

3/2026 (April 28) Amendment to the Dean's Directive on the Admission Procedures for Foreign-Language Programs Offered to Foreign Nationals or Individuals Who Do Not Hold a Hungarian High School Diploma as Part of the Institutional Admission Process at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Pécs

In accordance with the Government Decree No. 423/2012 (December 29) on the Higher Education Admission Process, as well as Appendix No. 7/c to the Organizational and Operational Regulations (hereinafter: PTE SZMSZ) of the University of Pécs (hereinafter: the University), which is entitled "Regulations of the University of Pécs on the Admission Procedures for Foreign-Language Programs Offered to Foreign Nationals at the University of Pécs," (hereinafter: Regulations) and took effect on November 7, 2025, I hereby establish the following regulations governing the admission procedures for programs taught in a foreign language at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (hereinafter: the Faculty) - which are advertised for foreign nationals or individuals without a Hungarian high school diploma - for applicants who have applied and/or been admitted through the institutional admission process:

I. Purpose of the Directive

1 § The purpose of this directive is to establish - pursuant to the authorization granted by the Regulations—the detailed rules governing the admission procedures for programs offered at the Faculty to foreign nationals and conducted in a foreign language, including, in particular, the names of the programs offered to students admitted through the institutional admission process, (both in Hungarian and in the language of the program), the level of the program, the language of instruction, the schedule, the application requirements, the basis for and amount of application fees, the exact application deadlines, the list of documents to be submitted with the application, the rules for submitting missing documents, the admission requirements and a description of the entrance exam, as well as specific regulations regarding the reimbursement of tuition fee.

II. Scope of the Directive

2 § (1) The scope of this directive extends to applicants and students of foreign-language programs advertised to foreign nationals or individuals who do not hold a Hungarian high school diploma, who have submitted an application and/or been admitted through the institution's admission process, as well as to the Faculty's instructors and staff who participate in the implementation of the tasks outlined in this directive.

(2) The scope of this Directive extends to the conduct, in accordance with the University's own procedures, of admission processes for programs taught in a foreign language that are advertised to foreign nationals or individuals who do not hold a Hungarian high school diploma.

III. The Concept and Content of Programs Offered in a Foreign Language to Foreign Nationals or Individuals Who Do Not Hold a Hungarian High School Diploma

3 § (1) Foreign nationals who hold citizenship of a foreign country or a high school diploma issued outside Hungary may apply for programs advertised to foreign nationals and conducted in a foreign language.

(2) For programs advertised to foreign nationals and conducted in a foreign language, applications are submitted through the University of Pécs's central, unified online platform and must be initiated as part of the institution's own admission process; this means that applications for admission are not processed through the central admission procedure of the Office of Education (Oktatási Hivatal), but rather through the University's own admission process.

IV. Names, Levels, Languages of Instruction, and Schedules of the Programs Offered by the Faculty

4 § The Faculty announces the following programs taught in a foreign language, which are open to foreign nationals or individuals who do not hold a Hungarian high school diploma, through an institutional procedure:

(1) Preparatory course(s):

(a) Hungarian Language Courses: Preparatory Courses (Hungarian-language preparatory programs) where the language of instruction is Hungarian—with English as the medium of instruction—and the program is full-time.

(2) Bachelor Programs:

(a) BA in Archaeology (Régészeti alapszak); the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(b) BA in Liberal Arts (with specializations in Art History, Classical Studies, Film and Visual Studies, and Philosophy) (Szabad bölcsészet alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(c) BA in Communication and Media Science (Kommunikáció- és médiatudomány alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(d) BA in English and American Studies (Anglisztika alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(e) BA in Germanic Studies (Specialization: German as Ethnic Minority Language (Germanisztika

alapszak (német nemzetiségi)) — the language of instruction is German, and the program is full-time.

(f) BA in Germanic Studies (Specialization: German Studies (Germanisztika alapszak (német)) — the language of instruction is German, and the program is full-time.

(g) BA in Hungarian Literature and Linguistics (Magyar nyelv és irodalom alapszak) — the language of instruction is English/Hungarian, and the program is full-time.

(h) BA in International Relations (Nemzetközi tanulmányok alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(i) BA in Psychology (Pszichológia alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(i) BA in Pedagogy (Intercultural Educational Assistant) (Pedagógia alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(k) BA in Romance Philology and Cultures (Specialization in French Studies) Licence en philologie romane (Spécialité d'Études françaises) (Újlatin nyelvek és kultúrák [francia] alapszak) — the language of instruction is French, and the program is full-time.

(l) BA in Romance Philology and Cultures (Specialization in Italian Studies) Filologia romanza e cultura neolatina BA (Specializzazione in studi italiani) (Újlatin nyelvek és kultúrák [olasz] alapszak) — the language of instruction is Italian, and the program is full-time.

(m) BA in Romance Philology and Cultures (Specialization in Spanish Studies) (Lenguas y Culturas Neolatinas, especialidad en Estudios Hispánicos) (Újlatin nyelvek és kultúrák [spanyol] alapszak) — the language of instruction is Spanish, and the program is full-time.

(n) Bachelor of Arts in Romology (Roma Studies) (Specialization in Boyash language and culture / Specialization in Romani language and culture) (Romológia alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(o) BA in Social Work (Szociális munka alapszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(3) Master's Programs:

(a) MA in Adult Education (Andragogy) (Andragógia mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(b) MA in Aesthetics (Specialisation in Classics) (Esztétika mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(c) MA in American Studies (Amerikanisztika mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(d) MA in Archeology (Régészet mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(e) MA in Balkan Studies (Balkán-tanulmányok mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(f) MA in English Studies (Anglisztika mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(g) MA in History (Történelem mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(h) MA in Human Ecology (Humánökológia mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(i) MA in Human Resources Counseling (Emberi erőforrás tanácsadó mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

- (j) MA in International Relations (Nemzetközi tanulmányok mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (k) MA in Psychology (Pszichológia mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (l) MA in Social Policy (Szociálpolitika mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (m) MA in Social Work (Szociális munka mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (n) MA in Sociology (Data Analytics) (Szociológia mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (o) MA in the Instruction of English as a Foreign Language (Angol nyelvoktató mesterszak) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (p) MA in Cultural Heritage Studies (Kulturális örökség tanulmányok mesterszak) - the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

(4) Doctoral programs:

- (a) PhD in British, Irish, and American Literatures in English (Brit, Ír és Amerikai Irodalomtudományok Program) (Doctoral Program in Literary and Cultural Studies / Irodalom- és Kultúratudományi Doktori Iskola képzése) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (b) PhD in Educational Sciences (Educational theory, history and sociology, romology) (Oktatástudományi Program) (Education and Society Doctoral School / Oktatás és Társadalom Neveléstudományi Doktori Iskola képzése) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (c) PhD in International Politics (Nemzetközi Politika Program) (Interdisciplinary Doctoral School Program / Interdiszciplináris Doktori Iskola képzése) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.
- (d) PhD in Psychology (Pszichológia Program) (Doctoral Program in Psychology / Pszichológia Doktori Iskola képzése) — the language of instruction is English, and the program is full-time.

V. Requirements for Application

5 § (1) Applications for the programs are submitted through the University of Pécs's central, unified online platform at <https://apply.pte.hu> (hereinafter: the Platform).

(2) The application process:

- (a) registration on the Platform,

(b) uploading the required documents to the Platform, such as

- an application form completed electronically and accompanied by a photograph,
- a letter of motivation in English or in the language of the advertised program,
- a resume in English or in the language of the advertised program,
- a document certifying language proficiency that meets the admission requirements,
- a document certifying educational attainment that meets the admission requirements,
- a statement regarding medical condition and the results of medical examinations.

(3) The application period for programs starting in September runs from December 15 to June 15; for mid-year programs, it runs from September 15 to November 30.

(4) The deadline for submitting any missing documents required for the application is July 20 for programs starting in September and November 30 for programs starting in the mid-year semester. If the documents specified in subsection (2)(b) have not been submitted by the deadlines, an admission decision cannot be issued for the applicant; the applicant may request that their application be rescheduled for the admission period following the relevant one.

(a) An exception is made for the submission of a high school diploma at a later date, which is permitted if the applicant completes their studies during the application period, provides official documentation certifying the completion of their studies, and specifies the expected date of issuance of the diploma. The Admissions Committee for the relevant program will decide whether to accept this. The high school diploma certifying graduation must be uploaded to the application portal the day after it is received, and the original document must be presented no later than the time of enrollment.

(5) The deadline for applicants to pay tuition is August 1 for programs starting in September, and December 5 for programs starting mid-year. In case of late payment, an admission decision cannot be issued; the tuition will be refunded or carried over to the next admission period.

VI. Amount of the Procedural and Tuition Fees, and the Rules for Reimbursement

6 § (1) As part of the admission process, the Faculty requires applicants to pay an application fee of 140 euros. Without paying this fee, an applicant may not participate in the admission process, and their application will not be accepted.

(2) The application fee is non-refundable.

(3) The Faculty Council (Kari Tanács) sets the tuition fee by September 30 of the year preceding the admission process, and the Faculty publishes it on the online platform called Dream!Apply, as well as on the University's (<https://international.pte.hu/studyprograms>) and the Faculty's (<https://btk.pte.hu/en/full-time-studies-international-students>) websites. The applicant's admission decision may be issued only after the payment of the application fee has been completed.

(4) During the registration period, admitted applicants must submit a request in the academic system (hereinafter: AS) to indicate their intention to begin their studies at the Faculty in the

relevant semester. However, if, after submitting the application for enrollment via AS, the applicant fails to submit the original, signed, certified enrollment form by the last Monday of September for programs starting in September, or by the last Monday of February for programs starting mid-year, then they

a) are entitled to a reimbursement of 60 percent of the tuition fee paid for one semester; if the dean verifies the existence of exceptional circumstances, the amount to be reimbursed may be increased, on an equitable basis, to up to 80 percent of the tuition paid,

b) are entitled to a reimbursement of 80 percent of the tuition fee paid for two semesters; if the dean verifies the existence of exceptional circumstances, the amount to be reimbursed may be increased, on an equitable basis, to up to 90 percent of the tuition paid,

(5) An applicant who has been admitted but has not submitted an enrollment application by the end of the registration period, and

a) if the program begins in September, by August 31; if the program begins mid-year, by January 31; and if the preparatory program begins mid-year, by December 31, the student must notify the institution in writing of their intention to withdraw; the student is entitled to a reimbursement of 90 percent of the tuition paid for the first academic year,

b) in the case of a program starting in September, by September 30; in the case of a program starting mid-year, by the last day of February; and in the case of a preparatory program starting mid-year, by January 31, notifies the institution in writing of their intention to withdraw, then they

ba) are entitled to a reimbursement of 60 percent of the tuition fee paid for one semester; if the dean verifies the existence of exceptional circumstances, the amount to be reimbursed may be increased, on an equitable basis, to up to 80 percent of the tuition paid,

bb) are entitled to a reimbursement of 80 percent of the tuition fee paid for two semesters; if the dean verifies the existence of exceptional circumstances, the amount to be reimbursed may be increased, on an equitable basis, to up to 90 percent of the tuition paid,

c) gives written notice of their intention to withdraw after 30 September for a program commencing in September, or after the last day of February for a program commencing in the spring semester, shall not be entitled to request a refund of the tuition fee paid for the first semester. If tuition fees have been paid for two semesters, the applicant shall be entitled to request a refund of the tuition fee paid for the second semester. In the case of a preparatory program, an applicant who gives written notice of their intention to withdraw after 30 September for a program commencing in September, or after 31 January for a program commencing in the spring semester, shall not be entitled to request a refund of the tuition fee paid.

d) is unable to commence their studies through no fault of their own may be granted an extension of up to one academic year to submit their application for enrolment in person. In this case, the tuition fee paid shall not be refundable.

(6) Applicants admitted to Hungarian-language preparatory programs are required to pay a textbook fee, which is charged together with the tuition.

VII. The Admission Process

7 § (1) The entrance exam may be taken in person (at the Faculty's main campus or branch campus) or via a designated online platform (such as MS Teams, DreamApply, or Moodle) on the date and at the time specified by the Admissions Committee.

(2) Only faculty members or administrative staff employed by or under contract with the Faculty may participate in the entrance examination.

(3) The entrance exam consists of an oral exam. The purpose of the entrance exam is to assess the applicant's suitability for higher education, as well as their language proficiency, attitude, and motivation. Admission scores are calculated based on the oral exam, the applicant's professional motivation, and documents verifying educational attainment; the examiner also evaluates the applicant's suitability and English language proficiency.

(4) During the admission process, an applicant may receive a total of 10 points. The scoring system/evaluation criteria:

a) Educational attainment: maximum score: 2 points

b) Professional motivation and language proficiency: maximum score: 2 points

c) Interview: maximum score: 6 points

d) Bonus points may be awarded upon official verification of professional activities or achievements related to the field of study (competition results, publications, work experience, etc.): maximum: 3 points

(5) The two members of the Admissions Committee appointed by the director of the institute or the department chair shall decide whether to admit or reject an applicant based on the scoring system described above.

During the admission process, the minimum requirements are that the applicant

a) scores more than zero points on each of the evaluation criteria, and

b) achieves a total score of at least 6 points.

(6) The entrance exam may also be conducted using an online video call or a video recording service. Before the entrance exam, the members of the Admissions Committee must verify the applicant's identity by having the applicant present a valid form of identification. If a candidate's identity cannot be verified due to the video's image quality, or if there is doubt regarding the candidate's identity, the Admissions Committee will suspend the entrance exam and make a decision based on its findings. The use of outside assistance during the entrance exam is strictly prohibited; if there is any suspicion of such use, the Admissions Committee will suspend the entrance exam and decide on an investigation of the matter.

(7) It is mandatory to prepare an exam record or a report regarding the entrance exam.

(8) The applicant must be notified of the admission decision via the Platform; the admission decision will be sent to the applicant's email address.

(9) An applicant may seek judicial remedy against the admission decision.

(10) The admission decision may be made based on the documents uploaded by the applicant to the application portal, even without the applicant taking an entrance exam, if

a) the uploaded documents, certifying the applicant's educational attainment, do not meet the admission requirements for the given program, and/or

b) the authenticity of the documents uploaded by the applicant cannot be verified.

c) the applicant was previously a student at the department or institute offering the program.

(11) Only applicants who have language proficiency at least at the CEFR B2 level in the language of the given program may be admitted, except the MA and PhD programs offered by the Institute of English Studies, for which proof of CEFR C1-level proficiency is required. The University publishes a list of language proficiency certificates it accepts on the international.pte.hu website.

(12) Applicants who have completed the University's preparatory courses are subject to the admission requirements outlined in this directive. They are expected to meet these requirements, and documentation of language proficiency also applies to them.

(13) In the case of applicants to English-language programs, if their application is rejected, they may be offered the opportunity to enroll in the University's preparatory program.

(14) The Faculty shall not refer admitted applicants to the medical examination organized by the University if, based on the completed medical condition statement and the documents submitted by the applicant, no reason would justify that.

VIII. Implementing provisions

8 § (1) For matters not covered by this directive, the provisions of the Regulations and Government Decree No. 423/2012 of December 29 shall apply.

(2) This directive shall enter into force on April 29, 2026 in accordance with the Regulations, provided that its provisions shall apply to applications for programs announced from the 2026 - 2027 academic year onwards.

(3) This Directive shall enter into force on September 25, 2026, and shall amend Directive No. 3/2026 (April 28), adopted on April 29, 2026.

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