



# JOGÁSZOK ÖNKÉPZŐ SZERVEZETE

**Dear Interested Reader,**

In the following material, we would like to introduce you to the organizational structure of JÖSz.

The primary objective of our organization is to provide future legal professionals with a unique and much-needed form of education that supports the personal development of its members in spiritual, intellectual, and physical terms alike. Our mission is to provide our students, through self-directed learning, with qualifications that enable lawyers graduating from JÖSz to give clear and confident answers to the challenges facing Hungary and their own future.

**Highly qualified lawyers  
who take responsibility  
for their country,**

are indispensable to the advancement of Hungary. This is the core vision of our organization.



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# I. JÖSz Foundation

Within the framework of supporting legal education, the Foundation places special emphasis on promoting the professional development of university students. This primarily – though not exclusively – means providing financial support for the participation of students of the JÖSz College for Advanced Legal Studies in academic conferences, study trips abroad, and language learning, as well as offering subsidized student dormitory accommodation. An important objective of the Foundation is also to contribute to the education of law students beyond Hungary's borders, and to support cross-border academic and research activities.

Among other initiatives, our Foundation organizes the legal academies and the Studia Pragmatica project. The main purpose of the Foundation is to support the operation of the College for Advanced Legal Studies and to promote its legal professional work.

*Through its work, the Foundation provides a stable institutional background for more than 170 legal professionals and 100 law students.*





## II. JÖSz College for Advanced Legal Studies

The JÖSz College for Advanced Legal Studies (JÖSz) was founded in 2012 at the initiative of students of ELTE Faculty of Law, and was soon joined by law students from PPCU.

*Since 2020, the organization has officially operated as a college for advanced studies. Its aim is for its members to represent classical legal scholarship at the highest level, to form part of a community that is open to the world's challenges, proactive, and capable of adapting to changing circumstances.*

The core pillars of JÖSz are State and Legal Studies, Culture, and Charity and Social Service. Along the pillar of legal studies, extracurricular lectures, professional and public-affairs discussions and debates, courses, institutional visits, and competition preparation programs are organized. The cultural programmes of the Cultural Pillar aim to ensure that members become broad-minded and well-educated young professionals, while its team-building activities foster a cohesive community. In addition, JÖSz regularly organizes charitable actions and donation drives, and, through its own legal aid programme, strives to promote social responsibility.

A fundamental mission of the College for Advanced Legal Studies is to provide students with the opportunity to acquire the core skills indispensable to the legal profession.



# III. State and Legal Studies Pillar

Within the State and Legal Studies Pillar, a division-based structure operates (private law, criminal law, international and European law, and public law), enabling each member of the College for Advanced Legal Studies to deepen their knowledge in the field of law that is most important to them. Each semester, several courses are offered within the individual divisions, and newly admitted students also take part in an introductory course that develops critical thinking as well as argumentation and public-speaking skills. These programmes make it possible to acquire competencies that are difficult to obtain within the regular university framework.

Certain parts of our training programmes are open to the public, and we warmly welcome not only law students but also participants from other fields of interest. In each semester, members of the College for Advanced Legal Studies may apply for several foreign-language courses, which they are able to attend thanks to support provided by the Foundation. This pillar is also responsible for the implementation of the Freshman Workshop and the Spring Workshop, within the framework of which we assist first-year students each semester in overcoming initial difficulties, and provide them with an opportunity to get to know us and the people they may turn to for support at any time in the future.

The College for Advanced Legal Studies supports and encourages its members to participate in academic competitions. To this end, prior to the faculty-level TDK competitions, a TDK preparatory “simulation competition” is organized, during which alumni members with experience in the National Student Research Conference (OTDK), as well as external mentors, provide guidance to participants.

*As a result of these professional development opportunities, the College for Advanced Legal Studies can look back on a significant number of JÖSz achievements: since 2019, its members have obtained a total of 20 OTDK placements. Since 2020, they have achieved placements in more than 15 prestigious international competitions, and our members can also boast more than 100 national competition results.*





*The aim of the Cultural Pillar is to provide members with high-level knowledge drawn from the world of culture, from fields beyond professional legal skills and knowledge, and from shared social experiences.*

## IV. Cultural Pillar

At present, the Pillar structures its activities around three areas, each of which is closely linked to the achievement of one of the objectives outlined above. In order to deepen cultural literacy, we organize visits to exhibitions and theatre performances, and we strive to seize every opportunity to enable as many of our members as possible to become acquainted with both Hungarian and international cultures.

We consider the acquisition of knowledge outside the field of law to be important so that we can approach the world and the problems we encounter throughout our lives from more than a single perspective. To this end, in both the autumn and spring semesters we regularly hold self-education programmes with speakers and topics through which we simultaneously acquire useful knowledge and skills and reflect on current developments in the world.

During our university years, it is essential to have companions alongside us in facing challenges, in addition to studying. The programmes organized for our members always provide lifelong experiences and memories that help to deepen friendships within the community. Such programmes typically include team-building events in Hungary or in neighbouring countries, summer trips abroad, and initiation evenings aimed at getting to know our new members.



# V Charity and Social Service Pillar

The Charity and Social Service Pillar of JÖSz offers an opportunity to become acquainted with an essential, yet often neglected, dimension of the legal profession. We regard the support of those in need and the assistance of people in difficult situations as a cornerstone of our personal and spiritual growth. *JÖSz places great emphasis on interpreting the legal profession, legal thinking and legal attitudes in as comprehensive a manner as possible.*

As a university student organization, we consider it important to take part in charitable programmes and to feel responsibility for our community, both in its narrower and broader sense. Within our means, we strive to improve the lives of disadvantaged people, whether through simple visits, donation drives or other forms of support, joint sporting activities, or simply spending time together and playing games.

Among student organizations with a similar profile, JÖSz is perhaps unique in attaching outstanding importance to maintaining contact and cooperation with Hungarian communities living beyond the borders of the mother country and, in light of the grave circumstances of the present time, to supporting them when necessary, and thereby fostering personal connections. For years, we have been present in the life of *the village of Verbőc in Transcarpathia*, to which we regularly deliver donations. Since the outbreak of the war, *we have organized three donation drives and delivered aid packages to more than 300 families. In February 2025, we visited the community of Čantavir, where we held activities for disadvantaged children and young people.*



Our unique charitable programme is our legal aid service, within the framework of which students, under professional supervision, seek solutions to legal problems faced by people in need. We cooperate with several organizations and institutions: for example, we have delegated students to the *Rákospalota Juvenile Correctional Institute* and the *Hűvösvölgy Children's Home*, and members of the College for Advanced Legal Studies have also carried out pro bono work at *DLA Piper Hungary*. In addition, our members have delivered presentations at numerous secondary schools on everyday legal issues affecting students.



*The aim of JÖSz-Transylvania is to bring together Hungarian law students in Transylvania and to expand their knowledge beyond the framework of university education.*

# VI. JÖSz Transylvania



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In the autumn of 2022, the Budapest organization of JÖSz launched a series of courses in Cluj-Napoca for Hungarian law students in Transylvania. As a result,

*in January 2023, JÖSz-Transylvania was established as a new local chapter of JÖSz, and its activities have continued uninterrupted ever since.*

In addition to professional and public-affairs lectures, several conferences have also been organized jointly with the parent organization. Furthermore, every year we actively participate in the Bálványos Free Summer University and Student Camp held in Băile Tușnad, where we organize discussions and debates for the public on public-affairs, political and social topics.



# VII. JÖSz Vojvodina



In the spring semester of 2023, the formation of the Szeged–Vojvodina JÖSz initiative began, within the framework of which weekend course days are organized, combining professional and community-building programmes. Following the first course day in Szeged and the second in Subotica, students established the JÖSz Vojvodina member organization. Since then, numerous course days and joint conferences have been held as part of our shared work, thereby supporting the development of the community of Hungarian law students in Vojvodina, as well as the formation of a wider community of *Hungarian-speaking law students across the Carpathian Basin*.





# VIII. JÖSz Alumni



*We established the JÖSz Alumni network in 2017 with the aim that belonging to JÖSz should represent a lifelong bond, and that former members should be able to give back their knowledge to the community.*

Alumni members support students of the College for Advanced Legal Studies in their professional development and, through their mentoring activities, provide a reliable point of reference for our members who are still actively pursuing their studies. Alumni members frequently hold classes for students of the College for Advanced Legal Studies, and also teach in the courses held in Cluj-Napoca and Subotica.

At JÖSz, great emphasis is also placed on professional mentoring. At the beginning of each academic year, students of the College for Advanced Legal Studies prepare an individual Study Plan, which contains their professional legal objectives. These plans are reviewed by a Professional Committee composed of JÖSz alumni members with expertise in the relevant fields of law. The alumni's own programmes are also of great importance: ***the alumni community now numbers nearly 150 members***, and organizes annual alumni dinners as well as informal gatherings.

# IX. JÖSz Institute



The JÖSz Institute is an independent organizational unit of the JÖSz Foundation, whose purpose is to carry out the Foundation's activities related to the cultivation and advancement of state and legal sciences.

*In the course of its operations, the JÖSz Institute conducts research, research-support and educational activities, implements the Foundation's publishing activities, provides a publication platform for researchers and university students,*

and, through scholarships and talent development programmes, supports legal professionals, law students and representatives of related disciplines who are interested in pursuing an academic career. The aim of the Institute is to organize the domestic and cross-border academic community and to promote dialogue between different fields of science.

An important task of the Institute is to provide adequate and original responses, through the creative power of the community, to the challenges facing Hungary, the Carpathian Basin and Central Europe in the coming decades, in the fields of private and public law, as well as in interdisciplinary areas.



# X Maintenance of JÖSz

*In Hungary, the JÖSz College for Advanced Legal Studies is almost unparalleled in that it is not maintained by the state or by a university; instead, the conditions for its operation are ensured by its own Foundation, through its subsidiary companies.*

This self-sustaining character is necessary, on the one hand, to enable the organization to accept students from multiple universities, and, on the other hand, to guarantee long-term independent and professional operation.

In the spirit of self-sustainability, a multi-pillar business model has been developed which makes the stable operation of JÖSz financially possible, ensures its predictability and long-term development, while at the same time providing outstanding professional opportunities for both law students and JÖSz alumni.

At present, our independent operation rests on two pillars: the Studia Pragmatica programme, which is a virtually unique dual training programme for university students preparing for a legal career, implemented in cooperation with leading Hungarian law firms; and the Academies, which provide up-to-date professional knowledge for students at the meeting points of various scientific fields and the legal profession.

# XI Studia Pragmatica Programme

Recognizing the lack of dual education within legal training,

*JÖSz established its own internship programme in 2022, the Studia Pragmatica programme.*

Through this programme, students of the College for Advanced Legal Studies can acquire practical experience and marketable skills, and, through JÖSz's recruitment and placement activities, the programme also represents a commercially viable model. Students of the College for Advanced Legal Studies receive continuous mentoring from staff members of the partner law firms, and are guaranteed to work on real cases, while receiving competitive, market-based remuneration.

Their working schedule can be flexibly adapted to their university timetable and examination periods. In addition to acquiring new skills, participants are given the opportunity to build their career paths and to gain a significant advantage on the labour market. The cooperation is also beneficial for the participating law firms, as they can work with fast-adapting junior colleagues who, thanks to their university embeddedness, are able to channel academic and innovative knowledge into the performance of legal assignments, and who may also serve as a future recruitment base.

# XII. JÖSz Energy Academy

The JÖSz Energy Academy is a *practice-oriented training programme* established through the cooperation of the JÖSz Institute, MOL and MVM.

*Within the framework of the programme, participating students and qualified lawyers gain insight into the operation of the energy sector*

and acquire the essential technical, legal and organizational knowledge required for effective legal work in this field. During the programme, participants obtain comprehensive theoretical and practical knowledge, and become familiar with the operations, organizational structure and history of Hungary's two leading energy companies, MOL and MVM.

Participation in the programme is free of charge. The training is held bi-weekly, for a total of ten sessions, on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The first four sessions provide participants with foundational knowledge, while during the subsequent six sessions students choose a specialization and acquire the essential professional knowledge related to the operations of our two partner companies. The programme is delivered as adult education, concludes with an examination, and participants who successfully pass the exam are awarded a certificate.

# XIII. JÖSz IT Academy



The aim of the JÖSz IT Academy is to enable participating students and qualified lawyers to become familiar with

*the world of information technology, the related basic legal and organizational knowledge, and, in parallel, to acquire the fundamentals of programming.*

The programme lasts one semester and is delivered over six sessions. During these sessions, participants deepen their knowledge of the basics of Java programming, develop a number of simple software applications related to legal practice, and, at the same time, study topics such as IT contract types, internet law, domain name law, software licensing law, HTML, CSS and PHP, as well as organizational solutions in the IT sector.





# XIV. JÖSz AI Academy



Within the framework of the JÖSz AI Academy, participating students and qualified lawyers become acquainted with

*the basic principles of how artificial intelligence works, as well as with practical solutions for applying the technology in legal practice.*

During the course, our aim is for participants to learn the fundamentals of the operation of artificial intelligence systems, to gain practical experience in the use of a wide range of AI-based solutions, and to acquire hands-on knowledge of technological tools not directly related to AI that can support their everyday professional activities. The six-session programme is delivered as adult education, concludes with an examination, and participants who successfully pass the exam are awarded a certificate.

# XV. JÖSz Library

When establishing the JÖSz Institute, one of our main objectives was to create a book collection that supports the academic and professional activities of our researchers and members of the College for Advanced Legal Studies. As a result of this initiative, the JÖSz Library began its operations.

*The mission of the Library is to provide professional support to those members of JÖSz who wish to pursue academic activities either during their university studies or thereafter.*

Accordingly, the library's collection includes works by renowned Hungarian and international legal scholars, fundamental books in the social sciences, as well as textbooks that are essential for university studies. The Library is located in the JÖSz student dormitory building, thereby ensuring that members of the JÖSz College for Advanced Legal Studies can access the necessary professional literature as easily as possible.





# XVI. Summer University

The multi-day event series known as the Summer University has become a long-standing tradition in the life of our organization. We welcome our audience with

*high-quality professional legal discussions, dynamic public-affairs debates, cultural programmes and concerts.*



The event offers participants the opportunity to gain insight into the everyday life of JÖSz, while at the same time acquiring valuable professional knowledge and building meaningful professional connections. In addition to members of the College for Advanced Legal Studies and law students, we warmly welcome all interested parties.



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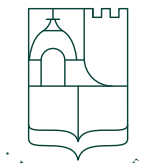
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