

BALASSI SUMMER UNIVERSITY BUDAPEST

2014



The Summer University of Balassi Institute 4th August 2014 - 29th August 2014 offers its program in the heart of Budapest (Hungarian language classes, lectures on Hungarian culture and field trips to popular spots in Hungary).

We offer Hungarian classes at all levels from basic to advanced (A1-C1). The lectures (in English) as well as the field trips are designed to present different aspects of Hungarian culture.

The **aim of the language classes** at beginner level is to help students speak Hungarian with confidence from day 1. Students are exposed to a balanced treatment of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills combined with communicative strategies. At intermediate and advanced levels courses start by a placement test, then a short period of systematizing students' grammatical and lexical knowledge. After that the courses will help students to gain self confidence when using their Hungarian, to extend their active vocabulary and to help them manage their life and studies in an authentic Hungarian setting.

Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers use the most up-to-date **methods** of guided discovery and self-discovery, students are exposed to everyday situations in Hungarian in a challenging way. Besides establishing patterns for sentence structure, students will be able to assimilate pronunciation, intonation and vocabulary by actively participating in the lesson and by listening to the recorded materials, watching



DVDs, working with interactive materials on computer and taking part in creative group activities.

The Hungarian language lessons are combined with **lectures** on Hungarian history, music, folk and fine arts, gastronomy as well as on the country's special position in Central Europe with the teaching aim to survey the periods of Hungarian history, focusing on the most important events and personalities as well as the European aspects, 20th century etc. The museum visits and field **trips** connected to the lectures assist in putting the theory into practice. The capital city, the atmosphere of an exciting European metropolis and the countryside provide a variety of enriching cultural experiences.

Students can apply for the Balassi Summer University program through the Hungarian Scholarship Board (www.scholarship.hu), or they can enroll and pay for the course themselves. Heritage students from overseas can apply for the Balassi Summer University scholarship directly, for more information on this, please contact Bernadett Budavári (Department of Hungarian Language, Balassi Institute - bernadett.budavari@bbi.hu).



Balassi Summer University offers:

LANGUAGE CLASSES (80)	4 lessons/day (small groups, focusing on communication, interactive tasks, language laboratory)			
CULTURAL LECTURES (14)	e.g. The Hungarian Language, The Hungarian Dream, Spotlight on the Hungarian Theatre: Its Past and Present, „Survival Hungarian Literature”, The Breakthrough Period – Hungarian Painting 1867-1920, The Milestones of Hungarian History, The Revolution and War of Independence in 1956, The History of Hungarian Movie			
EXCURSIONS (2)	to Northern Hungary and to Lake Balaton			
AFTERNOON PROGRAMS (12 - and a lot more possibilities in the Budapest summer)	Gellért Hill Walk	Parliament of Hungary	Zwack Museum	Memento Park
	Introduction to Hungarian Wine with tasting	Semmelweis Museum	Hidden Treasures: City Walk	House of Terror
	National Museum	Hungarian National Bank	National Art Gallery	Vasarely Museum

Important dates (for students without scholarship):

Deadline for application: 20 July, 2014
 Arrival: 4 August, 2014
 Instruction begins: 5 August, 2014
 Departure: 30 August, 2014

Course fees (for students without scholarship):

Registration fee: 12.500 HUF (appr. 42 Euro)
 Tuition fee: 222.500 HUF (appr. 742 Euro)
 Accomodation:
 - in a 3-bed room 75.000 HUF (appr. 250 Euro)
 - in a 2-bed room 87.500 HUF (appr. 292 Euro)

The tuition fee includes the cost of language courses, lectures, field trips, course materials.