



**Study Visit to Budapest for the Students of International Relations and European Studies Specialisation,
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The policy of the Department of Juridical Sciences and European Studies of our university is not only to teach about different public institutions at European, national, regional and local level but also to show these to students in real life as well. This is the motivation for organising study visits to different locations every year.

This semester the Department organised a study visit to Budapest, between 19th-23rd November, for the interested International Relations and European Studies Specialisation 1st, 2nd and 3rd year BA students. In the programme we included the visit of several public institutions: political and legal as well as academic institutions and universities.

In the Hungarian Parliament our students had a guided tour of the building and were given a presentation on how the Parliament works. We also had the opportunity to visit the Budapest Bar Association and learn about its functioning. The director of the Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad presented to the students the institution and its work.

We also had guided visits of several universities – such as the Eötvös Loránd University, the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the Corvinus University of Budapest and the Central European University – and their libraries. Our goal with these visits is to help students get interested in entering different mobility programmes and apply for scholarships abroad, either during their BA or during their MA studies. Seeing for themselves these different universities they can choose the perfect fit for their studies abroad in the near future.

It is also important that they can apply for several mobility programmes, and starting from September 2013, they will have the possibility to take part in the most well known European mobility program, the ERASMUS, as the Sapientia

Hungarian University of Transylvania, following its accreditation, signed the ERASMUS Extended University Charter several months ago.

Further targets of our study visit were several institutions of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences: the Institute for Minority Studies, the Institute for Political Science and the Institute for Sociology.

Thirty students and three members of the teaching staff participated in this trip. According to students' feedback, Budapest was a good choice for a study visit, very informative and helpful from many perspectives.

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