

Roma Residential College (Szakkollégium) Description

Throughout Hungary there is a system of residential colleges, also known as Szakkollégiums, designed to promote the development of students through extracurricular support. These residential colleges are institutions, much like a dormitory in the United States, where students live and take part in additional courses to their normal university workload. Though some are affiliated with certain universities, most Roma residential colleges take students enrolled from different higher education institutions. This means students studying law, political science, etc. are living and working together with students studying the humanities, sciences, or arts. This unique setting provides a community similar to a liberal arts college where students discuss ideas from all academic areas and a focus is put on dual-identity, being Roma and Hungarian.

Furthermore the Roma residential colleges are not exclusive to students of Roma background but instead open to any students interested in learning more about Roma culture and integration. Students receive extracurricular courses in foreign languages such as English, and German, as well as professional development courses such as IT training. Students are also given the opportunity to listen to distinguished speakers and researchers from all areas of the academic and professional world. Finally, students take part in community events such as weekly communal dinners and cultural weekends where they discuss Roma heritage and issues facing Roma people in Hungary today. These residential colleges host some of the brightest students in the country and are creating well-rounded leaders for the future of Hungary.

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