a document that proves that you are receiving a monthly stipend),

- ✓ **Letter of authorization:** You need to fill it out, print it and sign it. You will also need two witnesses to sign it, they can be anyone you know (“tanú” means witness).

Until you receive your TAJ card, make sure to sign the Groupama Insurance too! The additional GROUPAMA private health insurance is free of charge for every Stipendium Hungaricum and Young Christian Scholarship holder student.

This option is a free private insurance, which can be lifesaving in case you need medical attention, but you are having issues with your TAJ card! **We strongly suggest applying for the Groupama insurance as soon as it becomes available!**

Please check the details here:

<https://hszi.bme.hu/en/sh/insurance/>
www.imt.bme.hu/medical-help/

FOR REGULAR/FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Fee-paying students are not entitled to free health care in Hungary. NEAK, which is the governmental body responsible for issuing TAJ cards, cannot take your application without a payment for the healthcare services. As of January 2023, the payment equals 30% of the Hungarian minimum wage for 24 months, that is currently equals 69,600 HUF/month, or 1,670,400 HUF altogether. You can set up payment schemes that fit as closely to your needs as possible (paying in one sum, or monthly instalments for a specific number of months, etc.). If you opt for paying monthly, you need to pay until the 12th of each month.

You must keep in mind, that you are only eligible for emergency treatment before paying the above-mentioned sum altogether! This means that as long as you haven't paid the whole 1,670,400 HUF, you can only use the public healthcare in emergency cases! If, at the time of the contract, you pay the whole amount, you will be entitled to health care services with full coverage from the first day of the following month.

After paying the whole fee, using the TAJ card still comes with some restrictions:

- You can only use emergency dental care.
- Your TAJ card is only valid in Hungary, you cannot get free treatment in any other country with it (not even EEA member states).
- You cannot sign up for transplantation and surgical waiting lists.
- Any examinations or medications that are related to a medical condition that was present before the application for TAJ card are NOT covered.

Application

	<p>You can apply for a TAJ card in NEAK's central office (address: 1139 Budapest, Teve Street, 1/a-c). You need to present the following documents (they may ask for some more, depending on your country of origin):</p> <p>You need to present the following documents (they may ask for some more, depending on your country of origin):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence permit AND a photocopy of both of its sides • Passport AND a photocopy of its personal data page • Address card AND a copy of both of its sides (printed if you have a digital QR code version) • An original student status certificate (from the CAO) • Filled and signed health status form <p>Be aware that at least the first part of the fee (69,600 HUF) needs to be paid when the application is submitted at the NEAK's office.</p> <p>Termination of contract</p> <p>The agreement is terminated if the contribution is not paid and can also be terminated by giving notice. If the monthly fee is not paid by the 12th of the month, it will be terminated from the start of next month or can be cancelled by visiting the NEAK central office personally.</p> <p>Be aware that within 3 days of termination the agreement, the physical card TAJ card (if you already received one) must be handed in at the government office.</p>
INSURANCE	<p><u>Do I have to pay extra insurance to register at University if I work at a company and already have a TAJ card?</u></p> <p>If you have a valid TAJ card, you don't have to buy a separate health insurance. Please make a copy of your TAJ card, and attach that as proof of your insurance.</p>
SCHOLARSHIPS	<p><u>What are the available scholarships the university can offer?</u></p> <p>Stipendium Hungaricum https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/</p> <p>Scholarship for Christian Young People https://apply.scyp.hu/</p> <p>Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/</p> <p>Erasmus+ For Incoming Student http://nki.bme.hu/node/5990?language=en</p>
MENTORS	<p><u>Who will help me when I arrive in Hungary?</u></p> <p>There are Mentors appointed by the University who will organise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the arrangement of the residence permission, Social Insurance Card • arrange workshops, trainings, social events, cultural and community programmes, tours, sport and free-time activities <p>and who will help you to solve:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding accommodation, or room-mate, arranging anything related to hostel and move into the hostel; • problems related to education; • daily problems (like: medical treatment, police, bank, etc.); • language problems - if needed; • all the other problems emerging. <p>Please read: https://www.imt.bme.hu/</p> <p>and you can write to: imt.officiary@gmail.com (related to official issues)</p>
	<p><u>What chances do I have to get a place in the dorm as a first year student?</u></p> <p>Our university will provide a temporary place for you in one of its dormitories, and will also try to provide a permanent place there. Both senior and freshman students can submit their applications via the KEFIR system. The selection process for first-year students depends on their admission points, while for returning students, it depends on their academic achievements (CCCI). This also depends on your faculty, since each has different cutoff points. If there are no more available places left, the International Mentor Team will help you find a flat to rent after your arrival. They can also help you find flatmates.</p> <p>Please read below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Mentor Team (IMT): https://www.imt.bme.hu/ <p>You can also write to the Mentors concerning your questions, requests about accommodation: imt.accommodation@gmail.com or any other official questions: imt.officiary@gmail.com</p> <p>The accommodation allowance of HUF 40,000 / month won't cover the full rental fee and overhead costs, even if you share the flat with other students. Similarly, the scholarship of HUF 40,460 / month won't cover all your living expenses. Therefore, you should have your own financial resources to make ends meet.</p>
SPORTS	<p><u>Are there any sports facilities at BME?</u></p> <p>Please see this site for information on doing sports at BME:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BME Sportközpont https://bmesport.hu/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness • Indoor football, basketball, handball and volleyball • Squash • Personal training 2. BME Sports Complex https://sporttelep.bmesport.hu/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Tennis • Athletics • Volleyball • Handball

3. Swimming pool

<https://tuskecsarnok.hu/sportuszoda/>