

Szent István University (SZIU), Hungary's flagship **life sciences university** consists of 8 different faculties for studies and research hosting nearly 15,000 students. The University campuses, located throughout the country, are home to some beautiful buildings in Hungary, offering students and staff a comfortable, relaxing environment for the attainment of knowledge. With parts of its history dating back well over a century, SZIU blends Hungary's rich traditions with cutting-edge technology to meet the needs of its students in today's competitive labour markets.

Within the eight faculties, **degree programs are offered in a wide variety of subjects** ranging from natural and environmental sciences, food engineering, horticulture, landscape architecture and mechanical engineering to business economics, social sciences, civil engineering and health sciences. **Programs are available at every level from vocational training, through BSc, MSc courses to PhD and beyond.** SZIU understands the importance of internationalization and promotes a variety of international activities. We have always been making great efforts to expand our international relations outside Europe, to strengthen the existing cooperation with foreign universities as well as to join the scholarship programs supported by our or other governments. With partners on almost every continent, SZIU students and staff can operate on a global scale to gain and share the essential knowledge for success in the globalized world. In addition to the courses offered to the Hungarian students, the University have launched **several BSc, MSc and PhD programs in English** as well.

The **main campus** is located in Central-Hungary, in Gödöllő, which is approx. 25 km from the capital, Budapest. The campus can be reached easily and is situated in a pleasant, green environment. The **dormitories on campus** offer services of 3-star hotels, therefore the students can be accommodated in comfortable and modern rooms. The various associations and organizations of students contribute to an active student life on campus. The sport center and the recently renovated football fields provide several sport facilities to the youth.

SZIU has established a **widespread corporate network** with national and multinational companies located in the country or beyond the borders to allow the students to spend their internship at well-established businesses to gain practical experience before entering the labor market.

Some of our strengths which can give a more precise picture about our institution:

- SZIU is devoted to carry out good quality research. Two of our faculties have been awarded the national title of **“Research Faculty”** by the Hungarian Government - our **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences** are among the four faculties that had received this title throughout the whole country.
- The **location** of SZIU is unique. It is close to Budapest providing a vivid cultural life with a lot of possibilities for partying while it has all sorts of good facilities you can only find in the countryside.
- **High rank governments’ personnel** have always been appointed from our Alumni. There are ministers in Hungary, Vietnam, Thailand, and in Mongolia who graduated at our University.
- One of the associate professors of the SZIU, namely **Zoltán Somogyi** at the **Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**, is the member of the **IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)** team that has been awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize in 2007**.
- We employ several **nationally and internationally acknowledged professors and members of the Hungarian Academy of Science** who ensure the high quality of education and research projects as well.
- There are **10 Doctoral Schools** at SZIU which provide numerous possibilities for studying for those who wish to get a PhD in veterinary science, animal husbandry, crop production, biology, management and business administration, environmental science, mechanical science and regional science.
- **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering** is a prominent institution providing highly qualified professionals for the multinational companies of the automotive, transportation, aerospace and agriculture industries.
- Based on the professional knowledge of lecturers and the share of teachers holding PhD titles, the **Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences is ranked nr. 2 in the country** among the business faculties.
- According to a statistical survey of a monthly business magazine, **the graduates of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences entering the job market receive the highest salary** compared to the graduates of other universities.
- Based on the achievements in the field of education and science, the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences was awarded the **Higher Education Quality Award** by the Ministry of Education in 2013.
- In the year 2013, SZIU won the **International Cooperation Culture** award out of 72 higher education institutions for carrying out excellent student exchange projects and programmes.
- Based on the recent statistics, the **ratio of international students** at SZIU is **9,6%**, that raised our university to the top 4 universities with the most international students in Hungary.