



UNIVERSITY
OF SZEGED

COMPASS

COMPARATIVE POLITICS, LAW, ADMINISTRATION, AND SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDIES

FACULTY OF LAW

AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

University of Szeged



DEAN'S WELCOME

I am filled with pride to welcome you to the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at the University of Szeged—a community shaped by more than 150 years of academic excellence, and community spirit. Our Faculty has long been a vibrant hub for international collaboration, attracting students and scholars from across the globe. With a strong tradition in legal education, international relations, and political sciences, we are proud to offer programs that prepare students not only for academic success but also for meaningful contributions to society, both at home and abroad.

It is with great excitement that we introduce the COMPASS Program, a new initiative designed to strengthen our international outlook and create fresh opportunities for talented students from around the world. This program reflects our belief in the power of education to build bridges across cultures and foster the next generation of globally minded professionals. We look forward to welcoming you to Szeged, where academic excellence meets openness, diversity, and a shared vision for the future.

Prof. Dr. Márta GÖRÖG
Dean, Professor

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The COMPASS Program (Comparative Politics, Law, Administration, and Social Science Studies) offers an exciting opportunity for students to broaden their academic and cultural horizons. Designed for undergraduate and graduate students specializing in Law, International Relations, Political and Social Sciences, the program provides a dynamic curriculum tailored to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the chosen themes.

Students enrolled in the Program have the flexibility to choose from a wide range of specialized courses grouped into thematic pools, allowing them to customize their academic journey according to their interests and career goals. Through a combination of coursework, cultural immersion, and international networking opportunities, the program aims to foster critical thinking, professional development, and cross-cultural understanding.

Customize your academic journey through a wide selection of specialized courses in international law, politics, and social sciences while building global connections.

PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

COMPASS is a **one-semester academic experience** that culminates in the award of a **certificate**, formally recognizing the **number of ECTS credits earned** by the student. This document serves as **proof of academic achievement** and can be recognized toward further studies, subject to the regulations of the student's home institution.

The **University of Szeged** qualifies as **one of the best Hungarian universities**, ranked between **401st and 500th globally** and holding the first position nationally, and the **Faculty** is listed in the **301+ category for law** in the **2025 Times Higher Education subject ranking**. Located in **Szeged**, one of **Hungary's most vibrant and student-friendly cities**, the program offers participants a **supportive and stimulating environment** for both academic and personal growth. Upon successful completion of the Program, students will also have the **opportunity to apply for one of our full Master's or LL.M. level programs**.

Earn a certificate with ECTS credits in a top-ranked university and continue your studies in one of our full Master's or LL.M. programs.

COURSE SELECTION:

SPECIALIZATION POOLS

The program offers **six distinct specialization pools**, each designed to provide in-depth knowledge in a specific field. Upon enrollment, students must **select** at least **five courses** from **one chosen pool**.

Students are entitled to **enroll in additional courses**, which are above the five mandatory courses, **chosen either from their own pool or from any other**. These extra courses are available for an **additional fee of 250 EUR per course**. The **maximum** number of extra courses is **three**.

This structure allows students to gain expertise in their primary area of interest while also having the flexibility to broaden their academic experience.

1800 EUR

One-time payment

Additional courses:

250 EUR *per each extra course*

TUITION FEES

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

1

GLOBAL POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Organizations	4 ECTS
Political Parties in Comparative Perspective	5 ECTS
Introduction to the Study of International Relations	5 ECTS
The Foreign Relations of the EU to the Main Regions outside the EU	5 ECTS
Enemy-construction in Political Thinking	5 ECTS
Introduction to the Institutions of the European Union	5 ECTS
Democracy, Subsidiarity and Multilevel Governance in Europe	4 ECTS
Political Risk Management and the Deliberative Process	5 ECTS

This specialization examines global political dynamics, international organizations, and EU foreign relations. It equips students for careers in diplomacy, international NGOs, and global policy analysis.

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

2

EUROPEAN STUDIES

Protection of Human Rights in Europe	5 ECTS
Democracy, Subsidiarity and Multilevel Governance in Europe	4 ECTS
Institutional and Legal System of the EU with the Aspect of Internal Market	5 ECTS
European Administration	5 ECTS
The Foreign Relations of the EU to the Main Regions outside the EU	5 ECTS
Introduction to the Institutions of the European Union	5 ECTS
Freedom, Security and Justice in the EU	5 ECTS

This specialization offers an in-depth understanding of the European Union's institutional and legal structure, foreign relations, and internal market. It prepares students for careers in EU institutions and policy-making environments.

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

3

GLOBAL SECURITY AND PEACE STUDIES

International Organizations	4 ECTS
The Foreign Relations of the EU to the Main Regions outside the EU	5 ECTS
Transnational Security Threats	4 ECTS
Peace Studies	4 ECTS
Algorithms, Law, and Policy	4 ECTS
Protection of Human Rights in Europe	5 ECTS
Comparative Criminal Justice	5 ECTS

This program explores key global security challenges and peace-building efforts, focusing on transnational threats, international cooperation, and human rights. It suits students aiming for careers in diplomacy or global security.

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

4

BASIC LEGAL STUDIES

International Organizations	4 ECTS
Legal Education in Different Legal Systems	4 ECTS
Comparative Perspectives on Plea Bargaining	5 ECTS
Legal Problems of International Economic Relations	5 ECTS
Theory of Judicial Independence	4 ECTS
Legal English	4 ECTS
Topics of US Constitutionalism	4 ECTS
Comparative Criminal Justice	5 ECTS

Offering foundational knowledge in comparative and international law, this track emphasizes diverse legal systems, judicial independence, and legal English—ideal for students pursuing legal professions or international legal education.

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

5

DIGITAL POLICY SPECIALIZATION

Copyright Law Policy – National and International	5 ECTS
Introduction to the Comparative Entertainment Law	5 ECTS
Digital Markets – Digital Platform	5 ECTS
Algorithms, Law, and Policy	4 ECTS
Human Rights and Business	5 ECTS
Legal Problems of International Economic Relations	5 ECTS
Protection of Human Rights in Europe	5 ECTS

This track addresses legal and regulatory challenges in the digital age, covering copyright, digital markets, entertainment law, and algorithmic governance. It suits students aiming to work in tech policy or digital law sectors.

SPECIALIZATION POOLS:

COURSES

6

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW SPECIALIZATION

International Business Transactions	5 ECTS
EU Consumer Protection Law	5 ECTS
Human Rights and Business	5 ECTS
Legal Problems of International Economic Relations	5 ECTS
Comparative Perspectives on Plea Bargaining	5 ECTS
International Private Law and the Law of International Economic Relations	5 ECTS
Algorithms, Law, and Policy	4 ECTS
Digital Markets – Digital Platform	5 ECTS

Focusing on cross-border legal issues, this specialization covers business transactions, consumer protection, and international private law, preparing students for careers in international commercial law or trade policy.

COURSE SELECTION:

FREE-DIVING

Students have the possibility to **randomly choose five courses** from the **Comparative Law Program's** course list, available here:

www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/comparative-erasmus/erasmus-course-list

Students are entitled to **enroll in additional courses**, which are above the five courses included in the price, for an **additional fee of 250 EUR per course**. The **maximum** number of **extra courses** is **three**.

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per each extra course

TUITION FEES

ACCOMMODATION

STUDENT DORMITORY

Students of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences typically reside in **Öthalmi Dormitory**, a tranquil residence nestled in a green area just 20 minutes from downtown Szeged. The dormitory offers well-equipped, self-contained apartments shared by 3 to 5 people, providing greater comfort and privacy compared to standard dormitories.

✓ **100 EUR/month/person**

FOR MORE DETAILS

Further information on the accommodation options is available at:

www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/student-life/accommodation-options-241120

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

Must **hold an active student status** at a **recognized higher education instituion**.

LANGUAGE

Demonstrated proficiency in English. Minimum **CET-4, IELTS 5.0, or TOEFL IBT 70** (*preferred: FCE, IELTS 5+, TOEFL 59+*).

DOCUMENTS

Submit a **CV**, a **motivation letter**, the **academic transcript** or **records of previous and current studies** in higher education, **in English**, and a recent **certification of active student status** at a **recognized higher education institution**.

HEALTH

Proof of **General Health Certificate** and **health insurance** are required before your arrival to Szeged.



For more details, please visit the website at:

www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/compass

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We welcome applications from students **worldwide** who hold an **active student status** at a **recognized higher education institution**. Please note, however, that **preference** is given to students from **partner institutions** of the University of Szeged.

We also reserve the right to **verify your active student status directly** with your **home institution** as part of the application process.

The **admitted students** are required to **enroll at the university** between the dates of **1 February and 1 March**. **Online registration and attendance** is not possible. In case of no show, generally refund is not possible, except by showing the official document of the rejection of visa application.

In case of further enquiries,
please contact us at:
lawschool@szte.hu

APPLICATION PROCESS

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply via the University of Szeged's online platform called **DreamApply** (*follow the instructions of the website*).
2. Submit your **supporting documents** (i.e. official transcripts, proof of English, motivation letter, etc.).
3. Pay the **application fee of 79 EUR** and the **administration fee of 100 EUR**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadline:
10 November

Notification of acceptance:
17 November

Deadline for payment of tuition fee:
1 December

Program start:
9 February

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DreamApply

CONTACT

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