

Program Highlights 2007

Innovative Outreach

US Ambassador to Hungary April H. Foley led a delegation of Embassy, Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center, and Debrecen American Corner personnel to the 9th Annual Goulash Festival in Szolnok. Tens of thousands of people attended the Festival, with hundreds stopping by the US tent to pick up materials and ask questions.



Working with US Institutions

Barry McCarty, Dean of Enrollment Services, Lafayette College, PA led a workshop on “Applying for American Universities” at Fulbright EAC in Budapest.



Serving the Underserved

During International Education Week, US scholarship and study opportunities were introduced by EducationUSA advisers to students from Hungary, Serbia, Kosovo, Romania, and Albania enrolled in the Roma Access Program at the Central European University in Budapest. In Pécs, American Corner Director and staff offered an information session for Gandhi Roma High School students.

Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ Institute of International Education (IIE) European Office
- ▶ Hungarian National Student Association (HÖÖK)
- ▶ International Relations Offices of Hungarian Universities
- ▶ Kempelen Farkas Student Information Center (HIK) of the Ministry of Education and Culture

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	831	735
Total number of center inquiries (including webhits):	10,518	12,144

# Hungary

## Advising Center Network

The Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center in Budapest offers the full range of advising services for students from all over the country. Other centers located in the major university cities of Debrecen, Pécs, Szeged, and Veszprém serve as regional centers for the local student communities.

## Recent Trends: US Study ↓ -11.6%

- ▶ Enrollments from Hungary have been in decline due to ongoing higher education reforms associated with the Bologna process, attractive student mobility schemes within Europe, and the limited number of scholarships to the US.
- ▶ With Hungary joining the Bologna Agreement, more and more students wish to continue their studies in the US at the Master’s or Ph.D. level.
- ▶ While business and law continue to be among the most popular fields of study, there is growing interest in computer science, international relations and engineering as well.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: swimming, water polo, tennis, basketball, and volleyball.

## Resource Links

Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center: [www.fulbright.hu/advising](http://www.fulbright.hu/advising)  
 Ministry of Education and Culture: [www.okm.gov.hu](http://www.okm.gov.hu)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor’s Degree)
Language of instruction:	Hungarian; bilingual schools offer education in English, German, Spanish or French	Hungarian; limited number of programs available in English
Years of study required:	4 years (grades 9 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> ) 6 years (grades 7 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> ) 8 years (grades 5 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> )	BA: 3 years – 180 credits MA: 2 years – 120 credits Ph.D.: 3 years – 180 credits
Grading system & US equivalent:	jeles (5) – outstanding jó (4) – good közepes (3) – average elégséges (2) – pass elégtelen (1) – fail	5 – outstanding (A) 4 – good (B+/B) 3 – average (B-/C+) 2 – pass (C) 1 – fail (F)
Scholarship for US studies:	Scholarships are only available in a very limited number	· Undergraduate scholarships by HAESF and Kellner Foundation · Graduate scholarships by Fulbright, HAESF, Calasactius Programs

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Special information seminars will continue throughout the year at FEAC Budapest, and will address topics related to sports scholarships, MBA, computer science, and other fields of interest.
- ▶ A large-scale Scholarship Fair during International Education Week 2008 is planned to bring together a group of organizations, and institutions administering international scholarships and exchange opportunities.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Hungary

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Hungary to discuss specific project ideas for 2008/09, and their involvement as guest speakers and/ or co-organizers, especially in the March-May or September-November timeframe.

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