

What To Bring

These guidelines should be helpful for anyone attending the Word of Life Hungary Bible School. 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 from the United States to Europe you are limited to one carry-on and two checked pieces of luggage. (Please check with the airline for information on the weight limit).
2. **Personal items and storage:** In Europe personal living space per person tends to be less than what students from the U.S. might expect. At the Bible School, storage space 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. We are working on new furniture that should provide additional space in the near future.
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.
Women: Please wear nice slacks or skirts, with nice tops or dresses.
Both men and women: Please no sport shoes, no sneakers, no t-shirts. Your clothes should be neat, clean, and modest. We allow nice jeans to be worn to class.
Outside of class, church, and ministry: In general, the dress code in the Bible School 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. Our year-round climate is generally like the lower Midwest so you should plan on warm clothes for winter and cool clothes for the spring and summer months.
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.
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 can generally expect to pay 10-25% more than you would for comparable items in the U.S. You may wish to purchase a travel transformer (available at Radio Shack and other electronics stores). However, please keep in mind that these are usually not designed for prolonged or 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:** Because we are in an international setting and many of our students speak English only as a second language, most of our teachers use the New International Version of the Bible. However, you are welcome to use any reliable translation such as the King James, New King James and New American Standard Bible. Paraphrases, though sometimes helpful for personal devotions, are generally insufficient for serious Bible study.
7. **Textbooks:** Please carefully read the *Required Reading Information* sheet.
8. **Medication:** It is a good idea to bring a limited amount of aspirin, cold medicine, etc. with you, since there isn't nearly as much available "over-the-counter" here as in the United States. 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 medications.
9. **Computers:** You are welcome to bring a personal laptop computer if you would like, but it really is not needed for most of the assignments we give. If you do bring one, be sure that the power pack will 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 don't bring a debit card, you will need to bring spending money with you in cash. We do not recommend that you bring traveler's checks. (There is no checking system in Hungary).