



Department of Health Policy & Health Economics

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Location

ELTE Lágymányos Campus - home to three ELTE Faculties including the Faculty of Social Sciences - is located on the bank of the Danube in the southern part of Budapest, with other universities and research institutes situated nearby.



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ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences has...

- approx. 2000 students
- an academic staff of approx. 100 members
- an administrative staff of approx. 40 members



The Faculty of Social Sciences offers...

4 Bachelor Degree Programs:

- BA in Applied Economics
- BA in International Relations
- BA in Social Work
- BA in Sociology

3 PhD Programs:

- Sociology
- Social Policy
- Interdisciplinary Social Research

11 Master Degree Programs:

- MA in Community and Civil Development Studies
- MA in Economic Analysis
- MA in Human Ecology
- MA in International Relations
- MA in Social Policy
- MA in Social Work
- MSc in Survey Statistics
- MA in Sociology
- MA in Cultural Anthropology
- MA in Ethnic and Minority Studies
- **MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing**

Main activities of the Department

- Training programmes (MSc, PhD, short courses)
- Research
 - HTA in a broad sense including economic evaluation of public health interventions
 - pharmaco-economics (generic program, pricing, etc.)
 - performance analysis of health services
 - health inequalities
- Consultancy, professional development
 - E.g. the public health program of Budapest
 - Professional College of Health Care
 - Yearly Health Economic Symposium (17th in 2015)
 - Hungarian ISPOR Chapter



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MSc in Health Policy, Planning & Financing

- The programme was launched in 2009/2010 in Hungarian in full time and in part time, the full time switched to English in 2014/2015, the part time in 2016/2017
- Objective
 - The master program offers **multi-disciplinary** expertise and a **problem oriented** approach enabling graduates to understand the complexities of health care systems and perform tasks in health system **analysis, planning, financing and management**.
- Two-year program (4 semesters), in the part time program 3 educational weeks per semester
- Specialisations (streams)
 - health economics
- Training methods
 - blended learning
 - theoretical (lectures)
 - practical (seminars, computer lab exercises, group works, essays)
 - internship (160 hours)
 - thesis



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Faculty

- lecturers from the Department of Health Policy & Health Economics (with international academic, public service and industrial experience)
- invited lecturers as course leaders from ELTE, CEU, Ministry of Health, Demographic Research Institute at CSO, and from the private sector
- guest lecturers delivering 1 or 2 presentations in a course
- IAB members



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Enrolment

- BA/BBA/BSc degree in any of the following areas: social science, public health, nursing, midwifery, health administration, other health sciences, economics, business administration
- or a medical, dentistry, pharmaceutical degree



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Skills to obtain

- **analyse** international **trends** in health care;
- **evaluate the performance** of health care systems and possible alternatives for improvement;
- **assess cost-effectiveness** of pharmaceuticals and other medical technologies;
- **analyse** the professional and economic **operation and performance** of health care providers and financing organisations,
- contribute to the **development of** strategic and short term **plans** for health care providers and financing organisations;
- **participate in the management** of meso- and institution level healthcare programs

Structure of the program

Basic courses (28 credits)

basic statistics; basic economics; epidemiology; introduction to: health economics, health policy; health law & ethics; public health

Professional core material (32 credits)

principles of health economic evaluation; health policy in the European Union; health financing; introduction to health services organisation; planning and management of public health projects; corporate economics; informatics; statistical methods in healthcare analyses

Specialisation in health economics (48 credits)

compulsory: methodology of economic analysis in health care; measurement of patient reported outcome; financing of health technologies; health technology assessment; strategic pricing and marketing of health technologies, thesis seminar, internship (160 hours)

elective: sociology of health; measurement of health system performance; quality improvement in health care; strategic planning and management in health care organisations

Thesis (12 credits)

Internship

- 160 hours (1 day a week in the third semester)
- Location (in Hungary or in the home country of the students):
 - governmental health administration
 - The National Public Health Service
 - National Health Fund
 - hospitals
 - pharma industry
 - consulting companies
 - research institutes
- double aim:
 - do a project with deliverable results
 - get involved in the everyday work of the institution



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