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Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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DEAN'S WELCOME



Dear Future Students,

Why choose Pázmány?

Pázmány is a University of Excellence that offers a marketable diploma of stable value.

Our university is dedicated to innovation and research not only in words, but in practice as well, as the programmes of our Doctoral Schools and the number of projects won and implemented clearly demonstrates.

It is our duty to pay attention to each other and assist one another. At Pázmány our goals focus not only on studying and the diploma—we are there for each other as well, for the community which includes everyone from the doorkeeper to the rector.

The whole university is imbued with the evangelical and joyful spirit of the gospel. Good humour and the joy of living are just as important in our everyday lives as earnestness and responsibility.

Finally, Pázmány Péter Catholic University has the international connections that make it possible for students to gather experience in different academic fields abroad as well.

Rev. György Fodor PhD
Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences





THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our University was founded in 1635 and has been continuously operating ever since. During the Ottoman occupation, Archbishop of Esztergom Péter Pázmány established the university, which proved to be of epochal significance in the history of education and religious culture in Hungary. He was convinced that the university was the only way to guarantee the survival of the nation's moral and intellectual culture under the occupation. The university he founded adopted both his intellectual heritage and his name. The university was moved to Buda from Nagyszombat (now Trnava) by Queen Maria Theresa. In the spirit of the 1848 reforms, the university became a modern and autonomous educational centre. After a short period when its self-governance was limited by the Habsburg absolutism, it regained its previous rights in 1860, and by the beginning of the 20th century it became one of the world's finest universities. In 1921, after the grisly calamities of

World War I and the restrictions imposed on it by the Hungarian Soviet Republic, the Royal Hungarian University of Science in Budapest was once again named after its founder, Péter Pázmány, and it bore his name until 1950. This year the communist state restructured the university and by separating the Faculties of Medicine and Theology, Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences was founded. The Faculty of Theology (still bearing Pázmány's name) and the newly established Faculty of Humanities formed the core of the new Pázmány Péter Catholic University, which was officially recognized and registered by the Hungarian Parliament as a state-accredited university in 1993. In September 1994 the Faculty of Humanities moved from the capital to the nearby site of the former "Perczel Mór" barracks and Russian military camp in Piliscsaba-Klotildliget. New buildings were erected and existing buildings were rebuilt and renovated according to the plans

of Imre Makovecz and his team, the Makona Association of Architects.

Due to the increasing significance of the social sciences, our Faculty was renamed Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences on February 1, 2012. As a result of the resolution of the University Board the former Vitéz János Faculty was integrated into our Faculty as the Vitéz János Centre for Teacher Training on July 1, 2013.

The University currently has five faculties: the Faculty of Theology (Budapest), the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Piliscsaba, Budapest, and Esztergom), the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (Budapest), the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics (Budapest), as well as the Postgraduate Institute of Canon Law (Budapest), which also has faculty status.

LOCATION



1. BUDAPEST

Since September 2012, we have launched courses in Budapest, too. The main location of our Budapest programs is in the 8th district of the capital, in the heart of the old palace district, in the neighbourhood of churches, universities and famous cultural institutions. (Mikszáth tér 1., 1088 Budapest)



2. PILISCSABA

The town of Piliscsaba is located in the north-western part of Pest County, 14 km from Budapest, in the valley between the Pilis and the Buda mountains. The Faculty of Humanities (now Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) was established here in 1994. (Egyetem tér 1, 2087 Piliscsaba)



3. ESZTERGOM

The university building is located in the historical city centre, near the Basilica of Esztergom. The archiepiscopal teacher training institution has been in this building since 1929, and the building itself was inaugurated by Archbishop József Kopácsy on November 3, 1842. (Májer István út 1-3., 2500 Esztergom)

EDUCATION

In 2006, the new Bologna regime with the dual-cycle system (BA, MA) was introduced at the Faculty. Due to this system, the degrees are mutually acceptable Europe-wide, the field of student and teacher mobility is broadening and a competitive and knowledge-based Europe is developing.

At the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, there are over 40 different Bachelor's and Master's degree programs ranging from Hungarian and foreign languages (English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Latin, Arabic, Chinese) to history, art history, philosophy, psychology, sociology,

international studies, translation studies, political science, communication and media.

Next to the BA-MA dual cycle, a new five-year teacher training program was introduced in 2013. At our Faculty, 9 different teaching majors are available: Hungarian, English, German, French, Italian, Latin, history, ethics, media and communication. Each teacher trainee is required to have two majors.

Our full range of degree programs and courses is available in English here:

<https://btk.ppke.hu/en/information-on-studies/courses>

For further information do not hesitate to contact the International Office of the Faculty:

<https://btk.ppke.hu/en/international-office/contact>



Duration

3 years
(6 semesters)

Required Credits

180

PhD

BA

Duration

3-4 years
(6-8 semesters)

Required Credits

180-240

MA

Duration

1-2 years
(2-5 semesters)

Required Credits

60-150

DOCTORAL DEGREES

The faculty offers state-accredited doctoral training programmes in four academic fields: literature, language, history and political theory. The location is Sophianum, in the centre of Budapest.

The Doctoral School of Literary Studies

The workshops of the Doctoral School of Literary Studies build on knowledge provided by MA programmes, but focus on a deeper examination of relevant issues in order to achieve new research outcomes. Literature is examined from theoretical, historical, and cultural perspectives, and students can become thoroughly acquainted with the literature of different eras (e.g. Old Hungarian literature) as well as the literary heritage of different languages (English, Arabic, Hebrew, German, Slavic, Latin, French, Italian, Spanish) while conducting philological, literary historical, comparative and theoretical research. Candidates with a degree from our doctoral schools can pursue a career in academic research groups and in secondary and higher education. The head of the Doctoral School is Prof. László Nagy.

The Doctoral School of Linguistics

The Doctoral School of Linguistics offers doctoral programs in major core areas of linguistics, including syntactic theory, phonological theory, sociolinguistics, Hungarian descriptive linguistics, historical linguistics, classical philology, Arabic Studies, English Studies, Germanic Studies, Romance Languages, as well as applied linguistics, including computational linguistics. While doctoral (PhD) degrees in the majority of fields listed qualify graduates to work in higher education and conduct academic research, PhDs in theoretical linguistics also provide skills that can be marketed in industry and specialised fields such as research development. The head of the Doctoral School is Prof. Katalin É. Kiss.

The Doctoral School of History

The motto of the Doctoral School of History is “he, who knows not his past, has no future.” The school covers a wide range of topics and methodological approaches that enable students to become thoroughly immersed in economic, social, cultural, intellectual, or religious history. Within research workshops, students do research on topics of their choice with the supervision of qualified professors, using primary sources in order to present new findings in the field. In our History of Ideas workshops research on religious history in the Antiquity and the study of religious denominations in the early modern period are conducted from a historical philosophical approach; the study of visual memory and art historical sources is also encouraged. The Head of the Doctoral School is Prof. Ida Fröhlich.

The Doctoral School of Political Theory

The Doctoral School of Political Theory offers a doctoral programme common in foreign countries including Great Britain and the USA that approaches the basics of political theory from two different directions. On the one hand, it builds on the foundations of political philosophy and history of political ideas, on the other hand, it provides some insight into the research methods of the most modern social sciences, such as political sciences, international studies, sociology and communication theory. It provides opportunity for researching recent problems of politics and empirically analysing up-to-date political phenomena. Interdisciplinarity is an important element of the research at the School, including the application of the humanities and social sciences. The head of the Doctoral School is Prof. Balázs Mezei.

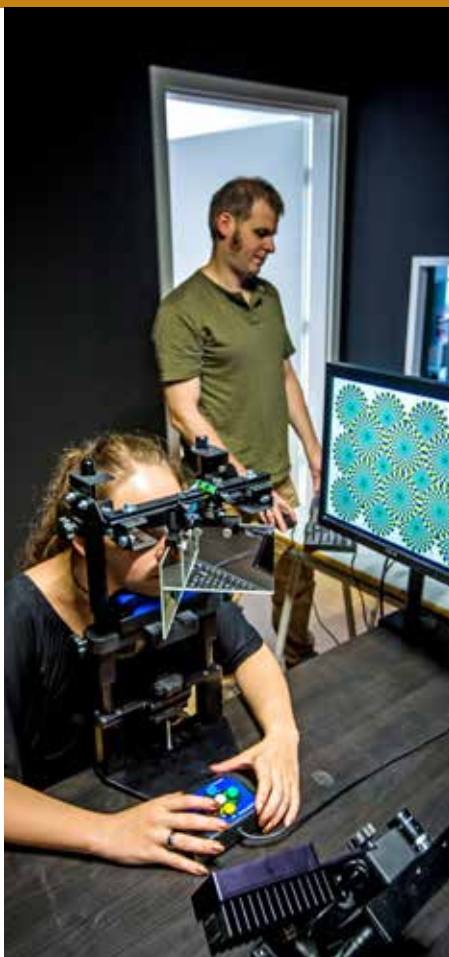


FACULTY RESEARCH

Research at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is linked to all the fields taught in humanities, social sciences and pedagogy. Research activity is conducted partly as individual research of faculty members, partly in research groups, often with the support of grants and scholarships and within international cooperation. The practice of involving students in faculty research is an integral part of training new generations of MA and PhD students. A number of the

research programmes conducted at the Faculty (both individual and group) are funded by the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), and we have a number of teachers who have been awarded the prestigious Bolyai research grants, or who participate in the 'Lendület' programme of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Research opens new perspectives in literature, history and art history, ancient history, orientalism, philology, history

of religions, philosophy, aesthetics, linguistics, archaeology, history of culture, history of ideas and society, sociology, psychology, pedagogy, as well as communication and media. Specialized research is conducted in the framework of the 3D Geoinformatic Laboratory and the Psychological Research Laboratory, in international and local cooperation. For specific areas of research, consult the website of the University.



LIBRARY



The PPCU Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Library is a library of higher education open to the public and maintained by the Church, aiming to serve high standard university instruction and research and providing the readers with reference services. The library functions at several locations, the centre of which is located on the Piliscsaba campus in the Bibliotheca building. Research can be conducted on three floors and eight reading rooms. There are other service centres outside of Piliscsaba to help the work of students and instructors. In Esztergom (Iohanneum) there is a well-stocked reading room and large collection to support the instruction; the off-site collections of the institutions and departments can be found in Sophianum in Budapest on Mikszáth Kálmán square. In the building in Budapest on Tárogató street students can ask for the assistance of the instructors and coordinating managers when borrowing books. The qualified librarians are ready to answer queries concerning the library collection, loans and other sources of information, either in person, by email or phone.

Our library holdings consist of around 300,000 volumes which are regularly increased by Hungarian and foreign books. Access to the collection is made easy by an online

catalogue. Some of the older collections can be searched by a card catalogue. There are 210 contemporary journals received annually. Numerous domestic and foreign subscriptions to licenced online academic databases are available with which the texts of several thousands of journals can be fully accessed through the faculty network or by signing in from a distant location.

The library regularly updates its services. The qualified staff can provide information about the Faculty collection and the domestic and international library system, providing assistance in finding the necessary academic sources, giving useful advice about the search methods and the use of databases. The coordinating managers can provide information about the off-site collections of the departments.

Library homepage: <http://btk.ppke.hu/konyvtar>



TRADITIONS AND PROGRAMS

Pázmány Day

At the ceremony organised in honour of Péter Pázmány, the founder of our University, Pázmány Awards and PhD degrees are awarded.

Fresher picnic

First meeting before the fresher camp!

Fresher camp

A three-day-long camp for the first year students. In the fresher camps of our Faculty we arrange civilised and creative programmes, and provide useful information for collegiate life. An opportunity to get acquainted with one another and PPCU.

Opening Party

The first feast of the academic year brings students back to the university life after the summer holiday. Before the Opening Party, there is an Information Day, where students can receive the most important information about the University.

Freshers' Ball

The celebration is dedicated first of all to the first-year students of the University, the Freshers. It's an elegant ball with live music and opening dance.



Pázmány Cultural Talk Show

The monthly Pázmány Cultural Talk Show aims at organising informal talks with such public figures, artists, and athletes who, due to their particular situation or work, may lend a fresh perspective to the students with their reflections.

Pázmány Park

This event draws the largest crowd to the campus at Piliscsaba evoking the atmosphere of former May Days and Pázmány on the Move events in the Pilis. There are usually competitions between the different departments, as well as cooking together and music and sporting events.

Faculty Football Championship (Campus Cup)

The championship runs the whole academic year. The best teams can play against each other the whole day long!

Department Evenings and Trips

Most Departments organise so called Department Evenings and Trips every year that provide perfect opportunities to get to know their professors and fellow students.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The number of study trips by our Faculty members and students is increasing, due to the diverse and long-running exchange programmes.

Other six to twelve month long programmes offer similar international experience abroad within a dual training system at the end of which students can receive an international MA diploma in French language and culture and also in International Studies. We are waiting for the decision of the European Commission in August 2016 concerning the Erasmus Mundus joint proposal of our university, submitted together with the Catholic University of Leuven and Goldsmith University in London, for launching a joint Translational Behavioural Science MA programme. Studying is possible in all three of the partner universities within the framework of the international MA programme, primarily for students of psychology. Each year, through the Erasmus+ Programme nearly a hundred students can spend at least one semester at some of the most famous universities in Europe, such as the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universität Heidelberg, and Radboud University Nijmegen. We cooperate

with more than 120 partner institutions under the aegis of the Erasmus+ Mobility Programme and the number of our partners is growing year by year.

Pázmány Péter Catholic University is also actively involved in the CEEPUS Programme (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies), which is a network of exchange programmes for Central European HE institutions. About 30 students may study for a certain period through CEEPUS at Jagiello University (Krakow), Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj) and Palacky University (Olomouc), and other HE institutions. The University used to be a member of the International Research Universities Network (IRUN) until 2016. The aim of the network was to maintain and deepen partnership between universities, run student exchange programmes, create scholarship opportunities and joint research programmes, hold academic conferences and joint BA and MA level courses. With the dissolution of the network our university continues to support partner relationships under the Excellence Programme.

Our partnerships are gradually spreading to overseas as well:

we have close collaboration with universities like the South Dakota University and Saint Louis University in the United States, Hangzhou Normal University in China, and Soochow University in Taiwan.

In the autumn semester of the 2015-2016 academic year, we received 60 foreign students participating in the above mentioned programmes, and expect the same number next semester, too. Many of our visiting foreign students say they have chosen Pázmány on the recommendation of those who returned home after a semester or two at our Faculty. According to them, the returning students recommend our Faculty partly because of our teachers' quality, partly because of the variety of the programmes arranged by the International Office.

For further information on our programmes and partnerships, please visit our website:

<https://btk.ppke.hu/en/international-office>



UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

The University Chaplaincy is an integral part of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Its activities may be divided into two large areas: our regular weekly programs and our annual special events. The Christian Student Circle (Szósz) is a group of volunteers under the auspices of the Chaplaincy. Members meet each week and organise a number of events open to all students. One of our annually held events is "Route 56", a youth pilgrimage held as a commemoration of the events of 23rd October 1956. Participants walk from Csobánka to Esztergom

at night. During Advent, we organise a gift pack collection, gifts are sent to orphanages in Transcarpathia, Transylvania and the Bacska region of Serbia.

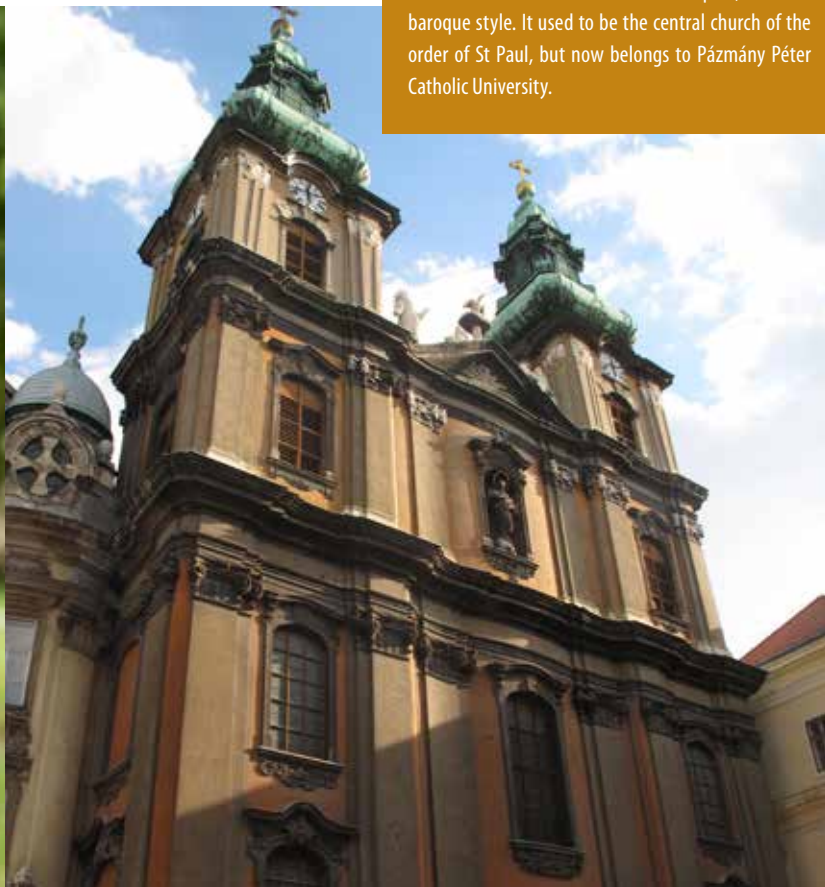
Students may participate in the Tuesday evening meetings organised by Father Feri Pál, join the different self-knowledge and skills-developing groups, take part in the devotion circle or charity work.

Confirmation or preparation for marriage in small groups is also available.

With the help of our professional colleagues, we offer

pastoral care in topics concerning conduct and religious life, improvement of spiritual, mental and physical well-being, and cultivation of human relations.

Ferenc Pál
university chaplain



The University church, or Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1715-1742) is a Roman Catholic church in the fifth district of Budapest, built in baroque style. It used to be the central church of the order of St Paul, but now belongs to Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

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