

Study information
on student obligations related to
Hungarian as a foreign language and culture (MID) course
for *Stipendium Hungaricum* students

I. The aim and content of *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture (MID) course*

- (1) The aim of the *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* course is to support the integration and prosperity of foreign students receiving the scholarship in Hungary, as well as to promote his / her attachment to Hungary.
- (2) To this end, the course is primarily aimed at facilitating the communication of foreign students in Hungarian, with special regard to the development of oral and written communication skills.
- (3) Student obligations related to the MID course shall apply starting as of academic year 2020/2021, the non-fulfillment of which shall result in the reduction or withdrawal of the living allowance for the student.
- (4) The MID course does not affect student status.
- (5) The MID course is provided by the Language Teaching Centre of the University of Miskolc and consists of four hours a week for two semesters with a complex examination concluding the course.

II. Target group of *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course*

- (1) Students establishing student status with the University of Miskolc by joining the *Stipendium Hungaricum* (henceforth SH) programme are required to participate in the *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture (MID) course* and to meet the academic and outcome requirement of the course in the first two semesters of their studies. Students transferring to the SH programme are to meet the academic and outcome requirement of the course in the autumn and spring semesters following the conclusion of the SH scholarship agreement.
- (2) MID training is compulsory for the first year SH students participating in
 - a) Bachelor studies
 - b) Master studies
 - c) one-tier Master programmes
 - d) targeted preparation,
 - e) as well as students transferring from a fee-paying to an SH programme, in the first and second semesters following the conclusion of the SH scholarship agreement.
- (3) Compulsory participation in a MID course does not apply to a student who
 - a) participates in partial studies, doctoral programmes and specialization, as well as in Hungarian language preparatory training;
 - b) who participated in school-based Hungarian language training in his /her sending country or in a Hungarian language preparatory training organized within the framework of the SH programme;

- c) as a SH student, he / she has already completed the two-semester course at another study level (e.g. Bachelor);
- d) does not have a language certificate but can prove equivalent Hungarian language competence before the higher education institution (Language Teaching Centre of the University of Miskolc);
- e) can prove it with a document (either issued in his / her home country or in Hungary) that they have a learning disability to learn a foreign language (dyslexia, dysgraphia, etc.).

In the case of the students named in Point (6), the exemption from the compulsory MID course is decided in accordance with the rule of procedure of the Language Teaching Centre laid down in Section IV.

III.

Criteria for the payment of living allowance, extent and cases of possible reduction

(1) A student participating in the SH programme who proves that he / she has attended the two-semester MID course and passed the examination until August 31 of the given academic year is entitled to the living allowance provided for in Section 2.2 of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Agreement.

(2) Until 31 August following the second semester, the student must notify the institutional SH coordinator (Secretariat of the Vice Rector for Scientific and International Affairs) of the fulfilment of the requirements set out in Point (1), who shall issue a certificate of completion. The certification form is included in Annex 1.

(3) In the absence of the certificate, the SH scholarship holder will receive a reduced living allowance from the following academic year.

(4) A student who has attended the course (obtained a signature and a practical grade) but has missed the examination or has not passed the examination shall re-sit the examination in the following academic year. If the re-sit examination is passed, the student will again be entitled to a full living allowance.

(5) A student who does not fulfil his / her language learning obligation and therefore receives a reduced living allowance but enters a new scholarship study level may obtain full living allowance in case he / she resumes studies in the two-semester MID course funded by the Tempus Public Foundation.

(6) The reduction of the amount of the living allowance due to the non-completion of the language learning obligation is specified in Section 3.2 g) of the General Conditions of the SH Scholarship Agreement, which provides that until the student passes the MID course, his /her scholarship is reduced from the second year as follows:

- a) in case of missing classes HUF 0 / month,
- b) attending classes but missing or failing the examination, HUF 30,000 / month.

The reduction of the scholarship due to the non-completion of the language learning obligation does not affect the additional provisions of the student of the SH programme.

IV. Procedural rules for exemption from taking *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* course

(1) As the host higher education institution, the University of Miskolc draws the attention of the scholarship holder participating in the SH programme to the obligations of learning *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* and the consequences of non-completion when signing the scholarship agreement. (2) The student is exempted from the obligation defined in II. (1) by an exemption decision issued by the Language Teaching Centre.

(3) The decision on exemption shall be issued by the Language Teaching Centre if any of the cases (b) to (d) apply.

(4) In order to issue an exemption decision, the student shall submit an application for exemption to the Language Teaching Centre on the form provided for this purpose (see Annex 2). On the grounds of exemption, the application shall be accompanied by one of the following documents certifying

- a) a state-recognized language certificate in Hungarian as a foreign language,
- b) participation in school-based Hungarian language training in the sending country,
- c) participation in a Hungarian language preparatory course announced within the framework of the SH programme,
- d) completion of a two-semester Hungarian language course already at another study level (e.g. Bachelor)
- e) Hungarian language competence issued by the Language Teaching Centre (see Annex 3),
- f) a learning disability to learn a foreign language.

(5) The deadline for submitting applications for exemption is the first school week of the first semester started but no later than 25 October.

The Language Teaching Centre shall issue a decision on the applications for exemption within three working days after submission.

Annex 1

Certification of completion of *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* course

As the institutional coordinator responsible for *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* (MID) course, I certify that / name / / neptun code / of the student of the Faculty of..... of the University of Miskolc completed the two-semester MID course announced by the Language Teaching Centre of the University of Miskolc in the academic year of/..... and passed the examination on

Miskolc, 20..

Place of stamp

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signature

Appendix 2

Application for exemption from *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* course

I, the undersigned / name / / neptun code / of the
..... student of the Faculty of..... of the University of
Miskolc, submit a request to the Language Teaching Centre to be granted an exemption from
Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course. In support of the application, I submit

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To provide proof, I attach the following document:
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Miskolc, 20..

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signature

Annex 3

Certificate of Hungarian language proficiency required for exemption from *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* course

As the institutional coordinator responsible for *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* (MID) course, I certify that / name / / neptun code / of the student of the Faculty of..... of the University of Miskolc has the Hungarian language competence required for exemption from the two-semester MID course announced by the Language Teaching Centre of the University of the University of Miskolc.

Miskolc, 20..

Place of stamp

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Annex 4

Statement of understanding the information on *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* (MID) course

I, the undersigned / name / / neptun code / of the student of the Faculty of..... of the University of Miskolc, declare that I got acquainted with the content of the information about *Hungarian as a foreign language and culture* (MID) course and I acknowledge what it covers.

Miskolc, 20..

signature