



ELTE

FACULTY OF PRIMARY AND
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

MASTER PROGRAMMES

Cultural Mediation



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Why choose the Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education?



The Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education has more than a 150-year heritage as a teacher training institute. Our faculty's profile lies on the early years of education starting from the age of 0 all the way up to the 4th grade in primary school (age 10).

Our BA programmes consist the following:

- Early childhood education (age 0-3)
- Kindergarten Education (3-6)
- Primary Education (7-10)

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Our faculty launched it's **Master programme, Cultural Mediation** in Hungarian in 2023 when it quickly gained it's popularity among students. In 2024 we started to prepare the English course of the programme that is unique in Hungary. **The English programme officially launched in 2026.**

Period: 2 years
Degree level: master
Language: English
Available courses: full-time

About the programme

A cultural mediator acts as a professional intermediary between cultures (in the broadest sense). In this broad sense, the term “culture” can refer to social groups, school environments, various national and ethnic identities, corporate culture, the legal environment, high art, and popular culture. The term “mediation” literally means “intermediation”; cultural mediation presupposes a thorough and sensitive understanding of the differences and similarities, tensions, and potential connections between cultures. Therefore, those who wish to become cultural mediators must not only study cultural theory but also delve into, for example, the psychology, communication, and legal context of mediation.

Furthermore, the organizational structures of the 21st century—at the individual, workplace, and societal levels—also require that future cultural mediators acquire leadership skills in addition to these other areas. The classical theoretical training, which also prepares students for participation in a subsequent Ph.D. program, is complemented by intensive professional practice.

The program prepares students for both managing public cultural institutions and running their own businesses. In addition to striking a balance between theory and practice, the program’s strength lies in the social capital students can acquire within the university and during their professional internships in the (inter)cultural scene. The leadership of the Cultural Mediation program is also committed to facilitating students’ international experiences.

See what our students and staff has to say about this programme



Career Opportunities



Those who have completed the training program may primarily assume senior positions at the institutions supervised by the National Institute of Culture (NMI). According to the relevant Hungarian laws, it is exclusively professionals who hold a Cultural Mediation degree that can head these institutions. These institutions offer such opportunities in the field of culture which, among others, aim to harmonize Hungarian folk culture, the different forms of arts or the organizational cultures of the institutions.

Job examples:

Head of Institution at cultural institutions established for citizens living in Hungary or abroad in the Hungarian diaspora.

University Lecturer's position in Hungary (after earning a Ph.D. degree) at the Cultural Mediation MA courses, including educational tasks in Hungarian and English.

Some examples from our programme



Theory and introduction courses

- The concept of culture, and theory of culture trends
- Cultural law
- Introduction to intercultural studies
- The psychology of mediation

Culture and communication courses

- Children's culture and mediation
- Cultural Mediation and Religion
- Intercultural mediation
- Questions of ethics and philosophy of intercultural communication



Arts and history

- Museum: contemporary contexts
- Theater in culture, the cultural expression of everyday
- The Hungarian institutional history of cultural heritage
- Interarts Studies



See the full programme here:

<https://www.tok.elte.hu/en/cultural-mediation-ma-0>

Admission process

Admissions procedure for foreign citizens / Hungarian citizens with foreign high school certificates or double citizenship holder:

If you are a foreign citizens / Hungarian citizen or hold a double citizenship and have obtained your high school diploma in an international school in Hungary or in any foreign school abroad, you can apply through the DreamApply system of ELTE as an international self-funded applicant.

The programme can be started in the possession of a bachelor degree in any of the following areas: adult education, community coordination, cultural program coordinator, human resources coordinator; in the field of humanities; human resources from the field of economics; sociology, political science, information science librarian, and the bachelor's degree program in cultural anthropology from the field of social sciences.

More on the admission process:

<https://www.tok.elte.hu/en/cultural-mediation-ma-0>

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Deadlines

For February intake:

- as a fee-paying applicant: 30 November

Application documents

- Bachelor-level degree;
- CV;
- Motivation letter*;
- Letter of recommendation**;
- Copy of the main pages of the passport (scanned, in colour all personal details and expiry date must be shown, the passport must be valid);
- Proof of the *Application fee* and the *Entrance exam fee* transfer
- Language certificate

***The general guidelines and expectations for the letter are:**

Please, explain why you would like to study in Hungary and how you are related to Central European culture. Specify your studies to date and to what extent the following fields have been included in your studies so far: communication, psychology, mediation, leadership studies, arts, minority groups and conflict management. The length of the motivation letter is between 1000 and 2000 words.

****Letter(s) of recommendation OR reference(s)**

Number of recommendations to submit: 2

We will only accept references from university lecturers with a Ph.D. degree who have in-depth knowledge on cultural studies and have an understanding of Central European culture.

Admission fees

	EU/EEA students	Non-EU/EEA students
Application fee	150 EUR (Non-refundable)	150 EUR (Non-refundable)
Entrance exam fee	50 EUR Entrance exam fee (Non-refundable)	50 EUR Entrance exam fee (Non-refundable)

Tuition fees

	EU/EEA students	Non-EU/EEA students
Tuition fee/semester	3,500 EUR	3,900 EUR

Reservation fee

The reservation fee is part of the first semester's tuition fee if the student establishes legal status, in which case the fee paid does not require separate treatment and accounting. If the applicant's legal status as a student is not established for any reason, the reservation fee must be settled and accounted for from the amount of tuition paid, as follows.

The amount of reservation fee:

- if the establishment of student status fails due to the refusal to issue a visa (i.e., through no fault of the applicant): 10% of the semester tuition fee for the given program;
- if the establishment of student status fails for other reasons: the reservation fee is 100% of the semester tuition fee for the given program, which may be reduced by the dean of the faculty based on the applicant's individual request.

Entrance examination

After the faculty accepted the required document uploaded to the application platform, the applicant will take a professional online entrance examination organised by the Admission Committee of the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education.

The online exam should take about 30 minutes and contains the following three parts:

<p>Selecting a situation and preparing (max. 10 minutes)</p>	<p>You will draw one of the 10 topics and choose one of the two corresponding situations listed on the topic sheet. This will serve as the basis for the conversation. You have up to 10 minutes to choose a situation, think it through, and even take notes.</p>
<p>Introductory conversation (2–3 minutes)</p>	<p>The admissions interview begins with a brief personal introduction, which also touches on the reasons for choosing the program.</p>
<p>Discussion of a Topic max. 10 minutes)</p>	<p>This will be followed by a discussion of the situation you have chosen, lasting approximately 10 minutes. After explaining your choice of topic, briefly interpret the topic and briefly state your opinion. Discuss the social and cultural significance of resolving the situation or problem raised in the scenario.</p>

Selection and evaluation:

The ranking is based on a total evaluation of the academic excellence (based on the submitted documents) and the results of the entrance exam. Results and the official decision will be announced within a month after the aptitude exam date, in the application system.

Budapest, Hungary



Official language: Hungarian
Currency: Hungarian forint (HUF)
Capital: Budapest
Time zone: CET (GMT +2)



Budapest, the capital city of Hungary is an excellent social hub for students with many events, museums, fun activities.

The university itself is spread all around the city from the more cultural and buzzing Pest side, to the more green and calmer Buda side; the latter is where our faculty is located.

Budapest consists of 23 districts surrounded by its metropolitan area. The population of the city is around 1 700 000.

The city's public transportation is excellent with many possibilities like buses, trams, metro (subway) etc. Surrounding cities are easily accessible by train.

Cost of living

- Accommodation in an apartment: HUF 220,000 - 250,000 (around EUR 550 - 625)
- Monthly public transport pass for students: HUF 3,450 (around EUR 8,80)
- Food from HUF 100,000 (around EUR 260)



More about living costs:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/about-budapest/costs>



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