







GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

2023/24

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Legal Name of Institution KÁROLI GÁSPÁR UNIVERSITY

OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN HUNGARY

Erasmus code: HU BUDAPES10 | PIC code: 950913505

Postal address:

International Directorate 1091 Budapest, Kálvin tér 9. HUNGARY

International coordinator (Incoming Students)

Autumn semester deadlines



Nomination deadline: **15 May** Application deadline: **15 June**

Spring semester deadlines



Nomination deadline: **15 November**Application deadline: **15 December**

https://english.kre.hu/



OPENING HOURS FOR INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENTS

Previously scheduled appointment on the erasmus@kre.hu email address only!

Monday-Thursday: 9.00-11.00 am and 13.00-15.00 pm Friday: 9.00-11.00 am

Please note that despite the office hours, we might not be available, therefore booking an appointment ahead of time is important!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

An academic year consists of two semesters. Both semesters begin with the Orientation Week during which course registration becomes available. The Orientation Week is followed by the term period, when students start attending the courses. Each semester closes with an exam period that is usually in the last month of the semester.

During a semester, students can register for seminars and lectures. Seminars are usually built on practical knowledge and carried out in smaller groups. On the other hand, lectures are more theoretical and conveyed to a bigger audience.

During the Fall and Spring semester, students have to attend the Training Week (= Károli Community Days), which is a week when students stop attending regular classes and visit workshops, study field trips, and join other activities.

Generally, seminars are concluded with written exams during the last two weeks of the semester if not specified otherwise. Lectures can be concluded with written or oral exams at specified dates uploaded by the examiner to the academic system (Neptun).

WINTER SEMESTER:

Orientation Week: 4-8 September 2023

Term period:

4 September 2023 - 3 February 2024

Exam period:

16 December 2023 - 3 February 2024

SPRING SEMESTER:

Orientation Week:

5 February 2024 - 29 June 2024

Term period:

5 February 2024 - 18 May 2024

Exam period:

21 May 2024 - 29 June 2024

INSTITUTIONAL GRADING SYSTEM / ECTS

Exchange students at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary are evaluated based on the European ECTS Grading Scale which is almost equivalent to the five-scale grading system used in Hungary.

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Local Grading
5 – jeles Excellent
4 – jó Good
3 – közepes Satisfactor y
2 – elégséges Pass / Sufficient

1 – elégtelen Fail

(no credit)

Equivalent ECTS Grading

- **A** Outstanding performance with only minor errors
- **B** Above the average standard but with some errors
- C Generally good work with a number of notable errors
- D/E Passable
 performance,
 meeting the
 minimum criteria
 - F Considerable further work is required

FACULTIES AND LOCATIONS

The buildings of KRE are located in different places in Budapest (with the exception of the Nagykőrös and Kecskemét campuses). Here you can find the address of the faculties and departments. The finalized location of the courses will be available in the online system (Neptun) when you register for the courses after arrival.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



- Certificate of arrival/departure
- Learning Agreement (signature, discussion)
- Dormitory contract
- Buddy program inquiry
- Extension of stay
- ♥ 1091 Budapest, Kálvin tér 9., District 9 Room 14 (International Office)

FACULTY OF LAW



INSTITUTES

- Law
- International studies
- Higher Educational Vocational Training in Law

FACULTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

♥ 1042 Budapest, Viola utca 2–4., District 4

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE LECTORATE ("THE REVICZKY BUILDING")



INSTITUTES

- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy, Arts, Humanities
- German and Dutch Studies
- Sociology, Social Sciences
- Communication

FACULTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BOD PÉTER LIBRARY

♀ 1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4., District 8

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ("THE D25 BUILDING")



INSTITUTES

- Teacher Training upper primary school (grades 5-8) and high school
- English Studies
- Hungarian language, literature and culture
- ♥ 1146 Budapest, Dózsa György út 25-27., District 14

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY)



INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY COORDINATOR:

- ♥ 1037 Budapest, Bécsi út 324., District 3

FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY

INSTITUTES

- Pedagogy (primary education and kindergarten)
- Reformed Řeligious Education Teacher and Cantor Training

FACULTY COORDINATOR:

Mr. Attila Mócza

 ✓ mocza.attila@kre.hu

FACULTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Ms. Ágnes Éles
 ☑ eles.agnes@kre.hu



♥ 1042 Budapest, Árpád út 161-163., District 4

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, HEALTH SCIENCES AND SOCIAL STUDIES

INSTITUTES

- Social Work and Deaconry
- Health Sciences
- Human Resources
- Business Administration and Management
- Trade and Marketing

FACULTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

- Ms. Mónika Orosz

 M orosz.monika@kre.hu
- **♀** 1042 Budapest, Viola u. 3., District 4



FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

INSTITUTES

Theology

FACULTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

- Ms. Gyöngyi Flórik

 ☑ florik.gyongyi@kre.hu
- ♥ 1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 28., District 9



ERASMUS COORDINATORS

The Faculty and Institute Coordinators should be contacted regarding academic matters. These include for example contact information of professors, questions about courses and curriculum or any inquiry that is managed at the faculty or department.

Faculty of Law

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator and Registrar's Office

Mr. Sándor Orovecz

♥ H-1042 Budapest, Viola utca 2-4.

✓ orovecz.sandor@kre.hu

Faculty of Theology Faculty Erasmus Coordinator

Will be announced in August

♥ H-1092 Budapest, Ráday utca 28.☑ florik.gyongyi@kre.hu (temporary)

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator

Dr. Judit Nagy

♥ H-1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4. ☑ nagy.judit@kre.hu

Assistant to the Faculty Coordinator Ms. Dóra Tóth

♥ H-1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4. ☑ toth.dora@kre.hu

Faculty of Pedagogy

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator

Mr. Attila Mócza

♥ H-2750 Nagykőrös, Hősök tere 5. ▼ mocza attila@kre.hu

Faculty of Economics, Health Sciences and Social Studies

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator Dr. Attila Simay

♥ H-1042 Budapest, Viola u. 3.

☑ simay.attila.endre@kre.hu



The Faculty Registrar's Office should be contacted regarding the following issues: course de/registration, Neptun problems, student ID or verification of student status.

Faculty of Law

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator and Registrar's Office

Mr. Sándor Orovecz

♥ H-1042 Budapest, Viola utca 2-4.

☑ orovecz.sandor@kre.hu

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registrar's Office

Ms. Mónika Szuhai

Students from the EU and scholarship holders

♥ H-1092 Budapest,

Reviczky utca 4., room 121

Ms. Edina Magyar Students from overseas

♥ H-1092 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4., room 121

☑ magyar.edina@kre.hu

Faculty of Pedagogy

Registrar's Office

Ms. Ágnes Éles

♥ H-1042 Budapest, Árpád út 161-163.

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Faculty of Economics,

Health Sciences and Social Studies

Registrar's Office

Ms. Mónika Orosz

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Faculty of Theology

Registrar's Office

Ms. Gyöngyi Flórik

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☑ florik.gyongyi@kre.hu



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INSTITUTE AND DEPARTMENTAL

ERASMUS COORDINATORS

AT THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The institute or departmental Erasmus coordinators can assist you in the following matters: location of courses, course content and equivalence, and timetable and classroom information.

Institute of Arts Studies and General Humanities

Institute of General Humanities Coordinator

Dr. habil. István Pásztori-Kupán

□ pasztorikupan.istvan@kre.hu

Institute of Arts Studies Coordinators

Dr. Mudriczki Judit

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Dr. Bethlenfalvy Ádám

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Institute of English Studies

Departmental Coordinator

Dr. Ágnes Kiricsi

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Institutional Administrator

(Credit Transfer) Dr. Kata Váró

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Departmental Administrators

Ms. Réka Bauerné Kiss

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Institute of German and Netherlandic Studies

German Studies Coordinator

Dr. László Klemm

M klemm.laszlo@kre.hu

Netherlandic Studies Coordinator

Ms. 7suzsanna Braun

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Institute of History

Departmental Coordinator

dr. Emőke Horváth

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Institute of Hungarian Linguistics

Departmental Coordinator

dr. Nóra Csontos

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Department of Hungarian Literature

Departmental Coordinator

Dr. István Géher

☑ geheril@yahoo.com

Institute of Psychology

Departmental Coordinator

Ms. Judit Szabó

☑ szabo.judit1@kre.hu

Institute of Oriental Languages and Culture

Departmental Coordinators

Ms. Petra Doma

☑ doma.petra@kre.hu

Teacher Training Center

Departmental Coordinator

Dr. Nagy Krisztina

☑ nagy.krisztina1@kre.hu

Department of Sociology

Departmental Coordinator

dr. Emese Bíró

M biro.emese@kre.hu

Department of Communication

Departmental Coordinator

Mr. Zoltán Baróthy

☑ barothy.zoltan@kre.hu

BUDDY PROGRAM

KRE has a well-functioning and successful mentorship program called the Buddy Program. Exchange students can apply for a mentor through the registration survey at the beginning of the semester

Those exchange students, who have **applied for a buddy**, will meet with their mentors on the first day of arrival or during Orientation Week. The mentors are assigned to the international students by the International Office.

The assigned buddies will get in touch with you at the e-mail address you provided in the registration survey, and you can ask them to meet you upon arrival if needed.

The buddy program is coordinated by Ms. Virág Zombory (erasmus@kre.hu). If you have any questions or problems to report, do not hesitate to write to the given e-mail address.

Please, bear in mind that our buddies work on a voluntary basis and do not get paid by the university. They can help you with everyday issues, such as:

- arrival and everyday support,
- during mobility support,
- administrative support.



EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS

Application process

NOMINATION

In order to study at KRE as an Erasmus student, you will need the following:

- O. To study at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungay (KRE) as an exchange student, your home institution must have a signed bilateral agreement with KRE.
- You must be nominated by the international coordinator at your Home Institution. Students must not nominate themselves. The Erasmus coordinator of the home institution must follow our nomination process on our website.
- Students and the given contact will then
 receive a confirmation email from KRE
 explaining the application procedure and
 listing important deadlines. Only after
 the confirmation email the nomination is
 completed.

Nomination deadlines:

Autumn semester / full academic year:



Spring semester:

15 November



APPLICATION

Full description of the application process can be found on this page:

https://english.kre.hu/index.php/informationfor-international-students/erasmus/erasmusincoming.html

Step 1: Fill the registration form on the website above

Step 2: Send the following documents by e-mail to the erasmus@kre.hu e-mail address. All your documents must be scanned and legible and sent in a PDF form. If you have a different file type, you may use different sites to create PDF (such as https://www.ilovepdf.com/).

- Transcript of records in English of your studies so far
- Language proficiency certificate or at least B2 language level (complex oral and written) officially certified by your home university.
- Motivation letter in English
- Learning Agreement
- Passport-size 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm)
 photo of you
- Scanned ID document
- Declaration of Honour

Application deadlines:



Autumn semester / full academic year:

15 June

Spring semester:

15 December

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

After finalizing the registration, KRE will send an **Acceptance Letter** and the signed **Learning Agreement** to the student.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Erasmus students should have a sufficient knowledge of English since most of the courses are taught in English. They are required to provide a language proficiency certificate of at least CEFR B2 level (complex oral and written exam), officially proved by the Foreign Language Lectorate of the home university.

Hungarians living outside Hungary or students with a proficient knowledge of Hungarian are not required to provide a language proficiency certificate. They are allowed to hand in their motivation letter in Hungarian and are not expected to have a B2 level command of English unless they wish to select courses that are taught in English.

LANGUAGE LEARNING **OPPORTUNITIES AT KRE**

Károli University offers several English-language courses that have been designed for Erasmus students. In addition, Hungarian language courses (beginner and lower intermediate level) are available free of charge for the incoming students during their Erasmus stay at our institution.

The Foreign Language Lectorate, located in the building of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 6.) offers multiple language courses. Usually, the following language courses are offered: English, German, French, Finnish, Norwegian, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. If launched, the courses of the Foreign Language Lectorate are to be registered in the electronic registration system (NEPTUN). Students should be aware that the language of foreign language teaching at beginner level is Hungarian. For that reason, elementary courses require a firm knowledge of Hungarian and primarily target Hungarians living outside Hungary.



COURSES FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS

The courses offered for Erasmus students are listed according to Faculties at the Erasmus webpage of KRE:

https://english.kre.hu/index.php/information-for-international-students/erasmus/erasmus-courses.html

All Erasmus courses are worth 6 ECTS. Apart from other foreign language programs (Dutch, German, etc.), all courses are taught in English.

When filling out the Learning Agreement, students' primary contact is their home academic coordinator. Students can send the course descriptions obtained from the aforementioned website to facilitate the coordinators decision.

Hungarians living outside of Hungary can select any course from the course offer of their host Faculty provided that their **previous studies** and **knowledge** qualify them for taking the course. They are also expected to consult with the Erasmus Departmental Coordinator regarding the courses they wish to study **when filling in the Learning Agreement.**

Upon arrival, you will get all the help needed to register and modify your courses in the electronic registration system (NEPTUN) during Orientation Week. As an Erasmus student, you are required to accomplish a certain number of ECTS credits determined by your sending institution. However, we recommend that you take more credits.

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES IN HUNGARY IN 2023 AND 2024

New Year's Day

1848 Revolution Memorial Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Whit Monday

State Foundation Day of Hungary

1956 Revolution Memorial Day

All Saints' Day

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Second Day of Christmas

New Year's Eve

1 January 2024

15 March 2024

29 March 2024

1 April 2024

20 May 2024

20 August 2023

23 October 2023

1 November 2023

24 December 2023

25 December 2023 26 December 2023

31 December 2023



Exchange students should be aware that it is **their** responsibility to find accommodation for the duration of their stay.

Concerning the accommodation possibilities, we kindly inform you that our dormitories have a limited number of rooms available.

Students applying for a dormitory placement are advised to make an early request.

Applications should be submitted no later than 15 June for the Autumn semester and full academic year and 15 December for the **Spring semester** through the registration survey that can be found on the website.

Dormitories in partnership with KRE

Óbudai Diák Hotel (ODH) - student hostel

♀ 1037 Budapest.

Nagymihály street 1-9 (Kunigunda útja 25) **4** +36 30 183 9230

Bethlen Gábor Student Residence Hall

Temesvár u. 16-18.

4 + 36 1 203 23 84

Spotahome

Partner's website:

https://www.spotahome.com/

Spotahome is the safest way to book mid- to long-term accommodation in Europe, directly from your mobile phone.

Get 30% off the reservation fee on https:// www.spotahome.com/ with our exclusive Károli code. All international students received the code via email. If you have not got it, email to the erasmus@kre.hu address. It is very important that you enter the promo code at the time of the booking to benefit from the discount

HOW IT WORKS

- 1. Choose the city, move in and move out dates
- 2. Find the home that suits you best and click on "Book Now".
- 3. Complete all the details in the Booking Form and enter the promo code on the payment page (step 3) to get a discount on the booking fee. The money will only be debited from your account when the landlord accepts vour booking.

You can contact Spotahome through the partners@spotahome.com email address with accommodation search requirements:

- Number of people
- Check-in/out dates
- City/Country
- Budget
- Type of accommodation (room, studio, aprt)
- Preferred location Any additional info

FURTHER INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATION AND **USEFUL LINKS:**

https://english.kre.hu/index.php/ information-for-internationalstudents/living-in-hungary/housingaccommodation.html



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RESIDENCE PERMIT

Foreign students coming to Hungary are expected to inform themselves about the conditions to enter and reside in Hungary prior to their arrival.

We highly recommend the website and search tool of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing and the application form that can be accessed at the website (http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?lang=en) to check visa policies between your home country and Hungary.

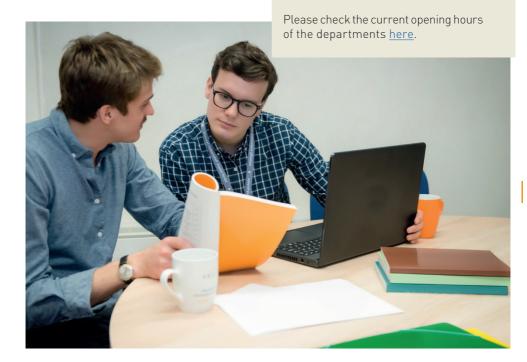
Students traveling to Hungary from countries with visa requirement are expected to obtain the visa before their departure at the Hungarian Embassy of their home country.

Citizens of EU and EEA member states (and of certain non-EU and non-EEA countries) may travel to Hungary without visa

Nevertheless, if the duration of stay exceeds 90 days, they must submit an application for registration certificate for the purpose of studies in person at the Office of Immigration and Nationality. Visiting the Immigration Office is obligatory for non-EU students straight after arriving to Hungary.

Please note that from 11 August 2014 all applications (including residence permit for the purpose of study, renewal, replacement, exchange of residence permit, registration card for EEA Nationals) can only be submitted at Branch Office No. V. located at H-1135 Budapest, Szegedi út 35-37., ground floor.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE OFFICE HOURS



HEALTH INSURANCE

Citizens of the European Economic Area and of Switzerland are entitled to receive the same medical care as Hungarian insured persons on the basis of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The EHIC should be issued before leaving the home country and is required for each phase of the treatment.

Medical examinations and necessary treatments are free of charge, but the medicines have to be paid for. If the insured person cannot produce an EHIC while seeking the necessary health care in Hungary, the health care provider can accept a retroactively issued patient record card (PRC) as well.

For more information on access to health care visit the website of OEP (National Health Insurance Fund Administration): http://www.neak.gov.hu/

Non-EU citizens are advised to enquire whether there is a bilateral agreement on health care between Hungary and their country and be informed about the conditions of the agreement.

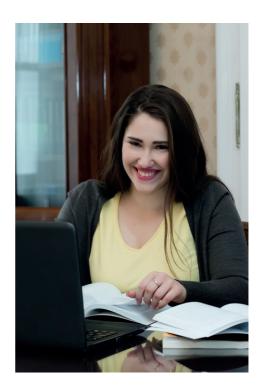
Citizens and/or residents of **third countries** which are not part of the European Economic Area and which do not have bilateral agreements with Hungary on the provision of health care, have to pay full price for the health care services rendered in Hungary. According to the Hungarian legislation, the health care provider can set the fee freely; therefore, the Hungarian National Health Insurance has no influence on the amount of fee charged.

As a consequence of that, they are strongly advised to take out a health insurance policy for the entire period of their stay before their departure. Should they fail to do so, they have to make arrangements for health care upon their arrival in Hungary.

In case you need to see a doctor, it must be determined whether you live in a [1.] dormitory or [2.] on your own.

(1.) Óbuda Student Hostel Dormitory residents can contact Dr. Mária Pintér (dr.pintermaria@gmail.com; +36 1 368 8447) or visit the office at 1035 Budapest, Váradi utca 15/a. On the other hand, residents of Bethlen Dormitory can visit St. Imre Hospital (https://www.szentimrekorhaz.hu/?jjj=1646917991617).

(2.) If you are living in a flat, you are entitled to visit a General Practitioner of any district. As they usually only speak Hungarian, either visit them with your assigned Buddy or go to a public/private hospital. You can find contacts on p. 19, under the heading Hospitals with English-speaking staff.



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TEMPORARY **STUDENT CARD**

As an Erasmus student you will be entitled to receive a temporary student card. It will be issued a few weeks after your registration at the university. In Hungary, it is possible to receive discounts with a valid Hungarian student ID. Students pay reduced fees for public transportation and some cultural events.

The Registrar's Office of your Faculty is going to inform you once it is ready and you will be

able to take it from their office in person. Please take a valid ID/passport with you.

It is an A4 document which should be **kept** with you all the time.

It is valid for 60 days, therefore you will need to renew it during the semester a few days before it expires. You can do it at the Registrar's Office of your Faculty (see on page 8).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Budapest has one of the richest public transportation systems of all European capitals. The faculties can be easily reached using public transport.

We recommend you buy a monthly pass for students once you received the temporary student ID from the faculty. The Monthly Budapest-pass for students is only valid with an active student ID! Controllers are entitled to ask for the student ID next to the monthly pass.

For this reason, always have your Hungarian Student ID with you, as controllers might not accept the European one.

More information about the public transport system in Budapest (timetables, planner, tickets and monthly pass for students): https://bkk.hu/en

You can plan trips and check live schedule on the BKK application called BudapestGO.



CHECKLIST FOR FRASMUS STUDENTS

BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Save the nomination confirmation e-mail
- Look for accommodation
- Start preparing your personal documents (e.g., passport, visa, ID or health insurance) and academic administration (e.g., Transcript of Records, language certificate or motivation letter). Please see p. 11 for more information
- Fill in the registration survey when the link is sent to you
- Send the application documents (p. 11)
- Save the Acceptance Letter and send it to your home institution if needed
- Arrive a few days earlier than the orientation week

UPON ARRIVAL

- Attend the Orientation Week
- Meet your Buddy
- Apply for courses during the course registration period
- Have the Certificate of Arrival/ Attendance signed
- If your place is reserved in the dormitory, sign the contract and fill in necessary papers
- Visit the Immigration Office
- Pick up your Temporary Student Card at the Registrar's Office of your faculty

BEFORE LEAVING AT THE END OF THE STUDY PERIOD

- Make sure that all your grades are entered in Neptun
- Have the Certificate of Departure/ Attendance signed
- Pick up the Transcript of Records from the International Office
- If you lived in a dormitory, hand in the signed Declaration of Moving Out form
- Deregister from the Immigration Office

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USEFUL INFORMATION

LINKS

KRE webpage

https://english.kre.hu/

Spotahome

https://www.spotahome.com/

Embassies in Hungary and Hungarian embassies

https://www.embassypages.com/hungary

Consular Services

https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en

Tempus Public Foundation

http://tka.hu/english

Study in Hungary

http://www.studyinhungary.hu/

About Hungary

https://visithungary.com/

Life and Culture in Budapest

https://welovebudapest.com/en

Budapest Libraries

https://www.budapest.com/city_guide/ culture/libraries.en.html

Copy and Print

https://minicopy.hu/#contact

https://www.copyguru.hu/

Hospitals with English-speaking staff

https://semmelweis.hu/varosmajor/en/health/

https://swissclinic.hu/en/

Public transport

in Budapest:

https://bkk.hu/en/

National Railways:

https://jegy.mav.hu/en

Intercity Buses:

https://menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

104 - Ambulance

105 - Fire service

107 - Police

112 - General emergency service phone number

