

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN



DEBRECEN SUMMER SCHOOL



ACADEMIC COURSES

2015

DEBRECEN, HUNGARY

University of Debrecen



The history of Debrecen's higher education dates back to the 16th century. Calvinist Reformed College, established in 1538, played a central role in education, teaching in the native language, and spreading Hungarian culture in the region as well as the whole country. The College was a forerunner of the Hungarian Royal University, established in 1912. In addition to three academic faculties (arts, law, and theology), the new faculty of medicine was introduced later, and the University soon became one of the regional strongholds of Hungarian higher education. With fifteen faculties organized into three centers and a student body of over thirty thousand, the University of Debrecen is one of the largest institutions of higher education in Hungary. Besides its international recognition and well-proven standard of scientific research and education, the most important asset of the University of Debrecen is its ability to adapt to the changing needs and expectations of the larger society. This capacity makes UD the intellectual center of Eastern Hungary.



Debrecen Summer School

Hungarian Language Courses for Foreigners

Unique among Hungary's similar language institutions, Debrecen Summer School draws upon a great and long-standing tradition. Established in 1927, it has grown to become the biggest Hungarian summer school. Each year more than 1,000 students from 30-40 countries are taught by a team of about 50 experienced instructors who specialize in teaching Hungarian to foreigners. Apart from focusing on teaching Hungarian as a foreign language, DSS is also intent on presenting and disseminating various aspects of Hungarian culture. The cultural programs offered at Debrecen Summer School greatly contribute to the success of the primary task, teaching Hungarian. Our language courses cover all levels of language teaching, from beginners to advanced or even heritage. English or German languages for classroom instruction will be used when necessary in lower level courses. Since 2002, our Budapest branch has been offering courses tailored to the needs of foreigners living, working, and studying in Budapest or its municipal area.



Summer Courses in 2015

19 July – 1 August 2015	2–15 August 2015
Modern Hungary	Unknown Transylvania
Hidden Treasures	Invisible Baggage
Biochemistry	Psychology
Hungarian Cinema	Hungarian Music
	A Tale of Two Cities



Modern Hungary: Hungarian History and Culture in the 19th–20th Centuries

19 July – 1 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

Debrecen Summer School offers a new course to foreigners who are interested in the history and culture, the past and present, of Hungary but whose level of Hungarian is not yet advanced enough to immerse in the topic by using the vernacular. The course has been designed with special regard to those who (might) get into contact with Hungary or Central Europe. Based on the major turning points of the history of our country in the 19th-20th centuries, Modern Hungary provides a comprehensive portrait of the political and cultural events as well as as individual representatives and institutions of nearly two centuries.

TUITION FEE*	EUR	HUF
Tuition (incl. opening reception and farewell party)	450	140,000
For students registered in Hungary		105,000
For students registered in Debrecen		70,000

**Please note that launching thematic courses will require the registration of at least 6 participants.*

Hidden Treasures of Hungary: Natural and Cultural Tourist Attractions in Hungary

19 July – 1 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

The course – which has two major themes – is designed to provide participants with an analytical overview of the unique, though sometimes less well-known, tourism products of Hungary. Students of tourism, tourism professionals, and conscious travelers will have the opportunity to learn about the unrivalled natural and cultural attractions of this Central European country, which would make a holiday in Hungary a real experience. The course will also include site-visits to familiarize participants with the actual attractions and products. During classes and field trips, special emphasis will be placed on the importance of hands-on experience within a context of sustainable development. Major topics will include the changing image of Hungary as a tourist destination; main tourism regions and less well-known destinations; unique tourism products of Hungary; heritage tourism; wine tourism; gastrotourism; spa tourism; ecotourism.

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Molecular Logic of Life: Basic Biochemistry and Glycosylation Analysis of Glycoproteins for the Biomedical Field

19 July – 1 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

The “Molecular Logic of Life” program – which incorporates two major modules – is designed to provide participants with a fundamental knowledge of biochemistry and glycobiology, complemented with an overview of one of the most fascinating areas of biomedical science. The University of Debrecen will offer an opportunity to international students to acquire a deeper understanding of the highly integrated network of biochemical pathways and to have an exciting journey into the field of functional glycomics. Debrecen Summer School is happy to present all this in a truly multicultural international milieu, where you can meet and study with people from more than 30 different cultures.

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For students registered in Debrecen		97,500
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From Merry-Go-Round to The Turin Horse: Communist and Post-Communist Hungarian Cinema

19 July – 1 August 2015

60 classes, 6 credits

Course Description:

The module covers Hungarian cinema from the 1950s to the present. A detailed chronological overview of milestone events will be supplemented by discussions dedicated to a selection of major themes and motifs. Although Hungarian cinema under Soviet dominance and authoritarian cultural doctrines was closely controlled and heavily censored, it was never totally isolated from major European trends. On the contrary, it developed a voice and mode of address that enriched global film culture. Its view of ideological and political struggles, its sensitive insights into the everyday reality of individuals and collectives have made Hungarian cinema an accurate reflection of the country’s recent history and offers a better understanding of the social and cultural tendencies shaping our past and present. In-class screenings of representative films and guest lectures by filmmakers of the younger generation also constitute an organic part of the course.

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Cultural Activities

Cultural and leisure activities are integral parts of course schedules. The activities belonging to the field of folklore such as táncház [dancehouse] and learning folk songs are always very popular. Really adventurous students may even test their skills at the folk-singing contests, which are a regular staple on the schedule of the summer courses. Nights devoted to film screenings feature classics of Hungarian movie history with English subtitles.



Local cuisine is definitely a must on the topic lists of courses aimed at diffusing knowledge of Hungarian culture. In consequence, cafeteria meals at DSS courses are regularly complemented with events of gastronomical interest (e.g. traditional cookouts, BBQs, and cooking competitions). Cooking classes have even been included in the syllabus of certain summer courses. Students attending these classes are guided by experts when they make attempts to prepare the “classic” dishes of Hungarian cuisine.



Learning a foreign language always goes hand in hand with acquiring knowledge of the country where the target language is spoken. Participants of most DSS courses benefit from the opportunity to take one-day bus trips to Hungarian regions and towns of historic, cultural, or ethnographic importance. Guided sightseeing tours in Debrecen help students get to know the venue of their course in depth.



The Unknown Transylvania: Legends and Facts (History, Culture, Literature)

2–15 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

In 2013, Debrecen Summer School will launch an exciting new course in English for international students who wish to learn about the colorful history and the complex culture of Transylvania. We recommend this program to those who find this subject matter attractive but whose knowledge of Hungarian is not sufficient to acquire the relevant information in the vernacular. The main goal of the course is to discuss Transylvania objectively and not with undue sentimentalism and rejection. Our instructors will place special emphasis on the vivid cultural landscape of Transylvania, including the special situation of the present-day Hungarian minority. We will try to contextualize the title of the course and explain why Transylvania is unknown in several respects even for Hungarians themselves. In order to give as comprehensive an overview as possible, we will offer additional cultural programs and take a two-day trip to one of the most beautiful villages in Transylvania.

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Traveling with Invisible Baggage: A Historical and Literary Survey of Travel Writing on/in Hungary

2–15 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

Travel writing has received considerable scholarly attention recently in various disciplines including geography, history, literature, and tourism studies. One of the reasons for the success of the genre is that first-hand accounts can reveal information that is not available from any other source. They provide fascinating insights into the society being described as well as the travelers' cultural background (carried in their *invisible baggage*). The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to the study of travel writing and to foreign travel accounts on Hungary by examining diaries, letters, books, photographs and even recent documentaries. The course is recommended primarily to **history and literature majors** who, besides learning about travel literature, Hungary, and Central-Eastern Europe, will also become equipped with a set of tools enabling them to do research and study similar texts on their own. The course can also be useful for students of tourism, sociology, and cultural studies.

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Clinical Psychology and Testing

2–15 August 2015

60 classes, 9 ECTS credits

Course Description:

The Practice of Clinical Psychology and Testing is one of the most fascinating areas of Applied Psychology. The two-week program is a combination of three courses – *Psychopathology*, *Clinical Health Psychology and Understanding and Applying Psychological Tests* – all of which are in the mainstream, ranging from the theoretical basis to the field of practice. Debrecen Summer School will provide an opportunity to immerse intensively in these aspects of Psychology. We are also happy to offer all this in a truly multicultural international milieu, where you can meet and study with people from more than 30 different cultures.

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Hungarian Music History: The Colorful Story of a Nation

2–15 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

One of the most important Central European countries, Hungary has an impressive history of music, spanning centuries from the Middle Ages to the present. Music has always represented a crucial facet of Magyar identity. The course is designed to present this rich history and highlight its links with various branches of performing and visual arts. The first module will survey various periods of the history of Hungarian music from Gregorian culture through the Renaissance and Baroque to more recent styles including contemporary music. The second module will explore, in detail, various aspects of Hungarian music pedagogy and the influence of the greatest generations of educators.

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A Tale of Two Cities: *DEBRECEN*, the Calvinist Rome and *EGER*, the Stronghold of Christian Europe

2–15 August 2015

60 classes, 6 ECTS credits

Course Description:

This course is designed as a unique *travelling summer programme* and offered for those people who are interested in Central European and particularly Hungarian history from an all-European perspective. While the idea is to revive and understand the events — the Turkish invasion of Europe and the spreading of the Reformation — that changed the course of life and development in this part of the world, students of the course will have ample opportunities to visit historic sites in both Debrecen and Eger and to experience the living heritage of the past in an interactive way.

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Course Structure:

- 3 blocks of classes (3 x 90 min) a day
- examination offered at the end of the course (ECTS credits)

Cultural Activities:

- Hungarian folk nights and gastronomy
- film screening
- guided tour of Debrecen
- weekend excursion

Accommodation and Meals:

- on-campus accommodation
- upon request, we will send you a list of other accommodation facilities in Debrecen
- full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- other dining options: lunch and dinner at nearby restaurants

Course Fees*

	2 weeks
Registration fee (non-refundable)	60 EUR
On-campus accommodation:	
3-bedded room	140 EUR
double room	220 EUR
single room	330 EUR
Full board	220 EUR

Application Deadline: 31 May 2015

To apply, please send us a completed application form
together with two passport photos
and proof of payment of the 60 EUR registration fee.

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