

Art & Advocacy in Hungary

SUMMER 2026 FACULTY-LED TRAVEL PROGRAM

June 19–July 12, 2026

Budapest, Hungary

Are you interested in how **artistic practice** intersects with moments of **social and historical change**?

Learn about how Hungarian artists have responded to questions of **democracy**, **culture**, and **society** over the past 100 years.

Art & Advocacy in Hungary explores a **complex historical and contemporary art scene** through the lens of **socially engaged artistic practices**.

Three weeks, six credit hours, an experience that will change your life!





Europe's most underrated big city, Budapest can be as challenging as it is enchanting. The sprawling Hungarian capital is a city of nuance and paradox—a unique metropolis at the heart of a unique nation.

Rick Steves

Critical Sites of Socially Engaged Art and Art Activism

Art history elective (3 hrs)

- Taught by Dr. Izabel Galliera, associate professor of art history at UMKC
- Pre-trip online meeting to orient you to the course and historical context
- Readings on socially engaged art from the 1990s to today
- Visits to museums, galleries, and artist studios in Budapest
- Final project: proposal for an ideal exhibition of socially engaged art



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PRÁTER 63



KÖZÖSSÉGI JÁRDAFESTÉS,
POP-UP KIÁLLÍTÁS,
FILMVETÍTÉS ÉS KONCERT

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Artist–Advocate–Adventurer

Studio elective (3 hrs)

- Taught by Rebecca Blocksome, social practice program head at KCAI
- Designed to maximize experiential learning
- Independent volunteer work with community partners
- Weekly class discussion and reflection
- Final project: visual journal & public presentation at KCAI

Language & Culture

- Five hours of language & cultural instruction per week
- Taught by a native Hungarian
- Focus on etiquette and practical skills to help you engage with the city around you
- Situated in a variety of real-world contexts (e.g. cafés, public transit, shopping)
- Learn how to survive in places where you do not speak the language!



Excursions

Szentendre/Etyek

- Day trip to Szentendre, an artists' village on the Danube
- Weekend excursion to Etyek for eco-friendly Hungarian cooking lessons



Useful Info

- Dates: June 19–July 12, 2026
- Faculty: Rebecca Blocksome & Dr. Izabel Galliera
- Eligibility: All majors
- Max: 12 students
- Earns: 6 credits (3 art history, 3 studio)
- Cost: \$4,175 trip fee + airfare & meals
- Scholarships are available!
- One of the safest cities in the world
- Perfect jumping-off point for travel on your own —Vienna, Prague, Venice, and beyond!



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