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FACULTY OF
ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

International Programme Guide

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DEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT



Choosing to study abroad is a big step – both exciting and challenging. It is also one of the most rewarding decisions you can make.

Why? Because studying internationally is not just about getting a degree. It is about expanding your world, professionally, socially, and culturally. It is about discovering new perspectives, navigating new environments, and growing in ways you never imagined. Of course, this also means adapting to

a different culture, settling into a new city, possibly far from home, and stepping outside your comfort zone – but that is where the real transformation begins.

At the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (GTK) of BME, we offer an educational experience that fits into the interdisciplinary environment provided by the University's engineering faculties. We work closely with these faculties to facilitate the synergy between technology, economics and social sciences, and encourage the integration of modern technologies into the curriculum.

Each year, students from all over the world join our undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programmes, creating a diverse and dynamic learning community. GTK is also proud to be part of global professional networks such as the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP), the Business Graduates Association (BGA), the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) and the CFA Institute. Two of our English-taught master's programmes, MSc in Management and Leadership and MSc in Finance, have earned EFMD Global's accreditation, a mark of international academic excellence.

Our university is located in the heart of Budapest – a city full of history, culture, and vibrant student life. Our campus has a range of historical buildings and modern facilities both for studying and extracurricular activities – a place where past and future blend harmoniously.

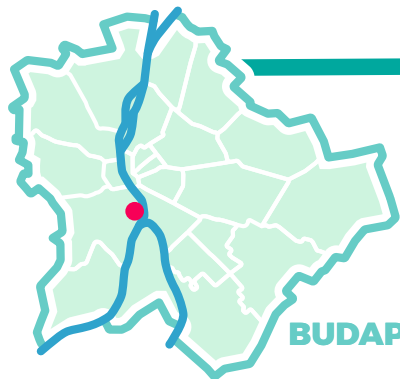
If you are looking to prepare for the technological, economic, and social challenges of the 21st century and want to be part of a forward-thinking academic community with a proud history of more than 240 years – we would love to welcome your application.

We look forward to helping you shape your future at GTK.

Dr Mária Szalmáné Csete
Dean

THE BME CAMPUS

- A** Administration Block
- Ae** Fluid Mechanics Building
- Ch** Chemistry Building
- D** Mechanical Engineering Building
- E** Classrooms & Language Centre
- EL** Building Construction Laboratory & Sport Center
- F** Physics Building
- G** Production Engineering Building
- H** Classrooms
- Q** Economics & Informatics Building
- I** Informatics Building
- J** Vehicle Engineering Building
- K** Central Building
- Kö** Central Library
- L** Hydraulic Machinery Laboratory
- Mm/Mg** Mechanics Building
- Mt** Mechanical Technology Building
- T** Classrooms & Medical Centre
- St, V1** Electrical Engineering and Informatics Buildings
- TR** Nuclear Training Reactor
- R** Office of international Education, Computer Room & Central Academic Office



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WELCOME TO BME GTK

YOUR SUCCESS STARTS HERE

The Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (GTK) at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) is one of the prime institutions of higher education in Hungary specializing in the fields of business, economics, and social sciences. BME GTK traces its roots back to a rich tradition through the work of several ground-breaking scientists and departments focusing on the fields of organizational studies, production and operations management, and engineering economics. BME's more than 240 year-old STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering and Mathematics) environment has always been a determining and motivating factor in BME GTK's strategy – both in programme development and academic research.

The mission of BME GTK is to contribute to the solution of the societal challenges of the 21st century by facilitating cross-disciplinary learning and collaboration across the domains of engineering, natural science, and social science as represented by the eight faculties of BME.

Our programmes focus on innovation, both technical and social, to equip our students with the most relevant and up-to-date knowledge and skills to tackle the rapidly changing business and social environment of the coming decades.

The mission of BME GTK



BME GTK IN NUMBERS



1782: year of BME foundation



1934: year of the foundation of
Economics School at BME



1998: Faculty was re-established



EN and HU programmes

- » 1 Bachelor's and 4 Master's Programmes (MA/MSc) in English
- » 1 PhD programme both in English & Hungarian
- » 6 undergraduate (BA/BSc), 11 Master's (MA/MSc) in Hungarian
- » More than 100 professors



Over 120 international partner universities



Total area of BME's facilities: 317,128 m²
(largest campus area in Budapest)

EFMD - ACCREDITED MASTER PROGRAMMES

In 2025, GTK's English-taught programmes MSc in Management and Leadership and MSc in Finance were awarded EFMD programme accreditation, which is one of the most prestigious international accreditations in management and business higher education. This accreditation guarantees that students receive a quality education that meets the expectations of the global business world and also increase our graduates' prospects in the international labour market.

EFMD Global is one of the most influential international quality assurance organisations in management and business higher education, with over 900 member institutions worldwide, including more than 700 business schools. The EFMD accreditation is a guarantee for the highest level of quality and innovation, which significantly increases the international recognition and competitiveness of its member institutions. The organisation's mission is to promote the development of management education and to provide a forum for professional collaboration, research and sharing best practices.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATED PARTNERS





Photo: Anastasiya Gepp

CHOOSE YOUR DEGREE PROGRAMME

For Applicants:



BACHELOR IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

**Degree:**

BSc in Engineering Management

**Duration of the program:**

7 semesters

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Start date:**

September

**Mode of attendance:**

Full-time

**Tuition fee:**

€3.200 / semester

For EU citizens €2.250 / semester

+ Application fee: €150

Why study Engineering Management?

The Budapest University of Technology and Economics, with its more than 240 years of engineering education and 80 years of economics training, is an ideal environment for the Engineering Management programme. The engineering manager speaks a common language with both engineering and economic professionals, possessing outstanding knowledge in the planning and development of management and technological processes, as well as understanding their economic and financial aspects.

The curriculum includes knowledge from natural sciences, engineering, information technology, as well as management and organizational sciences, through which graduates successfully contribute to the management of complex technical-economic tasks, namely in the technical and economic planning, organization, implementation, and evaluation of technological processes. The programme has a strong project-oriented nature and is closely linked to modern technologies, innovation, contemporary management and financial knowledge.

Spark your career

Graduates of BSc in Engineering Management can find career opportunities in fields requiring both management skills and engineering knowledge, such as quality management, service management, production management, project management, environmental management, engineering or management consulting. The compulsory internship in the curriculum helps students find a suitable workplace, but our most dedicated students can continue their studies at our master's programmes.

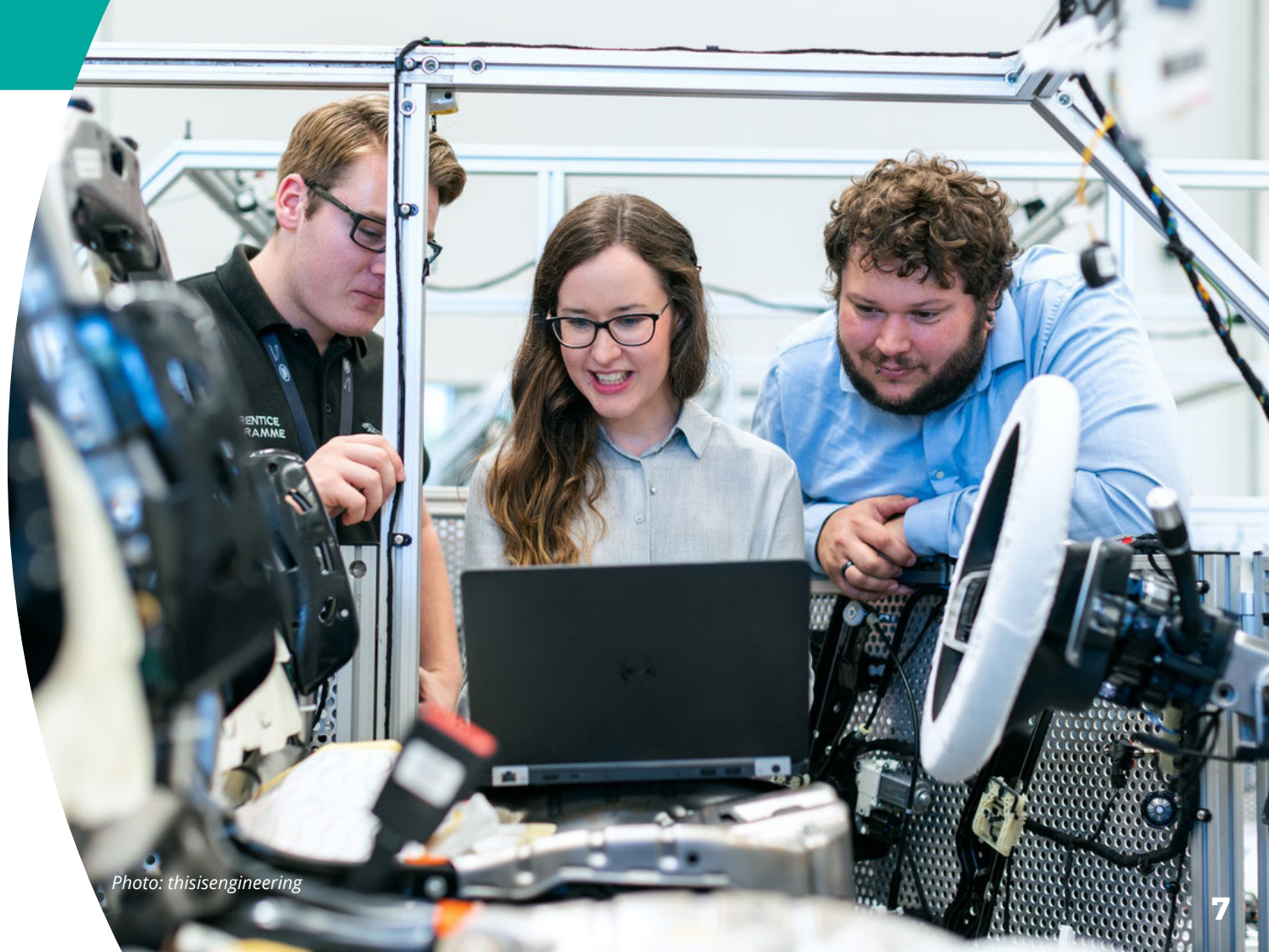


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MASTER IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT



Degree:
Engineering Manager



Duration of the program:
4 semesters



Language of instruction:
English



Start date:
September



Mode of attendance:
Full-time



Tuition fee:
€3.500 / semester
For EU citizens €2.750 / semester
+ Application fee: €150

Why study Engineering Management?

The graduates of our Engineering Manager MSc programme are equipped with the theoretical and methodological background to solve and coordinate complex problems in technological and business environments and to manage organisations operating in such environments.

The programme is designed for those who want to acquire both technical skills and diversified, up-to-date and practical knowledge in economics and management, and who are open to complex problems requiring versatility. To support this, students will demonstrate their independent problem-solving skills in their chosen specialisation by preparing a thesis over two semesters.

The harmony of natural sciences, engineering, and management is a crucial aspect of the Engineering Manager master's programme of Budapest University of Technology and Economics. It provides a good opportunity for graduates from different bachelor programmes to continue their studies, while the diversity of the participating students also helps to develop the ability to work with different actors in a business environment.

Spark your career

Graduates of Master in Engineering Management can find, among others, career opportunities in fields requiring both management skills and engineering knowledge, such as quality management, service management, production management, project management, environmental management, technical, management, and economic consulting. The compulsory internship in the curriculum helps students to find a suitable workplace.



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Ádám (Hungary)

Alumnus of Master in Engineering Management

Please tell us a little bit about yourself!

I finished my BSc degree in electrical engineering a couple of years ago at BME. After some work experience, I decided to apply here again for a master's in engineering management, which I recently finished. I believe I have found here exactly what I was looking for.

What are the 3 most important things you have experienced here since you started your studies at BME?

First of all, fresh and relevant knowledge: besides the traditional core knowledge of the subjects, we gained insight into the impact of current events. In many cases, we also learn about the latest management trends and approaches.

The second most important was the industry-oriented mindset. Professors here have a very well-founded understanding of the industry and its workings. Courses offer knowledge, fitted to the relevant and current needs in engineering fields.

Finally, the student-friendly environment was a unique experience. The university campus is built to provide an ideal environment to focus on studies and build relationships. The professors see students as partners, with the common goal of quality education.

What can one expect if they apply for a master's in Engineering Management?

It offers freedom to pursue a great variety of thesis topics. Professors provide professional support, and a longer research period is included in the programme. This enables a deeper understanding of the selected topic and more refined work.

What was your favourite subject and why?

My favourite subject was Technology Management, which explains and examines how companies can approach technologies as a form of resource. It shone a light on many practical problems I faced in my work experience.

What are your plans for the future?

I plan to work in the field of electrical engineering, however, finishing the engineering management master's opens up new opportunities and career choices. Now I have tools for solving complex organisational and management problems that often surface and affect engineering processes.

Why would you recommend studying at BME GTK?

I believe the achievable knowledge here complements any engineer's set of tools. Management skills and an insight from the economics perspective are greatly valued in the constantly changing, turbulent markets of today.

MASTER IN FINANCE

**Degree:**

Economist in Finance

**Duration of the programme:**

4 semesters

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Start date:**

September / February

**Mode of attendance:**

Full-time

**Tuition fee:**

€2.200 / semester

For EU citizens €1.850 / semester

+ Application fee: €150

Why study Finance?

The goal of the MSc in Finance programme is to educate economic professionals to have a global competitive edge in finance, with a particular emphasis on financial analysis and risk management. Graduates can demonstrate complex and independent financial thinking and are able to manage and analyse financial processes at both macro and micro levels. The main focus of the programme is on delivering high professional standards in areas such as investment analysis, portfolio management, corporate and bank treasury, and risk management.

In line with this objective, the programme structure and curriculum have been developed to cover the requirements of the international Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM). Graduates are therefore well-prepared to successfully pass CFA and FRM examinations. The programme is accredited by both the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) and the CFA Institute, the respective certification bodies for FRM and CFA. This dual recognition is unique within Hungarian higher education and also rare in the broader international context.

In 2025, MSc in Finance was awarded EFMD programme accreditation, one of the most prestigious international accreditations in management and business higher education.

Spark your career

Graduates of the MSc in Finance programme can find career opportunities in the financial services sector, such as banking, insurance, and trading, as well as positions in financial analysis, data and quantitative analysis, and a wide range of finance-related roles across various industries.





Chenhe (China)

Alumnus of Master in Finance

Please tell us a little about yourself!

My name is Ge Chenhe, and I am currently a PhD candidate at GTK of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. I also work as the Assistant to the General Manager at EVE Power Hungary Kft., where I play a key role in supporting strategic decision-making, coordinating cross-functional teams, and facilitating communication between Chinese headquarters and local European partners. Outside of work, I enjoy reading, traveling, and working out. In the future, I plan to deepen my research in sustainable industrial development while continuing to contribute to the growth of green energy investments in Europe.

Why did you choose to study at the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences?

I chose to study at the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences because of its strong international reputation, interdisciplinary research environment, and its close connection to real-world industry needs. The faculty's multicultural setting and strong academic support also made it an ideal place to pursue advanced studies while staying connected to Central and Eastern Europe's dynamic economic landscape.

What were your three most important experiences during your BME studies?

One of the most important experiences was conducting in-depth research on how monetary policy can support sustainable investment, which allowed me to explore the intersection of macroeconomic policy and green transition. Secondly, I participated in interdisciplinary seminars and collaborated with researchers from diverse academic backgrounds, which broadened my understanding of global economic and environmental issues. Lastly, combining my academic studies with my professional role in the green energy sector gave me a unique perspective on how central banking policies and private-sector investment decisions can align to promote sustainable development.

What was your favorite subject and why?

My favorite subject was Monetary Policy and Financial Markets. It provided me with a deep understanding of how central banks influence financial systems and investment decisions through interest rates, liquidity tools, and forward guidance. This subject directly inspired my doctoral research on how monetary policy can support sustainable investment, particularly in the context of the green transition. It also helps me better understand the macroeconomic and regulatory environment in which green energy enterprises like ours operate across borders.

What skills or knowledge did you learn during your academic years that you found most useful in your career?

During my academic years at BME, I developed a strong analytical mindset and gained a deep understanding of the relationship between macroeconomic policy and financial decision-making. These skills have been especially useful in my current role, where I need to assess how regulatory, monetary, and investment trends affect green energy projects. I also learned how to work across disciplines and cultures—an essential skill when coordinating between Chinese headquarters and European stakeholders. Most importantly, I learned to think critically and strategically, which helps me connect long-term sustainability goals with real-time business execution.

Why would you recommend studying at BME GTK?

I recommend BME GTK because, in my experience, it not only offers high-quality education with a strong theoretical foundation but also provides valuable opportunities to apply knowledge in real-world contexts. The faculty's international environment and diverse programs help students develop skills that are highly relevant to today's global job market. Studying here equips you for a successful career across a wide range of economic and social fields.

MASTER IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

**Degree:**

Economist in Management and Leadership

**Duration of the program:**

4 semesters

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Start date:**

September

**Mode of attendance:**

Full-time

**Tuition fee:**

€2.200 / semester

For EU citizens €1.850 / semester

+ Application fee: €150

Why study Management and Leadership?

The Management and Leadership master's programme provides students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies required for a successful managerial career in an era of digital transformation, cultural and global changes. The programme offers solid and integrated professional training in a broad field of management skills. Core areas of study include quantitative decision-making, operations management, financial management, marketing, project management, business law, business analytics, human resources, and international strategy. In these fields, students develop competencies in effective communication, teamwork, adoption of international benchmarks, cultural awareness, and commitment to ethical principles of social and environmental sustainability.

With the acquired knowledge, students can analyse, plan, and manage the processes of competitive and public sector organisations.

We consider the programme as unique based on two overarching perspectives. First, it integrates digital transformation and its implications across all our courses. Second, we believe that effective

leadership requires an understanding of cultural diversity, proficiency in project-based work, and the ability to balance economic interests with a commitment to social responsibility.

In 2025, MSc in Management and Leadership was awarded EFMD programme accreditation, one of the most prestigious international accreditations in management and business higher education.

Spark your career

Graduates of the MSc in Management and Leadership programme can pursue careers in fields including product and service design, sales process management, project management, production and quality management, and information systems management.





Kitti (Hungary)

Alumna of Master in Management and Leadership

Please tell us a little bit about yourself

My name is Kitti, and I graduated from the Management and Leadership MSc program at BME in January 2025. During my studies, I had the opportunity to spend a year in Istanbul, which was an enriching experience both personally and professionally. Currently, I work as a Business Analyst at a multinational company. In my free time, I enjoy playing classical music as a flutist in an orchestra, traveling, exploring new cuisines, and experimenting in the kitchen. I'm now focusing on growing my career, attending alumni events, and expanding my professional network.

Why did you choose the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences?

Several of my friends were studying engineering at BME, and I was already familiar with the university's strong academic reputation. Since I was determined to pursue a master's degree after completing my BSc in Economics, BME GTK felt like the natural next step. I heard great feedback about the faculty, and looking back, I'm truly grateful I made this choice. I had the chance to learn from outstanding professors and be part of a high-quality academic environment.

What were your three most important experiences during your BME studies?

One of the highlights was the structured and well-organized atmosphere of the university: from course materials to events, everything had a clear, logical flow. I'm also very thankful for the opportunity and support I received to take part in an exchange program in Istanbul. Lastly, I had an incredible thesis supervisor who not only guided me through the writing process but also helped me gain confidence in my research and presentation skills.

What was your favourite subject and why?

Project Management was definitely my favorite subject. As someone who naturally enjoys planning and breaking tasks into manageable steps, I found it both practical and intellectually engaging. The course helped me understand how structured planning and strategic thinking are applied in a corporate setting, and it was very aligned with my interests and strengths.

What skills or knowledge did you learn during your academic years that you found most useful in your career?

I found the case-based learning approach particularly valuable: solving real-life business problems and comparing our solutions with what companies actually implemented was very insightful. Throughout my studies, I developed strong skills in project management, corporate finance, financial investments, and people management. Most importantly, I honed my strategic thinking abilities, which has proven to be one of the most in-demand skills in my current role.

Why would you recommend studying at BME GTK?

I highly recommend BME GTK because of its structured, well-designed programs and the supportive, approachable professors. The curriculum builds progressively each semester, allowing students to develop a wide range of skills while also focusing on areas they excel in. Many of my classmates found job opportunities through the BME job fair or thanks to the strong reputation of our professors. Although the programs are challenging, they're logical and rewarding. Students are also encouraged to join extracurricular activities and international events, which helped me expand my network across different departments. BME is truly a place where you can grow, connect, and learn how to turn your ideas into results.

MASTER IN REGIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS



Degree: Economist in Regional and Environmental Economic Studies



Duration of the program:
4 semesters



Language of instruction:
English



Start date:
September / February



Mode of attendance:
Full-time



Tuition fee:
€2.200 / semester
For EU citizens €1.850 / semester
+ Application fee: €150

Why study Regional and Environmental Economics?

The programme aims to train experts in environmental and regional economics, competent in analysing regional and sustainability-related problems, and to propose novel solutions by putting into practice their theoretical knowledge and acquired expertise. Regional economics and management aspects of sustainability are important parts of the programme as well. Courses are highly workshop-oriented, where students may work together to focus on local and regional aspects of actual global sustainability-related challenges.

The main specialty of Regional and Environmental Economic Studies MA is to transfer knowledge about responsible and future-oriented decision making processes and planning issues with a particular focus on possible solutions of sustainable development and climate change. Engineers, energetics, economists, public administration managers, tourism experts, teachers and geographers are all welcome, who can obtain their master economist diploma after completing this Master programme.

Our experts will be able to contribute creatively and innovatively to sustainability and regional policy-making, strategic planning and project programming, both in government and private enterprises.

Spark your career

Graduates of Master in Regional and Environmental Economics can find, among others, career opportunities in environmental management, urban planning and management, regional and rural development, planning and auditing participation in the development and application of sustainability and climate policies.





Derique *(the Philippines)*

Alumnus of Master in Regional and Environmental Economics

Please tell us a little bit about yourself!

Ever since my last year in my masters, I've been working at the Advanced Building and Urban Design (ABUD) focused on exploratory research, supporting sustainability and innovation efforts on NBS, buildings and urban projects in Hungary. On my free time, I love to volunteer at either my Filipino, Rotaract and church community, helping in their social events, supporting causes and promoting international culture. Right now, my plan is to return to the Philippines and pursue a career where I can apply the knowledge from my master's degree and work experience to support and uplift the Filipino community.

Why did you choose to study at the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences?

When I was applying for the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship, I was drawn to the program's philosophy of connecting theoretical knowledge towards real life practices. I've reviewed the courses, and I clearly remember wanting to take subjects that have a practical insight, such as geoinformatics, regional policy of the EU, project management and municipal management. Additionally, the wide subjects and specialties of the faculty from sustainability corporations, energy, mobility, life-styles and innovation was the right environment for me to understand various concepts within the realm of regional and environmental economics.

What were your three most important experiences during your BME studies?

(1) In a foreign country, it is vital to develop strong relationships with peers to feel a sense of belonging. (2) Your time and energy are valuable, so match your effort and output accordingly. (3) Follow discipline, prepare silently, and adhere to good morals, and you will succeed.

What was your favourite subject and why?

Sustainable Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. This class was memorable because it discussed economic theory in an engaging manner and applied it to real-life situations. Personally, I enjoyed the topic of valuation of the environment because it has been my area of interest and has been a significant influence on my thesis and career afterwards.

What skills or knowledge did you learn during your academic years that you found most useful in your career?

Always be patient and never take for granted the opportunity to relearn foundational concepts. In my work at ABUD, I've often found it essential to stay updated on the latest innovations such as in urban Nature-based Solutions. The field is constantly evolving, and much like my time at university, I've come to value the importance of a strong conceptual foundation. Being able to recall and connect those foundational ideas with new trends can help me better understand and be a part of the discussion. This process of learning continuously ensures that acquiring knowledge never feels repetitive and it's part of maintaining a growth mindset, which is needed in navigating the complexities of today.

Why would you recommend studying at BME GTK?

There is a high degree of talent, flexibility, and support among the faculty, which promotes personal growth. My endless questions were welcomed in classes, and some led to memorable discussions. It was very helpful to have the professors offer advice based on their experiences about topics such as PhDs, research projects, and living abroad. I will never forget the time when my supervisor encouraged me to complete and submit my TDK entry, despite my doubts. The faculty has done a great job, and I highly recommend them.

Ph.D. PROGRAMME IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

**Degree:**

Ph.D. in Business
and Management

**Duration of the program:**

8 semesters

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Start date:**

September

**Mode of attendance:**

Full-time

**Tuition fee:**

€4.500 / semester
+ Application fee: €150

Why obtain a Ph.D. in Business and Management?

The doctoral programme aims to train elite professionals in the field of management and business administration, both for applied and academic careers. Graduates of the programme are capable of independent, high-quality research, with a systematic understanding of business and management interrelationships, and the ability to publish internationally.

Ph.D. candidates join a department related to their research area where they explore complex problems, including business, management, and social issues.

Applications are welcome from recent graduates as well as professionals with relevant business or academic experience.

Spark your career

Ph.D. graduates go on to successful careers in academia, consulting, and the global business world.



Photo: Serhiy petro



Ibrahim (Lebanon)

Alumnus of Ph.D. in Business and Management

Please tell us a little bit about yourself!

I graduated from the Lebanese University with a bachelor's degree in business management, then pursued an MBA at Sagesse University in Beirut. After completing my MBA, I briefly worked in the banking sector before joining the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) as a PhD student. My doctoral research focused on gamification and organizational behaviour, which I successfully defended in October 2024. I am currently working as a research fellow at BME's Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (GTK).

Why did you choose to study at the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences?

After completing my MBA, I began looking for a reputable institution where I could pursue my PhD. Following my initial interview with my supervisor and some colleagues from the Department of Ergonomics and Psychology at BME, I felt that the academic environment was a strong fit for my research goals.

What were your three most important experiences during your BME studies?

Some of the most significant experiences during my PhD at BME included publishing my first academic paper, taking my complex exam and holding my first lecture for bachelor students. They were beautiful experiences that helped me enrich my knowledge and improve my research.

What was your favorite subject and why?

My favorite subject was Quantitative Research Methods; I think this subject is really important to students regardless of their research field. The course provided me with a solid foundation in statistical analysis, data interpretation, and research design, all of which were essential for understanding how to conduct empirical studies.

What skills or knowledge did you learn during your academic years that you found most useful in your career?

One of the most valuable aspects of my doctoral studies at GTK was learning how to properly write a research paper and develop strong public speaking skills. The feedback that I received from my supervisor, colleagues as well as my personal experiences helped me gain a deeper understanding of how to structure academic writing, present arguments clearly, and meet the standards of scholarly publishing. Additionally, continuously presenting my research progress to my department and participating in conferences helped me grow more confident in public speaking.

Why would you recommend studying at BME GTK?

What I truly appreciated about BME GTK is that from the moment I joined the department, I felt like a full member of the team. I was entrusted with the same responsibilities, held to the same expectations, and offered the same opportunities as the rest of the faculty. I never felt like an outsider, on the contrary, I felt part of a mutually enriching environment where we supported and learned from one another.

GTK ALUMNI

Since the launch of our English-taught degree programmes in 2019, GTK has welcomed a growing number of students from all over the world. Over 260 international students from 40 different countries – shown in green on the map on the opposite page – have already completed their degrees with us, contributing to a vibrant and diverse academic environment.

The degree programmes offered at GTK open doors to exciting career opportunities around the world. Below are a few examples of those renowned companies and banks where our graduates have found employment*:

Estée Lauder
Companies

Henkel

BlackRock

Bosch

Vodafone

Raiffeisen
Bank

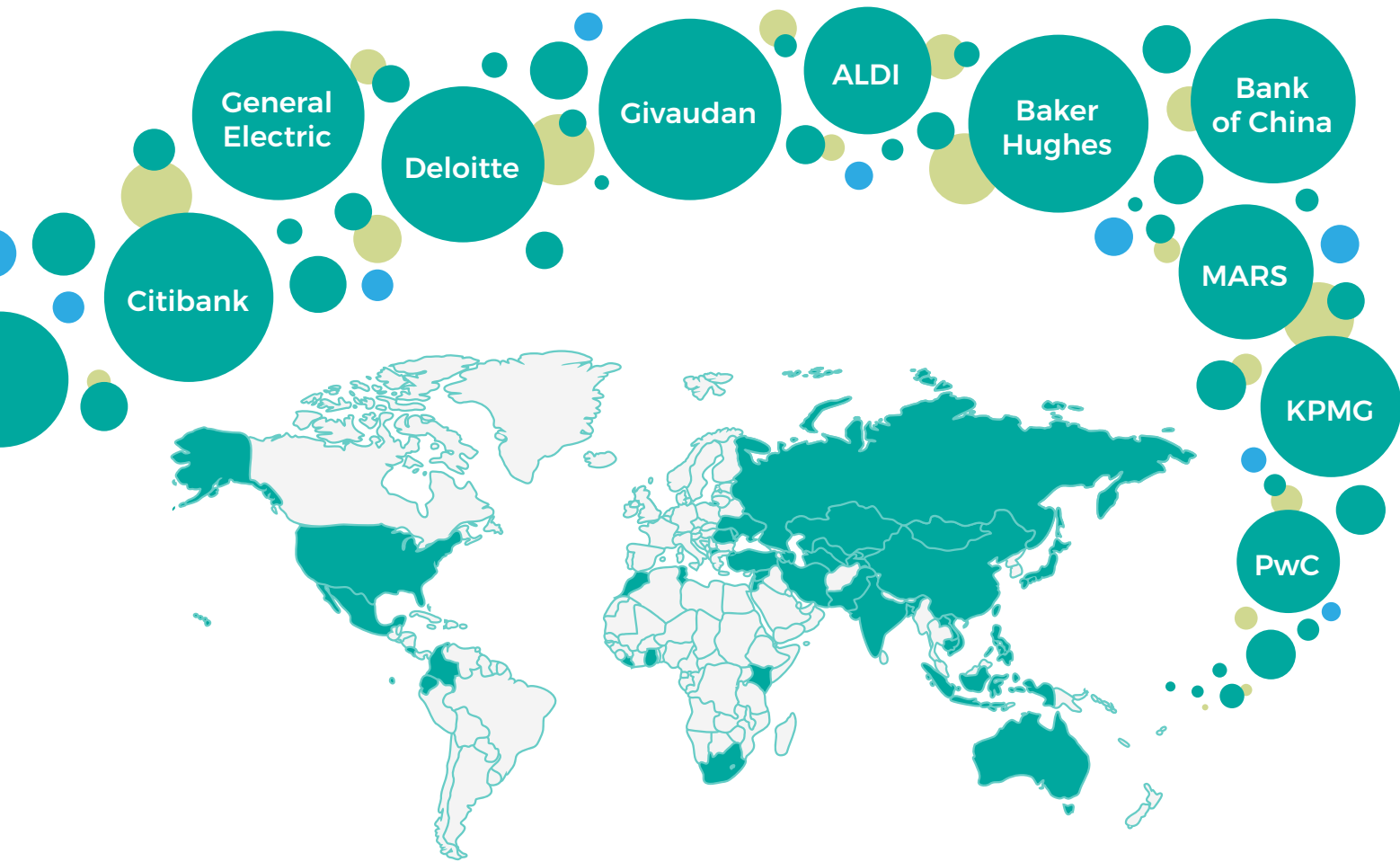
Morgan
Stanley

ERSTE
Bank

IKEA

ExxonMobil

**Based on LinkedIn and feedback from alumni to date.
Bubble size does not reflect the number of GTK alumni employed.*



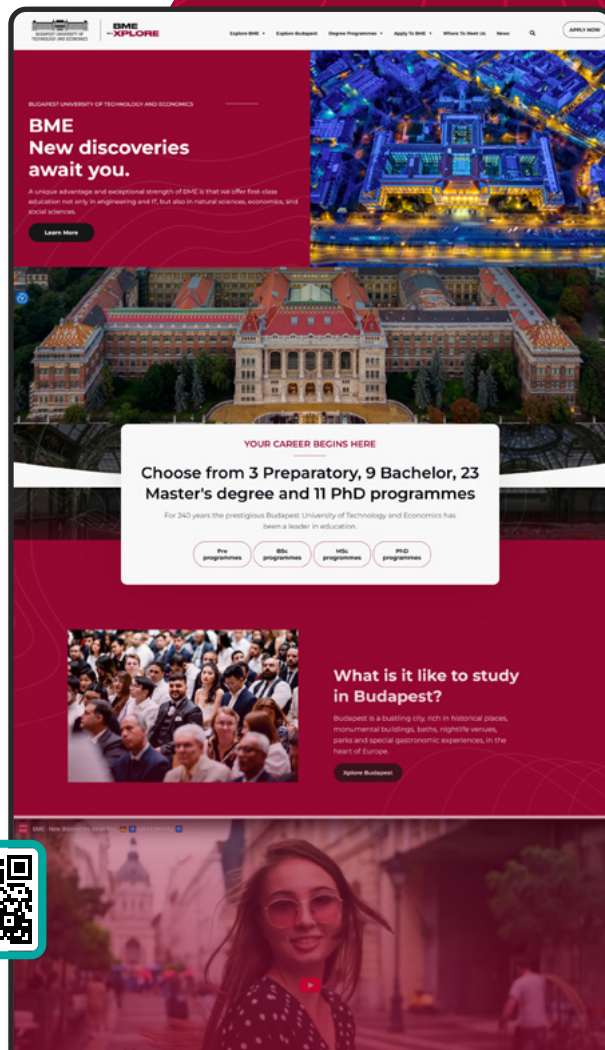
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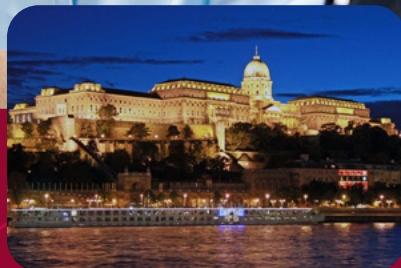
You can find comprehensive information about academic offerings – from preparatory courses to undergraduate, graduate, and PhD programmes – on BME's English-language website Xplore, which is designed specifically for international applicants and students. The site also includes a detailed guide to the application process, outlining admission requirements, necessary documents, and application deadlines.

In addition to academic information, Xplore offers insights into student services, scholarship opportunities, and mentoring support for international scholarship holders admitted to BME. It also provides practical advice on living in Budapest, helping newcomers adjust smoothly to life in Hungary. Furthermore, Xplore highlights various programmes organized by the University, such as BME University Days, Sports Day, and other events that enrich the BME community experience. You will also find information on the university colleges for advanced studies, as well as international student organizations available at BME.

xplore.bme.hu



BME --XPLORE



WAYS TO STUDY AS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT AT BME GTK



Explore the opportunity to complete part of your studies at BME GTK. We welcome exchange students from all over the world who want to spend a semester or a year with us.

We are here to help you guide if you are ready to explore new interests, hear different ideas, make new friends and create new opportunities.

Why?



Hungary's leading university in the STEM fields



Competitive, interesting, and innovative programmes in business, finance, and environmental management



High-quality teaching and research



Modern facility



More than 50 courses per semester in English.



More than 150 incoming exchange students/year



...and Budapest

Beyond the regular admission, these exchange opportunities are available for you:

Erasmus+ • CEEPUS (freemover) • Visegrad Fund • ATHENS • Stipendium Hungaricum



Chiara *(Italy - University of Federico II, Naples)*

Erasmus exchange

Please tell us a little bit about yourself!

I'm 25 and I study Management Engineering at the University of Federico II, Naples, South of Italy. I love traveling, partying, making new friends, swimming and jogging on the seaside and, above all, I love eating!

Why did you choose the BME Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences and Budapest for your exchange destination?

I have always wished to visit Budapest. The BME is very well organized and professors, Ph.D. students and International officers are all super kind and helpful.

How was your integration?

I had no difficulties at all in meeting new people. On my very first day at the BME, my supervisor kindly introduced me to all the professors of the Department. They supported me and made me feel like a part of the University. Then, the BME ESN organized events all semester long, so it was easy for me to make new friends. I advise exchange students not to miss the boat party and the Freshmen Camp!

What can one expect if they apply for Erasmus exchange to BME?

Professors are kind and helpful and the library is a very useful and quiet place to study in. ESN will organize a super welcome week, so get ready to have fun! I was there to work on my master thesis and I didn't attend any lessons but some of my colleagues there told me that they were very happy with their group projects: they met new people and learned a lot of things.

What are the 3 most important things you have experienced here at BME?

People treated me as though I was a "well known" student already. I felt like I have always studied there. I cried so much when I left... I felt at home.

What are your career plans?

I hope to graduate in July. Then, I am of two minds between continuing my studies with a Ph.D. or beginning to work in the consulting field. I will surely come back to Budapest as soon as possible.



Photo: Mimi Thian

The background of the slide features a photograph of wooden steps leading up to a building with a slatted facade. A large, solid teal circle is positioned on the right side of the image, partially overlapping the steps and the building. The text is written in white, bold, uppercase letters within this teal circle.

**HOW DO YOU
BECOME A PART OF OUR
LEARNING COMMUNITY?**

ACADEMIC LIFE

Departments

The Departments are the heart of teaching and research at the Faculty. Departments are responsible for overseeing programmes and offering courses in one or more disciplines. Join their events, research projects, be an active part of their community

Our departments and centres: Department of Business Law, Department of Economics, Department of Environmental Economics and Sustainability, Department of Ergonomics and Psychology, Department of Finance, Department of Management and Business Economics, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, Department of Sociology and Communication, Department of Technical Education, Quantitative Social and Management Sciences Research Group, Centre for Modern Languages, Centre of Physical Education, Institute of Continuing Engineering Education.

Students' Scientific Association

Students of GTK can participate in an independent research opportunity in the framework of the Students' Scientific Association (TDK). TDK provides students with the chance to dig deeper into a particular field of study and take a closer look at a particularly interesting professional question. You can become acquainted with research methods and means in detail and acquire additional knowledge beyond your obligatory curriculum.



The BME's library the OMIKK

Intensive Seminar (IS)

It is important for us to broaden our students' horizons and to motivate them professionally, therefore, we place great emphasis on involving the best international and Hungarian experts, renowned professionals, and our alumni in our programmes. Our objectives entail skill and knowledge improvement for our students in approaching managerial decisions, conceptualizing problems, and understanding the key challenges of leaders in different industries and business functions.

QSMS

The Quantitative Social and Management Sciences Research Group (QSMS) is committed to addressing challenges in social and management sciences through the use of precise, quantitative methods. The Research Group strives beyond academic excellence to disseminate its results and expertise to the broader academic community, students, professionals and the society via joint projects and public events.



Library

The biggest technical library in the country belongs to BME, named OMIKK. It supports high-quality education, scientific training, research, development and innovation in the fields of engineering, technology, natural sciences, business and social sciences. Besides supporting knowledge management, it also serves as a community space, fostering efficient learning and research.

Periodica Polytechnica

Expand your academic experience and publish an article in Periodica Polytechnica Social and Management Sciences. The journal publishes both research and application orientation papers, in the area of management and social sciences. Each paper is evaluated in a double-blind, peer review process, with at least two reviewers for a paper. The journal is indexed and abstracted in Scopus, Scimago and Google Scholar.



STUDENT LIFE

BME is not just a coursework, not all learning takes place in the classrooms! Through extracurricular activities you will meet new people, discover new interests and enrich your life. Activities will complement your studies. We have several student organizations with a focus on business, leadership, management or international politics.



Photo: Keira Burton

1 Student Organizations – Enrich a community

Develop the world and yourself. Work, Experience, Discover. BME is full of international student organizations which offer a wide range of activities catered for debating, role-playing or education.

BME Model United Nations Society is an extra-curricular activity in which students typically role-play delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. BME MUN is organized by an enthusiastic group of international students of BME.

ESTIEM is an organization for engineering management students, which combines technological understanding with management skills.

Join AIESEC and develop yourself and your leadership qualities through practical experiences, internships, volunteerships in more than 120 countries. AIESEC collaborates with NGOs, Schools and corporate sector.

IAESTE is an international organization exchanging students for technical work experience abroad. They serve 4,000 students, 3,000 employers and 1,000 academic institutions through career-focused professional internships abroad, social and intercultural reception programmes, international networking and other career and employer branding activities.

2

Competitions

– Learn by doing

Competitions are a great way for you to gain experience. These competitions require you to work in teams and produce innovative ideas. You will be informed about several projects, start-up competitions, and hackathons throughout the academic year. These events are either organized by BME or jointly with other Hungarian universities.



3

Sport Life and Facilities

– Keep your body and mind fit

BME offers a wide range of sporting activities, both indoors and outdoors. BME Fitness and Sports Centre is an on-campus sport facility where you can practice, play, and participate when it works for you. We provide space and equipment for independent exercise, group activities, and recreational classes. There are a great number of classes to choose from, such as tennis, pilates, muscle conditioning, hip-hop dance, athletics, TRX and yoga.

Sports days are organized both on university and faculty level in each semester, where besides having fun, you can both cheer for your friends or try various sports.





4

Campus

Stretching from the foot of Gellért Hill and crossing two bridges, the Budapest University of Technology and Economics spreads over the most magnificent campus in Hungary, located in the heart of Budapest.

The campus is made up of two neighboring parts, both on the right bank of the River Danube. The historical campus boasts beautiful buildings and an elegant park, which can be an inspiring place to stroll around and engage in discussions.

The other part is located in the so-called Infopark, home of modern university buildings and high-tech businesses. This is a more recent development highlighting contemporary architecture and an innovative, stimulating work environment. The Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences can be found in Building Q in the Infopark, a new building featuring modern, state-of-the-art lecture halls, classrooms, and a perfect study environment.



5 Student Festivals

There is no end to the list of festivals Budapest hosts every year, including top music festivals, food fairs, book festivals or markets. There's always something happening. BME has a very active student life, too. Festivals (organized by either on Faculty or University level) bring all local and international students together. Many of these events attract students from other universities as well. Do not miss the opportunity to attend these events – they are not just fun but reflect the diversity of our community both culturally and professionally.

Faculty Days

Have fun at the annual BME GTK Faculty Days in Spring! After a long, tiring academic semester, before an even more intense exam period, join team competitions for an afternoon and enjoy the various concerts in the evenings.

International Students Festival

During this annual event the international students can introduce their home countries through performances of songs, dances and stories. You can also try traditional food and enjoy a great atmosphere.

BME University Days

Budapest's largest student festival awaits everyone in Autumn. BME organizes a 3 day-long high-standard music festival each September.



Job Fair

BME Job Fair is a free event held every semester where students, fresh graduates and even employees can choose from hundreds of job offers and internship opportunities represented by various companies from all fields. If you are not sure about your future plans, they also offer you free trainings and guidance to help you find suitable job offers.

International Fair

The International Fair is a co-event of the Job Fair. The programme is designed to collect and introduce foreign research and study scholarships, internships, summer job opportunities, and language courses. You can ask from the representatives of international student organizations such as Erasmus+, DAAD, CCUSA, IAESTE, Fulbright Education USA or ESTIEM.



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EELISA

Established in 2020, the European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance (EELISA) is a consortium of ten higher education institutions – including graduate engineering schools, technical universities, and full-spectrum universities – from eight different European countries. Members of the Alliance are united by a shared ambition to define and implement a common model of the European engineer that is deeply rooted in society and bridges engineering, sciences, and humanities to foster inclusive, sustainable, and digital societies.

At BME, the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (GTK) plays an active role in EELISA initiatives, contributing to the interdisciplinary dimension of the Alliance by bridging engineering, economics, and social sciences. Through EELISA, GTK also strengthens its internationalization strategy by offering students and researchers unique transdisciplinary learning and collaboration opportunities within a European network. GTK faculty members are involved in several EELISA Communities and joint projects, especially those focusing on sustainability, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation.

In Hungary, only the students of BME have access to the wide variety of international learning opportunities of the Alliance, which are designed to develop new skills, provide international experience, and promote innovative continuing education through cutting-edge courses, MOOCs, conferences, competitions, internships, hackathons, and social events.

BME students are welcome to join the EELISA Communities, where members of EELISA universities – including students, academics, staff, and external university ecosystem players – participate in learning, research, innovation, and third mission activities with the common goal of finding innovative solutions to various real-world challenges.

Members of EELISA

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM)
Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME)
École des Ponts ParisTech (ÉPP)
Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen Nürnberg (FAU)
Istanbul Technical University (ITU)
Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (SNS)
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (SNS)
University Politechnica of Bucharest (UPB)
Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL)
Zürcher Hochschule (ZHAW)

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Learning

Community



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SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

At BME, sustainability is a core value reflected in various institutional initiatives. The institution's management has prioritized exploring, implementing, supporting, and promoting sustainable operation and environmental solutions. The "Sustainable BME" program brings together a wide range of university citizens involved in this issue. It has four working groups: Energy and Water, Waste Management, Transportation and Services. The program operates with the Sustainable Development Goals in mind and is also responsible for developing the BME Sustainability Strategy.

BME GTK offers training for sustainability experts through the Master's program in Regional and Environmental Economics led by the Department of Environmental Economics and Sustainability. The programme aims to develop specialists in environmental and regional economics competent in sustainability-related problems and propose novel solutions by putting their theoretical knowledge and acquired expertise to practice. GTK's Sustainability Strategy outlines the principles, values, goals, and cooperative framework designed to embed sustainability across all faculty activities.

GTK Strategy



Photo: Akil Mazumder

GREEN CERTIFICATE

- a response to sustainability challenges

The Green Certificate is a supplementary verification of completed sustainability-related courses.

Who can apply for it?

Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral students of BME including Erasmus and EELISA students as well.

What is required to obtain the certificate?

Complete 5 courses offered by the Department of Environmental Economics and Sustainability during your studies, and register for the certificate.

Why should you join?

To deepen your understanding of sustainability transition, develop sustainability thinking and a truly green attitude and showcase these skills with a certificate. To discover interdisciplinary cases of sustainable solutions and to upskill yourself in challenge-based practices.

The Department of Environmental Economics and Sustainability has developed the Green Certificate to certify studies in the fields of sustainability, environmental economics and environmental management.

The Green Certificate is a supplementary verification of completed sustainability management courses – it is not an accredited degree. It has more than 30 years of history starting in the early 90s. Any BME student can obtain a Green Certificate if they complete at least five of the courses offered by the Department either in English or Hungarian. Feedback from the labour market shows that the Green Certificate is well received by our partners, consultancies and public administrations. It can be a tool for conscious career development. The Green Certificate is primarily available in digital badge format.

A variety of courses are offered for the Green Certificate. You can learn about how to come up with solutions that can contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, sustainable business models, circular economy, sustainability strategies, green economic development, smart and sustainable transformation, sustainable rural or urban development, sustainable energy management, improving energy efficiency, or considering climate change related issues (mitigation and adaptation). You can gain extra skills enabling you to contribute more effectively to both current and future challenges.

Green Certificate





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HOW TO APPLY?

The admission process:



APPLICATION

Erasmus and other exchange

Nomination sent by your home institution

Registration with e-mail address and online application

Fill out the application form

Tuition fee paying students

Registration at the Admission Portal

Fill out the online application form

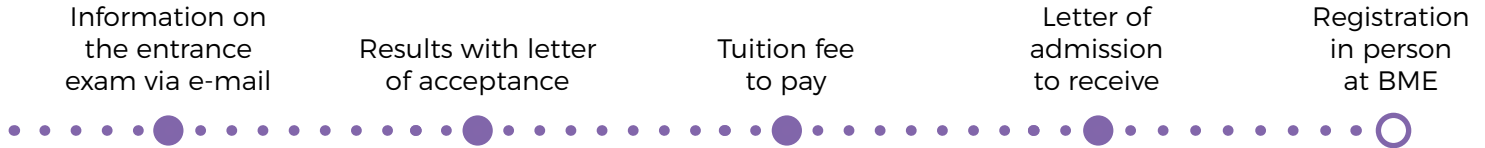
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GENERAL ADMISSION



Admission Criteria

- » **Bachelor in Engineering Management:**
Secondary school diploma (ISCED levels 3 or 4)
- » **Master in Engineering Management:**
BA/BSc in Engineering Management, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics (ISCED level 6 or higher)
- » **Master in Finance:**
BA/BSc in Finance; Accounting; Business Administration; Management or Economics (ISCED level 6 or higher)
- » **Master in Management and Leadership:**
BA/BSc in Finance; Accounting; Business Administration; Management or Economics (ISCED level 6 or higher)
- » **Master in Regional and Environmental Economics:**
BA/BSc in Economics; Management or Engineering/Natural Sciences (ISCED level 6 or higher)
- » **Ph.D. programme in Business and Management:**
MA/MSc in Business Management; Management Science; Engineering Management and Business Economics are acceptable.

Applications from other areas (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Informatics, and different fields of engineering) can also be acceptable after the special consideration of the management of the doctoral school.

Language level requirements

- » **Bachelor and Master programmes:**
TOEFL iBT min 72 or IELTS min 5.0
or PTE Academic min 59
or Cambridge (PET, FCE, CAE) min 160
or Cambridge CPE Pass
- » **Ph.D. programme:**
TOEFL iBT min 88,
IELTS min 6.5,
PTE Academic min 76
or Cambridge (FCE, CAE, CPE) min 180

Students whose first language is English or who earned a bachelor's or a master's degree taught entirely in English, may request an exemption from this requirement.





Admission Process

Full degree applicants:

Applicants wishing to be considered for admission may apply through the “E-admission Portal” of the University.

Application period: 1 April - 31 May & 1 October- 30 November

There are several supporting documents you have to upload to the online system. Once we receive your application we will send you an email acknowledgment, including full information about the next steps in the application process. Applicants applying to our programs are required to complete an electronic e-admission exam. Applicants are also expected to express their motivation for joining the programmes via an online interview.

Exchange applicants:

To start planning your exchange period at BME GTK, first you must be officially nominated by your sending institution.

Application deadlines:

for the Autumn term: middle of May

for the Spring term: end of November

For more information please contact BME's Department of International Relations at erasmus@mail.bme.hu.

Hungarian applicants:

Hungarian citizens may apply to our programs [via Felvi.hu](http://via.Felvi.hu).



Fund Your Studies - Scholarships

Covering tuition fees and living expenses for two or four years, Hungarian State Scholarships offer you access to an unparalleled experience in graduate education.

The **Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship** is a program for foreign students, founded by the Hungarian Government in 2013.

The program aims to promote cultural understanding, economic and cultural relations between Hungary and other countries.

The **Scholarship for Christian Young People** was founded by the Government of Hungary in the spirit of its solidarity policy towards persecuted Christian minorities.

The main aim of the **Scholarship Program for the Hungarian Diaspora** is to give support to foreign students with Hungarian identity to pursue their studies in Hungarian higher education institutions.

These programs offer:

- » free tuition
- » monthly stipend
- » dormitory access or additional contribution to accommodation costs
- » health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

THE BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS



Aug 30, 1782

Joseph II signs the founding charter.

The Joseph College of Technology opens.

Nov 1, 1846

The Joseph College of Technology and the Institutum Geometricum merge.

Sept 19, 1850

The economics and commerce courses are cancelled.



Sept 30, 1856

The supreme decision of 30 September 1856 orders the transformation of the Joseph College of Technology of Buda into a polytechnic.

This institution also had subjects in economics, and even an economics department.

Jul 10, 1871

Franz Joseph approves the new organisational regulations of the Royal Joseph University of Technology.

1867/68 school year
As of the 1867-1868 school year, the training (economics course) is divided into commerce and agriculture with a 2-year training period.

The University gains university status.

The University awards its first doctorate (to Szilárd Zielinski).



The symbol of our University, Building K, is inaugurated.

1901

The Second Hungarian Congress of Technicians adopts the proposal of Dr. Jenő Gaal entitled „The role of technicians in economics“.



1902

1910

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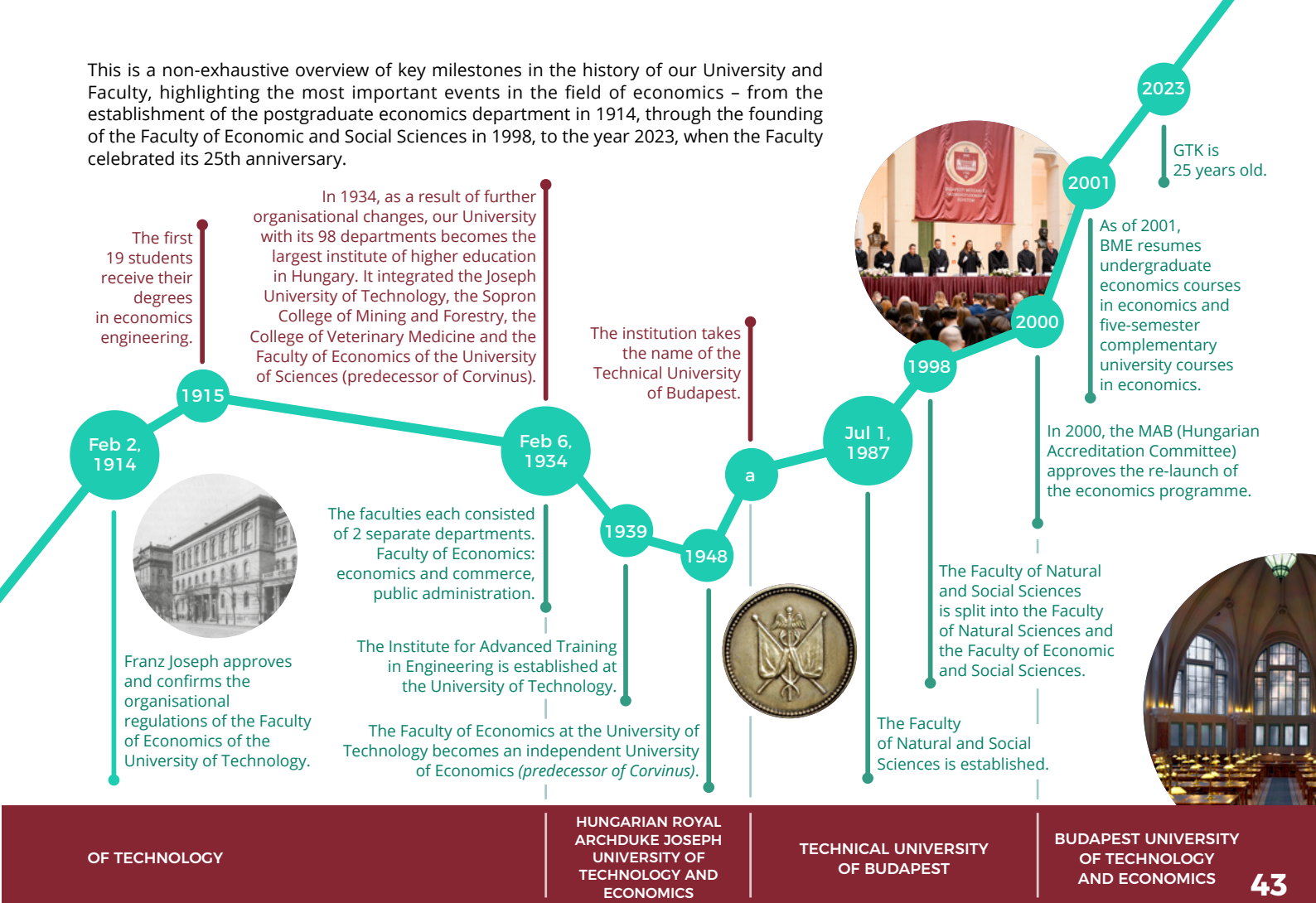
JOSEPH POLYTECHNIC

ROYAL JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

Our institution has been educating the best students in the country for hundreds of years producing a multitude of legendary creators and internationally renowned scientists. Former students of BME include the Nobel Prize-winning scientists György Oláh, Dénes Gábor, Jenő Wigner and Ferenc Krausz. Other distinguished graduates include Donát Bánki, Alajos Hauszmann, Tódor Kármán, Imre Steindl and Ernő Rubik.

We are particularly proud of the 19 Olympic champions who have been associated with our institution as students, including László Cseh, Zoltán Szécsi and Dávid Nagy, all of whom studied at GTK.

This is a non-exhaustive overview of key milestones in the history of our University and Faculty, highlighting the most important events in the field of economics – from the establishment of the postgraduate economics department in 1914, through the founding of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences in 1998, to the year 2023, when the Faculty celebrated its 25th anniversary.



GET IN TOUCH

The **International Student Office (ISO)** is your key contact point on the Faculty level. If you want to find out more about studying at BME GTK or have a query about your eligibility, we are here to help.

International Student Office

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Besides **ISO**, three organisations help you to settle and involve you in BME's diverse community:

Faculty Students' Union

Actively participates in matters of governance and management of the Faculty. The Union guides our students and supports them throughout their university journey.

E-mail: international@gtkhk.hu

International Mentor Team (IMT)

Helps foreign students settling in Budapest and helps them through some of the mandatory administration steps and organises fun events.

Website: www.imt.bme.hu

BME Erasmus Student Network (BME ESN)

Supports international Erasmus students with orientation and integration in at BME.

E-mail: info@esn.bme.hu

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