

**Information on the student obligations related to the course of Hungarian as a foreign language and culture**

(to the website)

From the 2020/2021 academic year on, SH students participating in non-Hungarian language programmes must take the course Hungarian as a foreign language and culture (henceforth MID course) in the first and second semesters of their studies in Hungary. Failure to comply with the language learning obligation will result in financial penalties for the monthly living allowance. The MID course and the related costs are provided by the Language Teaching Centre (IOK) of the University of Miskolc at the expense of the SH grant awarded to IOK.

Completion of the MID course is compulsory for the following students:

- a) first-year Bachelor students
- b) first-year students in a master's programme
- c) first-year students in a one-tier master's programme
- d) students participating in targeted preparation
- e) students transferring from a fee-paying to a scholarship programme, in the first and second semesters of the scholarship programme.

The following students are not required to complete an MID course:

- a) participants in partial studies;
- b) participants in doctoral programmes;
- c) participants in Hungarian language preparatory training;
- d) participants in a specialization;
- e) those who participated in school-based Hungarian language training in their sending country or have at least a basic (B1 level, state-recognized complex) language certificate;
- f) who previously participated in a Hungarian as a foreign language SH preparatory training preparing for higher education studies in Hungarian;
- g) SH scholarship holders who have already completed the compulsory two-semester course in Hungarian as a foreign language and culture at another level of education and certify the completion of the course by having a grade ;
- h) those who, although they do not have at least a basic language certificate, can prove their equivalent language competence in the higher education institution into which

they are enrolled; - the higher education institution decides at its own discretion whether to exempt these students from completing an MID course;

- i) students who 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.).

Exemption from completing the MID course is decided by the Language Teaching Centre in an exemption procedure. In order to initiate the exemption procedure, the exemption application form provided by IOK shall be duly completed and the necessary certificates attached.

**The consequences of failing to prove the completion of the MID course:**

In order to receive the living allowance, the scholarship holder must prove that he / she has attended the two-semester MID course and passed the examination by submitting proof to the SH Office of the Department of Scientific and International Affairs until August 31 of the given academic year at the latest. Failure to provide information on this fact will result in a reduced living allowance for the scholarship student from the following academic year.

If a student receiving a reduced living allowance due to the failure to fulfil his / her language learning obligation enters a new level of education still receiving an SH scholarship, he / she will be entitled to a full allowance again upon completion of the MID course.

In the event of non-compliance with the language learning obligation, the amount of support will be reduced as follows:

- a) by failing to attend classes for HUF 0 / month until the end of the scholarship (the maximum number of missed classes is regulated by the Academic and Examination Regulations of the University of Miskolc);
- b) attending classes but missing or failing the examination, HUF 30,000 / month until passing the examination.