

What to Bring

These guidelines should be helpful for anyone attending the Word of Life Hungary Bible Institute. However, they contain information that is particularly important for our students traveling here from outside Europe.

1. **Baggage:** Keep in mind that on international flights to Europe you are sometimes limited to one carry-on and one checked piece of luggage. (Please check with the airline for information on the weight limit).

2. **Personal Items and Storage:** Storage space in the dorm room is rather limited, so we recommend that you carefully evaluate what you will need. In general, each student has one small wardrobe closet, half of which is for hanging items, and the other half of which is shelf space. Each student also has a desk with some built in shelves and a limited amount of storage space.

3. **Clothing:** Minimum classroom, church, and ministry dress: business casual/casual office attire.

Men: Please have nice pants, collared shirt and regular dress shoes. You do not have to wear a tie to classes, but there will be a few occasions throughout the year where a tie will be required.

Women: Please wear nice pants, capris, or skirts, with a modest top. Dresses and skirts should be knee-length or longer.

Both men and women: Please no sport shoes, no sneakers, no t-shirts. Your clothes should be neat, clean, and modest. We do not allow jeans to be worn to class.

Outside of class, church, and ministry: In general, the dress code in the Bible Institute is casual. We ask that our students dress neatly and modestly. You will also want to bring at least a couple of sets of dress clothes for special occasions, that would include a tie and suit or sport coat for the men and a dress or blouse and skirt for the ladies. Other items would be some clothes for sports, work assignments, and a bathrobe. There are many second-hand stores in Budapest, if you should need to purchase additional clothing.

4. **Bedding and Towels:** We provide the bedding, including sheets, blankets and pillows. However, you need to bring your own towels and wash cloths. Also, please note that most of our pillows are of the feather variety. If this is a problem for you it would be wise to bring your own. All of these items can be purchased at the store in Hungary, if your suitcase room is limited.

5. **Electrical Items:** We recommend that you consider purchasing most electrical items after you arrive here, or make sure that they are dual voltage. (The European electrical system is 220 volts, 50 Hz). Some of these items might include a small desk lamp, a hair dryer, etc. You may wish to purchase a travel transformer (available at electronics stores). However, please keep in mind that these are usually not designed for prolonged/heavy use, and are primarily for appliances with heating elements such as dryers and curling irons. Please note that a transformer and a plug adapter are not the same thing.

6. **Bibles:** You are welcome to use any reliable translation of an English Bible, such as the English Standard Version, New International Version, King James, New King James and New American Standard Bible. If English is your second language, feel free to bring your own translation in your native tongue as an additional supplement to your English Bible.

7. **Textbooks and Dictionaries:** Please carefully read the *Required Reading Information* sheet. Students whose first language is not English are required to bring a hard-copy dictionary to Hungary. Hard-copy dictionaries can be used during classes, exams and while doing homework. During the classes, digital dictionaries can be used only on laptops and tablets, but they cannot be used on cell phones and small electronic devices (e.g. smart phones, iPods, tablets, and similar devices).

8. **Medication:** It is a good idea to bring a limited amount of aspirin, cold medicine, etc. with you, because “over-the-counter” medicines are difficult to find. You should also be aware that allergy medicines that contain antihistamines are prescription drugs here, so you will probably want to bring a small supply with you, since Hungary can be difficult for allergy sufferers without the appropriate medication

9. **Computers:** You are welcome to bring a personal laptop computer and/or tablet, but please note that the power pack needs to work on 220 volts. Almost all power supplies for laptops are universal and will say something like: 110-240 VAC input. However, you will need to bring a European plug adapter with you.

10. **Spending Money:** Personal needs for spending money are difficult to generalize because of the diverse backgrounds of our students. Some students probably get by on as little as \$5-10 per week. Some may spend twice that amount. ATM machines are relatively easy to find around the country, so we recommend that you use a debit card that draws on a personal checking account in the U.S. However, make sure that it is based on a major credit card (either Visa or MasterCard) and not limited to a local bank or even a national debit system. If you do not bring a debit card, you will need to bring spending money with you in cash, because there is no checking system in Hungary.

There are laundry facilities available to students on campus, which cost about \$0.50 per load to wash and an additional \$0.50 to dry. Each student is responsible to buy their own laundry soap.