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**STUDY GUIDE**  
**FOR THE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS OF THE NURSE AND PHYSIOTHERAPIST PROGRAM**

*2022/2023*

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**ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2022/2023**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Autumn) semester:**

**Education period:** 05.09.2022-10.12.2022  
**Examination period:** 12.12.2022-28.01.2023  
**Repeat examination period:** 30.01.2023-04.02.2023  
**Winter break:** 24.12.2022-02.01.2023 (School is closed. No exams.)  
**Holidays:** 01.11.2022, 26.12.2022

**NEPTUN course registration period:** 29.08.2022-18.09.2022

**Exam registration period:** 28.11.2022-03.02.2022

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Spring) semester:**

**Education period:** 06.02.2023-13.05.2023  
**Examination period:** 15.05.2023-24.06.2023  
**Repeat Examination period:** 26.06.2023-01.07.2023  
**Spring break:** 06.04.2023-11.04.2023  
**Holidays:** 15.03.2023, 01.05.2023, 06.06.2023

For other important dates and deadlines, please check the relevant Info Sheet posted on the Faculty website!

## STRUCTURE OF STUDIES

In the academic year 2022/2023, first year students follow the Suggested Study Plan of University of Szeged, Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Studies.

In order to obtain the Nurse BSc or Physiotherapist BSc diploma, students need to acquire a minimum of 240 credits (by fulfilling the study and examination requirements of the subjects listed in the suggested study plan). In the final year, students, furthermore, have to complete the Final (State Board) Examination which consists of writing and defending a thesis, passing a complex written test, taking a practice exam (theoretical and practical part) and an oral theoretical exam.

The order of taking the courses is set in the suggested study plan which is designed for completing Nurse or Physiotherapist studies within 8 semesters (4 years). **It is highly recommended to take the courses according to the Suggested Study Plan.**

**Types of courses:** Compulsory Courses, Elective Courses, Criteria Subjects

***Credits to be acquired, the disciplines leading to the qualification and the areas of specialization from which the course is structured:***

### Nurse BSc study program:

Fields of Sciences	Credits	Semesters
Natural Sciences	9	1-2
Social Sciences	5	1-4
Nutrition Sciences	4	3-4
Pharmacological Sciences	4	3-4
Humanities	9	1-3
Basic Health Sciences	19	1-3
Applied Health Sciences	38	1-7
Nursing Sciences	92	1-8
Theoretical and Clinical Medical Sciences	18	4-7
Emergency Medical Sciences	10	4-7
Preparing Thesis	20	3-8
Elective Subjects	12	1-8
Criteria Subjects	0	Hungarian Language (1-7), Physical Education (suggested 1-2)

### Physiotherapist BSc Study program:

Fields of Sciences	Credits	Semesters
Nursing Sciences	7	1-3
Nutrition Sciences	4	3-4
Pharmacological Sciences	2	3
Natural Sciences	7	1-2
Humanities	8	1-3
Social Sciences	11	1-7
Basic Health Sciences	15	1-3
Applied Health Sciences	34	1-7
Theoretical and Clinical Medical Sciences	19	5-7
Physiotherapy and Motion Sciences	69	1-7
Preparing Thesis	20	4-8
Professional Practice	32	4-8
Elective Subjects	12	1-8
Criteria Subjects	0	Hungarian Language (1-7), Physical Education (suggested 1-2)

## MAIN GUIDELINES AND EXPRESSIONS

**Compulsory Subject:** It is obligatory to take the subject.

**Contact hours:** Contact hours are the units of time required for a teacher to present subject material and to assess a student's performance. Contact hours include lectures, seminars, practical demonstrations, consultation hours and assessment.

**Course registration chances:** Students can register for a course 3 times: 1 first course registration, 2 Examination Course („only exam”). In accordance with the new Higher Education Act in Hungary, the maximum number of course registration chances is tied to the maximum number of **repeat** exams in that particular subject, which is 5.

**Course requirement:** The course requirement defines the precondition of a certain course. The course requirement can either be a **subject** or an **examination requirement**. In case of the subject requirement, a course can be signed up for only if the examination defined in the course requirement has been completed successfully. In case of the examination requirement, the examination of a course can only be taken if the examination defined in the course requirement has been completed successfully. Course requirements are indicated in the respective Study Plan.

**Credit:** Credits are standard measurement of a student's accepted study time. One credit equals thirty hours of study time.

**Credit transfer:** Credit transfer is a procedure accorded by the Academic and Examination Regulations of the University of Szeged, whereby a partial or full exemption can be given from completing one or more subjects by acknowledging previously completed subjects and thereby awarding the appropriate number of credit points.

**Criterion Subject:** The completion of criteria subjects (Physical Training and Hungarian Language) is a precondition for receiving the diploma after finishing the final year. Criteria subjects have no credits assigned to.

**Elective Subject:** There is a given number of credit points that has to be acquired. One can choose freely from the subjects offered in the Faculty and in other faculties of the University of Szeged; however, it is strongly recommended to follow the Study Plan.

**Examination chances:** Students have 3 chances to sit for an examination in one examination period (a fourth chance might be granted as an exceptional permission by the Dean of the Faculty).

**Under the present Higher Education Act, an examination in a certain subject can be taken 6 times during the entire course of studies (1+5 repeated examinations)!**

The University automatically terminates the student's status after 6 failed examinations in a certain subject!

**Examination course or „Only Exam”:** If one cannot pass an examination successfully in the semester given, the examination can be repeated in the next examination period if the Department concerned announces it in the given semester and if the student gets permission from the Academic Board. This means that the student will be exempted from fulfilling the requirements of the semester, classes of the subject do not have to be attended. An examination course can be taken twice in a certain subject.

**Incomplete courses can be taken as examination courses only if the examination has been failed (grade 1) at least once.**

**Suggested study plan:** The order and scheduling of subjects offered to students enabling them to obtain qualification within a specified period of time.

Further details are available in the relevant Info Sheet posted on the website of the Secretariat of International Programs.

**SECRETARIAT OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS** (Registrar's Department for International Students.)

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**Reception hours:**

**Monday: 9:30 – 11:30 13:30-15:30**  
**Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 13:30-15:30**  
**Wednesday: Morning: CLOSED**  
**Afternoon: 13:30-15:30**  
**Thursday: Morning: CLOSED**  
**Afternoon: CLOSED**  
**Friday: 9:30 – 11:00**

**It may sometimes occur that we have to close during reception hours because of official meetings.**

Before or after reception hours in urgent cases please write an e-mail or make a phone call!  
We do our best to answer them as soon as possible.

**STUDY PLANS ARE AVAILABLE here:**

Nurse BSc: <http://www.etszk.u-szeged.hu/english/in-english/nurse>

Physiotherapist BSc: <http://www.etszk.u-szeged.hu/english/in-english/physiotherapist>

## REQUEST

Permissions regarding postponement, exam chances or special requests can be given by the Head of the relevant departments, the Academic Board or the Dean. The requests have to be handed in at the Secretariat of International Program or have to be handed in Modulo. Request forms can be found on our website, please use them: <http://www.etszk.u-szeged.hu/english/for-current-students/forms>

**If you write a request without using the forms, please follow the guideline below:**

**From:** *your name*

**To:** Angelika Szatmári Head of Nursing Department, College Associate Professor or  
Mária Barnai PhD Associate Professor, Head of Physiotherapy Department or  
Edina Berta Héderné PhD Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Studies

**Date:** *today's date*

Dear Professor,

I am .....(your name) a.....th year student of Nurse BSc / Physiotherapist BSc ...

State your problem!

Be short and to the point!

State your request!

Attach supporting documentation!

Yours sincerely,

your name

## SHORT GUIDE TO STUDENT LIFE – SOME BEHAVIORAL, MORAL AND CULTURAL PRINCIPLES

You are entering now the group of people who have taken the hard job of helping other people and giving care and cure to people in need for centuries.

You, as

nurses / physiotherapists of the future, need to meet the requirements of the society concerning not only your knowledge and skills, but your behavior as well. In order to reduce the cultural shock you are facing the **below guideline** might help you to catch a glimpse of the most important behavioral, moral and cultural principles.

**Greetings:** The first thing we have to mention is greeting other people. All around the world people show respect and interest towards other people by greeting them. In Hungary we greet not only the people we know but also on entering a building (e.g. an educational building or a clinic); we first greet the receptionist sitting in the entrance hall and then the doctors, nurses, other health workers, and the cleaning staff. When entering a clinical ward or a consulting room we greet the patients, too. Patients, doctors and especially university teachers should not be greeted with Hello or Szia, but you should show respect towards them by greeting them appropriately either in English (e.g. Good morning! or Good afternoon!) or in Hungarian (e.g. Jó reggelt kívánok! or Jó napot kívánok!).

**How to behave in class:** In Hungary you should always be on time for class. In certain cultures you can be late for a meeting but in Hungary if the class begins at 10.00 it means ten o'clock sharp. So do not be late. If you are late because of some very important reason, do apologize to your teacher.

- In Hungary students are not allowed to speak to each other in class during the lectures or seminars, if you have a question to the teacher, please, raise your hand and when the teacher calls you, you can ask your question. This is also how you can show respect towards your teachers and also towards your fellow students by not disturbing them in listening to the lecture.
- Always keep your classroom/lecture hall tidy after leaving it. Put your seat back to your desk and throw your litter into the dustbin.
- In our country it is **not accepted to eat or drink in class**. You should also not go out during the lecture or seminar to the restroom or to smoke a cigarette. You are going to be Nurses / Physiotherapists so you must be able to control yourselves, as in your future job it is not acceptable to leave the patient during examination or treatment. So satisfy these needs in the breaks between classes. When you visit the toilet, please, keep in mind that you should keep and leave these common rooms in a condition that is acceptable for others visiting it after you. Always flush the toilet after use and try to keep it clean and do not forget to wash your hands afterwards.
- Another issue is **cheating**. In many cultures it is highly forbidden, you can be dismissed from school for it, while in other cultures they think it is not such a huge offence. But when you want to cheat always keep in mind that you are going to be nurses / physiotherapists, respectful members of the society. A respectful person would never cheat. On the other hand, think of your future career: you will have to decide about the future, the health or probably the life of human beings. Will you have the possibility to cheat in a situation like that? We think you will have to base your decisions as a nurse / physiotherapist on the firm and thorough knowledge that you acquired during your studies.
- Please always make sure to wear **formal attire at oral examinations**. In Hungary university students usually wear black and white clothes at exams. Men: smart trousers, collared shirt with tie. Women: blouse or smart top, smart-casual trousers or skirt, smart dresses. Dress and skirt lengths should not be overly short or long. In general, your dress must conform to the health and safety regulations of the University. This is to protect both the patient and yourself.

**How to behave out of class:** Do not forget that you are going to be nurse / physiotherapist students, so try to behave accordingly when you leave the walls of the university, when you go out with your friends. Please, refrain yourselves from making a lot of noise in the streets and any other public places, and keep in mind that you are representing a quality and well-known institution, so please behave accordingly.

**Cultural differences:** We know you are here from various countries with various cultural backgrounds, and therefore, your cultures are likely to differ to a great extent. When some people go to your country as tourists, they are expected to accept and follow certain rules. As you are now in Hungary, you should accept the cultural customs we have here. In our culture it is not accepted to eat with our bare fingers in a restaurant and we do not burp in the company of others. Also, we would like to recommend the use of paper tissues in case you catch a cold.

Finally, men usually let women and older people go first when approaching a door, or keep the door open for them.

We hope that nobody is offended by reading these principles as we would like to make you enjoy the time spent at our renowned university with the maximum benefit and the minimum difficulty caused by misunderstanding or improper behavior. Be proud of being a member of the university and show it by trying to behave accordingly.