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Welcome

Dear first-year international students,
We warmly welcome you to the John von Neumann University community! Your journey here has been a long one—both literally and metaphorically—and you have had to overcome many obstacles, for which we congratulate you!
We have put together this John von Neumann Passport so that you can find answers to your questions quickly and easily, both at the beginning of your university studies and later on. We have tried to compile this little booklet so that all kinds of useful and important information is at your disposal. Browse through the pages and hopefully, you will find the answer to your question. We sincerely hope that your years with us will be fulfilling, you will gain valuable knowledge, and you will be enriched by many wonderful experiences.

International Office of John von Neumann University

Rector's greeting

As the Rector of John von Neumann University, I welcome you to our higher education institution! Our University, with more than four thousand students, training in the fields of engineering, informatics, economics, agricultural sciences and education, as well as its research and innovation performance, exemplary achievements in the field of dual training, and extensive corporate and institutional relations, has become a leading higher education institution in the region.





Facts about Kecskemét

The city, 50 miles (80 km) southeast of Budapest, is on the rail and road arteries to a large number of areas in Hungary.

Kecskemét, city of county status and seat of Bács-Kiskun vármegye (county), central Hungary with a population of about 110 000. Long established as a centre for handicrafts and cattle raising, it has also grown in importance for its viticulture, vegetables, and fruit. It is surrounded by flat sandy farmland, often referred to as “the orchard of Hungary”. In addition to food processing, large multinational companies (e.g. Mercedes-Benz, Hilti etc.) have invested in the region providing workplaces for the population of Kecskemét and the surrounding area.

The city dates back to the 9th century, and by the 14th century it had become one of the privileged half-agrarian “field-towns”. It survived the Turkish occupation relatively unscathed.

There are many churches and buildings of architectural and historical significance, including the Synagogue, Ornamental Palace, the City Hall, the Katona József Theatre; just to mention a few. Spring, summer, and autumn festivals, Christmas markets in the Main Square liven up Kecskemét’s life.

Upon Arrival

Before you arrive in Hungary, please let us know so that we can expect you. Then move into the dormitory (see the map later), have a rest, but on the next working day, please visit the International Office, where our staff will inform you about what to do and the date of enrolment.

Please also make sure you keep an eye on your emails, as we will be keeping you updated on what you need to do! Please note that you must bring all your documents with you in their original form (certificates, degree certificates, language exam certificates), as you will not be able to enrol without them!



Academic Calendar

2026/2027 Fall semester (I. Semester)

Registration week: 07/09/2026 – 11/09/2026 -

Registration for subjects
(No education)

Education starts: 14/09/2026
- Education starts

Opening Ceremony: 07/09/2026

Study period: 07/09/2026 – 12/12/2026

Exam period: 14/12/2026 – 23/12/2026
- Exam period

24/12/2026 – 03/01/2027
- Holiday

04/01/2027 – 30/01/2027.
- Exam period

Final examination period: 18/01/2027 – 30/01/2027
till 05/01/2026. (for Master's
applicants)

Graduation ceremony: 12/02/2027
19/02/2027

2026/2027 Spring semester (II. Semester)

Registration week 15/02/2027 – 19/02/2027
(No education)

Study period: 15/02/2027 – 22/05/2027

Exam period: 24/05/2027 – 26/06/2027

Final examination period: 21/06/2027 – 26/06/2027

Graduation ceremony: 09/07/2027

Doctoral graduation ceremony: 18/06/2027



Faculties of the University

GAMF Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (GAMF):

The GAMF Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science of John von Neumann University of Kecskemét and its predecessors have been providing higher education for 60 years, and over the years we have graduated many engineers who are currently holding various engineering and management positions at leading companies not only in the region, but also at domestic and international level, be it in mechanical engineering, logistics, automotive engineering or IT.



Faculty of Economics and Business (GTK):

The past few years have brought huge changes in the education of economics in Kecskemét. One of Europe's most unique 21st century campuses is now open to students. Our courses are expanding year by year: since autumn 2022, we have launched a world-leading international master's degree in economics.





Doctoral School

John von Neumann University's Doctoral School offers a high-quality, research-focused PhD programme supported by internationally recognised academics and world-famous lecturers. Students gain access to leading expertise, international perspectives, and a strong environment for academic and professional development.



John von Neumann University
Faculty of Horticulture and
Rural Development

Faculty of Horticulture and Rural Development (KVK):

In 2021, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Horticulture. Our main task is to train agricultural and horticultural engineers with an entrepreneurial approach, who are able to adapt quickly and flexibly to the constantly changing natural, social, and economic environment and market conditions. The training here is practice-oriented, so you can put it to immediate use on the job. The theoretical training is complemented by practical training in well-equipped laboratories, vineyards, demonstration gardens, and greenhouses.





Mentors and Educational consultants

Starting university in a new country is an exciting experience, but it can also come with many questions. That is why every new student is assigned a **Mentor** and an **Educational Consultant**, who are there to support you throughout your university journey.

Your **Mentor** supports you during your first semester, helping you settle in, feel comfortable in your new environment, and become part of the university community. You can turn to your Mentor with practical or everyday questions, for example about **building a social circle, finding classrooms, getting around the campus, shopping, public transportation, cultural differences, or sharing your experiences with lecturers, courses, and**

studying. Whether you are unsure where to go, how something works, or simply want advice from someone who knows the university and the local environment, your Mentor is there to help.

Your **Educational Consultant** provides ongoing support with **academic and study-related questions throughout your studies.** They can help you find and contact the right lecturers, address difficulties with a particular course or subject, understand academic requirements, or navigate the process of obtaining the documents you need for your studies.

You are never expected to figure everything out on your own. **Your Mentor and Educational Consultant are here to help you find the right answers, connect you with the right people, and make your student experience as smooth and successful as possible.**

Educational consultants

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If you do not know who your mentor is, please contact the person below:

International Office:

Blanka Hörcsök (horcsok.blanka@nje.hu)



Offices involved in student life

The International Office

Our office serves as a 'base' for our international students. Our staff recruit students from all over the world, process applications and admissions, and provide incoming students with comprehensive information. In addition to this, we help our international students settle into university life and deal with any problems that may arise.

We organise and publicise programmes, and send out circular emails. The International Office is also responsible for mobility programmes (e.g. the Pannónia Scholarship Programme, Erasmus). Within the framework of these programmes, students can undertake study periods of varying lengths at our partner universities in Europe and beyond. We also provide advice to stu-

dents already studying at JvNU on how to successfully apply for the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme.

Within the International office we have dedicated colleagues in the so-called "Student Services Office". Our colleagues also carry out a huge amount of back-office work, so please visit us in person during opening hours:

- **Monday: 8.30-11.30**
- **Tuesday: 1.00-3.00**
- **Wednesday: 8.30-11.30**
- **Thursday: 1.00-3.00**
- **Friday: 8.30-11.30.**

When your Temporary Residence Card arrives at the office, we will send you an email. If you have not received an email, it means your TRC hasn't arrived yet, so there is no need for you to come in unnecessarily.



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Directorate of Academic Affairs (Education Office)

At John von Neumann University, international students can rely on the Directorate of Academic Affairs (Education Office) for essential administrative support throughout their studies. The Directorate handles key processes such as student enrolment, student ID card applications, issuing official proof of student status and managing transcript requests. Additionally, it assists students with navigating the Neptun study system, ensuring a smooth transition into academic life in Hungary.

Opening hours:

- **Monday: 8.30-11.30**
- **Tuesday: 13.00-15.00**
- **Wednesday: 8.30-11.30 and 13.00-15.00**
- **Thursday: 8.30-11.30**
- **Friday: 8.30-11.30**





Online System at JvNU / Student Enrolment

One of the first steps after arriving in Hungary is to enrol at the university. Enrolment takes place under the guidance of the Education Office at individually scheduled appointment times. However, to speed up the process, there are a few steps you can complete even before you arrive:

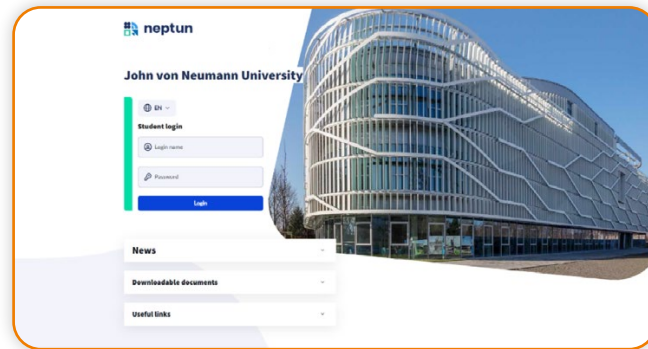
Neptun registration: Before the study period begins students have to login and register for classes in our electronic study management system (Neptun JvNU). Your Neptun ID and password is sent via e-mail prior to your arrival in August or January.

How to log in to the university IT system

Steps required to activate your university Microsoft account and use Microsoft and other university study applications.

Identification: the Neptun code sent in the notification letter
University email address: YOURNEPTUNCODE@hallgato.nje.hu
(this is your university email address)

Password: the password sent in the notification letter (temporary password)



YOU CANNOT LOG IN TO NEPTUN WITH YOUR TEMPORARY PASSWORD YOU HAVE TO CHANGE IT FIRST BY FOLLOWING THE STEPS BELOW

1. Step: Log in to <https://myaccount.microsoft.com/> with your university email address and temporary password. When asked, change your password.

2. Step: Set up two-step verification for your account.

To do this, you will need the Microsoft Authenticator app on your phone. Using the Microsoft Authenticator app is the only supported method by the university.

3. Step: Once you have completed the setup and successfully logged in to the site, there is nothing else you need to do. This was necessary to activate your account. With this email address and your new password, you will be able to log in to the university's Microsoft applications, such as Teams, Outlook, and OneDrive.

4. Step: Please note that to log in to Neptun, you must use your Neptun code and your new changed password, not your university email address.

Please wait 5-10 minutes before logging in, as it takes time for the system to activate your account.

You can log in to Neptun here: <https://neptun.nje.hu>

If you have any problems with logging in, please notify the system administrators by sending an email address here:

neptun-it@nje.hu

The following link will help you to complete the Two-Factor Authentication (2FA).

Once you are in the system you can enrol for classes and check your timetable, manage your finances and administrative data.



Grading System and Credits in Hungary

The Hungarian academic credit system following the Hungarian law is an ECTS-compatible system. At the end of the semester the student's study achievement is evaluated with a grade (1-fail, 2 sufficient or pass, 3-medium or satisfactory, 4-good, 5-excellent). The ECTS conversion table ensures transfer procedures between the Hungarian academic credit system and the ECTS. The recognition of courses completed abroad is based on the credit transfer regulation.

Grade in Hungary	Equivalent ECTS grade		Percentage
5	A, B	Excellent, very good	90-100%
4	C	Good	80-89%
3	D	Satisfactory	66-79%
2	E	Sufficient	50-65%
1	F	Fail	below 50%

In undergraduate programmes, the number of credits required to obtain:

- a) in 6-semester programmes 180 credits,
- b) in 7-semester programmes 210 credits,
- c) in 8-semester programmes 240 credits.

In Master's programmes, the required number of credits to obtain a course degree is 120.



Offices involved in student Life

Immigration Office and procedures

International students at John von Neumann University visit the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (commonly called as the **Immigration Office**) to handle all necessary legal and residency procedures while living in Hungary. The office processes applications and **renewals for study-purpose residence permits, issues official address cards** (accommodation proof), and **updates personal details**. Additionally, students go there to complete the mandatory registration process after their arrival and to seek guidance on visa compliance and staying in the Schengen Area legally during their studies.

Residence permit

After arrival

The residence permit arrives to the university since 2024. You can pick it up at the International Office after enrolment. **RESIDENCE PERMITS ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY IRREGULARLY, SO YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PICK IT UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENROLMENT.** The permit must be collected within 30 days of arrival to Hungary. If the residence permit has not arrived within 20 days of arrival, you must go to the Immigration Office.

Some students receive their proof of accommodation along with their visa from the embassy by email and in paper form (this is a QR code), but those who have not received it must request it from the Immigration Office upon arrival. The following two documents are required for this:

You need to fill the following document and have it signed by the Head of the Dormitory:

“Reporting place of accommodation”

Dormitory or Flat contract: Those who live in the dormitory will need a dormitory contract, along with the document mentioned above. If a student moves out of the dormitory, they must present their Flat contract to the Immigration Office.





AS A STUDENT, YOU ARE ALLOWED TO MOVE OUT OF THE DORM, BUT YOU MUST APPLY FOR A NEW ACCOMMODATION PROOF FROM THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. If you do not report the change of your accommodation to the Immigration Office and your accommodation is not registered, your residence permit may be withdrawn!

Extention of residence permit

During the following years, you can renew your residence permit online. (Residence permit extension: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh>)

Check the expiration date of your residence permit. The extension application must be submitted at the latest 1 month (30 days) before the current permit expires, but at the earliest 3 months (90 days) before the expiry. In the event that you start the process earlier than 3 months, your application will likely be rejected and then you will have to restart it later. We recommend starting the process 45-60 days before the expiry so that you have time to obtain the necessary certificates.

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST APPLY UNDER THE CATEGORY OF STUDY PURPOSES "A residence permit for the purpose of study shall be granted"! (Others, such as Training, are not appropriate, and the extension request will be rejected.)

Important administrative procedures

Health Insurance / TAJ

Health Insurance

All students studying in Hungary are obliged to take out health insurance. (In the case of Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship students, this is the Social Security Card.) Self-funded students can take out health insurance with any insurance company and choose from different packages. Based on experience, Swiss-care is the most widely accepted among companies if you want to take on work. (You can take out online.)

<https://swisscare.com>

Other insurance companies that offer health insurance for international students coming to Hungary:

- Medicare
- Generali
- UNION



Hungarian Social Security Number (TAJ card):

In Hungary students with a Hungarian Governmental Scholarship (in this case: Stipendium Hungaricum) are entitled to receive health care services and they are entitled to have a social security card ("TAJ card"). You can apply for this at the Directorate of Academic Affairs – Oktatási és Képzési Igazgatóság (OKI).

TAJ card

If you already have had a TAJ number/TAJ card, you must report it to the Directorate of Academic Affairs (OKI), type its number into the Neptun system.

Please, keep in mind that the TAJ card has an expiry date! If it's expiring, you must renew it, by filling out a form: by hand.
by typing: "Gépi kitöltés"

You can handle it by yourself, at the following addresses:

- if you study in Kecskemét:
6000 Kecskemét, Izsáki út 8.
- if you study in

Budapest: 1139 Budapest, Teve u. 1/a-c.

For more information:

National Health Insurance Fund



Student ID

After the enrolment procedure, you can apply for your Student ID for free.

With the Student ID you are eligible for reduced fares for public transport, entrance tickets to cinemas, gyms, spas etc.

To receive the plastic card, you are requested to follow these steps:

Go to a Government Office and apply for a student card.

There are two government offices in Kecskemét where you can go to apply for a student card. You can find the necessary information below:

1.) Address: 6000 Kecskemét Rákóczi út 5.

Opening hours:

- Monday: 8:00-18:00
- Tuesday: 8:00-18:00
- Wednesday: 8:00-16:00
- Thursday: 8:00-16:00
- Friday: 8:00-12:00
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

2.) Address: 6000 Kecskemét Deák Ferenc tér 3

Opening hours:

- Monday: 8:00-16:00
- Tuesday: 8:00-16:00
- Wednesday: 8:00-18:00
- Thursday: 8:00-18:00
- Friday: 8:00-12:00
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



Contact:

E-mail: 1818@1818.hu

Tel.: +36 1 550-1858

- Select an office, go there with your passport / ID-card + residence permit/address card and draw a number for the topic "diákigazolvány" (= student card).
- There you will have your personal data registered and your photo will be taken. You will get a form with a unique code in the top right-hand corner, called NEK identifier. The data on the NEK sheet, e.g. the way your name is spelled have to be exactly the same as the data registered in the Neptun system (if not, your student card request will be rejected)!
- After a few days, when your student card is ready, you will be able to take it at the Directorate of Academic Affairs – Oktatási és Képzési Igazgatóság (OKI) office.



Bank Account

Hungarian banks provide a comprehensive range of banking services, including account management, currency exchange etc. In most cases, it is necessary to have a valid **residence permit and address card** in order to open a bank account.

To open a Hungarian bank account you have to be at least 18 years old, in case if you are below 18, please visit the university's International Student Services Office.

Hungarian banks where you can open an account:

- OTP Bank
- K&H Bank
- Raiffeisen Bank

Tax ID Number

Those who have received Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship, it is compulsory to have a Hungarian tax number and bank account number. In addition, a tax number is also required for student jobs. However, students who are self-funded are not obliged to have a tax card. In Hungary, the National Tax and Customs Administration (Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal - NAV) issues the Tax Identification Number and the Tax Card.

More information: <https://nav.gov.hu/en/main-tiles/how-to-apply-for-a-tax-card>

Completion guide: https://nav.gov.hu/en/taxation/taxpayer_registration/general-information-for-foreign-citizens-new-24T34 Completion guide document – please do not worry, the form has 25T34 on the top.

You can find the form for the application here: https://nav.gov.hu/nyomtatvanyok/letoltesek/nyomtatvanykitolto_programok/nyomtatvanykitolto_programok_nav/25T34
(The name of the document is: '25T34 – Nyomtatványkép')

If you have filled the form, you can handle it in person.
In case you study in Kecskemét:

**NTCA Bács-Kiskun
County Tax and Customs
Directorate Central
Customer Service:**

6000 Kecskemét,
Kurucz körút 16.

Open:
Monday: 08.30–18.00
Tuesday: 08.30–12.00
Wednesday: 08.30–18.00
Thursday: 08.30–12.00
Friday: 08.30–11.30

For those who attend classes in Budapest, we recommend to go to:

**NTCA North Budapest Tax
and Customs Directorate
Central Customer Service:**

1139 Budapest,
Dózsa György út 128-132.

Open:
Monday: 08.30–18.00
Tuesday: 08.30–12.00
Wednesday: 08.30–18.00
Thursday: 08.30–12.00
Friday: 08.30–11.30

After you received the TAX ID, please inform the Directorate of Academic Affairs (OKI) as they will record it in Neptun.
Bernadett Palotai – palotai.bernadett@nje.hu
Nikolett Pásztai – paszti.nikolett@nje.hu



Accommodation

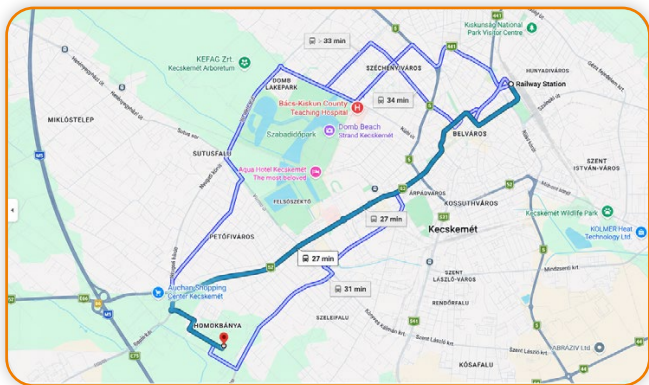
Homokbánya Dormitory Kecskemét

John von Neumann University provides opportunity to live in the University Dorm in Kecskemét called Homokbánya Kollégium, it is located in Homokszem utca 3-5. Kecskemét, 6000
How to get there (Homokbánya Dormitory):
You can check the buses at the following link

Where can you buy a bus ticket?

You can buy bus tickets on the bus (more expensive than in advance), in certain shops or at the KeKo Customer Service Office (6000 Kecskemét, Kéttemplom köz 5.)





Koronafürt Dormitory, Budapest

The address of the dormitory in Budapest is: Koronafürt u. 44b, Budapest, 1165 (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2hKjYK1sAUZ94zLJ7>)

Name: "Koronafürt albérletház"

You MUST get in touch with the dormitory contact person before you arrive. As soon as you know the date and time of your arrival, please send an email to the address below, otherwise you will not be able to move into the dormitory when you arrive.

Name: **Wolf Katalin**

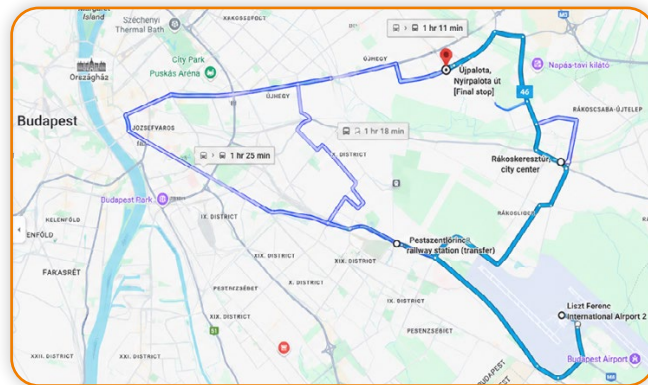
Name of the dormitory: **Korona Albérletház**

Address: 1165 Budapest, Koronafürt utca 44/b

Office hours: Weekdays from 9 am-4 pm

korona.alberlethaz@gmail.com

How to get there (Koronafürt albérletház):



Public Transport

Getting around Kecskemét by public transport is relatively easy, especially between the university, the dormitory and the railway station. The following bus routes are particularly useful: From John von Neumann University to Homokbánya Dormitory take bus 110 from the 'Egyetem (GAMF)' bus stop in the direction of 'Homokbányai Kollégium'. The dormitory is the final stop of this route, so you do not need to worry about getting off at the wrong stop.

From John von Neumann University to the railway station
Take bus 110 from the 'Egyetem (GAMF)' stop in the direction of the railway station ('Vasútállomás'). This provides a direct connection between the university and the railway station.
From Homokbánya Dormitory to the railway station
You can take bus 1, which connects the Homokbánya area with



the railway station ('Vasútállomás'). Alternatively, bus 110 also provides a direct connection between the dormitory and the railway station.

The railway station and the bus station are located next to each other, making it convenient to continue your journey to Budapest, Szeged or other Hungarian cities.

Local buses are operated by 'Kecskeméti Közlekedési Központ' (KEKO). The official site has route maps, timetables, journey planning, service updates, and mobile-ticket information.
<https://keko.hu>

Train Travel from Kecskemét

Kecskemét Railway Station (Kecskemét Vasútállomás) is an important stop on the Hungarian railway network and provides direct connections to several major cities. The main railway

lines serving Kecskemét include the Budapest–Cegléd–Szeged line and the Kecskemét–Szolnok line.

Main destinations

Budapest – Direct trains connect Kecskemét with Budapest–Nyugati. This is the most convenient connection for visiting the capital, and Budapest also provides connections to other parts of Hungary and international destinations.

Szeged – Kecskemét has direct train services to Szeged on the Budapest–Cegléd–Szeged railway line. InterCity (IC) trains operate on this route, providing a fast and comfortable connection between Budapest, Kecskemét and Szeged. Cegléd – An important railway junction between Kecskemét and Budapest. It can be useful when changing trains for other destinations.

Szolnok – Kecskemét is connected directly with Szolnok. Szolnok is an important railway hub, with further connections towards Debrecen, Nyíregyháza and eastern Hungary.



Tickets and seat reservations

Train tickets can be purchased at the railway station, online or through the MÁV app. When buying a ticket, enter Kecskemét as your departure station and select your destination.

For some InterCity services, a seat reservation ('helyjegy') is required in addition to the travel ticket. Your ticket will show the train number and, when applicable, your reserved carriage and seat. Electronic tickets are also available. If you are travelling on an IC train, check your ticket carefully for the train number, carriage and seat number before boarding.

If you are travelling for the first time, it is a good idea to arrive at the station 10–15 minutes before departure. Check the departure board, find your platform and make sure that the destination and train number match your ticket.

Students in Hungary can benefit from several travel discounts. Students aged 14–25 receive 50% off domestic train fares, including international students. Students with a valid Hungarian student ID ('diákigazolvány') can also use discounted monthly and national passes, including the Hungary Pass, which provides unlimited travel on participating MÁV, regional bus and HÉV services. InterCity trains may require an additional seat reservation.



Taxi Services

Taxis are a convenient option when public transport is unavailable, during late hours, or when travelling with luggage. Bolt Taxi is a particularly convenient choice for international students, as its app is available in English and can be easily downloaded. You can enter your destination, check the estimated fare, track your driver in real time, and view the vehicle details before pickup. Other local taxi companies also operate in Kecskemét such as Zebra Taxi and Taxi Plusz. Throughout the city, there are also designated taxi stands where you can get into an available taxi without making a prior reservation.

If you are coming to Hungary from another country, it is important to familiarise yourself with the local traffic rules, as they may differ from those in your home country. This applies not only to public transport, but also to everyday travel on foot, by bicycle or by car.



Student Life

International Freshmen Orientation Days

Student Union (HÖK)

At Neumann János University, the HÖK (Hallgatói Önkormányzat), or Student Union, represents and supports students within the university. It gives students a voice in university life and helps them with questions, concerns, and student-related matters.

The HÖK also plays an important role in community building and student life, organizing events, programs, and activities where students can meet and connect with each other. International students are also welcome to turn to the HÖK for support and information about student life at the university.

NFS Team and Vehicles

We are a growing community of around 60 students working across eight professional groups to design, build, and race our own Formula Student car. From engineering and manufacturing to electronics and team management, you'll gain hands-on experience, develop valuable technical and teamwork skills, and put your knowledge to the test in real international competitions.

After a successful first season - including a 1st-place finish in Autocross at FS Eastern and 13th place among 19 combustion teams at Formula Student Austria - we're ready to take the next step. Join us, challenge yourself, make friends, and help us build an even better car and team!

For more information please contact:

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Supermoto

The motorcycle, unique in both technology and design, was unveiled in October 2022. This all-electric vehicle marks the first milestone in the collaboration between Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design and John von Neumann University.

JvNU AES H2 Vehicle



The hydrogen-powered moped car represents a forward-looking approach to sustainable urban mobility. Developed as a long-range, zero-emission vehicle, it combines a 350-bar H₂ system with advanced drive

technology and contemporary design. The prototype was unveiled at COP28 in Dubai on 1 December 2023.

Neumann SOLAR

John von Neumann University is proud of the innovations and experience its team has built over the years. After securing 7th place at the 2015 World Solar Challenge in Australia, the team returned in 2025 as the only Hungarian entry, marking ten years since its first success and finishing 10th in the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

The solar car is a high-efficiency technological demonstrator for sustainable long-distance mobility. Its lightweight structure, optimized aerodynamics, and advanced hardware and software balance speed, endurance, energy efficiency, and reliability across the 3,000 km journey. Custom-built software enables real-time trajectory optimization and adaptive race strategies based on weather and energy predictions. As Hungary's only entry, the vehicle also showcases Hungarian innovation in renewable energy and sustainable engineering.





Psychologist at the University

Psychological and mental health counselling is available at John von Neumann University. This service is free for all students who feel they are facing a difficulty that is a source of excessive stress.

The psychologists at our university are:

Dóra Kristofóri - certified psychologist

Ágnes Modok - counselling expert psychologist

Psychological Counseling

We offer free, confidential, one-on-one counselling for anyone looking for support in difficult life situations.

In what cases can we help?

- developing self-awareness
- life-crisis
- relationship conflicts, integration difficulties
- difficulties in time management
- difficulties related to studies
- overwhelming experiences, fears, anxiety
- stress management, crisis situations
- other.

Appointment booking: pszichologus@nje.hu or 0676/516-470
Whether the difficulty is small or large, there is someone you can turn to. We are here for you!

Library

Full time students and employees of the university can be registered free of charge for one academic year.
Guest lecturers and students to the university get temporary registration.

To be registered, the following documents are necessary:

- identity card or
- passport and address card issued after 1 Jan. 2001,
- student card
- certificate issued by NJE Chancellor's Office for its pensioners
- document of employment for the employees of the university.

For more information please visit the library's website:

<https://kik.nje.hu/en>





Places to eat at

GAMF Restaurant (Kecskemét, Izsáki Road 10. GAMF Faculty building) Daily menu (meals are also available for people on special diets, for example, for religious reasons).

GAMF café (Kecskemét, Izsáki út 10., GAMF Faculty main building, community area)

Campus café (Kecskemét, Izsáki út 5., Campus 1st floor, community area)

The restaurant offers a variety of vegetarian options as well as dishes made with chicken.

Sports Centre (Sports Facilities)

Physical education is an important opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles. At John von Neumann University, students complete two compulsory semesters of physical education with a wide range of optional sports courses available to encourage regular exercise. Alongside traditional sports, recent offerings include spinal gymnastics, tennis, rugby, futsal, B33, functional strength training, Cuban salsa, bachata, basic skydiving, and dragon boating.

What sports facilities are available and where can they be found?

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science GAMF

- Izsáki út 10.

- Törös Olga Sports Hall (40 x 20 metres)
- Female & Male Fitness Gym
- Tennis court (23,77 x 10,97 metre)
- Football pitch (90 x 120 metre)



Faculty of Horticulture and Rural Development

- Mészöly Gyula tér 1-3.

- Sports Hall (16 x 32 metres)
- Fitness machines in the sports hall
- Outdoor Field (40 x 20 metre)

Homokbánya Dormitory

- Homokszem utca 3-5.

- 3 Table Tennis Rooms
- Football Pitch (40x20 metre)
- Beach Volleyball Court (16x10 metre)
- Basketball Court

Physical Education and Sports Centre Contacts:

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science GAMF

- Dóra Kóvágó-Vasvári: vasvari.dora@nje.hu

Faculty of Horticulture and Rural Development

- Gábor Bindics: bindics.gabor@nje.hu

Sports Office

- Ádám Járdi: jardi.adam@nje.hu



WiFi

Eduroam:

Neptun-code@uni-neumann.hu

Password for Neptun

NJE:

Neptun-code

Password for Neptun

Cost of Living

If you'd like to calculate your average living costs as a student studying in Hungary, the QR code below could be a great help.



Emergency call

General emergency call number: 112

Ambulance: 104

Fire: 105

Police: 107

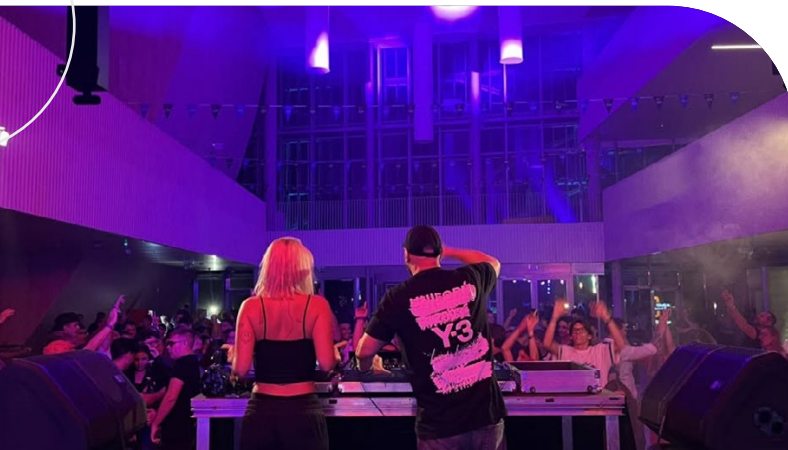
National Holidays

- **1st January** (New Year's Day): welcomes the new year,
- **15th March** (1848 Revolution Memorial Day): honors the outbreak of the 1848 revolution against Habsburg rule with festive crowds, cockade pins, and speeches,
- **Easter** – Christian religious holiday featuring the playful local tradition of boys sprinkling water or perfume on girls. Usually in March or April from Good Friday through Easter Monday,
- **Pentecost** (Sunday and Monday): Christian holiday occurring 50 days after Easter,
- **1st May** (Labour Day): celebrates workers with outdoor fairs,



family outings, and cauldron cooking,

- **20th August** – (St. Stephen's Day / State Foundation Day): Hungary's biggest national holiday celebrating the country's founder and first king, featuring air shows, street food markets, and grand evening fireworks over the Danube in Budapest,
- **23rd October** – October 23 (1956 Revolution Memorial Day): commemorates the 1956 uprising against Soviet control and the 1989 declaration of the Third Hungarian Republic.
- **1st November** – (All Saints' Day): a peaceful religious day where families visit cemeteries to clean graves and light candles for deceased relatives,
- **December 24–26** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Days): celebrated quietly with family members on the 24th, followed by traditional holiday meals and gathering on December 25–26,
- **31st December** – New Year's Eve.





Useful Phrases

Basic words	Alapszavak
Hi / Hello!	Szia! / Sziasztok!
Good morning!	Jó reggelt!
Good afternoon!	Jó napot!
Good evening!	Jó estét!
Good bye!	Szia! / Viszlát! / Viszontlátásra!
Have a nice day!	Legyen szép napod!

Have a nice weekend!	Jó hétvégét!
Thank you.	Köszönöm.
You're welcome!	Szívesen!
How are you?	Hogy vagy?
Good. / Not so good.	Jól. / Nem túl jól.
And you?	És te?
Good night!	Jó éjszakát!
Enjoy your meal!	Jó étvágyat!
Bless you (when sneezing)	Egészségedre!
What's your name?	Hogy hívnak?
My name is	...-nak hívnak.
Nice to meet you!	Örülök, hogy találkoztunk!
Where are you from?	Honnan jöttél?
I'm from	...-ból jöttem.
Do you speak Hungarian?	Beszélsz magyarul?
Just a little.	Csak egy kicsit.
I'm trying to learn Hungarian.	Próbálok magyarul tanulni.
I love you.	Szeretlek.
Sorry!	Bocsánat! / Elnézést!
No problem!	Semmi baj!
Can you repeat please?	Meg tudnád ismételni?
I don't understand!	Nem értem.
I don't know!	Nem tudom.



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Laboratories

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Diode laser centre

Dióda lézereközpont

Robotics laboratory

Robottechnika laboratórium

Hydraulics laboratory

Hidraulika laboratórium

Measurement and signal processing laboratory

Méréstechnika és jelfeldolgozás laboratórium

Scada laboratory

Scada laboratórium

Plastic formation laboratory

Képlékenyalakítási laboratórium

Materials testing laboratory

Anyagvizsgáló laboratórium

Heat treatment laboratory

Hőkezelő laboratórium

Welding workshop

Hegesztőműhely



