History of the Hungary Exchange program

Beloit College and the Eötvös Collégium in Budapest established the Hungary Exchange Program in 1989 following a successful seminar held in Budapest and led by art professor Michael Simon, a Hungarian who had emigrated to the U.S. in 1956. The first five Hungarian students from the Collégium began their coursework at Beloit in August 1989 and returned to Budapest in January 1990 to welcome the arrival of the first Beloit students. Several Beloit faculty and staff with close scholarly and personal ties to Hungary provided expertise to nurture and support the development of the program. In the early years, Beloit students lived at the Collégium and took their courses with Hungarian students. More recently, courses introducing them to the language, history and culture of Hungary have been organized for Beloit students, who may now also work on an individual research project on the topic of their choice under the supervision of a university faculty member.