CHECKLIST TO COMPLETE

________ Email budapestsemesters@gmail.com to confirm acceptance

________ TUITION: $4,995 due by May 1st, 2023 (see pp. 5-6)
Make check payable to Budapest Semesters in Mathematics and mail to:
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Attn: Vanessa Bodrie, 1520 St. Olaf
Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057

________ Optional Babilon Language Course: $255
Cost and payment deadlines (p. 6)

________ Keep these three important letters for travel to Budapest:
(1) BSM Acceptance Letter, (2) College International Letter, and (3) Travel Letter
from Budapest Office.

________ Read this Student Handbook in its entirety

________ Prescription Medications: It is illegal to mail prescription medications from
the U.S. to Hungary. Plan ahead and take a full supply of medications with
you for the semester and a doctor’s note certifying that you need this
medication.

________ Read, sign (student AND parent(s)/guardian), and return the required BSM
Contract Form online (the form is in the post-acceptance email and on pp. 23-26
of this Student Handbook). Financially Independent Students can request a
separate contract form.

________ Post-Acceptance Forms: Complete the required online forms (links to all forms
are in a separate email you will receive from BSM) (p. 20)

________ Non-U.S./Canadian Citizens: Start familiarizing yourself with the VISA process
and apply as soon as possible. Up-to-date information can be found here:
https://sites.google.com/a/bsmath-forms.net/visainfo/ (p. 17)

________ Contact the North American BSM Office with any questions:
budapestsemesters@gmail.com | 507-786-3114
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Links to 6 online forms are sent in an email to each student within a few days of acceptance. Two of the required forms are included in this Handbook:
- BSM Community Contract for Covid19 Safety – REQUIRED (included in handbook and in email)
- BSM Student Contract Form–REQUIRED: Read, sign and return all 4 pages (included in handbook and one of the online forms due)
WELCOME

We are excited for your acceptance into the program! Along with your Student Handbook we will email you three BSM letters that we ask you to read and bring with you to Budapest: Acceptance Letter, VISA Letter, and Airline Letter. Be sure to read through the entire Student Handbook and our website http://www.budapestsemesters.com for in-depth information about the program and next steps.

BSM is an academically rigorous study abroad program that focuses on mathematics and is geared for students who are serious about math. The coursework is challenging and provides students with a new understanding of mathematics focusing on problem solving, student creativity, and group learning. Students typically take three or four mathematics courses and one or two intercultural courses each semester. Information about program courses, syllabi, BSM professors, and undergraduate research opportunities can be found here: https://www.bsmath.hu/history.html

CONTACT the BSM North American Office at budapestsemesters@gmail.com or 1-507-786-3114 with any questions.

COVID19 Policies and Procedures
The BSM Directors are closely monitoring the Covid situation in Budapest, Europe, and the United States. The Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program will run only if there is confidence that we can do so safely and anticipate completion of the semester in-person and in-country. Once students arrive in Budapest, they are bound by their commitment to the Community Contract for Covid19 Safety (one of the required BSM forms).

Proof of vaccination (including the most recent eligible Covid booster recommended by the CDC) and a negative Covid PCR test taken no more than 72 hours prior to departure is required for program participation. Any expenses related to vaccination or testing are the responsibility of the student. Proof of vaccination and the negative test result should be sent to budapestsemesters@gmail.com prior to departure.


Students may be required to participate in group and/or individual Covid19 testing throughout the semester.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION
Participation in an online pre-departure orientation is required for each student. As part of this orientation, you will meet the BSM team and receive updates on Covid related policies and travel guidelines.

Dates: TBD, students will be notified by email and will receive a Zoom link to the session.

All students will also be invited to join a BSM Facebook group prior to departure. The Hungarian BSM team uses this platform to communicate updates and class schedule changes to the group.
TRAVEL/FLIGHTS to BUDAPEST
Hungary is one of the Schengen area countries. Flights and associated travel fees remain the responsibility of the student. Compliance with Covid19 related travel requirements and flight change policies of the airline are the responsibility of the student.

Arrival dates for the Summer 2023 semester: If participating in the Babilon Language and Culture course arrive between June 1-2. If not participating in the Babilon course arrive between June 7-8.

The three important BSM letters emailed to you as part of your packet should be taken with you to the airport and on your flight to show to customs officials if requested.

U.S. citizens are not required to have a residency visa for summer if staying for less than 90 days. Recent changes in EU immigration rules require you pay close attention to these issues as you plan your travels to Budapest.

While traveling, keep your passport, cash, and a week’s supply of any vital medication in your carry-on luggage. Although unlikely, it may happen that checked baggage is put on the wrong plane. At check-in time, make certain your baggage is labeled inside and out with your final destination: Budapest Semesters in Mathematics
Bethlen Gábor tér 2
Budapest, Hungary 1071

Use this same address to have your lost luggage sent to. There is 24-hour door service to receive your luggage.

This may be the first time you are traveling alone for an academic program. The following is a summary of what you can expect as you arrive in Budapest:

● A BSM representative will be waiting for you at the airport. In case you miss each other, be patient and try to locate them. If you do not find the BSM representative, email: office@bsmath.hu or call the local 24/7 emergency number in Budapest at 00-36-20-628-5562 or 011+36-20-628-5562 (using your U.S. phone). Do not leave the airport before successfully contacting BSM staff in Budapest.
● The BSM representative will escort you to your apartment and provide you with a brief introduction to your neighborhood, nearest ATM, pharmacy, metro, and location of BSM offices and classrooms.
● Apartments may differ from American standards, and it can take a little time to adjusted to your new living situation. Each student will have their own bedroom, however Hungarian apartments are smaller than the average U.S. apartment.
● BSM organizes a half-day mandatory orientation session right before the start of the semester.
● Hungarian law requires every adult to carry ID at all times. It is best to have a copy of your passport page together with your driver’s license.
● You must have your passport with you at all times when traveling outside of Budapest.

BSM OFFICE AND PARENT COMMUNICATION
Please note that due to student privacy laws, our office cannot always communicate specifics about students with parents. Student safety and well-being are of highest priority.
Important information regarding payment, please read carefully.

Dear Students/Parents:

On the next page, you will find an invoice for tuition for the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program.

If you receive federal student loans, financial aid, grants, or scholarships through your home school, it is often possible for some or all of this money to be applied toward your Budapest Semesters in Mathematics tuition. Please check with your college/university Financial Services Office or Study Abroad Office to see if they will remit payment or if it is your responsibility. Also check with them to make sure your federal student loans will not begin repayment status when you are absent for a semester.

If your school is responsible for your tuition, please share this letter and invoice with the office responsible for payment. BSM is an Independent Study Abroad program not a St. Olaf College program. The BSM North American Office is physically located at St. Olaf College only. If your school needs an invoice to come directly from our office, please let me know as soon as possible and I will email it to them directly. An invoice is not automatically sent to home schools.

Whether it is you or the school making payment, please make checks payable to:
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics

Mail to:
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics
Attn: Vanessa Bodrie
St. Olaf College
1520 St. Olaf Avenue
Northfield, MN  55057

Regardless of your financial aid package, ALL tuition must be paid in full to the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics office in Minnesota by the date listed on the next page.

If you have questions, please contact Vanessa Bodrie, Program Administrator, at budapestsemesters@gmail.com or 507-786-3114.

Thank you,
Vanessa Bodrie
BSM Program Administrator
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics
BSM Tuition Invoice

Tuition cost for the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics **Summer 2023** semester

**Tuition Due Date:** May 1, 2023  
**Tuition Cost:** $4,995.00 per semester

Please make tuition checks payable to: **Budapest Semesters in Mathematics**

Mail to:  
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics  
Attn: Vanessa Bodrie  
St. Olaf College  
1520 St. Olaf Avenue  
Northfield, MN 55057

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Optional Hungarian Language and Culture Course (Babilon School)
This is an optional, **non-credit**, one-week course scheduled prior to the start of the BSM semester.

**Due Date:** May 1, 2023  
**Course Cost:** $255 (if paid by May 1, 2023)

Please make language course checks payable to: **Budapest Semesters in Mathematics**

Mail to:  
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics  
Attn: Vanessa Bodrie  
St. Olaf College  
1520 St. Olaf Avenue  
Northfield, MN 55057

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**Cost if paid after May 1, 2023:**  
Payable to Babilon School **in person on arrival:**  
$ TBD  
Students can show up and participate in the Babilon program, but will have to pay in cash (Hungarian Forints) in person and at a higher price.

> Payment for BSM tuition and the Babilon Language course can be paid with one check  
> if payment is received by May 1, 2023 at the BSM North American office.

If your school is responsible for your tuition, please give this invoice to the office responsible for payment. If your school needs an invoice to come directly from our office, please let me know as soon as possible and I will email it to them. An invoice is not automatically sent to home schools.

Please contact Vanessa Bodrie, Program Administrator with questions:  
budapestsemesters@gmail.com or 507-786-3114
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS

Two additional items must be added to these expenses: Airfare to and from Budapest, and travel within Budapest. Please take into consideration VISA rules (Schengen Zone) and the BSM Academic Calendar when buying your plane ticket. Flights and associated travel fees remain the responsibility of the student.

The estimated costs of living in Budapest during the Summer are listed below and are paid for by the student in Hungary.

**Estimated Additional Summer Program Costs**

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The above expenses will be paid in Hungarian currency (Forints) in Budapest. These are rough estimates and will vary depending on the exchange rate.

*Utility costs*: Recent changes to Hungarian law are impacting the market cost of utilities in Budapest; if students have concerns or questions please contact Anna Foti, BSM Dir. of Student Services at office@bsmath.hu.

US and Canadian students will *not* need a Visa Residence Permit, as their stay will be less than 90 days. International students will need to check with their home country consulate for the most current and accurate information.
BSM IMPORTANT INFORMATION - SUMMARY

BSM classes are held at College International (proprietor of BSM headquarters) and is located near Keleti Train Station and close to the red metro line (subway). BSM is located in a large building surrounded by a courtyard. The building is shared by four independent international programs: “Pre-Med” (preparing students for medical school), McDaniel College (Budapest branch of a US institution), BSM and BSME (Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Education).

0. CURRENCY: ATM machines are readily available in Budapest and accept most major credit and bank debit cards (checking account only). You can easily withdraw Hungarian Forints using your debit card; the fees are much less than if you obtain Forints at a U.S. bank. Check with your personal bank on best options in order to incur minimal fees.

Don’t trade currency with strangers, there are designated exchange booths all over the city for that.

It is not a good idea to exchange all your money upon arrival as the bank will charge you for the privilege.

Personal checks, cashier checks, money orders, etc., cannot be readily exchanged, as international banking is quite slow. Although you may deposit a personal check at some local banks in Hungary, it may take several months for the check to clear. However, it is a good idea to bring some personal checks along in case, for example, you need to send in graduate school applications. If you arrive in Budapest without Forints, simply exchange some US dollars for Forints at a bank near your apartment or withdraw money from an ATM using a debit or credit card.

1. PROHIBITIONS: Do not take any weapons or illegal drugs to Hungary. It is considered a major felony and will result in immediate expulsion from the program. Note that Hungary has zero tolerance for drugs, including marijuana. In addition, vehicles can only be driven by a person with a 0% blood alcohol level.

2. MEDICAL INSURANCE: For long-term benefits and coverage outside of Budapest, it is mandatory that you have a current US or Canadian international insurance policy that is valid for your travel dates and your entire stay in Hungary. Before you leave, please call your home insurance company and make sure your insurance is valid in Hungary and the EU. Students are required to have a valid insurance policy, covering at least 50,000 euros of your health expenses as well as covering evacuation costs. If your regular insurance does not cover evacuation costs for medical emergencies, we encourage you to acquire additional travel insurance. Several US companies offer appropriate insurance for your travel/study abroad needs (e.g. Gateway US, IMG, CMI or ISOS).

As part of your tuition, you will be provided with supplemental student health insurance offered by the Swiss Clinic. https://www.budapestsemesters.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Swiss-Medical-Nov.-30-2021.pdf This insurance covers emergency medical benefits (including hospitalization) within Budapest ONLY during your stay in Hungary. It will not pay for treatment outside the city limits of Budapest, ongoing treatment for chronic issues, evacuation due to medical emergencies, or other major issues not easily addressed by the municipal health system. This supplemental health insurance allows
access to a reliable, English language health service. It does not replace your home insurance, especially since it does NOT cover you outside of Budapest.

3. MENTAL HEALTH/WELL-BEING and ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:
We believe that a student’s mental health is as important as their physical well-being. Adjusting to the demands of academic challenges and a new urban environment can be stressful. Talking with a professional counselor can help you find ways to manage academic pressures, personal problems, and cultural adjustments. College International - the umbrella institution of BSM- provides a counselor who will be available on campus. For those seeking long-term counseling outside the campus setting, the College also retains the services of an experienced clinical and pastoral psychologist.

Mental Health Counseling
BSM also provides a counseling service in English. Counseling differs from psychotherapy in the sense that it is aimed at issues, difficulties, and challenges in the present moment and its focus is coming up with practical solutions that the client can immediately apply in their everyday life. During counseling, we work together with the student to find available resources and to come up with a plan for addressing issues. At BSM you can work with two English speaking psychologists, Andrea Turner and Laszlo Biro. Please email the Director of Student Services (DSS), Anna Foti, at afoti@mcDaniel.hu if you would like to make an appointment with one of our counselors.

Well-Being Support - Director of Student Services (DSS)
The is the first line of contact whenever a student encounters challenges that they do not know how to address on their own. Examples include, but are not limited to, help with housing issues, assistance with transportation, and general questions about life and learning at BSM in Budapest.

Academic Accommodations
College International and BSM do not have a learning disabilities center in their building but can usually provide the same academic accommodations that you are currently entitled to at your home college/university. To qualify, please provide documentation regarding the accommodation to our Director in Budapest, Professor Dezso Miklos. A signed letter brought from your learning disabilities office or advisor, or an email sent by an appropriate staff person from your school will suffice.

4. CLIMATE: Hungary has a continental climate, with warm to hot summers and cold winters. Note that in Europe, temperature is measured in centigrade.

5. PRESCRIPTIONS: It is important that you bring an ample supply of any prescription medicine you use for the duration of the semester with a note from your doctor certifying that you need the medication for your condition.

Note that it is illegal to mail prescription medicines to Hungary from the U.S.
Use the service provider http://www.northernpharmacyinternational.com/ as suggested by the U.S. Embassy at http://hungary.usembassy.gov/medical_information.html

6. ELECTRICITY: The voltage used in continental Europe is 220. This renders most North American appliances useless unless they are convertible, battery operated, or you have an adapter. Note that the
outlet geometry is also different. For battery-operated devices it may be advisable to take a spare set of batteries along for the trip. It can be difficult to get the right size batteries in Budapest.

7. SCHEDULE: Two full semesters are offered each year, Fall and Spring; each semester comprises fourteen weeks of teaching and one week of comprehensive examinations. The 8-week summer semester (2 courses) is offered from mid-June to early August. Students may participate in one semester or in two consecutive semesters. There is a mandatory orientation program at the beginning of each term. The academic program always begins on a Monday; the Welcome Party for new students is held on Friday afternoon of the week preceding classes or on the first Monday; and the Farewell Party is held on Thursday afternoon during final exam week. Please see the academic calendar on page 18 for more information.

8. GRE/PUTNAM: Students must check with GRE organizers to see if the GRE will be offered in Budapest, Prague or Vienna. It can be difficult to apply to graduate schools and NSF graduate fellowships when you are away from your home college. Please plan ahead to request and obtain letters.

Fall semester participants are encouraged to take the Putnam Exam while in Budapest. The North American BSM office will contact the Putnam advisor at your home institution, but your home institution must list you on their home school Putnam list to be eligible for participation.

9. TRAVEL: Flights and associated travel fees remain the responsibility of the student. Compliance with Covid related travel requirements and flight change policies of the airline are the responsibility of the student. Review the BSM academic calendar specific arrival dates on page 18 for the Summer 2023 semester. The 3 important BSM letters emailed to you should be taken with you to the airport and on your flight to show to customs officials if requested.

Don’t forget your passport, airline ticket, bank debit card, a major credit card, and some cash and/or travelers’ checks to cover immediate expenses upon arrival. A few extra passport-type photos may also come in handy.

10. WHAT TO PACK:

Things to include in your carry-on luggage:

● Your airline/train ticket
● Your passport (plus a xerox copy to keep in a safe place in case you lose your passport)
● Prescription medications with a doctor’s note certifying that you need this medication (it is illegal to mail prescription medications to Hungary)
● Major credit card / plus a small amount of cash
● Debit card for withdrawing local currency
● A physical copy of your official BSM Acceptance Letter
● A physical copy of the Visa Letter - Official College International letter stating official acceptance (emailed with acceptance letter). College International is the umbrella institution of BSM in Budapest.
● A physical copy of the Airline Letter (emailed with acceptance letter)
● BSM Hungary contact and emergency numbers (p. 15)
● A copy of your health insurance card (required)
**Computer** - Most students choose to bring a personal laptop. Students usually find a laptop necessary for coursework including math programs they may need. There is a free wireless network available at the school for student use.

**Cell Phones** - It is important to check with your existing carrier to understand the rates and fees if you choose to use your phone abroad. One option is to unlock your phone and purchase a pay-as-you-go SIM card in Hungary. Cell phone rental may also be an option. Students can also communicate with WhatsApp, SKYPE, FaceTime, and other forms of social media.

https://www.studyabroadscholarships.org/how-you-can-use-your-phone-while-studying-abroad/

**The International Student Identity Card (ISIC)** - Students may choose to purchase international student IDs in the United States before traveling to Budapest as they offer some discounts to museums and other activities. https://www.myisic.com/isic-card/

11. MAILING SUITCASES AHEAD OF TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST: Email Anna Foti, office@bsmath.hu, prior to mailing a suitcase. Declare value under $50, mark the form: “used, personal items” and mail to: **Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Bethlen Gábor tér 2, Budapest, 1071 Hungary**

12. ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST: A BSM representative will meet you upon arrival at the airport and drive you to your apartment. It is vital that the office in Budapest is informed about your travel plans ahead of time. Please fill out the Travel Form (a link will be sent in an email from BSM) online as soon as your travel plans are made. A copy is emailed to both the North American Office and Budapest Office. **It is essential that you contact both offices should your travel plans change.**

**All students:** BSM organizes housing/lodging for you while in Budapest. As there can be last minute changes, the exact address will only be known at the time of your arrival. If the **Immigration Officer** at the border asks for your lodging information, please provide "**Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Bethlen Gábor tér 2, Budapest, 1071 Hungary**" as your address.

After clearing customs, you will leave the baggage claim area and go to the arrival hall (ground transport). Look for a BSM representative holding up a sign saying, “Budapest Semesters”. Do not leave the airport until you locate each other. Send an email to office@bsmath.hu or call 00-36-20-628-5562 the BSM emergency number if needed.

In the very extremely unlikely event that you miss the BSM representative at the airport, **during office hours (8am-3pm)**, take the airport shuttle to District 7, Bethlen Gábor ter 2 (location of BSM). The trip takes about 45 minutes and costs about $20.

If your arrival in Budapest is scheduled between 8:00 pm and 7:00 am local time, make sure that you communicate your arrival plans - in advance, via email - with the Budapest Office. BSM will pick you up as long as they know the plans in advance. In the very exceptional case that you might need to find lodging at a hostel or hotel for the night, take a taxi to the Budapest Office (Bethlen Gábor ter 2) the next working day.
To call a telephone number in Budapest from the United States, you prefix the number with 011-36-1. Dialing 011 summons the international switchboard, 36 is the country code for Hungary, and 1 is the city code for Budapest. Note the difference in time zones. When it is noon in New York and 9 a.m. in San Francisco, it is 6 p.m. in Hungary. At 6 p.m. in New York, it is midnight in Budapest.

13. HOUSING: Housing and roommate assignments are arranged by our Hungarian BSM staff based on the information you provide in your Housing Form (a link will be sent in an email from BSM). The form will go to both the North American and Hungarian Offices. Program staff in Budapest coordinate housing assignments in rental apartments approved by BSM.

Housing assignments are given upon arrival in Budapest. Typically, two or three students are housed together based on their requests. Each student will have their own bedroom with a door. Apartments come completely furnished with such things as furniture, pillows, sheets, towels, kitchenware, washing machine, etc. Clothes dryers are extremely rare. Keep in mind that thick items, such as sweatshirts, take several days to air dry; please pack accordingly. All apartments are located within easy reach of the university, either on foot or using convenient and inexpensive public transportation. There will not be apartment changes after arrival. Specific questions on housing can be directed to Anna Foti, Director of Student Services, at office@bsmath.hu.

Budapest is a large city; it’s a good idea to always lock your apartment door, especially if you bring along electronic equipment.

RENT: Rent (approximately $475 per month) is payable in Budapest in Hungarian Forints, usually on a monthly basis. The first month’s rent will usually be payable within a week of your arrival. Please be aware that Hungarian laws governing rental properties vary greatly from laws in North America. Lease details may vary from apartment to apartment. Do not sign any lease agreements until you fully understand and are comfortable with the terms. Your landlord should be willing to give you a few days grace period in which to do so. The on-site BSM office staff will assist you if necessary.

14. INTERNET ACCESS: There is free wireless network access in the BSM classroom for student use. Most students choose to bring a personal laptop; however, a few computers are available for use at BSM. Internet cafés in Budapest charge a nominal fee for internet access and are available throughout the city. If you decide to bring your own computer equipment, most apartments have high-speed internet connections. Remember to bring any adapters, converters, and/or cords.

15. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM: Although the Hungarian program directors work to make your stay in Hungary as educationally exciting and culturally rewarding as possible, there have on rare occasions been students who decided to withdraw from the program.

- If you choose to withdraw from the program within the first five weeks of the semester, the program will reimburse a portion of your refundable tuition according to the following schedule: less than 1 week, 90%, less than 2 weeks, 80%, less than 3 weeks, 60%, less than 4 weeks, 40%, less than 5 weeks, 20%.
16. HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE COURSE: The Babilon Language School offers an optional, non-credit, intensive Hungarian language course as well as immersion in local culture and life in Budapest. The course begins two weeks (see academic calendar on p. 18) prior to the beginning of the fall/spring semester or one week before the summer semester. This course is not included in the BSM tuition fee.

Costs and Deadlines
1) Summer Babilon course cost: $255 if paid to the North American BSM office by May 1, 2023. (p. 6)
2) The cost is TBD if payment is after May 1, 2023. Payment is then made in person, with cash, directly to the Babilon School Office. Please contact them directly with questions.

If you indicated in your application that you would like to attend, you are already enrolled. If you did not indicate this in your application and would like to attend, please email the BSM office at budapestsemesters@gmail.com. All students will receive an email from Babilon about a month before it begins with details on the program.

Babilon School of Languages
1075 Budapest
Károly krt 3/a IV em
Hungary

telephone: (011) (361) 269-5531
fax: (011) (361) 322-6023
email: info@babilon-nyelvstudio.hu
website www.babilon-nyelvstudio.hu

17. SEXUAL HARRASSMENT and ASSAULT POLICY and PROCEDURES: Budapest Semesters in Mathematics is committed to a safe and healthy environment and as such will not tolerate sexual assault or sexual harassment in any form. Sexual assault is a crime in both Hungary and the United States and sexual harassment is a violation of federal and state laws in the United States. BSM recognizes both as serious violations of individual rights and dignity. Sexual assault and sexual harassment are not only acts of disrespect, violence, aggression or coercion against an individual, but also are attacks on our community.


Reports of sexual assault or sexual harassment may be made by students, faculty members, or staff members to Director of Student Services, Anna Foti in Budapest: Email: afoti@mcdaniel.hu

BSM 24/7 emergency cell phone # (within Hungary): 00-36-20-628-5562
Or +36-20-628-5562
The same cell phone # from the United States: 011-36-20-628-5562

If there is a conflict in reporting, please contact the North American Director of BSM, Prof. Kristina Garrett at budapestsemesters@gmail.com and the Hungarian Director of BSM, Prof. Dezso Miklos at dezso@renyi.hu or the Directors of College International.

18. HUNGARY IS A DIFFERENT COUNTRY: Many things are different in Hungary. Be prepared to experience the following: the difficulties associated with a foreign language, the lack of certain conveniences and consumer goods you are accustomed to, and the disoriented, isolated, and lonely
feelings you might experience during the first few days, due to jet-lag. Awareness and open-mindedness will help you minimize the culture shock and enable you to enjoy all the new experiences. You will find that people in Budapest are friendly and helpful, and that Hungarian food is excellent and inexpensive. Hungary has much to offer.

“Budapest is a marvelous city! I am somewhat in awe of the history and culture of this area - Hungary and all of Europe. Living in North America, it is [often] too easy to ignore the rest of the world! For that reason alone this trip is worthwhile, and everything in addition contributes to make this an incredible experience for me.”
~ David Wagner, BSM Alumnus, sent from Budapest

19. TRANSPORTATION IN BUDAPEST: http://www.budapestsemesters.com/other-useful-links/

A monthly pass, permitting unlimited use of all means of public transportation (subway, bus, streetcar), costs about $40 per month. Essentially all points of the city can be reached by public transportation. A taxi will take passengers between any two points in town for less than $35.00. A three-course meal in one of the finest restaurants in Budapest costs between $25.00-$75.00. Budapest offers a variety of cultural experiences, including many programs in music and theater.

Remember to contact your parents and the BSM office in Hungary at office@bsmath.hu with any arrival changes or delays to keep them informed about your situation.
ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

AIRPORT ARRIVAL
Please fill out the BSM travel form on-line with your arrival date, arrival time in Budapest, airline carrier, flight number, and the city your flight is directly coming from. Both the North American and Hungarian Offices will receive a copy. Any changes in your travel plans must be emailed to office@bsmath.hu and budapestsemesters@gmail.com.

BSM organizes housing/lodging for you while in Budapest. As there can be last minute changes, the exact address will only be shared at the time of your arrival. If the Immigration Officer at the border asks for your lodging information, please provide "Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Bethlen Gábor tér 2, Budapest, 1071 Hungary" as your address.

Upon arrival in Budapest, collect your luggage and go through Customs. You need to show your passport at this point. After you have done this, you will enter a large ground transportation/arrival hall. A BSM representative will be waiting to pick you up. Look for the person holding up a sign that says Budapest Semesters. Introduce yourself and they will accompany you to your apartment. They will be able to answer many of your housing questions.

FLIGHT DELAYS
In North America: Once you begin your journey, please remember to notify our office in Budapest and the North American Office of any flight changes or delays. Either e-mail both office@bsmath.hu and budapestsemesters@gmail.com or use one of the telephone numbers below.

Outside of North America: It is important to notify our BMS team in Budapest about any flight delays as this will have an impact of transportation from the airport on arrival. If you need to contact Budapest from Europe, the country code for Hungary is +36, followed by the BSM 24/7 emergency cell phone number 20-628-5562. You may need to ask airline staff for assistance in making this international call.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION-BUDAPEST OFFICE
Budapest Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
BSM Office Cell Phone (when calling within Hungary): 00-36-30-474-3924
BSM Office Cell Phone (when calling from the US): 011-36-30-474-3924
BSM Fax number (from the US): 011-36-1-413-3030
Address: Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Bethlen Gábor tér 2, Budapest, 1071-Hungary

College International (BSM Office) is located near Keleti Railway Station (Keleti Palyaudvar) and close to the metro line 2 (red metro).

BSM 24/7 Emergency Cell Phone # (when calling within Hungary): 00-36-20-628-5562
BSM 24/7 Emergency Cell Phone # (when calling from the US): 011-36-20-628-5562
EMAIL: office@bsmath.hu

If a parent is calling the student’s cell phone from North America, dial 011-36-30- plus their 7-digit phone number. [011=overseas access, 36=country code (Hungary), 1=city code (Budapest)]
Unannounced arrival during office hours:
Budapest staff will plan to meet you upon your arrival, making it necessary for you to update them on any changes in your travel plans. However, if you arrive unannounced via air between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., it may be best to hail a cab or an airport mini-van and give the driver the Budapest Semesters Office address (if you don’t speak Hungarian, it helps to write the address on a piece of paper and show the driver the following):

BSM
Bethlen Gábor tér 2
1071 Budapest, Hungary
District VII
The fee for either the airport mini-van or taxi is not expensive and well worth it. The taxi/shuttle ride from the airport to the office will take about 45 minutes.

Unannounced arrival after office hours:
If we know your travel information ahead of time, a BSM representative will meet you upon arrival. However, in the unlikely event that you have not informed anyone in the Office of your arrival plans, have an unexpected change in plans, or are delayed and no one meets you at the airport or train, plan to take a ab to a hotel (panzió) and spend the night (at your own expense). Most lodgings have someone at the front desk who will speak English.

If it is necessary to spend your first night in a hotel in Budapest or if you are unable to make contact with someone from the program, don’t panic. Eat a good meal, relax by reading an exciting book (probably math), soak in a hot bath, and get a refreshing night’s sleep. The next morning, after breakfast, call the Hungarian BSM Office and apprise them of your situation, and make plans to have someone pick you up at the hotel.

APARTMENTS AND ROOMMATES
The BSM representative who picks you up at the airport/train station will accompany you to your apartment. They will give you a mini orientation in your new neighborhood including the location of the nearest ATM or currency exchange booth and how it works, where to catch public transportation and how to purchase tickets, and directions to the nearest food store and pharmacy. They will also explain how to get from your location to both BSM and the Babilon Language School.

Apartment might be small by North American standards, with modest kitchen facilities. City center locations have the advantage of being close to the main cultural attractions of Budapest and the commute time to BSM is short. Apartments come completely furnished with such things as furniture, sheets, towels, kitchenware, etc. Clothes dryers are extremely rare. Keep in mind that thick items, such as sweatshirts, take several days to air dry; please pack accordingly.

Rent prices per person, regardless of location, should be in the range of about $450-$475 per month plus one time security deposit. The security deposit is usually equal to one month’s rent. Rents are payable in Budapest, in Hungarian Forints, usually on a monthly basis. Please be aware that Hungarian customs and laws governing rental properties vary greatly from laws in North America. There may be slight variations in your lease depending on your apartment/landlord. Do not pay any rent until a contract is signed. However, sign a contract as soon as you feel reasonably comfortable you understand the terms you are agreeing to. Please address housing questions to the DSS, Anna Foti, office@bsmath.hu
**For our part:** For the rental apartments offered via BSM, each landlord has been provided with a list of basic equipment each apartment should have. You can expect your apartment to be equipped with all basic and necessary items (including bed linens, towels, pillows, and kitchenware) and to be clean and scrubbed when you arrive.

**For your part:** We expect that you treat each apartment and its contents with respect and care. After the term is over, it is up to you to be sure that all trash has been removed from the premises, beds are made, dishes are washed, and all keys are returned. Owners are allowed to deduct trash collection, repair, and extra cleaning costs from your refundable security deposit. As members of the BSM class, you are the forerunners for future students and your conduct and behavior will affect how willing Hungarians are to rent to BSM students in the future.

**VISA and RESIDENCE PERMIT**

Definition of terms:
- Visa/Schengen Visa – entry permit for Hungary and the Schengen region
- Residence Permit – permission to stay in Hungary long term (more than 90 days)

All students staying for more than 90 days will need to apply for a Residency Permit. VISAs and Residence Permits are issued by the Hungarian Immigration Office.

**Summer Program**
See [https://sites.google.com/a/bsmath-forms.net/visainfo/main/visa-info-for-summer-students](https://sites.google.com/a/bsmath-forms.net/visainfo/main/visa-info-for-summer-students) for details.

US & Canadian citizens traveling to Hungary for Summer Semester (and staying for fewer than 90 days) do not need to apply for a Visa or Residence Permit.

International students (non-North American citizens) will need to inquire with their nearest Hungarian consulate about the need for a Visa in order to enter Hungary.

**Fall & Spring Semester Programs**
See [https://sites.google.com/a/bsmath-forms.net/visainfo/] for details.

North American Citizens (U.S. & Canada)
Students studying and living in Budapest for more than 90 days will be required to obtain a Residence Permit at the Immigration Office with the help of BSM staff after arrival in Budapest.

Non-North American Citizens
Non-North American citizens may require a Visa in order to enter Hungary, even as a tourist. You should check with your home country about requirements or restrictions. The process to obtain a Visa can be lengthy so you will want to allow plenty of time to complete all necessary steps. Please make sure your required travel documents (passport) do not expire within six months of leaving Budapest.

Questions about VISAs or Residence Permits should be addressed to Prof. Agnes Szilard in Budapest at agnes.szilard@bsmath-forms.net
Most (fall/spring semester) students will be applying for a residence permit in Budapest (BSM makes the appointments) and will need to bring the following documentation:

- Passport
- 1 passport photo for application at the Immigration Office
- Official letter of acceptance on BSM letterhead. Make a copy for your records.
- Official College International Budapest letter stating your official acceptance.
- Bank statement verifying you will have sufficient funds for your term abroad ($1000-2000). Be sure to white/black out all identifying account numbers.
- A copy of your U.S. health insurance card (required)
- Money to cover the fees for this process: approximately $80 USD.

In Budapest, these documents must be taken to the Immigration Office. To speed up getting your residency permit, BSM organizes group appointments. BSM personnel will accompany you to obtain your Residence Permit. As this is a several hour process, please bring a book or something to do while you are waiting. For specifics on this process please email our office in Budapest: office@bsmath.hu.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
During the first weeks of the fall and spring semesters, students may shop around for courses. Registration is during the third week of the semester. This way, students may analyze which courses would best fit with their interests or are required by their home institution. Students usually select 4 courses to study for the remainder of the fall or spring semester.

During the summer semester, the normal course load is 2 courses. Students will learn about this during the mandatory orientation in Budapest.

For detailed information on prior courses, professors, schedule of classes and syllabi go to: www.bsmath.hu

- The academic program always begins on a Monday.
- The Welcome Party for new students is held on Friday afternoon of the week preceding classes or Monday afternoon.
- The Farewell Party is held on Thursday afternoon during final exam week.

There are no classes on March 15, May 1, Whit Monday or Pentecost, August 20, October 23, and November 1. The office in Budapest will be closed on these holidays.

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The complete BSM Calendar can be found here: https://www.budapestsemesters.com/academic-calendar/
TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION and COURSE CREDIT

A typical BSM course load for fall/spring semester is 4 subjects, but students may take as many courses as they feel they can handle. However, to avoid students overburdening themselves, the 6th and additional MATH courses carry an extra fee of $350.

During the summer semester, the normal course load is 2 courses.

During the first weeks of the program, students may shop around for courses. Final registration is during the third week of the semester. This way, students may analyze which courses best fit their interests or are required by their home institution.

If a student would like to pursue a course of study that is not offered, that student should indicate this interest to the Hungarian or the North American Director. In many instances arrangements can be made to accommodate the student. Depending upon how many students would be interested in the suggested course, the professor will try to put together either a lecture or reading course.

Transcripts will reflect either letter grades A-F, audit/non-attending, or incomplete. For details see http://www.bsmath.hu/academic_rules.pdf.

COURSE WEIGHT
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics courses comprise 14 weeks of teaching plus one week of exams.

Each course usually meets for a total of 42 contact hours per semester plus office hours. Normally, one Budapest Semesters in Mathematics course transfers either as 3 or 4 semester hours depending on an evaluation of course material done by the home institution.

Math and non-math courses are weighted the same.

The BSM Program uses course units to describe its courses rather than ‘credit hours’ or ‘semester hours.’ This is in concert with the St. Olaf system of counting courses toward graduation. We encourage each institution to make its own evaluation of our courses relative to local requirements and credit levels, but that said, some experience with what is done at other institutions might be useful. Most schools using a semester credit system give 3 credit hours per BSM course. Those that do not, give 4 semester credit hours for the mathematics courses and 3 or 4 semester credit hours for the non-mathematics courses. Those on the quarter system give 4 or 5 quarter hours per BSM course. Those schools (like St. Olaf) that use the course unit system give 1 semester course unit for each BSM course taken: For reference, at St. Olaf, 35 courses are required to graduate and a Budapest Semester course transfers as exactly one St. Olaf course.

The transcripts are issued by St. Olaf College, the program’s School of Record and will be mailed (or emailed) to the name and address you listed on the BSM Transcript Release Form.
REQUIRED BSM ONLINE FORMS

Please fill out the following required forms on-line as soon as possible using the links in the email sent to you by the BSM North American Office. Contact Program Administrator Vanessa Bodrie with any questions: budapestsemesters@gmail.com

1 - Medical  
2 - Housing/Roommate  
3 - Travel  
4 - Transcript release  
5 - Signed Contract/Release Agreement – a hard copy can be found on pp. 23-26 of this handbook. This form requires physical signatures from both student and parent(s)/guardian. Independent students can request a revised version of the contract.  
6 - Community Contract for Covid19 Safety – a hard copy can be found on pp. 21-22 of this handbook. This form requires a physical signature from the student.

** Please note the above forms are required for participation in the program. Please complete and submit as soon as possible online. **

A copy of the completed forms will be sent to both the North American and Hungarian BSM Offices.

1 – The Medical form must include your insurance carrier and code number. This information is used in the event of a medical emergency so please be sure to include all necessary medical information. You will also confirm that you have the required evacuation coverage.

Before you depart for Hungary, please call your home insurance company and make sure your insurance is valid in Hungary and find out what type of costs are covered and the amount of coverage. Students are required to have a valid insurance policy, covering at least up to 50,000 euros of your health expenses as well as coverage for evacuation costs. If your regular insurance does not cover evacuation, we encourage you to investigate additional travel insurance in the event of a medical emergency. Several US companies offer appropriate insurance for your travel, study abroad needs e.g. Gateway US, IMG, CMI or ISOS.

If you use prescription medication, please list its purpose.

2 – Housing/Roommate form is used to determine housing assignments coordinated through the Office in Budapest. You will receive your housing information when you arrive in Budapest and are picked up at the airport. Questions about specific information that is not found in this handbook or on the website may be directed to the BSM Hungarian Office at office@bsmath.hu.

3 – Travel form - this information is used for transportation from the airport so it is essential that the travel details you provide are accurate. It is necessary to inform both the North American and Hungarian Offices of any changes so someone will be sure to meet you upon your arrival. Check the academic calendar for the earliest arrival date and the latest departure date.
4 – **Transcript Release Form:** Indicate where you would like to have an official transcript sent at the end of the semester.

5 – **Contract/Release form:** *A student cannot participate in the program until the North American Office has received the signed waiver form.* The form must be signed by the student and parent(s)/guardian and then uploaded as an attachment to the form. You may also email the document to the North American office or send it via USPS. Contact the North American office if you are an independent student; we have an alternate form available.

6- **Community Contract for Covid19 Safety form:** *A student cannot participate in the program until the North American Office has received the signed form.*

Please contact Vanessa Bodrie, Program Administrator at budapestsemesters@gmail.com or 507-786-3114 if you have questions regarding these forms or if you have not received the email with links to the forms.
BSM Community Contract for Covid19 Safety
Updated for Spring 2023

The Covid19 pandemic and the risks posed to the BSM community require that each of us continue to observe heightened safety precautions during the semester. We have designed a set of policies and procedures to minimize the incidence and spread of Covid19 within the BSM community. These are outlined in our Covid19 Policies and Procedures document, which we expect you to read carefully.

To set a clear expectation of your commitment to our safety policies and procedures, each BSM student is required to acknowledge their agreement with the contract below as a condition of their participation in BSM during the Semester.

I agree to the following:

Pre-Departure and Arrival:

- I will participate in the pre-departure orientation.
- I will provide proof of vaccination and a negative Covid test prior to departure.
- I will comply with all travel and visa requirements that may affect my entry into Hungary.
- Upon arriving in Budapest, I will comply with the “lay low” period prior to the group PCR testing and follow the guidelines as outlined in the BSM Covid19 Policies and Procedures.
- I will participate in the Hungarian arrival orientation once in Budapest.

Monitor and Care:

- I will monitor my health daily and report any Covid19 symptoms, exposure, or positive test result to the Director of Student Services.
- If I am experiencing symptoms, I will self-isolate in my apartment room and participate in classes remotely until I receive a Covid test.
- If I receive a positive test result, I agree to comply with current isolation/quarantine/masking policies and procedures for return to in-class meetings as communicated by the BSM Hungarian staff.

Prevention:

- While in my apartment, I will act responsibly to limit possible transmission of COVID-19.
- While in the BSM classroom building, I will wear a mask when required (e.g. by the program, the instructor, or due to my covid status).

Personal Travel:

- I understand that personal travel during the semester may increase exposure to Covid19, and that I embark on personal travel at my own risk and expense.
- Prior to any personal travel, I will inform the Director of Student Services and provide contact information where I will be accessible for the duration of said travel.
Local / Regional / National Regulations:

- I will adhere to all local, regional, and national regulations. I understand that these regulations may include (but are not limited to) masking requirements, closing of classroom buildings, local curfew or lockdown, or national evacuation.

Participation in BSM:

- I have read the BSM Covid19 Policies and Procedures and agree to adhere to the safety standards as outlined in that document.
- I understand that participation in BSM is contingent upon following these standards.
- I understand that not following the standards may result in removal from BSM.

Signature:

Printed name:

Date:
This four-page Contract Agreement requires the signature by both the student and both of their parents or legal guardian in order to receive permission to participate in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, I, ____________________________ hereby agree to the following conditions of participation:

1.0 ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS, GENERAL RELEASE, PERSONAL CONDUCT, AND INDEMNITY:

1.1 I understand that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program will be conducted in a foreign country, and that there are certain dangers, hazards and risks inherent in international travel, living, and the activities included in this Program, including but not limited to those arising from crime, civil disturbances, health conditions, and travel or other accidents. I understand that these dangers, hazards and risks could include serious or even fatal injuries and property damage.

I understand that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program has not made, and does not make, any representations regarding my personal safety or the safety of my property while participating in the Program.

1.2 I understand that as a participant in Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program I am subject to (a) the same standards of conduct and academic regulations while abroad as stipulated at my home institution, (b) the regulations set by my home study abroad office, (c) the regulations set by the Program and the host institution, (d) the laws of the host country. I also acknowledge that it is essential to understand and respect norms of conduct and patterns of behavior that may be different from standards in my own country. I agree to abide by these rules and standards of behavior when I am in the company of other study abroad program participants and also when I may be physically separated from Program participants.

1.3 I further understand that it is important to the success of the present Program and the continuation of future semesters that participants observe standards of conduct that would not compromise the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program in the eyes of individuals and organizations with which it has dealings. I acknowledge that the North American and/or the Hungarian Director’s responsibility for setting rules and interpreting conduct for this purpose. I understand and agree that if the North American and/or the Hungarian Director, the Program, or the host institution may, at their discretion, impose disciplinary measures or withdraw me from the Program because of a violation of such rules, improper behavior, academic reasons, or conduct which could bring the Program into disrepute, or its participants or personal into jeopardy, that decision will be final and may result in the loss of academic credit and the loss of Program fees.

1.4 It is understood that should the student elect to remain abroad after their dismissal from or their withdrawal from the Program, that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program nor any additional Program Sponsors will continue to act as sponsor for the student, nor will the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program nor any additional Program Sponsors be in any way liable for that student.
1.5 Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks of such activities, and in the consideration of being permitted to participate in this study abroad program, I agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program. In advance of my participation, I release, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and students acting as employees (here-in-after referred collectively as “the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program”) from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me, arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including but not limited to suffering and death, that may be sustained by me or by any property belonging to me whether caused by the negligence of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, or otherwise, while I am on this study abroad program, engaged in any activities in connection with the Program, or in transit to or from the foreign country where the Program is being conducted.

I agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program does not assume responsibility or liability for any personal injuries or property damage. I also agree to hold the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program harmless from any loss, liability, damage or cost the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program or any third party may incur due to my participation in any of the above-described activities.

1.6 I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, hereby release the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program and any cooperating institution and their officers, employees, successors and agents from any and all claims and causes of action, including but not limited to, for inconvenience, damage to or loss of property, medical or hospital care, personal illness or injury or death arising out of my participation in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program and/or travel or activity conducted by or under control of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program or any cooperating institution.

2.0 MEDICAL:

2.1 I understand and acknowledge that inherently there are health risks associated with living and studying abroad and I agree I am personally responsible. I assume full responsibility for any undisclosed physical or psychological problems that might impair my ability to complete the Program, and I release the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program from any liability for injury to myself or damage to or loss of my possessions caused by acts of God or by situations beyond the control of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program. I state that there are no pre-existing health related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program.

2.2 I understand and agree that, in the event of psychological illness to me, I authorize and grant permission to the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program to secure medical treatment on my behalf. I understand and agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program will notify my emergency contact if I am unable to grant consent or if circumstances warrant, and to grant, deliver or execute written or oral consents to medical action as may be required or requested by service providers. I understand and agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized medical treatment, and that I accept all financial responsibility for such medical treatment and related services.

2.3 In the event of physical illness or injury to me, I authorize and grant permission to the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program to secure medical treatment on my behalf including but not limited to surgery and the administration of anesthetic, to notify my emergency contact if I am unable to grant consent or if circumstances warrant, and to grant, deliver or execute written or oral consents to medical action as may be required or requested by service providers. I understand and agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized medical treatment, and that I accept all financial responsibility for such medical treatment and related services.
2.4 I understand that psychological or physical illness or injury can be sufficiently serious as to prevent me from continuing the Program, and that if at any time the North American Director, Hungarian Director, Program, or Host Institution deems my continuing stay a threat to my health, they may at their discretion withdraw me from the Program and that this decision is final. Knowing this, I (a) release, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and students acting as employees from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, (b) including but not limited to suffering and death, that may be sustained by me or by any property belonging to me whether caused by the negligence of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, or otherwise, while I am on this study abroad program, engaged in any activities in connection with the Program, or in transit to or from the foreign country where the Program is being conducted. I agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program does not assume responsibility or liability for any such personal injuries or property damage. I also agree to hold the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program harmless from any loss, liability, damage or cost the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program or any third party may incur due to my participation in any of the above-described activities stemming from or related to this withdrawal.

3.0 TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION:

3.1 I understand that I will be traveling during the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program by various modes of transportation. I agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program is not responsible or liable for any loss of property, injury or death during such travel. I also understand that, due to traffic congestion, different traffic laws and regulations, and the language barrier, riding a bicycle and driving a motorized vehicle in a foreign country can be extremely hazardous. I understand that insurance requirements and other financial responsibility laws vary from country to country, and I agree that if I choose to do so, the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program assumes no responsibility or liability should I be involved in an accident.

4.0 INSURANCE:

4.1 I understand that I am required to have adequate health, accident and hospitalization insurance to cover myself while traveling to and from the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program, during participation in the Program, and at the Program site. I have arranged for adequate insurance to meet any and all such needs. I agree that the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program is not responsible for attending to any of my medical or medication needs, that I assume all risk and responsibility therefore, and that if I am required to be hospitalized or otherwise receive medical treatment during my study abroad program, the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program does not assume any responsibility for payment of such costs.

4.2 Additionally, I agree to complete, in full, a BSM Medical Information Form, a copy of which I have received. Failure to complete the form, to answer the questions truthfully, or failure to have and maintain proper insurance may be ground for non-acceptance or for expulsion from the program.
This Contract Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the undersigned persons and the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program pertaining to the subject matter hereof. It is agreed that no oral or written representations, statements or inducements have been made, except as expressly set forth in the Agreement. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the undersigned persons and the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program.

Please note that this form requires the signature of the student and both parent/s or legal guardian regardless of the student’s age. In particular, if a student is considered a dependent for federal or state income tax purposes or for financial aid, the parents waiver portion of this form must be signed and returned prior to participation. If the student is financially and legally independent, they should send us a letter to that effect and request an alternate form. Please make a copy for your records.

I have read and understand all the terms of the Contract Agreement as stated above, and I agree to be bound by those terms. I have been given the opportunity to understand any terms that I did not understand previously.

Signature of Participant __________________________ Date __________

Name (please print) __________________________________________ semester/s attending

We have read and understand all the terms of this Contract Agreement as stated above, and we agree to be bound by those terms. We give our child (ward) permission to participate in the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Program.

Signature of parent/s (or legal guardian) __________________________ Date __________

Signature of parent/s (or legal guardian) __________________________ Date __________

Please sign this form and upload all 4 pages into the BSM Waiver Form link in the BSM email that was send to students.

OR: mail to Budapest Semesters, c/o St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057

OR: return all 4 pages, via fax (1-507-786-3116)
www.budapestsemesters@gmail.com
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