

This list aims at helping you find non-Math activities that you can do for fun and you can even get to know some Hungarians and Hungary better.

All activities suggested by your profs and prior BSM/E-ers!

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MUSIC and DANCE

In addition to Math, Hungary has a great tradition in music and music education as well. From folk music (and dance) through alternative and jazz to classical, Budapest has it all.

What can BSM/E-ers do to experience this?

Robert Freud (Conjecture and Proof) suggests: join ELTE's "Mathematicians' Choir".

They meet Thursdays starting 6pm at the ELTE campus, but time is subject to change, so, please see <http://bolyai.cs.elte.hu/korus/> for details.

Contact the choir leader Bálint Varga (balorkany@gmail.com) if you are interested or if you have questions.

Mathematicians' Concert

BTW every Spring, this year too, there will be a Mathematicians' Concert (Matematikus Hangverseny), most probably April 18th. The concert's was first held in 1981 and has been held annually since 1983, every spring.

If you like music (classical and lighter fare) do not miss this opportunity!

All musicians are mathematicians: students (math majors or MSc or PhD - still studying or graduated already), teachers, professors, researchers of Budapest.

BSM professors who performed before during the concerts' long history include Robert Freud, Mihaly Weiner, Gyula Katona, Sandor Dobos, Aron Bereczky.

If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in participating, contact Robert Freud at freud@cs.elte.hu

If you are interested in all kinds of music visit one of the great concert halls [Zeneakademia](#) (Academy of Music), [MUPA](#), [BMC](#) and [A38 ship](#) for a concert. We will recommend concerts in many genre, so follow FB posts. If you need help in purchasing tickets, see Orsi in room 202.

* Useful ticket sources <http://www.jegymester.hu/> and <http://www.jegy.hu/?lang=en>.

Check out <http://www.maesteszinhaz.hu/> too for half-priced last minute tickets for BMC (and some other) concerts. New tickets posted every midnight for same evening concerts. (Many theatres too, but those are mostly in Hungarian :))

The “Tanchaz” (literally “Dancehouse”) parties are very popular with Hungarians. Newcomers, beginners, observers are welcome!

The best place to meet Hungarian folk art is [Fonó](#). It’s a little bit further away from the city center, but it definitely worth a visit.

Every Sunday evening, [Sirtos Greek Dance House](#) at [1032 Bp., San Marco utca 81](#). (teaching 5-6pm, then dancing. Tickets are 1000 HUF).

Bulgarian and Greek dances are line-dances so you do not need to have a pair!

Contact Gyula at kiskat@cs.bme.hu if you have any questions. He is willing to go with a group of BSM/E-ers to show you the ropes, including steps.

MODERN AND CLASSICAL DANCE:

There is a great dance school very close to campus, the [Octogon Dance School](#). They teach all sorts of modern and classical dances and almost all of their teachers and staff speaks English ☺. It’s been tested by previous BSM students.

SPORTS

WEIGHT LIFTING:

You can use the weight room at the Universtiy of Veterinary Sciences for free. It is down at the basement in building G. Note, however that it is a rather small place, with limited number of weights, but still a great option to drop by inbetween classes. You can of course always find big and well equipped work out places in Budapest. The good news is that you don’t have to buy a membership for a certain period, to join any of them. You just pay for the the occasions when you go there. [Hermina towers](#) is a pretty good one, quite close to campus.

ELTE University’s BEAC (Budapesti Egyetemi Atlétikai Club) sports club agreed for BSM/E students to join some of their clubs. By attending their events not only will you be fit but you will also meet Hungarian/other European students.

Hiking Club's excursions.

The Hiking Club regularly organizes great excursions around Budapest. You should follow their FB page <https://www.facebook.com/elte.beac.termesztjaras/events> to see what their following event is.

If you have any questions please, ask

Attila Vincze - student contact

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They are looking forward to meeting BSM/E hikers at their events!

Or if you are just simply interested in taking a Budapest City tour, where not only the most popular sites are shown but you can get a deeper insight in the city, try this agency: <http://www.alternativebudapest.com/>

SPINNING

Located at 1117, Budapest, Bogdanffy Odon utca 10. groundfloor, the gym next to the “Szertar” buffet. ([Map](#))

You can by a 10 hour pass for 9500HUF.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HncFPInfgNzegrKxKaEt4-TL5gfkEuNCfz2Ye8d-Sg/edit?usp=sharing>

With a season ticket you can participate in a fixed weekly time. The ticket must be paid before the first training.

More info about free places:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1COemS5DFwPjYMedib0uEInOxYmWylipZS2VZCMOvzM/edit?usp=sharing>

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. Coach Melinda Halász is looking forward to meeting interested players Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 pm at ELTE BEAC Court II. (1117 Budapest, Bogdánfy Ödön utca 10.). Join the the following link to see, who the coach will be, and how many people are about to attend the practice at the given day. Join the their facebook group (hit the “csatlakozz a csoporthoz” box) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/482396141791872/> If you have any further questions, please contact Melinda Halász at melinda.halasz90mail.com

PICKUP BASKETBALL, PICKUP SOCCER at a nearby highschool

Mondays 6-7 pm one basketball and one soccer court is reserved for you at *ELTE Radnóti Miklós Gimnázium* (Highschool) (adress: 1146 Budapest, Cházár András u. 10)

VOLLEYBALL:

There are two practices a week you can join:

On Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm

On Sundays from 4:00-6:00 The address is: XI.distr. Bogdánfy Ödön street 10/b court #1

LONG DISTANCE RUNNING.

Istvan Miklos (BIO) suggests joining the Nike Running Club at Margaret Island. You can [meet their coaches](#) Monday to Friday 5:30-8:30pm and Sat 9-11am. Istvan is willing to go with interested students and show them the ropes! (Contact him at miklos.istvan.74@gmail.com)

RUNNING, COMPETITIONS

Are you thinking about setting up a BSM/E team to compete? Let Istvan Miklos (BIO) know!

* Check out also the calendar for marathon's and half-marathons at <http://runinbudapest.com/>

RUGBY

Play RUGBY with local and Erasmus Students at BEAC [Mókusok!](#)

Trainings:

Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 6pm to 8pm

At KFKI Sports Field (<https://goo.gl/maps/liH8H>)

Website only in Hungarian: <http://beacmokusok.blogspot.hu/>

JUDO

If you are interested in judo (any level from absolute beginner to black belt) you may join the Havasi Judo Club for the semester.

It is located here: I. kerület, Logodi u. 8. (you can enter from 'Zerge lépcső').

Trainings for adults: Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00PM-8:30PM (mostly beginners); Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00PM-8:30PM (every level).

For 9000HUF/month you can participate in each of the training sessions (or in as many as you wish).

Alternatively the cost is 1200HUF/session. More on this (unfortunately only in Hungarian):

<http://havasijudo.hu/>, <http://havasijudo.hu/kapcsolat/> (you can find a map here).

You may also contact Miklos Erdelyi-Szabo (LOG): mszabo@renyi.hu

KARATE

If you are interested in Karate, you can join the karte klub at Lipták villa, Hermina út. Trainings are on Tuesdays and Fridays 7:00 - 8:00pm. The monthly fee is 4.600 HUF / month /one occasion a week; 6800 HUF / month / two occasion a week. 1300 HUF/occasion.

Trainers: Marossy Károly and Tordai Viktor (+36 20 775 1659), address: 1146 Budapest, Hermina u. 3. <https://goo.gl/maps/X7sutsiyDYQ2>

<http://www.liptakvilla.hu/?content=mmct&ctid=87&pn=felnott-kyokushin-karate>

TENNIS OPTIONS

Tennis at ELTE:

ELTE Sport Yard in Mérnök Street:

there are tent-covered courts until mid-April and the prizes are relatively cheap (3200-4800 forints), but it is a bit far from BSM.

Contact 06 1 206 53 90 for field reservation or mernok@eltesport.hu

Address: 1119 Budapest, Mérnök Street 35.

here you can find their website: <http://eltesport.hu/english/mernok>

Bogdánfy Ödön street 10.

5 outdoor clay courts,

email: bogdanfy@eltesport.hu

Phone: 06-20/328-9977

If you are interested in other sports at ELTE, please visit BEAC's website: <http://www.beac.hu/in-english/>

I would like to share 3 other possibilities to play tennis in Budapest (not connected to ELTE). Park tenisz and Flamenco tenisz are two clubs next to each other at Lake Feneketlen (you can easily get there by taking metroline 4 to Móricz Zsigmond Körtér + 5 minute walk). Both have tent-covered courts.

Park Tenisz:

info@parktenisz.hu

06 1 279 0930

Fadrusz street 1.

Flamenco Tenisz:

tenisz@flamencotenisz.hu

Villányi street 14.

You can also try Tabán Tenisz Center,

info@tabantenisz.hu

06 1 212 7205

Krisztina körút 6112.

Where to find a **SQUASH court**?

Griff Squash & Fitness Club - located at 1113 Budapest, Bartók Béla út 152., GPS:47.46899 19.02579

You can reserve courts at +36 (1) 206-4065 or squash@hotelgriff.hunguesthotels.hu

There is a map at the bottom of this page showing their location

<http://griffsquash.hu/elerhetosegek>

Main homepage is at <http://griffsquash.hu/squash>

There is individual or group squash. Court rental is between 1100 -2200 Ft/hour.

BADMINTON courts

Hodos Tamas Badminton Hall

You can rent courts there for as little as 2000 HUF/hour or even 1800/hour if you buy a pass.

Address: Budapest, IV. ker., Váci út 102.

Contact info: <http://www.badmintonhall.hu/kapcsolat/>

English website <http://www.badmintonhall.hu/eng/>

Austrian School = Budapesti Osztrák Iskola (this is a private school maintained by Austria and the language of instruction is German; but they speak Hungarian and I assume English as well.)

One can borrow the hall to play Mo-Fri 4:30-10:00 pm

Address: Orbánhegyi út 39-45 district 12 - about 40 minutes from BSM

(metro M2 to Deli Palyaudvar, then take bus no 21, 21A, or 102 to Orban ter)

see the map [here](#)

Contact info: Viktor Vasvari the coach at [<vasvariv@gmail.com>](mailto:vasvariv@gmail.com), or +36 70 556 2375. He doesn't speak English, so either get a Hungarian to call, or see Orsi in room 202 for help.

WATER POLO - a national sport in Hungary!

[OÁZIS Sport Club](#) has a long tradition in accepting international students to their teams. You even have a chance to play in Hungarian championships if your water polo talent qualifies you for such a challenge. :) However, there are no expectations of water polo knowledge, there is training for players at any level. Look up their [FB page](#) for videos and more!

The trainings usually start at 7.30 pm at [Hajós Alfréd Nemzeti Sportuszoda](#) (= [Alfréd Hajós National Swimming Stadium](#) - a limited English webpage), the days of your training will depend on the level of you water polo knowledge. For the first meeting please contact **Tamas Wirker** at wirker@gmail.com.

Address: Margitsziget (Margaret Island) - Hajós Alfréd Nemzeti Sportuszoda. [See the map here](#).

BIKE OPTIONS

If you'd like to ride a bike in the city you have several options:

- If you would occasionally like to take a short inner city ride, you can choose MOL BUBI the green public bike system. It has many docking stations all around the city, so you can just grab a bike and go. About prices and how to get a pass or ticket, please visit the following site: <http://welovebudapest.com/budapest.and.hungary/grab.and.go.ride.the.new.mol.bubi.bikes.all.around.budapest> If you still have some questions, or need some help ask Orsi BSME coordinator (budapest.office@bsmeducation.com).
- If you want to tour around the city by bike, or bike around the weekend, you can also rent a bike. There are many rent a bike places, but here is one that looks good: <http://bikebase.hu/bikes-rates>
- Also there are some great organized bike tours, this one seems to be real fun: <http://budapestbike.hu/bike-tours/bike-and-investigate/> (they also rent bikes as well)

VOLUNTEERING

1. Join "[Heti Betevo](#)" for their Sunday cookings for the needy. Contact Emese Papp (kulturkajalok2016@gmail.com) for details.
2. Check out the site of [Budapest Bike Maffia](#). They have regular projects in which you can participate.

EVEN MORE

BRIDGE - the queen of card games. Contact Marta Siklosi (b.martasiklos@gmail.com) if you are interested in playing bridge. She is an avid player and can hook you up with Hungarian clubs, groups. May even be willing to teach/organize teaching for beginners, if there is sufficient interest.

CHESS

ELTE-BEAC Chess Club has already a few international students. They meet Tuesdays 6-8pm at Bogdánfy utca 10, 1117, staircase #2 or #3, 2nd floor.

The contact person there is Róbert Kapás kapasrobi@gmail.com, or Szalay Tibor (szalaytb@hu.inter.net) who says that you're welcome to go. You can email them or just simply show up there.

Hungarian website: <http://www.beac.hu/szakosztalyok/sakk-szakosztaly/>

GO as in [the game](#)

There is an open GO club every Wednesday starting from 7 pm in [MÜSZI](#).

Address is Blaha Lujza tér 1. (Corvin Department store, III. floor) but the entrance is from Somogyi Béla utca. Look for a big green door with the logo of MÜSZI and ring the bell.

COOKING

Want to learn Hungarian dishes and get to know other BSM/E-ers and have a great dinner?

We can organize cooking sessions with a professional chef during the semester in a fully equipped kitchen. It needs to be booked in advance, so please let Orsi

(budapest.office@bsmeducation.com) know if you are interested!

ESCAPE ROOMS

Budapest has a bunch of places that you can go where you are given a set amount of time (usually an hour) to complete a task (normally, it is so escape the building you're in). To do so, you must solve a number of puzzles. Teams consisting of couple of person will need cooperation and thinking together to overcome the challenges.

You can find most of the rooms and discounts here: <http://exitgames.hu/helyszinek/>
https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g274887-Activities-c56-t208-Budapest_Central_Hungary.html

[Read suggestions of BSM students of 2014](#)

TRAMBULIN

If you are tired of studying and hanging out in bars, and the weather is bad but you have lots of energy try the [Cyberjump](#) trambulin park. It's a great place and lots of fun!

Still missing something?

Ask Orsi (budapest.office@bsmeducation.com) to help you find venues for your favourite activity!

Also, let us know if you find a great place, activity that you think should be included in this list!