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Sziasztok!

Why did you come to the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen, Hungary? What made you want to study in Hajdúböszörmény?

I came to the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen because I am deeply interested in education and working with children. This faculty matched my academic background and my future goals as a teacher. I also wanted to experience a different educational system in Europe. Hajdúböszörmény was also a very special place for me because the school where we had our practice was located there. We visited this school, got to know local students, and completed practical training focused on working with children with MID (Mild Intellectual Disability). It was a very valuable experience for me as a future teacher. Another big advantage was that the kindergarten where we had practice was located directly on the campus, which made everything very convenient and well organized.



Even though Hajdúböszörmény is some distance from Debrecen, travelling there was actually enjoyable. Every day felt different and interesting, and the trip itself became part of the Erasmus experience. I would like to tell future Erasmus students not to be afraid of living

in Debrecen and commuting to the campus. Over time, you start to see the advantages: new impressions, daily routines, and new friendships with local people.

What did you study here?

During my Erasmus semester, I had 10 courses, each worth 3 credits. At first, it may seem like a lot, but in reality, all the subjects were connected to each other. Because of this, studying was well structured and understandable. It was not easy, but not too difficult either — it required effort, but it was manageable and interesting.

We were also offered practical training in both a kindergarten and a school from the very beginning, which I am still deeply grateful for. I would especially like to thank Dr. Nemes and Dr. Anikó for encouraging us at the start. At that moment, we were unsure, but their support helped us make the right decision. Without this opportunity, I would not have had another chance to gain practical teaching experience abroad, and it became one of the most valuable parts of my Erasmus journey.

Tell us about your best experience at our University / in Hungary. I will never forget ...

My best experience at the University and in Hungary was meeting people from all over the world. I made international friends, learned about different cultures, and improved my English communication skills. I will always remember student events, trips, and simple moments like walking around the city, trying Hungarian food, and traveling to Budapest. Hungary made me feel safe and welcome.

Without Hungary, I would have never truly seen what Europe is really like. Before this experience, my understanding of different cultures was mostly shaped by Asia, and coming to Europe opened a completely new perspective for me. One small but very meaningful moment was trying *lángos* for the first time together with my teacher. It may sound simple, but in Asian culture, sharing such moments with a professor is a big achievement and something very special — it means respect, trust, and equality beyond formal roles. For me, this moment was worth more than any award. Thank you, Dr. Németh Nóra.



What was your worst experience during your Erasmus?

My worst experience during my Erasmus was leaving Hungary. There was nothing truly bad about my stay — the hardest part was saying goodbye to the country, the people, and the life I had built there. It was painful to realize that this chapter was ending and that all these moments would now live only in my memories. Leaving Hungary meant taking everything with me in my heart and learning how to let go.

Imagine that one of your friends wants to do Erasmus in Hungary. What would you tell him/her?

If one of my friends wants to do Erasmus in Hungary, I will tell them about my own experience. I have already shared something from Hungary with everyone I know. In Kazakh culture, there is a tradition of bringing something from the country you visited and saying “Жұғысты болсын”, which means wishing another person to have the same experience and good fortune. This is exactly how I speak about Hungary — I sincerely want my friends to experience it too.

I always say that any journey to Europe should start with Hungary, not only through Erasmus, but in general. The basic living costs are lower compared to many other European countries, and people are more open and friendly. Students from Asia may meet people with stereotypes, but based on my experience, this happens only because they have little information about your country, not because you are unwelcome. Hungary is a place where you can grow, feel safe, and truly understand Europe — not from stereotypes, but from real life.

