

PASSPORT





SOPRON – CITY OF LOYALTY:

With its thousands of years of history, magnificent inner city, distinct monuments, wonderful natural environment, subalpine air, and vibrant cultural and festival life, Sopron is one of the most important tourist centres in Hungary and a vital cultural hub of the region. The academic and intellectual values the University of Sopron's faculties espouse are intertwined with the city's long history, its historical, landscape, and cultural values, and its wide range of offered programmes, which all come together to create a distinct and colourful university life.

The city's preserved architectural treasures from past masters, melodies from the immortal geniuses Haydn and Liszt, traditional customs, and a historic wine culture all complement each other exquisitely; while the protected heritage values of the Sopron Mountains and the Lake Fertő /Neusiedl Cultural Landscape come together to form a harmonious union.

The honours and recognition the city has received in the fields of science and art, the famous annual VOLT Festival, the distinguished university conferences, and the unique student traditions all add to the city's allure.



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



Charles III established the Training School for Mining Officers in Selmecbánya

1735



The Kindergarten Association of Sopron (Gyermekkert Egylet) started the first kindergarten educator course

1874



The Hungarian Division at the University of British Columbia in Canada established

1956



Kindergarten teacher training at advanced level started

1959



The Institute of Applied Arts established

1994



1918 / 1919
Migration of the Hungarian Royal Mining and Forestry Academy to Sopron

1808

Establishment of the Academy of Forestry



1957
Timber Industry Engineering training launched



1992
Establishment of the Institute of Economics and Business Management Development



2017
Reestablishment of the University of Sopron with four faculties

ALEXANDRE LAMFALUSSY FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Tourism and Catering

BA | 6 semesters + 2 semesters internship | English

This undergraduate programme aims to train foreign language-speaking economists in the field of tourism and hospitality. You will be able to implement tasks related to tourism and hospitality as well as manage and organize related work processes. You will also possess a sound knowledge of economics, social theory, applied methodological, and specialized knowledge. You will be skilled in determining factors affecting demand, creating attractive and adventurous offers, and organizing related service activities.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Finance, Accounting, Statistics, Marketing, Geography of Tourism, Tourism Management, Hotel and Event Management, Gastronomy, Tourism Law, Project Management, History of Tourism, Foreign languages, etc.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Hotels and tourism companies, travel agencies, management of restaurants, wellness, health-tourism, cultural heritage, eco-tourism, hotel and catering, destination-management, multinational corporations, consulting firms, etc.



International Business Economics

BA | 6 semesters + 2 semesters internship | English

This discipline provides you an extensive understanding of international markets and teaches you to manage cross-border transactions that support business development. You will learn how business is conducted in an international environment and discover the links between international business management and the financial, technological, political forces affecting the world economy.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Finance, Corporate Economics, Business Planning, HR Management, General and Business Law, Management, Intercultural Management, Finance, Marketing, Corporate Finances, Business Informatics, World Economics, etc.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Trading and logistic companies, multinational corporations, consulting firms, diplomacy, international services, etc..



International Economy and Business

MA | 4 semesters | English

This master programme is tailor-made for students with a related bachelor degree. We offer you a broad perspective on the business domain. You will gain insight into all major disciplines related to International Business Economics

and Management, including Business Economics, Strategy, Human Resources Management, Marketing, Corporate Finance and Accounting.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Advanced Economics, Quantitative Decision Methods, International Political Economy, Business and Globalisation, World Economy, Economic Sociology, International Law, International Finances, etc.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Middle/higher level division leader, prospect company leader, diplomacy, researcher, analyst, academic career, multinational companies, financial and service institutions, consultancy, media expert, political fields, etc.

PhD in Management and Organisational Sciences

PhD | 8 semesters | English

The goal of this programme is to give marketable knowledge in the field of management and organisational sciences. This knowledge assures independent scientific work in research institutions and as a teacher or researcher for university faculties.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Depending on the programme: e.g. Introduction to Research Methods, Theoretical Issues of Economics, Computerised Data Analysis, Quantitative Methods and Decision-making, Leadership and Organisation, International Accounting, etc.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Academic positions, teaching, research institutes, etc.



BENEDEK ELEK FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY

Educational Sciences

MA | 4 semesters | English

The programme objective is to prepare highly competent educators and to enhance the quality of education in the diversifying contexts of a globalized world. The programme offers both theoretical and practical skills across a wide selection of topics in the field of education. Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to specialize in two optional areas: 'Early childhood education' or 'Sustainability and Society'. The training introduces students into the theoretical, methodological, and practical aspects of early childhood education and care. The courses also offer specific skills and basic competence in English language acquisition in the kindergarten. In addition, they focus not only on general questions and the methodology of early childhood education, but also on children's literature, the development of language skills and communication, and the current issues of bilingualism and multilingualism.



MAIN SUBJECTS: Pedagogical research, International education systems, Education models and paradigms, Pedagogical anthropology, Neuropedagogical research in education, Innovation in pedagogy, Children's culture, Environmental education, Sustainable communities – pedagogical aspects, Chapters in Evolutionary Psychology

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: education, research, government, NGOs

Early Childhood Pedagogy

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

The training introduces students into the theoretical, methodological, and practical aspects of early childhood education and care. The courses also offer specific skills and basic competence in English language acquisition in the kindergarten.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Children's Literature
- › Childhood Traumatization and Its Consequences
- › Cross-Cultural Communication-Tandem Course
- › Early Childhood Pedagogy
- › English in the Kindergarten
- › English Language Improvement Seminar
- › History of Childhood
- › Institutional Practice I-II.
- › Integrated Language Skills
- › Kindergarten Pedagogy
- › Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in Europe
- › Project Pedagogy
- › The Practice of Bilingual Education
- › The Theory of Bilingualism



FACULTY OF FORESTRY



Environmental Engineering

MSc | 4 semesters | English

The programme objective is to train environmental engineers with up-to-date scientific, ecological, engineering, economic, and management knowledge to enable them to identify and assess the existing and potential environmental threats, to prevent or reduce environmental damage, and to prepare and manage damage control projects.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Natural Sciences; Economics and Humanities; Environmental engineering knowledge; Specialization provided by the training institute

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Industry, environmental and other authorities, NGOs, etc.

Nature Conservation Engineering

MSc | 4 semesters | English

The programme objective is to train nature conservation engineers to plan, organize, and manage general and special nature conservation tasks at an international level. You will vindicate nature conservation principles and regulations efficiently through the application of acquired theoretical knowledge.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Nature Conservation; Law; Administration and Leadership; Research Planning, Project and Competition Management; Communication and Pedagogy; Professional Practice

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: National parks, zoological parks, research, education, government, NGOs

Forestry and Wildlife Management

PhD | 4 + 4 semesters | English

The Doctoral School has eight programmes which encompass all the branches and interfaces of forestry and wildlife management sciences. It is the only doctoral school in Hungary where all the personnel and material conditions are provided for an independent doctoral school in these areas of science.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Determined by the research field

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Education, research, government, NGOs, etc.



FACULTY OF WOOD ENGINEERING AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Timber Industry Engineering

BSc | 7 semesters | English

As a graduate of the programme, you will lead the production of engineering structures (furniture, windows, doors, other wooden products) by utilizing and designing wood or wood-based materials. You will be expected to construct and organize the investments of mechanically, structurally, and technologically complex structures, respecting the natural and human environments. This study programme enables you to assume an active role in future technical developments in the timber industry and to further your education by entering a master programme.



MAIN SUBJECTS: Professional Knowledge (Wood Science, Sawmill Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Operation and Maintenance, Board and Panel Production, Furniture, Door, and Window Manufacturing, etc.). Natural Sciences, Economic and Human Knowledge

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Primary and secondary processing industries of wood (sawmills, furniture factories, wood construction companies, etc.). Production management, wood trading, quality management, operating engineer, wood construction, logistics, wood protection, etc.

Timber Industry Engineering

MSc | 4 semesters | English

The goal of this study programme is professional training in wood processing technologies and utilization. You will achieve a high-level theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the technical, environmental, and financial aspects of wood utilization, processing and product development.

MAIN SUBJECTS: Professional Knowledge (Wood Science, Sawmill Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Operation and Maintenance, Board and Panel Production, Furniture, Door, and Window Manufacturing, etc.). Natural Sciences, Economic and Human Knowledge

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Primary and secondary processing industries of wood (sawmills, furniture factories, wood construction companies, etc.). Production management, wood trading, quality management, operating engineer, wood construction, logistics, wood protection, etc.

Wood Sciences and Technologies

PhD | 4 + 4 semesters | English

You will receive strong theoretical, research methodology and scientific backgrounds, and complete your research individually, with some guidance from your supervisor. Supervision is offered by the top experts and wood scientists in Hungary. As a doctoral graduate of the University of Sopron, you will not only have strong theoretical backgrounds, but also be a very practical scientist as well

MAIN SUBJECTS: Research Methodology, Writing Scientific Publications, Applied Mathematics, Wood Sciences, Wood Processing Technologies and Creative Design, Wooden Constructions, Fibre- and Nanotechnologies, Informatics in Wood Industry, Management in Wood Industry

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Higher education (university lecturer, researcher), research institutes, companies of the forest-based industries with R&D activity, etc.

Architecture Design and Theory

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

The training introduces you to the practical questions of architectural design and urban planning. The courses also offer qualified thinking on design methodology, general planning, as well as the history and theory of architecture. Focusing on topical challenges, the training also involves computer-aided architectural design (CAAD), and enhances parametric design skills.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Design Theory
- › Computer Aided Design
- › Parametric Design
- › Comprehensive Architectural Planning – Architectural Studio
- › Contemporary Architecture
- › History of European Architecture
- › Regenerative Architecture
- › Art Studies – Sculpture
- › Architectural Design
- › Optional Design – Interdisciplinary Team Project



Industrial Design

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

The programme aims to train and educate creative people capable of designing and producing high value-added artifacts that take sustainability criteria into account. Graduates of this programme acquire knowledge and skills in aesthetics, design, engineering, technology, and marketing, which allows them to flexibly and efficiently meet new economic challenges. Between competencies gathered throughout the program, you will find project management, teamwork, a holistic approach in product design and development, design of material processing technologies, product manufacturing, object modeling, visualization and simulation, and concept generation and screening.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Contemporary Furniture design
- › Design Communication
- › Design Methodology
- › Ergonomics
- › Furniture Design
- › Historical Furniture Styles
- › Integrated Product Design
- › Packaging Design
- › Rapid Prototyping – 3D printing

Interior and Furniture Design

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

Interior design skills unify the perspective of an architect with the perspective of a furniture designer. Students gain skills of building materials, the application of textures, and interior structures through the rearrangement of spaces and furniture design. Semiotics of advertising is also part of the training.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Interior Architecture
- › Optional Design – Interdisciplinary Team Project
- › Furniture Design
- › Computer Aided Design
- › Parametric Design
- › Art Studies – Sculpture
- › Sacred Architecture
- › Semiotics of Advertising

Art and Design

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

Design thinking in an other way: the aim of the training is to introduce students to drawing and sculptural practice, and understand the development method of product design. The courses also offer an introduction into modeling technology and practical skill development. Our philosophy is that design is not just the activity of creating functional and technological ingredients, but also social liability and cultural quality regarding sustainability.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Art studies - Drawing
- › Art studies - Sculpture
- › Design communication
- › Industrial Design – research and practice
- › Eco-design
- › Object and environment design-research and practice
- › Modeling
- › Product ergonomy

Craft and Design

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

Realise your ideas in material! The mission of the course is to promote the aesthetic and technical development of traditional materials such as wood and

ceramics and to help foster creative skills. Focusing on the relationship of traditional and modern technologies, semantics, and function. The courses also offer introduction into modeling technology and practical skill development.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Art studies - Drawing
- › Art studies - Sculpture
- › Design communication
- › Craft and Design – research and practice
- › Form studies
- › Object and environment design – research and practice
- › Design without boundaries
- › Social science and art



Timber Industry

PART-TIME STUDY PROGRAM

The goal of this study programme is a professional training in wood processing technologies and utilization. Achieving a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the technical, environmental, and financial aspects of wood utilization, processing and product development.

COURSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS:

- › Wood modification
- › Wood based construction technology
- › Bonding and surface treatment of wood
- › Nondestructive testing of wood
- › Controlling the wood dust hazards
- › Model making by laser technology
- › Furniture design

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



Zsolt HODGYAI
TIMBER INDUSTRY
ENGINEERING BSC

"I became the first in a competition organized by the Belarusian State Technological University. The award was a recognition of my work and a serious feedback that I am on the right path.

I think the most important thing was thoroughness and precise work. During the research, I paid attention to every detail and tried to rule out every mistake, one of the most important steps was a thorough literature search.

The most important thing I learned at the University of Sopron is the engineering mindset. My experience so far is that it can be applied effectively in most areas of life. In terms of career, though, it gives me the opportunity to work as a researcher or even as a development engineer. I haven't decided yet which path to take, but the opportunity is here."

I was able to implement what I have studied with regard to not only the knowledge I gained while attending the university, but to the technical skills I mastered, as well.

I believe to have gained a unique experience which, together with my university studies, I can take advantage of within my career in the future, however, currently I am planning on continuing my studies to further widen my horizon."



K. M. Faridul HASAN
CZIRÁKI JÓZSEF DOCTORAL
SCHOOL OF WOOD SCIENCES
AND TECHNOLOGIES

"Currently, I am working to explore novel routes of green chemistry and sustainable bio-composite materials manufacturing for automotive, aeronautical, marine, structural, and building applications.

Upon successful completion of my PhD research, I want to engage myself as a research scientist either in university or research organizations or manufacturing industries-based on eco-friendly composite production. The acquired academic qualification and research experience at University of Sopron will immensely help me for developing a bright, successful, and prosperous career."



Dorka NEMÉNY
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY
AND BUSINESS MA

"I participated in the 35th National Scientific Student Conference, where I won the section 'World Economy – European Union', and received the award released by the Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates for my work of maximal score.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Minimum language requirement level of English is B2. In case you have a different certificate, please refer to this conversion table:

Conversion table for language certificates to common european framework of reference for languages:

Certificate	B2	C1	C2
IELTS	5.0–6.0	6.5–7.5	8.0–9.0
TOEFL IBT	72–94 (TOTAL) 18–23 (READING) 17–21 (LISTENING) 20–24 (SPEAKING) 17–23 (WRITING)	95–120 (TOTAL) 24–30 (READING) 22–30 (LISTENING) 25–30 (SPEAKING) 24–30 (WRITING)	NA
TOEFL ITP	543	627	NA
Cambridge	CAE 45–59, FCE GRADE B	CPE 45–59, CAE GRADE B, C; FCE GRADE A	CPE GRADE A, B, C; CAE GRADE A



INTERNATIONALISATION

Our university's leadership places great importance and emphasis on the acceleration of our institution's internationalisation. We currently offer 20 accredited foreign language courses within the four faculties in economics, agriculture, engineering, and pedagogy. Participation in the Erasmus+ programme is essential to achieving our internationalisation goals. International learning mobility (KA1) helps modernisation as an engine of quality

development, and partnerships (KA2) result in educational and research collaborations supporting innovation and the exchange of best practices, which are the initiators of publications, know-how, training development, and improved professional and linguistic skills. In connection with its goals of internationalisation, the University of Sopron continuously promotes the principles of environmental awareness, equal opportunities, and social responsibility.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Our university has more than 200 Erasmus+ KA103 connections in different subject areas, and the number of students, lecturers, and administrative staff participating in the programme is over 200 people per year. Erasmus+ KA107 partnerships in support of international credit mobility are encouraged in the strategic field of forestry and timber industry education, primarily to provide teacher and student exchanges in our long and valued partnerships outside the

EU. As part of the CEEPUS exchange programme, six of our networks offer faculty and student scholarships to outbound and inbound exchange participants. Our students also take advantage of the scholarship opportunities offered in the Campus Mundi programme available for studies and internships, thanks to which they can travel to almost any part of the world and gain intercultural, professional, and linguistic experience as well as build strong relationships.



BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Botanical Garden of the University of Sopron is over 100 years old and is home to more than 4,000 plant species. Unlike traditional botanical gardens, Sopron's was established to support and supplement forestry education; consequently, it is mostly a collection of woody plants. Thanks to Sopron's climate, which is more balanced than the rest of Hungary, our garden is home to evergreens that do not survive elsewhere in the country due to climatic conditions, such as Siberian larch (*Larix sibirica*) and the country's tallest and largest Coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*). Outstanding pine trees include *Abies homolepis*, *Abies holopylla*, *Pinus ayacahuite*, *Pinus coulteri*, *Pinus parviflora*, *Sequoia giganteum*, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, *Torreya nucifera* among others. A total of 134 protected plants find a home in our garden, including purple cyclamen (*Cyclamen purpurascens*), white helleborine (*Cephalanthera damasonium*), and Carpathian crocus (*Crocus heuffelianus*), to mention but a few. When they bloom, these plants create colourful spectacles within the garden. The lake in the upper garden presents Hungarian marsh flora. In addition to the beautiful and well-

known white water lily (*Nymphaea alba*), there are a number of protected and less-known plants such as *Menianthes trifoliata*, *Acorus calamus* and





Trapa natans. In the double-winged greenhouse, you can enjoy a cactus collection and a collection of Mediterranean plants throughout the year. At the same place, we give place to various plant physiology and plant biology experiments of the university. The garden has rich bird fauna; over 130 species of birds live here,

13 of which are protected. We have placed hundreds of bird boxes, feeders, and drinkers around the garden, all of which offer excellent birdwatching opportunities. Last but not least, there are countless monuments in the garden, indicating that historical changes of the past century have all left a mark here.



LIBRARY

Central Library

The Central Library of the University of Sopron is a public higher education library. Through its conventional and electronic services and resources, the Central Library and its member libraries ensure and provide the material needed for university education, learning and research, information provision, lifelong learning preparation, and effective time investment. The collection exceeds 300,000 library units. The main collection circles include: forestry, wood industry, geodesy, wildlife management, economics, pedagogy, arts and related disciplines, and the literature of border areas.



CULTURE

Ürmös Folk Dance Group of Sopron

Since its foundation in 1983, the Ürmös Folk Dance Group has taken on a decisively strong community-forming role among students. Dance is a language that can help to develop acquaintances and life-long friendships. The increasing appreciation of folk dance and folk music plays a key role in conserving traditions.



SPORT LIFE

Sports and athletics have a 150-year history at the University of Sopron. Students have been able to test their skills and strength in many sports (e.g. basketball, handball, football, orienteering, skiing); the organisational framework is provided by the Sopron University Club for Athletics and Football (SMAFC), and the venue is the Krasznai Ferenc Sport Hall. Students organise the highly successful 'Raging Cup' championship in several sports (football, basketball, volleyball) Sports and recreation opportunities at the university include: basketball, volleyball, aerobics, five-a-side football, swimming, badminton, squash, and Nordic walking. The University Sports Office organises and conducts sports opportunities and events.



PROGRAMS IN SOPRON

Sopron Festival Weeks

With more than a half-century of history behind it, Sopron Festival Weeks is one of Sopron's biggest art festivals. An over month-long series of events featuring contributions from local artist and art groups awaits visitors. During this time, theatre performances, outdoor programs, fairs, folklore performances, church concertspop music concerts, outdoor concerts in the city's squares, programs for children, and art and crafts exhibitions fill the squares and courtyards of the historical downtown.

Wine Festival Sopron

The series of events take place on Várkerület. This festival traditionally celebrates the local wines and outdoor concerts in the town's squares. More than 20 local winemakers, culinary delights, artisan spirits, honey, marmalades, and a craft fair await visitors.

Outdoor Music Performances and Street Music Festival

Dozens of local and Sopron-related bands and musicians perform at the most spectacular sites within the city.

Telekom VOLT Festival

Organised and held annually in Sopron since 1993, the VOLT Festival is one of Hungary's biggest music festivals, offering a wide range of rock, electronic, world, jazz, and many other forms of music at multiple locations. Many famous international artists and musicians perform at the festival, which attracts an ever increasing array of international (mainly Eastern and Western European) visitors each year.

ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES IN SOPRON

Lóvér Adventure Park

With 120 obstacles, the Adventure Park's ropeways offer you exciting challenges and unforgettable experiences. Between completing the two courses, you can enjoy a game of table tennis with your friends. Dozens of game elements and a ropeway with more than 100 obstacles await the visitors in the 4 hectares of forest park. <http://loverkalandpark.hu/>

Búgócsiga Akusztik Garden

You will find art and entertainment in Sopron's colourful and bustling cultural club, Búgócsiga Akusztik Garden. The club hosts weekend and night events ranging from concerts to film and jazz clubs, craft fairs, book presentations, children programs, and exhibitions.

Hangár Music Garden

The Hangár Music Pub is a dance and night club that organises concerts in a wide variety of music styles.

Gázfröccs

With an atmosphere that is similar to Budapest's famous ruin pubs, this venue offers a public space where people can gather and have fun. The concept was to create a welcoming atmosphere where visitors can enjoy their afternoon coffee, hamburger, pizza, or beer with their friends.



DORMITORIES



In Sopron, we offer student accommodation in three building complexes.

Student accommodations in Sopron:

- › Student Hotel in Ady Endre Street: 352 people
- › Student Hotel in Baross Street: 495 people
- › Dormitory in Ferenczy János Street: 116 people

The university's three dormitory complexes offer accommodation with varying degrees of comfort, but all options, from individual single room to double or triple occupancy apartment rooms, offer sophisticated design. All enrolled students are provided with dormitory accommodation, which is an extraordinary offer in a heavily-touristed city like Sopron. The university can also provide accommodation for disabled guests. The student hotel restaurant located in the University Botanical Garden offers good dining options for guests.





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