

Hello! My name is Larisa. I am 24 years old. I come from Russia, from the Udmurt Republic. I have been living in Budapest since 2004. Now I am in the second year of my PhD at the University of Budapest called ELTE. My main subject is Sociolinguistics.

My hobby is studying foreign languages. I have been learning Hungarian for eight years. At the moment I am learning English, Italian and Finnish. So languages are the top priority in my life. I have a degree from the University of Russia in Hungarian as a Foreign Language and Hungarology. I am also interested in the Culture and Literature of Hungary. I completed the Programme of Hungarian as a Foreign Language (from 2004 to 2005) and Programme of Translation of Literary Works (2005 to 2006) at the Balassi Bálint Cultural Institute. I have worked as an interpreter for two years, which I really enjoy. It is very important to me always to look for opportunities to broaden my skills, because it is one of the ways of reaching my goals. I always try to evaluate my progress regularly, because I like to be in control of my situation. I like taking risks, because if you always do what you have always done, you will only get what you have already got. I am sociable and communicative.

I can easily make friends with new people. I love reading Russian classics and Hungarian contemporary literature. I think books can't be replaced by the Internet and movies. Since I started living in Budapest, I have made a lot of friends from over the world, which makes me very happy

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