
Practical Orientation

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics
Fall 2023

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All European emergency number:

112

BSM 24/7 EMERGENCY NUMBER

+ 36 20 628 5562

ANNA or ORSI

No text messages!

Swiss Clinic 24/7
Medical Emergency Numbers

+36 30 992 0387

YOU ARE A GOLD CARD MEMBER

**Swiss Clinic emergency service
helps over the phone
& at your home & in their clinics
any hospitalization
should be covered by your
insurance**

SAFETY ISSUES

**SAFETY MEANS
LOOKING
OUT FOR
EACH
OTHER**



Being of a “visible minority” in Budapest

- Budapest is multicultural
 - In the countryside you may be a curiosity
 - People judge by your clothes first of all
 - You will primarily be viewed as a tourist
 - Prepare for being stared at
 - ... and microaggression
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**Always lock the
doors of your
apartment –
even if you are
inside.**

**Do not leave your
stuff on the
corridors!**





Beware of pickpockets

Especially on trams 4-6 and 2

Do not use unmarked taxis

The price/km should be
displayed!

Suggestion: use

Bolt app



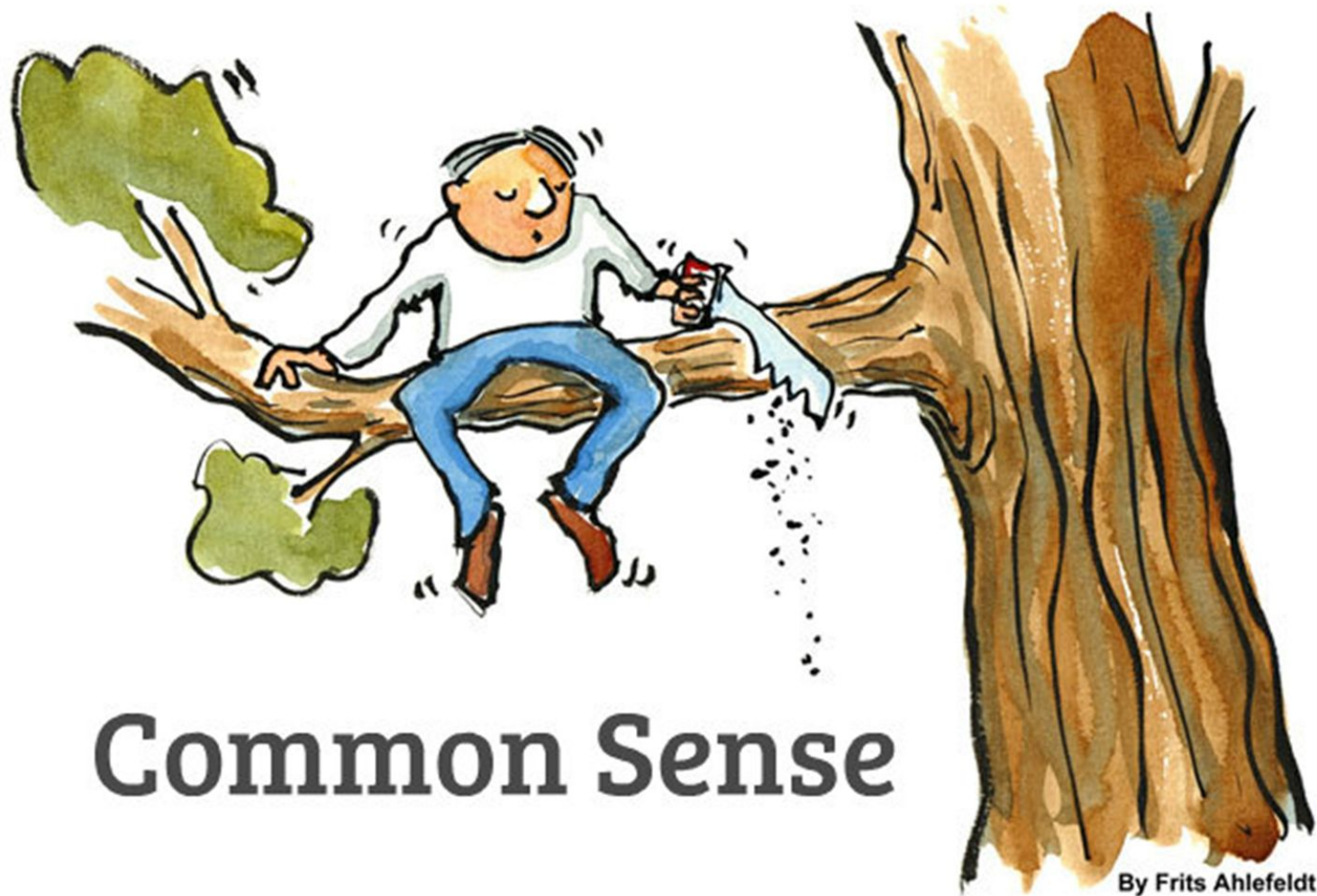


**Use common sense
when making
friends on the
street**

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DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DRINKS UNATTENDED





Common Sense

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SECURITY AND SAFETY


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To better serve U.S. citizens in Hungary, ACS regularly updates its Warden system. The Warden system is designed to ensure that U.S. citizens receive timely information about natural disasters, civil emergencies or anything else that could affect their safety while in Hungary.

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The Warden system for Hungary has been broken down into smaller units, according to districts, counties and/or by organizations. We would like to enroll every U.S. citizen in each of these regions and to identify U.S. citizen Wardens who would assist the Embassy to inform other U.S. citizens in their area of fast-breaking news. In general, Warden duties are not time-consuming, but could be vital in times of emergency.

U.S. citizens around the world who travel or reside abroad can access a newly launched Department of State web site for enrolling their foreign

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Please visit our [Disaster Preparedness page](#)

Find practical advice and links to further information.

ON-LINE ENROLLMENT



Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

For more on safety, visit relevant pages of the US Embassy in Budapest.

Enroll in their Smart Traveler program.

LIVING in BUDAPEST

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Hungary has ZERO
tolerance on drugs
(and alcohol, when
driving – this includes
scooters!)





**In Europe, always
carry an ID with you
– police can stop and
check on you!**

- your residency permit**
- until you get it: eg your
driver's licence & copy of
your passport's data page**



The police always
has a uniform

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You are

NOT eligible

for a student pass

on the Budapest Public Transport



International
and other
specialty food



Sending packages

**Beware of
customs
and special rules**
eg for medicine,
if sent from outside
the Schengen zone

**Mail order from
within the
Schengen
region**

eg if amazon, then
amazon.de or amazon.it

Mailing Address

Your name

BSM

Bethlen Gabor ter 2

Budapest

1071 Hungary

SIM CARDS

- Vodafone
- Yettel
- T-com

*You need your
passport to buy a
sim card!*

Your Housing

Ground rules:

- **Make yourself at home.**
- **Please respect your neighbors.**
- **Don't smoke in the apartment.**
- **Keep the apartment in the same condition as it was received**

Read Your contract!

- Clean the apartment at least every two weeks – can get a cleaning person do that.
- If cleaning is provided by the landlord, make sure the cleaning person can get into the apartment and has room to clean.
- Take out the garbage, wash dishes regularly/daily
- Recycle paper and plastic/metal
- Nothing can be put on the walls unless previously discussed with the landlord.
- Do not throw or pour solid stuff into the drains
- If anything breaks or goes out of order let the landlord know ASAP.

**Discuss with your landlord
how your electricity and gas
will be calculated!**

**Please, be understanding – there are
major changes going on that we,
Hungarians do not know ahead of
time either**

**Help maintain a good relationship with
the landlords!**

Contact Anna/Orsi for mediation

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Health & Mental Health @ BSM

Gold Card Services at the Swiss Clinic

- Included in your tuition
- Up to 12 visits with doctors/house calls
- Labs as needed

For appointments: +36 1 225 0566, 8am-8pm, Mon- Fri

English speaking

Other English services, using your insurance

DUNA MEDICAL



FIRSTMED



... and many more

Mental Health Counselors

Ms Andrea Turner

Ms Eniko Johnston-Szucs

andrea.maria.turner@gmail.com johnstonszucseniko@aol.com

Expect an email
with
more info eg on
**SMALL GROUP
SESSIONS**



Covid Protocol

- tests/masks are available in 219
- Positives to be quarantined - classes can be followed online
- For more details see the “[Covid Protocol](#)”

Protocol may change!

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Travelling

Weekends (Fri-Sun) - classes meet Mon-Thu

Take your

- **passport**
- **residency permit card (once you have it)**

Always let us know where you travel, when you are expected back!



*Double check for country
specific covid rules
And the BSM
Covid Protocol*

Important Dates

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- Course list to be posted by Aug 17th
- Aug 27th, pre-registration data due
email
- Aug 27th, research qual problems due

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- **Sept 4th, 8am, Academic Orientation**
@ BSM, Bethlen Gabor ter 2, room 102
- **Sept 4th, afternoon Welcome reception / meet your profs *email***
- **Sept 4th, 10am, classes start**

LET US KNOW

Residency Permit

- Start the process online
- Immigration office visits in groups
- *Watch out for related emails*