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# Foreword

## Discover Opportunities and Excellence – Embark on Your Academic Journey in the European Union



It is my great pleasure to invite you to discover the vast range of academic opportunities in the European Union. With its 27 Member States, the European Union is one of the most dynamic, diverse and exciting regions in which to study. Our outstanding universities boast venerable traditions of higher learning and exceptional academic standards.

Be it for an academic exchange or a full degree programme, studying in the European Union allows you to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to gaining world-class academic qualifications, you will have the unique opportunity to discover a panorama of languages, regions and cultures that are united in their diversity. This will equip you with a wide range of skills that are highly sought after in today's job market.

This guidebook provides helpful information on studies and scholarship opportunities for each of the 27 Member States. I hope that it will be among your first steps towards pursuing a rewarding academic journey in Europe.

The European Union's student-friendly policies and extensive scholarship opportunities make studying at our universities more accessible than ever for students from Hong Kong and Macao. Alongside national scholarship programmes, Erasmus+, the European Union's programme for promoting student mobility and academic cooperation across borders, provides support for Hong Kong and Macao students embarking on an academic exchange within the EU. I also invite you to discover the outstanding Erasmus Mundus Masters programmes. They offer students the unique opportunity of studying at highly renowned institutions in three different countries, two of them within the European Union – with the possibility of a full scholarship.

For further information, I encourage you to reach out to the Consulates General of the European Union Member States in Hong Kong and Macao, or the academic exchange organisations listed in this guide. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Consulates General of European Union Member States in Hong Kong and Macao, alongside the Embassies of European Union Member States in Beijing for their invaluable contributions to this guidebook.

I wish you all the best in your academic pursuits.

**Ambassador Harvey Rouse**

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# Why Study in Europe?

Experience affordable world-class higher education in Europe, benefit from an extensive choice of Bachelor's and Master's degrees, Doctoral study programmes, and immerse yourself in the European way of life!



## High-quality and globally-recognised higher education in Europe

No matter what your personal preference is – whether scientific or technical, business and economics, or the arts – you are welcome to undertake your studies in the European Union (EU). With over 400 Nobel laureates, and proud traditions of higher learning in all EU Member States, Europe is a leader in academic and research excellence.

Top-ranked universities provide a broad variety of courses in every field – more and more of which are taught in English. In the EU, you can find higher education and training directly connected to business, industry and on-the-job work experience. European diplomas are recognised and valued worldwide.

## Accessible and affordable higher education in Europe

In Europe, we consider education is not only to be of paramount importance, we regard it as a basic right. That is why enormous effort is undertaken to ensure that the majority of Europe's more than 6 000 higher education institutions are open to anyone with the appropriate qualifications.

To help cover the cost of studying in Europe, there are around 100 000 scholarships and financial support schemes – many of which receive EU funding under the Erasmus+ programme – available across Europe for international students who wish to study here. Some schemes cover part of the tuition fees, some cover all of tuition, plus additional support for living costs. Competition can be strong, but it is well worth exploring your options.

European universities are actively promoting internationalisation, and the number of students from abroad is increasing. More than 200 000 students from Asia are currently studying at higher education institutions throughout the EU.

## Support and opportunities for international students in Europe

European higher education institutions support you throughout your studies abroad. Many universities – and their student networks – offer a personalised welcome, induction sessions, help with accommodation, mentoring, leisure programmes and everything you need to settle into your new surroundings.

Whilst many languages are spoken in the EU, you will find that most countries offer a large choice of courses taught in English. Language tuition is available, whether through intensive specialised courses, pre-seasonal programmes or short courses to master the basics of everyday conversation.

The EU Member States make every effort to simplify the visa application process for students. Online procedures are becoming more widely available and you can get information from your local consulates.



## Enjoy the vibrant lifestyle of today's Europe and experience our rich cultural heritage

In addition to studying in a world-leading centre of innovation and research, in the EU you will also discover a kaleidoscope of nations, languages, cultures and diverse lifestyles, all joined together in peaceful unity. In the EU, you can expect more than excellent education systems. You can enjoy cultural icons from across the centuries, experience different cuisines, learn new languages, improve your social skills and make new friends from around the world. An education experience in the EU will broaden your horizon, open your mind and equip you with all the skills you need to embrace the opportunities of an increasingly interdependent world.



# About the European Union

The European Union (EU) was founded in 1957 with six Member States. It has grown since then to 27 countries, committed to working together for peace and prosperity.

For over 60 years the EU has helped bring stability, democracy, and development to Europe whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance, and individual freedoms.

The EU is represented in the Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR by its office in Hong Kong. The EU Office to Hong Kong and Macao was established in 1993. The Office serves the EU's interests as a whole. It works closely with the Consulates General of the EU Member States, organising joint activities and raising the EU's profile and visibility.

## Higher Education in the EU

Education in the EU is the responsibility of the individual EU Member States. However, the EU has a complementary role to play: to add a European dimension to education, to help develop quality education, and to encourage lifelong learning.

All across Europe, countries and universities are engaged in a process of reform called the Bologna Process. The Bologna Process creates a European Higher Education Area where common principles apply, making it easier and more transparent for outside partners to cooperate with European universities. The intention is to allow the diversity of national systems and universities to be maintained while improving transparency between higher education systems, as well as facilitating recognition of degrees and academic qualifications, mobility, and exchange between institutions.

European countries are working towards a comparable three-cycle degree system:

- **Bachelor's Programme (180-240 ECTS):** 3 to 4 years
- **Master's Programme (90-120 ECTS):** 1 to 2 years
- **PhD Programme:** 3 or more years

## The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

60 ECTS credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one academic year. A full-time student workload may range from 1 200 to 1 800 hours per year. Credits can only be obtained after successful completion of the work required and appropriate assessment of the learning outcomes.

## European Education Area

If you decide to study in Europe, you'll be studying in a continent where there are ambitious effort ongoing to re-think and to further upgrade education. The EU and its Member States are setting up a European Education Area by 2025 focusing their efforts on:

- improving quality and equity in education and training
- teachers, trainers and school leaders
- digital education
- green education
- the European Education Area in the world



## Erasmus+

### What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme to support projects, partnerships, events and mobility in the areas of education, training, youth and sport. The current programme period runs from 2021-2027, and provides funding opportunities for cooperation in all these areas among 33 European countries (EU Member States + associated countries). The programme has a budget of EUR 28.4 billion, which includes 2.2 billion earmarked to fund a strong international dimension for cooperation between these 33 countries and other countries across the world, including Asia.

This cooperation takes the form of

- cooperation projects – based on a partnership between one or more European countries on the one hand and other countries throughout the world on the other.
- scholarships – to come to study, research or teach in Europe (and for Europeans to come to other parts of the world).

### Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

#### What are Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters?

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters are prestigious international masters, jointly designed and delivered by a group of higher education institutions from both within and outside the EU.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters involve at least 3 institutions from at least 3 different countries (two of which from within the EU) and multiple associated partners from the academic and non-academic world. They offer a unique opportunity to acquire a world-class Master's degree while exploring the world. Typically, they include periods of study, research, traineeship, thesis preparation and defence.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters may also offer full scholarships to the best-ranked students worldwide. Scholarships cover potential tuition fees, other participation costs as well as travel, visa and living costs.

Fields of study range from engineering, environmental science, life science, finance and business, social science to arts and design. Here are some examples:

- Public Health in Global Studies in Dublin (Ireland), Liège (Belgium), Granada (Spain), Maastricht (The Netherlands), and Kraków (Poland). <https://www.europubhealth.org/structure-and-curriculum/>
- Mechatronic Engineering in Karlsruhe (Germany), Skövde (Sweden), Oviedo (Spain), and Besançon (France). <https://www.eu4m.eu/programme>
- InterMaths | Interdisciplinary Mathematics in Barcelona (Spain), Nice (France), Vienna (Austria), Hamburg (Germany), and L'Aquila (Italy). <https://www.intermaths.eu/>
- Law & Economics in Rotterdam (Netherlands), Ghent (Belgium), Aix-en-Provence (France), Hamburg (Germany), Warsaw (Poland), Rome (Italy), Arizona (United States), and Mumbai (India). <https://emle.org/>
- Media Arts Cultures in Aalborg (Denmark), Lodz (Poland), and Krems (Austria). <https://www.mediaartscultures.eu/mediaac/programme/mobility/>

For more information and programmes, please check out: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-masters>

## Useful links for more information

- **Erasmus+ General Information**  
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu>
- **Erasmus+ Programme Guide**  
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>
- **Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities for Students**  
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students>
- **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters**  
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-masters>
- **Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA)**  
Individual members and regional/country representatives of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association can provide you with a wealth of information about study options and experiences in Europe.  
<https://www.em-a.eu/>
- **Erasmus Student Network (ESN)**  
<https://www.esn.org/sections>  
[https://www.instagram.com/esn\\_int](https://www.instagram.com/esn_int)
- **Erasmus Student Network Card (ESN Card)**  
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# AUSTRIA



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## Basic Information about Austria

Located in Central Europe, Austria is a naturally beautiful country with pastoral landscapes, stunning mountain vistas and timeless cities steeped in history and culture.

Austria is home to over 9 million people and shares its borders with Germany and the Czech Republic to the North, Slovakia and Hungary to the East, Slovenia and Italy to the South, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the West. The official language of Austria is German.

Austria's past as a European power and its cultural environment has spawned world class artists in various art forms but most notably music. Austria is the birthplace of many famous scientists, Nobel Prize winners and composers such as Mozart and Strauss, whose work continue to inspire.

Austria's capital city of Vienna, also described as Europe's cultural capital, ranks as one of the most attractive cities in the world and has been ranked as the city with the highest quality of living worldwide according to the Mercer Quality of Living Ranking from 2009 to 2023. This metropolitan city has a charm, vibrancy and flair that is unique and found nowhere else.

## The Higher Education System

Austria is an attractive study destination: Austrian higher education institutions offer a wide range of diverse study programmes – whether at the Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD level.

There is a wide variety of higher educational institutions in Austria. A total of 23 Austrian public universities offer a broad range of study options for students. Including 6 Universities of Arts, 3 universities for medical studies, and 4 focused on technology. Furthermore, Austria has 21 Universities of Applied Sciences. In addition, there are 19 private universities and higher education institutions and 14 Teacher education colleges.

There are over 3 600 courses available at universities in Austria. An increasing number of study programmes, particularly at the Master's level, are now offered in English. This makes Austrian universities highly appealing to students from around the world, with international students currently making up 30% of the student population.

The excellence of Austria's universities is recognised worldwide. Many of them rank highly in international university rankings, ensuring you a good quality education should you decide to study here.

You can find more information on the Austrian education system and Austria's participation in International Exchange programmes on the following web pages:

- [www.oead.at](http://www.oead.at)
- [www.studyinaustria.at](http://www.studyinaustria.at)
- <https://www.studienwahl.at/en>  
(Here you can find all degree programmes offered by Austrian universities.)

## Scholarships

The Austrian government, many private institutions and some universities offer scholarships for students. Scholarships are managed by a special agency – Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD). If you are interested in studying in Austria and financial support, please visit the website at [www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at).

Studying in Austria has become increasingly popular for a rising number of students from Hong Kong and Macao. They study predominantly tourism, economics, music, languages, and the fine arts. Various cooperation and student exchange programmes (such as the Eurasia-Pacific Uninet) offer postgraduate studies in Austria.

All major universities in Hong Kong and Macao enjoy cooperation agreements with partner universities in Austria. These programmes often facilitate student and faculty exchanges, research collaborations, joint degree programmes, summer courses and cultural exchange & language programmes.

## Where can I find more information on higher education, studies in Austria and scholarship programmes?

- **The Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD)**  
[www.oead.at](http://www.oead.at) | [www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at) | [www.studyinaustria.at](http://www.studyinaustria.at) | [www.studienwahl.at](http://www.studienwahl.at)
- **Eurasia-Pacific Uninet**  
[www.eurasiapacific.org](http://www.eurasiapacific.org)
- **Austrian Consulate General Hong Kong**  
[www.bmeia.gv.at/hongkong](http://www.bmeia.gv.at/hongkong)
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# AUSTRIA



# BELGIUM



## Basic Information about Belgium

The Kingdom of Belgium is located at the heart of the EU. It is bordered by France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the North Sea. The country's capital is Brussels. Its population is 11 million. Belgium is a federal state with three language-based parts: the Dutch-speaking Flemish Community, the French Community and the small German-speaking Community. Brussels is officially bilingual and in fact multilingual with English widely spoken.

The country prides itself on its medieval art cities such as Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Liège, Mons and Tournai. Due to its central location and its excellent transport system, the other European metropolises, such as London, Paris, or Amsterdam, are only one or two hours train journey away. The capital Brussels is one of the world's most multicultural cities, home to the main institutions of the EU, with lots of embassies, international organisations and multinational companies, and a large and diverse expatriate community.

## The Higher Education System

Belgium's educational institutions, some of which date back to the Middle Ages and are amongst the oldest in the world, are known worldwide for their outstanding academic reputation. Belgium boasts 4 universities in the global top 200 of the Times Higher Education ranking.

They offer a very broad scale of study subjects, ranging from bioengineering to fine arts, from aeronautics to nuclear medicine. The higher education system in Belgium is part of the so-called European Higher Education Area and comprises three 'cycles': the first encompasses Bachelor's programmes, the second, Master's programmes, and the third, PhD programmes.

There are three types of higher education institutions in Belgium: universities, university colleges and schools of arts. An ever-growing number of institutions of higher learning provide programmes in English.

## The Structure of University Degrees

- **Bachelor's degree:** During a Bachelor's degree students receive a general training alongside their programme in the subject they have chosen. The first 'cycle' involves at least three years of study (180 ECTS credits) and results in a Bachelor's degree qualification.
- **Master's degree:** A student who has obtained a Bachelor's degree can immediately supplement it with a second 'cycle' of studies, i.e. a Master's degree, consisting of at least 60, and in many cases 120 ECTS credits. Master's programmes entail interaction between teaching and research and aim to provide students with advanced knowledge and skills in a specific field. The Master's programme concludes with a dissertation.
- **Advanced Master's degree:** An Advanced Master's degree involves acquiring a specialised professional qualification. Advanced Master's programmes are worth at least 60 ECTS credits and are rounded off with a Master's dissertation, which forms an important part of their assessment.
- **Postgraduate programmes:** Postgraduate programmes aim, within the framework of further vocational training, to broaden and/or consolidate the skills acquired following a Bachelor's or Master's programme. A certificate is issued after a programme comprising at least 20 ECTS credits.
- **PhD:** A PhD is the highest qualification awarded by universities in Belgium. As well as preparing for their thesis, PhD students take a PhD training programme in order to acquire additional skills that could be useful in their subsequent career in academia or elsewhere.

## Tuition Fees and Living Costs

Depending on the programme, the tuition fees are EUR 835-6 000. Additional fees for non-EU students vary according to the programme. The estimated cost of living is about EUR 11 000 per year. Some institutions offer accommodation at about EUR 350-400 per month.

## Useful Links

- **Studying in Belgium**  
[www.belgium.be/en/education/coming\\_to\\_study\\_in\\_belgium](http://www.belgium.be/en/education/coming_to_study_in_belgium)
- **Studying in Flanders and Brussels (Dutch and English speaking)**  
<http://studyinlanders.be>  
<https://onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/en>
- **Studying in Wallonia Brussels (French and English speaking)**  
[www.studyinbelgium.be](http://www.studyinbelgium.be)  
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<http://hongkongmacau.diplomatie.belgium.be/en>



# BULGARIA



## Basic Information about Bulgaria

The Republic of Bulgaria is located in the northeastern part of the Balkan Peninsula in Southeast Europe. In the north, the country borders Romania, in the south - Turkey and Greece, in the west, it shares a border with Serbia and North Macedonia, and in the east, it looks onto the Black Sea. Bulgaria's population is around 6.5 million, with the city of Sofia as its capital. The official language of the country is Bulgarian.

Bulgaria is a historical and cultural bridge between Europe and Asia. The hidden jewel of Europe is home to many scenic wonders – the sun-kissed sandy beaches of the Black Sea, the mystic Rila and Pirin mountains, and the famous Valley of Roses. These places have inspired colourful local folklore, as well as centuries-long traditions of yogurt and wine production, rose picking, and much more.

Traditionally well known as the land of the sun, sea, and majestic mountain slopes, Bulgaria offers a wide variety of luxurious spas, sea and ski resorts. You can visit any of its small romantic villages and immerse yourself in the local culture of the quiet, but meaningful rural life, or go to any of its bigger cities for a taste of the cosmopolitan life, mixed with a vibrant culture of art and music.

## The Higher Education System

The country's higher education system was reformed at the end of 1995, when the National Assembly passed the Higher Education Law, introducing the following multi-level structure of academic qualifications:

- Three-year education programmes at specialised institutes and colleges, which provide graduates with both professional qualifications and a higher education degree.
- Four-year Bachelor's degree programmes.
- One- or two-year Master's degree programmes.
- Three-year post-graduate programmes.

Under the Higher Education Law, universities, specialized institutes, as well as colleges are all classified as higher educational institutions in Bulgaria. They offer educational programmes of various types, as well as degrees, catered to the needs of modern societies.

## Scholarships

Following a resolution of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers, or under specific relevant governmental agreements, tuition fees can be waived for postgraduate students of various fields.

## Where can I find more information?

- **"St. Kliment Ohridski" Sofia University, Sofia:** [www.uni-sofia.bg](http://www.uni-sofia.bg)
- **"Paisii Hilendarski" University of Plovdiv, Plovdiv:** [www.uni-plovdiv.bg](http://www.uni-plovdiv.bg)
- **"St. Cyril and Methodius" University of Veliko Turnovo, Veliko Turnovo:** [www.uni-vt.bg](http://www.uni-vt.bg)
- **"Neofit Rilski" South-West University, Blagoevgrad:** [www.swu.bg](http://www.swu.bg)
- **"Angel Kanchev" University of Ruse, Ruse:** [www.uni-ruse.bg](http://www.uni-ruse.bg)
- **Trakia University, Stara Zagora:** [www.trakia-uni.bg](http://www.trakia-uni.bg)
- **Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Beijing, China**  
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# GROATIA



## Basic Information about the Republic of Croatia

Pannonian Plain.

Croatia (Hrvatska), officially the Republic of Croatia (Republika Hrvatska) is situated in south-eastern Europe at the crossroads of the Adriatic Sea and the

Croatia borders with Hungary in the north, Slovenia in the north-west, Serbia in the north-east, Bosnia and Herzegovina in the total length of the lower part of Croatia's crescent shape, Montenegro in the extreme south, and Italy and Slovenia on the Adriatic Sea.

Traditionally, Croatia is a tourism-oriented country. Historical heritage, natural beauty, and a pleasant climate make up the framework which, together with high quality accommodation, gastronomic excellence and a rich supply of activities and entertainment, enables Croatia to attract tourists.

The most important tourism potential in Croatia is the Adriatic Sea. The unique characteristics of the seawater (crystal clear and clean) and coastline (length and indentation – approximately 1 800 km long, relatively sparsely inhabited coastline with 1 244 islands of which only 50 are inhabited) together with a mild climate, have long been recognised and used as the main comparative advantages of Croatian tourism.

Continental Croatia also has a number of tourist attractions, including towns with a rich history and striking architecture, castles, national parks, rivers, ski resorts, vineyards and thermal water springs with healing properties.

Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and also the largest city in the country. It is situated in the north-west of the country, along the Sava River with a population of almost one million inhabitants. It is the political, economic, cultural and scientific centre of Croatia.

## The Higher Education System

The Croatian higher education system has a long educational tradition preserved primarily through the work of its public universities, which are (in alphabetical order): J.J. Strossmayer University of Osijek, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, University of Dubrovnik, University of Rijeka, University of Split, University of Zadar and University of Zagreb.

In Croatia, students can choose between two types of higher education studies:

- University studies consisting of academic programmes that are conducted solely at universities.
- Professional studies consisting of professional programmes conducted at polytechnics or colleges of applied sciences (exceptionally, professional programmes can also be implemented at universities).

The higher education system in Croatia has undergone a comprehensive reform within the framework of the Bologna Process. The Croatian higher education system is now structured according to three cycles (undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate) and higher education studies in Croatia are organised according to the system of transferable credits (ECTS), thus making it easier for international students (from Europe and beyond) to study in Croatia and have their studies recognised in their home countries.

Croatia has both public and private higher education institutions. Most Croatian universities are public institutions. However, private university education has recently started to develop in Croatia with the establishment of three private universities and numerous colleges of applied sciences.

Regarding higher education institutions providing professional studies, the picture is more varied. Almost all polytechnics are public institutions, while most colleges of applied sciences are private institutions. Both polytechnics and colleges of applied sciences provide first and second cycle professional study programmes – these institutions differ only in the number of study programmes they provide, not in the type of programmes.

## Scholarships

In order to study at Croatian higher education institutions, international students must have sufficient financial means for the duration of their stay in Croatia from personal sources or scholarships available in their countries or internationally. Presently, the majority of Croatian higher education institutions do not offer any scholarships or financial aid for international students. However, there are a number of scholarships available to international students through bilateral programmes administered by the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, university bilateral agreements, and programmes such as CEEPUS and Erasmus+.

## Where can I find more information?

- **More details about Croatia's higher education system and major universities are available at the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports:** <https://mzo.gov.hr/en>
- **For further information on scholarships:** [www.mobilnost.hr](http://www.mobilnost.hr) or [www.studyincroatia.hr](http://www.studyincroatia.hr)
- **Honorary Consulate of Croatia in Hong Kong**  
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# CYPRUS



## Basic Information about Cyprus

Cyprus is an island country in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. Uniquely positioned at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, Cyprus embodies a multicultural and cosmopolitan spirit, shaped by centuries of interaction among some of the world's greatest civilisations.

Renowned for its pleasant Mediterranean climate, crystal-clear waters, and one of the lowest crime rates in Europe, Cyprus offers an exceptional quality of life. Coupled with a highly educated and predominantly English-speaking society, the island has evolved into a vibrant hub for international business, tourism, education, and sporting activities.

Cyprus has achieved this remarkable progress despite its tragic reality as the last divided country in Europe, following Turkey's illegal invasion of the island in 1974 and the continuing occupation of 37% of its territory since then.

Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004 and adopted the euro as its official currency in 2008. The official languages of Cyprus are Greek and Turkish.

## The Higher Education System

Cyprus has established itself as a world-class centre for education and research, hosting distinguished academic institutions that offer a broad range of fully accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at affordable cost.

Through continuous investment in the education sector, the expansion of international partnerships with leading overseas universities, and the simplification of student visa procedures, along with the support provided by the institutions themselves, Cyprus attracts thousands of international students each year. The island offers a holistic academic and cultural experience within a safe, welcoming, and intellectually vibrant environment.

The Higher Education Institutions that are recognised by the official competent authority operating **legally** in Cyprus are the following:

### **PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

- University of Cyprus
- Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)
- Open University of Cyprus (OUC)

### **PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

- Frederick University
- European University Cyprus
- University of Nicosia
- Neapolis University Pafos
- University of Central Lancashire Cyprus (UCLan Cyprus)
- Philips University
- American University of Cyprus (AUCY)
- University of Limassol
- American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo (Paphos)

### **PUBLIC INSTITUTES OF TERTIARY EDUCATION**

- Mediterranean Institute of Management (MIM)
- Post Secondary Institutes of Vocational Education and Training
- The Cyprus Forestry College
- The Police Academy of Cyprus
- The School for Tourist Guides

### **PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF TERTIARY EDUCATION**

- A. C. American College (Lefkosia)
- ACC Akademia College (Deryneia)
- Aigaia School of Art and Design (Lefkosia)
- Alexander College (Larnaka)
- Alexander College (Pafos)
- ARTE Music Academy (Lefkosia)
- Atlantis College (Liopetri)
- C.D.A. College (Lefkosia, Lemesos, Larnaka, Pafos)
- Casa College (Lefkosia)
- CBS - College of Business Studies (Lefkosia)
- Church of Cyprus - School of Theology (Lefkosia)
- CIM - Cyprus Business School (Lefkosia)
- CIM – Cyprus Business School (Lemesos)
- City Unity College (Lefkosia)
- College of Tourism and Hotel Management (Lefkosia)
- CTL EuroCollege (Lemesos)
- Cyprus College (Lefkosia)
- Cyprus College (Lemesos)
- European Institute of Management and Finance (Nicosia)
- Frederick Institute of Technology (Lefkosia, Lemesos)
- Freshart College (Paphos)
- Global College (Lefkosia)
- Institute of Professional Studies at UCLan Cyprus (Pyla)
- Intercollege (Lefkosia)
- Internapa College (Sotira)
- KES College (Lefkosia)
- Larnaca College (Larnaka)
- Ledra College (Lefkosia)
- Mesoyios College (Limassol)
- P.A. College (Larnaka)
- Susini College (Lefkosia)
- The Cyprus Academy of Art (Lemesos)
- The Cyprus Institute (Lefkosia)
- The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics (Lefkosia)
- The Limassol College - T.L.C (Lemesos)
- The Philips College (Lefkosia)
- Vladimiroso Kafkaridis School of Drama (Lefkosia)

## **Scholarships**

Scholarships are offered by public and private institutions of higher education of Cyprus, advertised in their websites.

For more information on studying in Cyprus, please refer to the following:

- **Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth:** [www.highereducation.ac.cy](http://www.highereducation.ac.cy) & <https://www.studyincyprus.org.cy>
- **Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth:** [www.moec.gov.cy](http://www.moec.gov.cy)
- **Honorary Consulate of Cyprus in Hong Kong**  
Room 2101, 21/F Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong  
Tel: +852 2100 2000 | Fax: +852 2100 2100 | E-mail: [consulate@caravel-group.com](mailto:consulate@caravel-group.com)



# CZECHIA



## Basic Information about Czechia

Czechia is a landlocked country in the heart of Europe with unique natural and cultural wealth. The area of the country is 78 866 square kilometers, and its population is around 10.8 million people. Czechia shares borders with Germany, Poland, Austria and Slovakia. The capital city is Prague, and the official language is Czech; however, English is commonly used, especially in larger cities. The country has been a parliamentary democracy and an EU Member State since 2004.

## Why is Czechia a smart choice for international students?

In Czechia, you'll find everything in one place. High-quality education, an excellent choice of study opportunities and affordable living in a beautiful and safe country. Plus, it's the ideal location to travel around Europe.

- Over 1 000 programmes in English
- Regularly ranks among the top 15 most peaceful countries in the world
- Affordable living costs and the option to work part-time while studying
- A great location in the centre of Europe gives you a chance to travel the continent
- National alumni programme for all international students and graduates

## The Higher Education System

In Czechia, there are three types of higher education institutions: 26 public, 2 state and 26 private. Higher education institutions provide education at 3 levels: Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programmes offered mostly in Czech and English. There is a strong community of international students at Czech universities – out of 300 000 students, 18% are international.

Higher education is available to all applicants with a completed upper secondary education and admission is also based on the fulfilment of entry requirements set by the given higher education institution. If you want to study a degree programme, you should first check the specific entry requirements on the website of the higher education institution of your choice and then apply to the institution accordingly. The deadline for submitting applications is usually at the end of February or March.

## Tuition Fees

At public and state higher education institutions, education in the Czech language is free of charge for students of all nationalities, apart from administrative fees related to the admission process. Many Czech universities offer preparatory courses that can help students master the Czech language and prepare them for university studies. Tuition fees for studying in English mostly range from EUR 0 – 6 000 per academic year. Fees for art or medicine studies are usually higher. At private higher education institutions all students are required to pay tuition fees, and the amount depends on the relevant institution and study programme.

## Scholarships

Every year, the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports offers scholarships to support the studies of foreigners at public universities in Czechia under foreign development cooperation (government scholarships) or the bilateral international agreements in the field of education (scholarships under international agreements). Information about these scholarships is available at Czech diplomatic missions abroad.

Higher education institutions grant their own scholarships, especially for outstanding study results, to support doctoral students, or social and accommodation scholarships. They also support student exchanges under Erasmus+ programme or bilateral university agreements, organise summer schools, etc. You can get more details from the international relations office of the relevant university.

## Where can I find more information?

- **Information about studying in Czechia:** [www.studyin.cz](http://www.studyin.cz)
- **Study programmes at Czech universities:** [portal.studyin.cz/en](http://portal.studyin.cz/en)
- **National alumni programme:** [www.czechialumni.cz](http://www.czechialumni.cz)
- **Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports:** [msmt.gov.cz](http://msmt.gov.cz)
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs:** [mzv.gov.cz](http://mzv.gov.cz)
- **Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Hong Kong and Macao**  
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## Basic Information about Denmark

Denmark is located in Northern Europe, being the southernmost of the Nordic nations. It consists primarily of the Jutland Peninsula and over 400 islands, with Zealand and Funen being the largest. Together with Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Denmark forms the Kingdom of Denmark. The population in Denmark is approximately six million people. The capital, Copenhagen, is a vibrant and modern city, home to nearly two million people in the metropolitan area. The cityscape throughout Denmark reflects the country's deep historical roots, blended seamlessly with contemporary Scandinavian design. While Copenhagen sets the tone, blends of heritage and innovation can be found in many urban centres across the country, where bicycles, green spaces, and a commitment to sustainability and quality of life define the rhythm of everyday living. While Danish is the official language, English is widely spoken across the country.

## The Higher Education System

Higher education institutions in Denmark can be grouped into three main types:

- Universities offering research-based undergraduate and postgraduate programmes (Bachelor's, Master's and PhD)
- University colleges and specialised colleges offering undergraduate programmes (professional Bachelor's and Diploma programmes)
- Academies of professional higher education (erhvervsakademier) offering two to two and a half years academy professional programmes

For more information on the Danish educational system, please consult the following website: the Danish education system – Uddannelses-og Forskningsministeriet ([ufm.dk](http://ufm.dk)).

Danish universities and other higher education institutions offer a wide selection of degree programmes and individual courses taught fully in English. It makes it easy for international students to find attractive study opportunities – be it as an exchange student or a full degree student.

Sino-Danish Center (SDC) is a partnership between all eight Danish universities, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS). SDC's activities include Danish-Chinese research collaboration within six selected focus areas, eight affiliated Master's programmes with an annual intake of approximately 150 Master's students and training of a large number of PhD students. SDC is located at UCAS' Yanqihu Campus north of Beijing.

Each institution is responsible for admission, and you can get further information about entrance qualifications, supplementary tests and the possibilities of transfer of credits from the admission offices at the institutions.

## High Quality in Education

The quality of higher education is assured in many ways. It is regulated and financed by the state, and all public educational institutions are approved and evaluated on an ongoing basis. The institutions have a high degree of autonomy, but must at the same time follow the national regulations on teacher qualifications, award structures and external evaluation of their study programmes. This system is a way of setting national standards for higher education, thus ensuring high quality at all institutions.

All institutions use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, ECTS, facilitating international credit transfer. Students receive certificates, diplomas or other types of documentation for all completed courses. All students finishing a full degree or a diploma programme receive a Diploma Supplement in English.

## Scholarships

The Danish government has a scholarship programme for non-EU/EEA students. Here, scholarships and tuition fee waivers are available for highly qualified students enrolling in certain study programmes. The scholarships are administered by the Danish universities, which select the students awarded with a scholarship. For more information, please consult this website: <https://studyindenmark.dk/study-options/scholarships>.

Some universities and educational institutions also have their own scholarships. Contact the institution when you apply for admission. In addition, it is possible to apply for an Erasmus scholarship to do a Master's degree partly at a Danish educational institution and partly at another European educational institution.

## Exchange/Guest Students

Your possibilities as an exchange/guest student depend on your home institution and the chosen exchange agreement. If you are studying in countries outside the EU, you should seek information about grants and scholarships at your educational institution in your own country.

Students can also find links to several scholarship programmes at the EU-database Ploteus.

## Where can I find more information?

- **Ministry of Higher Education and Science (Uddannelses-og Forskningsministeriet):** [www.ufm.dk](http://www.ufm.dk)
- **Ministry of Cultural Affairs (Kulturministeriet):** <https://kum.dk/english/>
- **Sino-Danish Center for Education and Research:** [www.sdc.university](http://www.sdc.university)
- **Study in Denmark:** [www.studyindenmark.dk](http://www.studyindenmark.dk)
- **Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Beijing**  
1 Dongwujie, San Li Tun, 100600, Beijing  
Tel: +86 10 8532 9900 | E-mail: [bjsamb@um.dk](mailto:bjsamb@um.dk) | <http://kina.um.dk/en>





# ESTONIA



## Basic Information about Estonia

Estonia, with a population of 1.3 million people, is a country in northern Europe. A little larger than Switzerland and situated on the coast of the Baltic Sea, Estonia is a country of expansive old forests, plentiful lakes and rivers, clean fresh air and ubiquitous internet. As the birthplace of Skype, Estonia has cemented its image as one of the most innovative and IT-friendly countries in the world.

Estonia's Nordic culture and language have strong ties with Finland, its neighbour in the north. Sweden is Estonia's nearest neighbour in the west across the Baltic Sea, while Latvia and Russia have a land border to the south and east.

The official language is Estonian, but most people understand and speak English.

## The Higher Education System

The Estonian higher education system consists of academic and professional higher education. Higher education is provided mainly by universities and professional institutions of higher education.

- **I Cycle**  
The nominal length of academic Bachelor's studies is usually 3 years, and the capacity of studies is ECTS 180 credits (in exceptional cases, four years and 240 ECTS credits). After graduation from Bachelor's-level programmes, the Bachelor's degree *bakalaureusekraad*, is awarded.

Depending on the subject area, the nominal length of first cycle professional higher education studies is 3-4 years (180-240 ECTS credits), after completing the studies a diploma called *rakenduskõrgharidusõppe diplom* is awarded.

After graduation from the first cycle of HE (academic or professional), students can continue in the second cycle leading to the Master's degree *magistrikraad*.

- **II Cycle**

The nominal length of Master's level studies is 1-2 years and the volume of the studies is 60-120 ECTS credits, but together with Bachelor's level studies not less than five years (300 ECTS credits).

In addition to the two-cycle general structure, the study programmes of medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical, veterinary, architectural and civil engineering training are single long-cycle studies with a nominal length of 5-6 years and a capacity of 300-360 ECTS credits.

- **III Cycle**

The nominal length of doctoral studies is 3-4 years after which the postgraduate research degree (*doktorikraad*) is conferred.

Students in Hong Kong need to apply for a D visa for studying in Estonia and the visa can be issued at the Estonian Embassy in Beijing.

## Scholarships

- **DoRa allowance for International Master Students**

A monthly allowance of EUR 287 (for 10 months during one academic year) is awarded to foreign students studying on the Master's programmes taught in English at Estonian universities. The student applies through the host institution. The host institution sets deadlines and selection criteria to receive the allowance.

- **DoRa Scholarships for International Visiting PhD Students**

The scholarships cover research and study visits of 1-10 months by international PhD students to Estonian universities under recognised PhD study programmes, regardless of the subject area. The selection from among the candidates will be made by the host university.

The schemes are financed from the European Social Fund. More information: [www.studyinestonia.ee](http://www.studyinestonia.ee)

## Where can I find more information?

- **Further list of higher education institutions, the study programmes in English and other relevant details about study possibilities in Estonia are available at:**

[www.studyinestonia.ee](http://www.studyinestonia.ee) | [www.facebook.com/studyinestonia](https://www.facebook.com/studyinestonia)  
<https://x.com/studyinestonia> | [www.youtube.com/studyinestonia](https://www.youtube.com/studyinestonia)

- **Honorary Consulate of Estonia in Hong Kong**

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# FINLAND



## Basic information about Finland

Finland is a country situated in Northern Europe. It is one of the Nordic countries and is bordered by Sweden to the west, Norway to the north, and Russia to the east, while to the south it is separated from Estonia by the Gulf of Finland. Finland is known for its thousands of lakes and islands, as well as vast forests that cover most of the land area. The population amounts to about 5.6 million people. The capital, Helsinki, is a modern city that combines Nordic design, maritime atmosphere, and a vibrant cultural life. The official languages are Finnish and Swedish, and most people also speak English well.

## Why is Finland a great place to study?

- The happiest country on the planet - now for eight years straight (UN World Happiness Report 2025)
- The second most stable country in the world (The Fund for Peace, Fragile States Index 2024)
- Top-level education and innovative company landscape - Bloomberg Innovation Index placing Finland in the 4<sup>th</sup> spot for innovation
- Active student organisations guarantee a uniquely vibrant student life with plenty of events and activities
- Europe's most forested country with effortless access for visiting nature

## The Finnish Higher Education System

Finland's world-leading higher education system offers almost 600 English-taught Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in 13 universities and 22 universities of applied sciences (UAS). The universities also offer English-taught doctoral degree options. Finnish higher education institutions have over 20 000 international students studying in several locations around Finland. Both universities and universities of applied sciences have scholarship opportunities for international students.

## Scholarships

The Finland Scholarship offers international students from outside the EU/EEA help in funding university education in Finland, ensuring they get the best support for making the most of their studies, nurturing their talents and launching successful careers after graduation.

The scholarships aim at gifted non-EU/EEA students who are liable to tuition fees and apply for international Master's programmes at the following Finnish universities:

- **Aalto University:** [www.aalto.fi/en](http://www.aalto.fi/en)
- **University of Helsinki:** [www.helsinki.fi/en](http://www.helsinki.fi/en)
- **University of Eastern Finland:** [www.uef.fi/en](http://www.uef.fi/en)
- **University of Jyväskylä:** [www.jyu.fi/en](http://www.jyu.fi/en)
- **University of Lapland:** [www.ulapland.fi/EN](http://www.ulapland.fi/EN)
- **LUT University:** [www.lut.fi/en](http://www.lut.fi/en)
- **University of Oulu:** [www.oulu.fi/en](http://www.oulu.fi/en)
- **Hanken School of Economics:** [www.hanken.fi/en](http://www.hanken.fi/en)
- **University of the Arts Helsinki:** [www.uniarts.fi/en](http://www.uniarts.fi/en)
- **Tampere University:** [www.tuni.fi/en](http://www.tuni.fi/en)
- **University of Turku:** [www.utu.fi/en](http://www.utu.fi/en)
- **University of Vaasa:** [www.uwasa.fi/en](http://www.uwasa.fi/en)
- **Åbo Akademi University:** [www.abo.fi/en](http://www.abo.fi/en)

The scholarship covers a first-year tuition fee and a relocation grant of EUR 5 000 as a minimum. Many universities offer further scholarship options for the second year of Master's studies.

You can apply for the scholarship from the university when you apply for admission. Please check the application procedure, deadlines and detailed requirements directly with the university. While there is no nationwide scholarship system for universities of applied sciences in Finland, many institutions offer their own scholarships or tuition fee waivers for international students. These opportunities vary by school, so be sure to explore the options available at each institution.

## Where can I find more information?

- [www.studyinfinland.fi](http://www.studyinfinland.fi)
- [www.opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/](http://www.opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/)
- **Consulate General of Finland in Hong Kong and Macao**  
10/F, Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong  
Tel: +852 2525 5385 | E-mail: [sanomat.hng@gov.fi](mailto:sanomat.hng@gov.fi) | [www.finlandabroad.fi/web/hkg](http://www.finlandabroad.fi/web/hkg)





# FRANCE



## **An Internationally Renowned Destination for Studies**

Famous for its quality education, rich cultural heritage and prestigious intellectual and scientific traditions, France is an attractive country for international students, with over 450 000 international students each year, including 20% of them coming from Asia.

The country's well-established economy, democracy and welfare infrastructure ensure it is a pleasant place for students. France is also the world's most visited tourist destination with over 50 World Heritage Sites, and its gastronomy is recognised as UNESCO intangible cultural heritage. Alongside academic pursuits, each student studying there is bound to have a unique and rich experience.

## **Excellent Higher Education Accessible to All**

The French government subsidises and invests heavily in education, making sure that teaching quality is competitive and university facilities are satisfactory. Its policy of equal treatment makes education accessible to people of all backgrounds and nationalities. Local and international students also enjoy the same benefits, from housing subsidies to mandatory insurance.

- **Higher Education Structure**

The French national diplomas are awarded based on the European L-M-D system (L: Licence/Bachelor; M: Master; D: Doctorate), each level is measured by ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). The national diplomas ensure uniform quality in different universities in France. The French degrees are recognised in other parts of the world, and students can continue their studies in France or abroad by transferring credits.

- **Adapted to All Needs**

The highly diversified system, comprising 73 public universities (all the French universities are public), more than 200 engineering schools, 220 business and management schools, 120 art schools, 20 architecture schools, and more than 290 doctoral departments, offers programmes in all disciplines.

There are more than 3 000 specialised schools for specific domains such as culinary arts, tourism and hospitality, fashion, cinema, animation and video games, performing arts, journalism and communication, paramedics, social work, and sports.

France has over 1 700 programmes taught in English – this number continues to rise. This accommodates the needs of international students who do not speak French but who want to enjoy the French academic and cultural environment. Our programmes taught in English cover subjects such as finance, science and engineering, fashion and luxury management, wine marketing, political science, mathematics, and more.

## **Outstanding and Open Research Arena**

France is a leading nation in innovation and research, being #2 in terms of Fields Medals, and #4 in Nobel Prizes. France's economy is investment-intensive. The country is the #1 host country for international investments in Europe, #2 in aerospace worldwide and a leader in nuclear expertise.

Thanks to research, France performs strongly in industries such as pharmaceuticals, aeronautics, chemistry, food-processing, agricultural production, automotive and nuclear.

France has a university-centred system of innovation and research; with 300 000+ researchers, 70 000+ PhD students, and an annual R&D expenditure of EUR 61.5 billion (2023). France is also the largest host country for international doctoral candidates.

Doctoral training takes place within a research unit affiliated with a doctoral department, where the candidate works under the supervision of a dissertation adviser. Prospective candidates have to apply directly to a specific doctoral programme. The catalogue of programmes with overview of dissertation topics and postdoctoral opportunities is available here: <https://doctorat.campusfrance.org/phd/dschools/main>



## Accessible Costs of Education and Living

Being its biggest budget item (5% of GDP), education is a top priority for France. International students pay EUR 2 895 for Licence/Bachelor; EUR 3 941 for Master; EUR 618 for Engineering Degree; EUR 391 for Doctorate (in academic year 2025-2026). Private schools have tuition fees ranging from EUR 6 000 to EUR 18 000. Each institution is independent in their recruitment, and it is important for students to check directly with the schools they wish to apply for the most updated information.

French and international students enjoy the same student benefits: social security is free and mandatory for all students under 28 years old, housing subsidy 'CAF' ([www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)) of up to EUR 200 per month, student restaurants, reduced rates for transport, leisure and cultural facilities, part-time work, and a work permit after degree ('APS') for those pursuing full-time studies.

## Scholarships and Financial Aids

- **CampusBourses**  
CampusBourses is a search engine for financial aids for studying in France  
<https://campusbourses.campusfrance.org>
- **Refer to our scholarship brochure for Hong Kong and Macao students and researchers**  
<https://www.hongkong.campusfrance.org/france-hong-kong-scholarships>

## Further Information

- **Cultural Life**  
Resources on cinema, theatre, music, museums and monuments  
[www.culture.gouv.fr/en](http://www.culture.gouv.fr/en)
- **Learning French in France**  
Search for a French language centre labeled by Qualité FLE  
[www.qualitefle.fr](http://www.qualitefle.fr)
- **Learning French in Hong Kong**  
Alliance Française de Hong Kong  
[www.afhongkong.org](http://www.afhongkong.org)
- **Campus France Hong Kong Office**  
25/F, Tower II, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong  
E-mail: [campus-france.hong-kong-cslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:campus-france.hong-kong-cslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr)  
[www.hongkong.campusfrance.org](http://www.hongkong.campusfrance.org)





# GERMANY

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## Basic Information about Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany lies in the heart of Europe and it shares its border with nine countries. Germany is a cosmopolitan, democratic country with great traditions and a lively presence. Germany has one of the world's strongest economies and offers an innovative research and education landscape. Germany offers tuition-free high-quality education financed by substantial state funding attracting over 450 000 international students – Germany is a smart choice for your studies.

## The Higher Education System

German higher education institutions enjoy an excellent reputation all around the world. German degrees carry great prestige while teaching and research provide key impulses for innovation and progress. Institutions boast state-of-the-art equipment and labs to provide students with the very best conditions for successful studies.

At a very competitive price, due to substantial state subsidies, more than 400 higher education institutions offer thousands of degree programmes, making Germany's higher education landscape diverse and affordable. More than 120 universities, 240 universities of applied sciences as well as 50 colleges of art and music cover over 400 disciplines and, thus, offer the possibility of pursuing almost any specialisation or research project you may have in mind ([www.study-in-germany.com](http://www.study-in-germany.com)).

A constantly rising number of German universities offer courses taught in English that lead to internationally recognised degrees, such as Bachelor's, Master's or PhD. There are currently over 2 400 programmes on offer ([www.daad.de/idp](http://www.daad.de/idp)).

Today, more than 450 000 international students are studying in Germany. Prominent fields of study include: Engineering Sciences, Natural Sciences, Economics and Business Administration, Arts, Music, Architecture and Design.

Germany offers various forms of research locations. All in all, there are over 1 000 public-funded research institutions in Germany, plus research and development centres run by industrial corporations. The annual research budget is more than EUR 120 billion (<http://www.research-in-germany.org>).

### **Tuition Fees and Living Costs**

Germany is an inexpensive option for study compared to other popular study destinations, as public higher education institutions in Germany receive substantial state funding. As a result, German universities charge very moderate to no tuition fees. Moreover, international students are subject to the same fees as German students. Most study programmes are completely tuition-free, even for non-EU students. Living expenses amount to around EUR 1 150 per month depending on the region.

### **Scholarships and Funding**

The diversity of sponsoring options is unique. Alongside the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the biggest scholarship organisation in the world, students and up-and-coming scientists are also supported by numerous prominent foundations such as the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation or corporate and political foundations. In addition, there are individual programmes provided by universities and extramural research establishments. Details on the programmes offered by the DAAD as well as by other scholarship-awarding organisations can be found at: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de) and [www.research-in-germany.org](http://www.research-in-germany.org).

### **Economy: A Strong Player and Ample Work Opportunities**

Germany has the largest economy in the EU by nominal GDP and the third largest in the world. Germany is one of the strongest exporting nations. German companies enjoy an excellent international reputation. They stand for the “Made in Germany” seal of quality, for innovation and advanced technology. In addition to well-known global players, Germany’s industry-driven economy is also characterised by many world market leaders from the small and medium-sized business sector (the “Hidden Champions”). Important industries include vehicle manufacturing, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemicals, environmental technology and nanotechnology. These strong businesses offer ample work and internship possibilities for students in Germany. Universities of Applied Sciences have especially strong ties to local businesses offering their students a practical application of their theoretical studies. Students from outside the EU who attend German universities are allowed to stay in Germany to look for employment for a maximum of 18 months after completing their degrees.

Germany is Hong Kong’s and mainland China’s most important trade partner in Europe. At present, some 500 German companies are located in Hong Kong.

The Working Holiday Scheme agreement between Hong Kong and Germany allows young people from both countries to spend up to one year in the other territory and take up temporary employment.

### **Science and Scholarship: Innovative Education and Research Landscape**

Germany is a “land of ideas”. Great significance is attached to education and learning as well as research and development. Among European countries, Germany ranks first when it comes to patent registrations and is one of the world’s most innovative countries alongside China, Japan and the USA. Organisations of extra-university research, such as the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society, Leibniz Community and Helmholtz Association with their hundreds of institutes, provide ideal working conditions for researchers and are internationally renowned.

## Culture and Language: Rich Tradition and Creative Present

Germany is the country of Goethe, Schiller and Thomas Mann, Bach, Wagner and Beethoven. Culture traditionally has a high standing and has many facets: Germany has over 140 publicly funded theatres and 130 professional orchestras as well as 7 200 museums and galleries with many internationally renowned collections. In over 50 art, film and music colleges, students learn to perfect their art. With some 65 000 new books and re-issues published every year, Germany can also be counted among the great book nations. Its young contemporary painting is internationally sought-after, and German cinema is also celebrating new successes in many countries around the world. Some 130 million people speak German as their native language and it is the most widely spoken mother tongue in the EU. More than 15 million people worldwide are currently learning German as a foreign language in courses at institutions.

Germany is the European Union's most populous nation with approximately 83 million inhabitants. They include roughly 25 million with a migrant background, some 14 million of whom are foreigners, while 11 million hold German citizenship.

## Living in Germany: Green, Modern and Boasting a High Quality of Life

Germany is a modern and open-minded country with high quality of life, influenced in many ways by multinational as well as regional diversity. Germany offers a great deal of savoir-vivre and everyday culture: German cuisine is regionally diverse. The winegrowers of the 13 winegrowing regions rely on high-quality products and German Riesling is internationally successful. Germany is also popular as a tourist destination among numerous visitors from abroad. Tourist attractions in Germany include not only the capital city Berlin and other cultural and historical centres, but also ambitious concert series, festivals and major sporting events. Germany boasts 16 national parks, 104 nature parks and 18 biosphere reserves. Moreover, Germany has 55 properties inscribed on the UNESCO-World Heritage List and ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> out of 167 on the SDG Index Rank (2025). Fashion and design are highly regarded and members of Germany's creative professions are as successful internationally as German architects, many of whom have specialised in the design of sustainable buildings.

## Where can I find more information?

### Study in Germany Website for Hong Kong students (by Goethe-Institut Hongkong)

- **General Information on University Programmes**  
[www.study-in-germany.com](http://www.study-in-germany.com) | [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de) | [www.hochschulkompass.de](http://www.hochschulkompass.de) | [www.university-ranking.de](http://www.university-ranking.de)
- **International Degree Programmes:** [www.daad.de/idp](http://www.daad.de/idp)
- **Language & Short Courses:** [www.summerschools-in-germany.de](http://www.summerschools-in-germany.de)
- **Research in Germany:** [www.research-in-germany.org](http://www.research-in-germany.org) | [www.euraxess.de](http://www.euraxess.de)
- **Language, Culture and Life in Germany:** [www.study-in-germany.com](http://www.study-in-germany.com)
- **Working in Germany:** [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com)
- **Learning German in Hong Kong:** [www.goethe.de/hongkong](http://www.goethe.de/hongkong)
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# GERMANY

# GREECE



## Basic Information about Greece

Greece is a country of the Balkan Peninsula in Southeast Europe. It is located at the juncture of Europe, Asia, and Africa. It is a peninsular country, with an archipelago of about 2 000 islands, of which about 170 are inhabited. The Greek landscape is conspicuous for its rugged beauty, its complexity, and variety. Greece's current population is 10.5 million people. The country is a member-state of the European Union since 1981.

Greece is world-renowned for its rich history and culture, including ancient monuments like the Acropolis of Athens, the archaeological site of Olympia, the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, Delphi, and the Knossos Palace, among others. The ancient Greek civilisation significantly shaped modern society and thought with its political, philosophical, artistic, and scientific achievements.

With its sunny weather and Mediterranean climate, its magical landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant modern lifestyle, Greece promises an unforgettable study abroad experience.

## Undergraduate Studies

Greece has a long tradition of academic excellence boasting world-class universities and academics. The Greek higher education sector comprises 24 public universities spread across the country, including 4 polytechnic schools, at the edge of research across many scientific fields.

Undergraduate studies last, in principle, for four years, besides the 5-year degrees of polytechnic schools, and the Medical degrees with 6-year duration. It is worth mentioning that Greek higher education is getting more and more globally-oriented, and the number of international study programmes offered by Greek universities is growing exponentially. Currently, there are 12 English-taught Bachelor's degrees available for international students in Greece. For more information, follow the link: <https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/bachelors/>.

## Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies

Greek universities offer a wide range of international Master's degrees in various subject areas. International candidates are usually chosen on the basis of a selection process and/or their oral and/or written exam results. The admission requirements, selection criteria, and tuition fees are determined by the internal regulations of each programme. Courses normally last one year and a half (three semesters), including the time needed for the preparation of the Master's thesis. Over the past few years, a growing number of Greek universities partner with international higher education institutions to create and offer joint & dual Master's degrees. For more information, follow the link: <https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/masters/>.

PhDs/Doctorates are awarded by universities' departments upon the completion of courses, a successful qualifying exam, a dissertation, and its successful defence in public. Holding a Master's degree is a prerequisite in order to be accepted to the PhD programme. The university departments are responsible for the definition of the admission requirements and selection criteria and process.

## Tuition Fees

Greece is a cost-effective study destination. Tuition fees vary depending on the level of study and subject area. International students are charged affordable tuition fees. On average, students pay a tuition fee of EUR 5 000-13 000 per year for international Bachelor's degrees, and EUR 1 000-8 000 per year for Master's degrees.

## Scholarships

- **Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports** offers scholarships for people of foreign nationality for different kinds of studies, mainly undergraduate and postgraduate, doctoral studies and research, studies of Greek language and civilisation. For more information, please visit <https://www.minedu.gov.gr/>.
- **The State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.)** grants scholarships for postgraduate or postdoctoral studies in Greece as well as scholarships for the attendance of the Modern Greek Language and Culture course. The annual scholarship programme is announced around January/February every year. For further information, please visit: <https://www.iky.gr/>.



## Greek Language Courses

Greek is a rich and charming language. It is also considered a difficult one, as reflected in the expression "It's all Greek to me!". Yet, if you are an English speaker, once you take a closer look, you will see that you already speak Greek – but you just don't know it! You are certainly familiar with words like "theatre", "democracy", "music", "logic", "energy", "diagnosis", "gastronomy", "philosophy", "strategy", "ecology", "symbol", "tragedy", "psyche" or even "crisis", and myriad others originated from Greek.

Aimed at promoting Greek language and culture, and facilitating communication between Greek and foreign students, Greek universities offer international students Modern Greek language courses to immerse themselves in Greek everyday life and society. For more information, follow the link: <https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/learn-greek/>.

## Short-term Programmes

Short-term programmes offered by Greek universities provide students from around the world with a transformative educational and enriching cultural experience at Greece's most prominent schools. By combining academic classes with a rich array of cultural activities, Greek short-term programmes offer international students the opportunity to choose from a wide range of courses, meet like-minded individuals and make new international friends, as well as dive into Greek history, culture, and contemporary society. For more information, follow the link: <https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/short-term-courses/>

## Where can I find more information?

- **Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports**  
[www.minedu.gov.gr](http://www.minedu.gov.gr)
- **Study in Greece**  
<https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/>
- **Consular Office of the Embassy of Greece in Beijing**  
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# HUNGARY



## Basic Information about Hungary

Hungary is a captivating country located in Central Europe, in the heart of the continent. Nestled in the Carpathian Basin and surrounded by mountains, it offers diverse landscapes including expansive plains, thermal lakes, and the renowned Lake Balaton, Central Europe's largest freshwater lake. Its rich heritage is reflected in its well-preserved architecture, from Roman ruins to Turkish relics, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, showcasing a fascinating blend of European styles. The vibrant capital, Budapest, with around 1.8 million residents, is renowned for its stunning architecture, lively cultural scene, and historic thermal baths, making it one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

With a population of approximately 10 million people, Hungary's culture is a unique fusion of Western European elegance and Eastern European traditions, celebrated through its folklore, music, and festivals. The country hosts numerous cultural events throughout the year, highlighting its artistic vibrancy. The art scene is diverse, ranging from classical masterpieces to contemporary movements. The climate is continental, characterised by warm summers and cold winters, ideal for experiencing Hungary's natural beauty.

The official language is Hungarian (Magyar), and English and German are widely spoken. Overall, Hungary is an amazing destination, offering a rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural wonders for travellers and students alike.

## The Higher Education System

Hungarian higher education has been representing academic excellence for more than 650 years. Economically, Hungary presents a highly advantageous option: the education provided is of high quality, and tuition fees are exceptionally affordable. Moreover, the living costs are comparatively low, making studying in Hungary a wise investment in your future.

The higher education system in Hungary has three levels: the Bachelor (undergraduate – 3 or 3.5 years), the Master (graduate – 2 or 2.5 years) and the PhD (doctoral – 2+2 years). In some fields (for example, Law or Medicine) there are undivided programmes or One-tier Master's (OTMs). The degrees awarded by Hungarian higher education institutions are recognised in all EU countries.

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in Hungary ensures the transparency in the learning, teaching and assessment processes by facilitating recognition of your learning achievements and qualifications in many countries throughout the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS guarantees that the grades you have achieved can be accepted by other European institutions.

At present, Hungary's higher education system comprises 64 higher education institutions. There are 6 state-funded, 37 privately-funded and 21 church-funded institutions to choose from. As a result of our institutions' internationalisation process, all students can find options that best suit their interests: institutions offer more than 700 courses in English, German, French and other languages. The foreign language programmes are of a high standard and tuition fees are very favourable when compared to their competitors.

### The range of study fields students can choose from is wide:

- Agricultural Science
- Arts, Arts and Humanities, Arts Education
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Economic Science
- Engineering Science
- Medical and Health Science
- Legal Science
- Natural Science
- Political Science and Public Governance
- Social Science
- Sport Science
- Teacher Training

Hong Kong and Macao passport holders can apply to a wide range of Hungarian universities offering self-funded undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programmes across various fields.

### Where can I find more information?

- **You can search for universities and study programmes here**

**Study in Hungary:** <http://www.studyinhungary.hu>

**Tempus Public Foundation:** <https://tka.hu/english>

**Erasmus+:** <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/about-erasmus/how-to-take-part>

- **Consulate General of Hungary in Hong Kong**

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# IRELAND



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## Basic Information about Ireland

Ireland (Éire) is the most western island in Europe, with the USA to the west and the UK to the east. Ireland is renowned for its warm welcome, vibrant cities and beautiful, unspoilt countryside. The capital, Dublin, pulsates with energy thanks to its excellent restaurants, legendary pubs, beautiful art galleries, verdant urban parks, elegant architecture plus its unique scenic location perched at the edge of the Irish Sea. Ireland is the largest English-speaking country in the EU. It has a population of approximately 5 million and, in the latest census, some 17% of the population were born outside of Ireland.

Ireland is an increasingly popular destination for students from all over the world. The friendliness and hospitality for which Irish people are renowned, contribute to the ease with which overseas students adapt to the way of life and in particular, student life.

## The Higher Education System

The higher education system (third level) in Ireland is broad in scope and encompasses the university sector, the technological sector, education colleges and private, independent colleges. The institutions which fall within the first three groupings are autonomous and self-governing, but substantially state-funded. Admission requirements for overseas students are determined individually by each institution and are generally based on national examination performance and English language aptitude. The following academic awards can be acquired at Irish third level institutions:

- **Higher Certificate:** two-year full-time course.
- **Ordinary Bachelor's Degree:** three-year full-time course.
- **Honours Bachelor's Degree:** normally a three or four-year course.
- **Graduate Diploma:** designed for graduates seeking vocational reorientation – usually a one-year course.
- **Master's Degree:** either by research or through a taught programme. Normally one to two years in duration.
- **Doctorate (PhD):** usually takes a minimum of three years of original research. The academic year typically runs from September to June and is divided into either two or three semesters.

Ireland provides unrivalled access to career-starting opportunities with 9 of the top ten global ICT companies, 8 of the top ten gaming companies, 8 of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies, 6 of the top seven diagnostics companies, 15 out of the top 20 medical device companies, 50% of the world's leading financial services firms and 5 out of the top 10 companies of Forbes' list of The World's Most Innovative Companies.

## Tuition Fees and Living Costs

Tuition fees in Ireland vary depending on university and programme, but are usually in the range EUR 9 000 to EUR 20 000. Living costs inclusive of accommodation and utilities are estimated between EUR 5 000 and EUR 10 000 per year, depending on lifestyle and location.

## Scholarships

Some scholarships for overseas students are available from the universities and colleges themselves. Students are advised to contact the international office of the institution of their choice directly to obtain further information.

Information on scholarships is also available at [www.educationinireland.com](http://www.educationinireland.com)

## Where can I find more information?

- **Education in Ireland:** <https://www.educationinireland.com/en/>
- **Quality and Qualifications Ireland:** <https://www.qqi.ie/>
- **National Framework of Qualifications:** <https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/the-qualifications-system/national-framework-of-qualifications>
- **Irish Council for International Students:** <https://www.internationalstudents.ie>
- **Consulate General of Ireland**  
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# ITALY



## Basic Information about Italy

Italy is located in Southern Europe, at the heart of the Mediterranean. Thanks to its geographical position, Italy has served for centuries as a bridge between diverse cultures and civilisations. The country's territory includes the peninsula, the islands of Sicily and Sardinia, as well as several smaller islands. Italy has a population of around 60 million people, and the official language is Italian. Rome, the capital, is also home to the Vatican City State.

Italy is a global symbol of excellence in art, culture, design, fashion, craftsmanship, and innovation, offering a rich heritage alongside a forward-looking spirit. With the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, it blends history and beauty like no other country. Combined with the high quality of its university education, this makes Italy an ideal place to live and study.

## The Higher Education System

Italy has a very long tradition in higher education. It is the country where the first and most important European universities were founded during the Middle Ages.

In addition, Italy has played a significant role in the reform of European higher education, contributing to the development of the so-called "European Higher Education Area," which is being implemented across Europe.

The Italian higher education system is diverse and varied, consisting of about 800 institutions, including:

- Universities, mainly divided into public and private universities;
- National research centres;
- AFAM institutes (Institutes for Higher Artistic Education), which offer a wide range of courses in artistic fields such as visual arts, music, dance, drama, and design, organised into the sectors of Visual, Musical, Dance, and Dramatic Arts;
- High Schools for Linguistic Mediators (SSLM), which award qualifications equivalent to university degrees in Linguistic Mediation Sciences;
- Institutes of specialisation in Psychotherapy, which grant third-cycle qualifications equivalent to specialisation diplomas issued by universities;
- Higher Technical Institutes (ITS), which are non-university tertiary training institutes created to establish a strong connection between education and the industrial world;
- Other institutes, such as the Higher Institute for Conservation and Restoration, the School of Opificio delle Pietre, and the School of the Central Institute for Archive and Book Pathology Alfonso Gallo.

In line with the qualification framework of the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA), the Italian higher education system—both universities and other institutions—is divided into three cycles:

1. First Cycle (Bachelor's degree): *Laurea* (universities); *Diploma accademico di I livello* (AFAM institutions);
2. Second Cycle (Master's degree): *Laurea magistrale* (universities); *Diploma accademico di II livello* (AFAM institutions); *Master universitario di 1° livello*; *Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico*;
3. Third Cycle (PhD level): *Dottorato di ricerca*, *Specializzazione di 2° livello*, *Master universitario di 2° livello*, *Diploma accademico di formazione alla ricerca* (AFAM institutions).

University studies are based on a system of university credits (Crediti Formativi Universitari - CFU), which evaluate and measure the workload, teaching hours, and academic effort required for each course. International students can apply to Italian universities only if they hold an educational qualification that allows enrollment. To be admitted to a Bachelor's degree programme in Italy, foreign students generally need to have completed at least 12 years of prior schooling and possess a secondary school diploma (diploma di liceo) or its equivalent from abroad.

Italian universities offer a wide range of courses taught entirely in English: around 600 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. Including summer/winter courses, PhD programs, first-level Master's degrees, and second-level Master's degrees, the total exceeds 1 500 courses taught in English.

## Tuition Fees and Living Costs

Italy has a reputation for offering a high standard of education at relatively low tuition fees. Tuition fees at Italian universities are generally more affordable than those in other parts of Western Europe or North America.

The fees vary depending on the programme you apply for, ranging from a minimum of around EUR 900 to a maximum of EUR 4 000 per year at public higher education institutions, while private universities tend to be more expensive.

Regarding the cost of living, students typically need approximately EUR 10 000 per year to cover accommodation, food, transportation, leisure, and other expenses.

## Scholarships & Grants

Tuition fees may be waived through merit-based scholarships offered annually by universities to talented international students.

Additionally, the Italian government, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), provides grants to foreign citizens in Italy to promote international cooperation in cultural, scientific, and technological fields, to support the Italian language and culture, and to strengthen Italy's economic system worldwide. These grants are available for completing study courses as well as research and training programmes at public or legally recognised Italian educational institutions within Italy.

Further information on grants can be found at <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/ListaBandi> and [https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/borsestudio\\_stranieri](https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/borsestudio_stranieri).

## Where can I find more information?

- **Study in Italy / Italian Higher Education**  
<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it>
- **Uni-Italia Association**  
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# LATVIA



## Basic Information about Latvia

Latvia is a country in Northern Europe, located on the east coast of the Baltic Sea and bordered by Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania, and Russia. Latvia is a member of the EU, NATO, OECD, Schengen, Eurozone and others.

Nearly one third of the 1.9 million people live in Riga, the capital of the country. The landscape of the country is marked by lowland plains and rolling hills. It has an extensive network of rivers, thousands of lakes and hundreds of kilometres of undeveloped seashore lined by pine forests, dunes, and continuous white sand beaches. The official language is Latvian. The most widely used foreign languages in the country are English, Russian and German.

## 9 Reasons to choose Latvia as your study destination

- 1. Small but spacious** – We don't have huge over-crowded cities and unbelievable traffic-jams. Instead, we offer a serene environment for studying and working, so you can choose how much buzz or peace and quiet you need.
- 2. Great value for money** – The cost of living and studying in Latvia is very affordable for a Northern European country, making it easy for students to manage all the expenses. Studies, including outstanding programmes in business, law, ICT or medicine, are available for reasonable tuition fees. Studying in Latvia enables students to get an internationally recognised diploma that serves as a springboard for an excellent career and further education. Graduates are equipped with relevant knowledge and core practical skills required to succeed in labour market.
- 3. Knowledge base** – Latvians are driven by the capacity to invent, adjust and evolve. Joint research and innovation hubs have stimulated the production of new products and technologies. Latvia can indeed be proud of its innovative technological solutions for cancer treatment, the world's best studio microphones, smart fabrics, drone jumps, wind tunnels and many more. The close cooperation between universities and industries allows students to gain practical as well as academic knowledge.

**4. Entrepreneurial hotspot** – Latvia's location provides a strategic position for business operations across the continent. One of Latvia's competitive advantages is its dynamic and rapidly growing start-up environment. Newcomers are offered a pool of business incubators and co-working spaces, a diverse range of institutional investors and business angels, as well as social gatherings and meetups. Latvia is one of the Europe's entrepreneurial hotspots ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in Europe in early entrepreneurial activity. So... when there is an idea, there is a way to make it happen in Latvia!

**5. Inspiring talents** – The talents of Latvians are indeed appreciated across the globe – we have Olympic champions, NBA players, contemporary artists, inventors, and discoverers, as well as sports, music, and art legends. We even invented jeans, the camera drone "Airdog" and 3D holograms.

**6. Excellent travel hub** – Latvia is located at the heart of the Baltic region connecting the West and East. This makes it easy to access any type of transport and jump in for a travel adventure across the continent. You can make it a starting point for many discoveries with most European and Asian destinations at your fingertips. At the same time, it is easy to access regional universities and commute between the cities.

**7. Enchanting four seasons** – You can experience sub-zero temperatures and cross-country skiing in winter, spectacular spring blossoms and boating trips in the spring, spend the warm summers by the seaside and at various outdoor festivals, or let the autumn surprise you with amazing views of boldly coloured tree-tops while hiking or picking mushrooms. The seaside, forests and idyllic countryside are all just within 30-minute drive from the capital.

**8. Vibrant culture** – Latvia has amazing folk traditions and culture, which makes it an attractive and stimulating environment. We have a unique national song and dance festival which gathers more than 40 000 singers and dancers. For the lovers of the classics there are opportunities to meet Grammy-award winning musicians and New York Metropolitan opera divas. Additionally, Latvia has proudly gained international recognition with talents who have been honoured with an Oscar.

**9. Personalised approach** – Small class sizes mean you are not just a face in the crowd. Professors in Latvia can devote more time to each student, offering tailored guidance, mentoring, and feedback. This personalised approach ensures that your learning experience is closely aligned with your goals, helping you excel academically while developing practical skills.

## The Higher Education System

Study in Latvia is a public national body responsible for promoting Latvia's higher education to international students. It is managed by the State Education Development Agency in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science. Study in Latvia highlights 16 universities that have signed a Best Practice Agreement for attracting international students and providing high-quality services. All the higher education institutions are state-recognised and operate with a considerable degree of self-governance and autonomy.

Study in Latvia Best Practice Universities offer more than 200 English-taught study programmes at Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD levels across a wide range of disciplines. Information about these study programmes is available on the official Study in Latvia portal: <https://studyinlatvia.lv/studies>.

The higher education system provides both academic and professional study programmes. Academic higher education focuses on theoretical knowledge and skill development for scientific research and professional activities, whereas professional higher education offers in-depth knowledge in a specific field and prepares students for professional practice.

A Bachelor's programme lasts between 3 and 4 years and is considered a complete academic qualification. A Master's degree is awarded upon successful completion of a second stage of higher education, lasting 1 to 2 years. In the medical field, as an exception, a higher professional degree is awarded, which is equivalent to a Master's degree. Doctoral programmes typically last between 3 and 4 years, depending on the institution.

## Strongest Research Competencies

Latvian higher education institutions' strongest research competencies lie in four key areas:

- Biomedicine & pharmaceuticals
- Information & communication technologies
- Smart materials & photonics
- Agriculture & life sciences

## Opportunities during Studies

Latvian higher education institutions also offer different support measures and opportunities for students such as:

- Career Consultation Centres that offer services to help kick-start a career and find a job in Latvia.
- Business Incubators that have been created to inspire, educate, and help students and graduates develop and speed up their business ideas, start-up and early-stage entrepreneurial activity growth and success.
- Erasmus+ study and traineeship mobilities which enable students to spend an integrated period of study or traineeship (between 2 and 12 months) in another participating country. Students can also combine the two types of mobilities as they wish, but not exceeding 12 months during one study cycle.

## Scholarships

Latvian State Education Development Agency in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia offers Latvian state scholarships to foreign students, academic and research staff of about 40 countries for studies and summer schools in higher education institutions.

The scholarships are available to Bachelor's students who have already successfully completed at least one academic year at any higher education institution, and Master's or PhD students – starting from the first academic year. The scholarship is awarded up to 10 months for Bachelor's and Master's students and up to 11 months for PhD students, but for no more than 2 terms to one scholarship holder.

Scholarship amounts:

- EUR 500 per month for Bachelor's students
- EUR 600 per month for Master's students
- EUR 700 per month for PhD students
- EUR 1 000 per summer school participant

A call for applications is open annually from 1 February to 1 April.

There are also scholarships to participate in summer schools organised by Best Practice Universities in Latvia.

Detailed information about Latvian state scholarships is available here: <https://studyinlatvia.lv/> scholarships.

## Where can I find more information?

- **Ministry of Education and Science:** <https://www.izm.gov.lv/en>
- **Study in Latvia:** [www.studyinlatvia.lv](http://www.studyinlatvia.lv) | [www.instagram.com/studyinlatvia](https://www.instagram.com/studyinlatvia) | [www.facebook.com/studyinlatviaLV](https://www.facebook.com/studyinlatviaLV) | <https://x.com/StudyLatvia> | [www.youtube.com/c/StudyLatvia/featured](https://www.youtube.com/c/StudyLatvia/featured)
- **Latvian Academic Information Centre:** [www.aic.lv/en](http://www.aic.lv/en)
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# LITHUANIA



## Basic Information about Lithuania

Lithuania is a modern Northern European country. Lithuania sits on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea and is the largest of the three Baltic States. The capital city is Vilnius. Lithuania has a population of around 3 million people. The official language is Lithuanian.

From cities and towns full of historic monuments to wonderful retreats in a pristine natural environment, Lithuania has places to go and see for everyone. Officially recognised as the geographical centre of Europe and connected by numerous routes to major European cities, Lithuania can be easily reached by land, water or air. Lithuania is a member of the EU, NATO and the Schengen area. It was recently ranked as one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

## The Higher Education System

Lithuanian higher education institutions provide more than 600 BA, MA and PhD study programmes in English language. The institutions are of two types – universities and colleges (non-university higher educational institutions which are also known as schools of applied science). Currently there are 37 higher education institutions in Lithuania – 18 universities and 19 colleges.

University studies provide universal academic education, theoretical training and the highest level of professional excellence. Higher education studies in colleges are oriented towards training for professional activities. In colleges, practical training covers at least one third of the study programme. Studies are conducted according to degree and non-degree study programmes.

Studies can be of different intensity - full-time and part-time. They are organised in three cycles.

- **The 1<sup>st</sup> cycle:** undergraduate studies leading to a professional Bachelor's (BA) degree in colleges or undergraduate studies leading to a Bachelor's (BA) degree and/or professional qualification at universities. The duration of full-time studies in colleges is usually three years, and the duration of part-time studies is four years. The most common duration of full-time Bachelor's studies at universities is four years. The duration of part-time Bachelor's studies is mostly five years.
  - **The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle:** graduate studies leading to a Master's (MA) degree. The duration of Master studies is 1.5 to two years. University degree study programmes can be integrated, when studies of the first and second cycles are combined (e.g. in disciplines like law, medical studies, etc.).
  - **The 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle:** postgraduate studies leading to a Doctor's (PhD) degree in science or art. The studies can be conducted by universities alone, or together with research institutions.
- Non-degree studies (residency, teacher training, etc.) can also be conducted by universities and/or colleges.

Higher education institutions can provide joint study programmes upon the completion of which a joint qualification degree is awarded, as well as programmes upon the completion of which a double qualification degree is awarded. A joint qualification degree is awarded in the case where the study programme is conducted by at least two institutions of higher education, usually in different countries. A double qualification degree is awarded when the study programme meets both the requirements of the major study field and the minimum requirements of another study field.

All diplomas received at graduation are internationally recognised in the entire European Union.

## Scholarships

Education Exchanges Support Foundation, the institution authorised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania to administrate the state scholarships programme, offers scholarships within the framework of bilateral agreements on terms and conditions stipulated in them. Candidates from selected countries can apply for four scholarships for studies at the higher education institutions of Lithuania: Full-Time Master's Degree Studies, Short-Term Studies, Lithuanian Short-Term Studies and Lithuanian Language and Culture Courses. Different terms and conditions apply.

## Where can I find more information?

- **Information about Lithuanian higher education for foreigners:** [www.studyin.lt](http://www.studyin.lt)
- **Information about scholarships:** <https://studyin.lt/scholarships>
- **Education Exchanges Support Foundation:** [www.smpf.lt/en](http://www.smpf.lt/en)
- **Ministry of Education, Science and Sport:** <https://smsm.lrv.lt/en>
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# LUXEMBOURG



## Basic Information about Luxembourg

Being the only Grand Duchy in the world, Luxembourg is a landlocked country in western Europe bordering Germany, Belgium and France. The country is divided into two distinct geographical regions. The woody uplands of the Ardennes in the north called 'Oesling' and the fertile lowlands of the centre and south called 'Gutland'. The capital is Luxembourg. The population amounts to 0.68 million. Luxembourg is a resolutely multilingual country, where over 170 languages are spoken due to its diverse population. Within the field of administration, at least the three official languages – Luxembourgish, French and German – are used, French being the main communication language across the country.

## The Higher Education System

### • The University Sector

The University of Luxembourg, established in July 2003, is the country's only public university and is distinguished by its multilingual and interdisciplinary approach. It is structured into three faculties: the Faculty of Science, Technology and Medicine (FSTM), the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF), and the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (FHSE).

The University of Luxembourg offers a wide range of first-degree courses leading to Bachelor's degrees across its three faculties, covering diverse fields such as law, economics, European culture studies (languages, humanities), educational sciences, psychology, social sciences, life sciences, engineering, informatics, natural sciences and technology. Programmes reflect the university's international outlook, with most courses taught in English, French and German.

A distinctive feature of all Bachelor's programmes is the mandatory mobility semester abroad, allowing students to study at a partner university, gain intercultural experience, and enhance their international academic profile.

Beyond the Bachelor's level, the university awards Master's degrees in numerous specialised areas, several of which are developed in close cooperation with partner institutions in neighbouring countries, promoting student mobility and international experience. The university Master's programmes combine advanced theoretical knowledge with practical experience, including internships, research projects, and opportunities for study abroad, preparing graduates for careers in Luxembourg and internationally.

The university also maintains a strong focus on doctoral education, enabling students to pursue PhD studies under the supervision of academic staff authorised to direct doctoral research.

In addition, the university provides a variety of continuing education opportunities, including specialised medical diplomas, executive programmes, and professional training initiatives that serve both national and international learners. Through its comprehensive academic structure, the University of Luxembourg plays a central role in fostering research, innovation and knowledge transfer in Luxembourg and beyond.

### • The Non-University Sector

Besides the study programmes offered by the University of Luxembourg, the country provides other academic pathways, including Bachelor's and Master's degrees from accredited specialised higher education institutions and short-cycle programmes (two years) offered by secondary schools, leading to the Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS)

### List of accredited higher education programmes

<https://mesr.gouvernement.lu/en/demarches/reconnaissance-academique/diplomes-nationaux/liste-des-formations-d-enseignement-superieur-reconnues.html>

### Scholarships

In Luxembourg, information on higher education opportunities and financial support is provided by *Mengstudien*, the national guidance service for students. *Mengstudien* offers advice on study pathways in Luxembourg and abroad, as well as detailed information on scholarships and mobility opportunities. For further information: <https://mengstudien.public.lu/en.html>

The University of Luxembourg offers several internal and external scholarships aimed at supporting outstanding international students. Comprehensive information on these and other opportunities is published on the university's dedicated scholarship page.

### Where can I find more information?

- **University of Luxembourg:** <https://www.uni.lu>
- **Ministry of Research and Higher Education** (Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Formation professionnelle): <https://mesr.gouvernement.lu/fr.html>
- **Honorary Consul of Luxembourg in Hong Kong**  
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# MALTA



## Basic Information about Malta

The Maltese archipelago consists of three islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino. Located in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, just 93 km south of Sicily, the archipelago covers a total surface area of 316 square kilometres with a population of approximately 0.5 million. The largest island of the group is Malta, from which the archipelago takes its name. Valletta, the Capital, is the cultural, administrative and commercial centre of the archipelago. The official languages, as per the Constitution, are Maltese and English. Malta is a member of the European Union and the Schengen area amongst many other international organisations.

## The Higher Education System

The University of Malta (UM), the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) and the Institute of Tourism Studies (ITS) are the publicly funded educational institutions providing higher education courses.

## University of Malta

### • University Level First Cycle Awards/Degrees

With a history of 400 years of instruction, the University of Malta is the country's leading higher education institution, and it offers a comprehensive curriculum of Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor's Degrees, equated at level 5 and 6 of the Maltese and European Qualifications Framework, in multiple streams such as Business, Medicine and Health Science, Social Sciences, Science and Technology, and Humanities with degrees lasting from one to three years. A Bachelor's (General) Degree or a Bachelor's (Honours) Degree is received in three to four years, while the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery and the Master of Dental Surgery Degrees are awarded after five years of study.

- **University Level Second Cycle Degrees**

The second stage leads to a Master's Degree after a period of one to two years of full-time study. For the majority of Master's programmes, candidates must hold an appropriate first degree with a minimum classification of second-class honours. In special circumstances, and at the Faculties' discretion, candidates without an Honours Degree may be admitted after taking a one-year preparatory course and successfully passing a qualifying examination. Master's degree courses require candidates to submit a dissertation in addition to successfully completing the required modules.

- **Doctorate's Third Cycle/Doctoral Degrees**

Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Doctor of Law (LLD) degrees are awarded by the faculties of Medicine and Law, respectively, at the end of a 5- or 6-year course. The PhD degree is offered in full-time (3-4 years) or part-time (6-8 years) modes and is awarded following the award of a Master's degree and an induction programme leading to a Master of Philosophy degree. PhD candidates are required to submit a thesis after a period of research on an approved topic.

Prospective candidates of the University of Malta can look for detailed course descriptions and programmes of studies on the University's Course Finder, which is available at: [www.um.edu.mt/courses](http://www.um.edu.mt/courses). The University of Malta is also active on social media and one can follow their WeChat and Instagram accounts as well as follow the Facebook page. For any queries in relation to the University's courses and entry requirements, prospective candidates may contact the University's Student Recruitment Office ([www.um.edu.mt/marketingcommunications/studentrecruitment](http://www.um.edu.mt/marketingcommunications/studentrecruitment)) via email at [intadmissions@um.edu.mt](mailto:intadmissions@um.edu.mt).

## **The Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)**

Established in 2001, the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) is the country's leading vocational education and training institution. Through the six institutes in Malta and the Gozo Campus, MCAST offers over 190 full-time courses and over 300 part-time vocational courses ranging from certificates to degrees (Malta Qualification Framework (MQF) Level 1 to Level 8). Students are prepared for careers in different sectors of the economy or higher education.

MCAST collaborates closely with local industries to ensure that the knowledge, skills and competencies within the curricula are appropriate and relevant to a dynamic and forward-looking economy. Programmes are flexible, relevant and responsive to the aspirations of students and the needs of industries, which are constantly evolving to meet the challenges of a changing global economy.

The following higher education qualifications are available at MCAST:

- Advanced diploma courses at EQF/MQF level 4 (two to three-year duration) are for learners with a general education or VET EQF/MQF level 3 qualification. These courses include mandatory work experience through apprenticeship schemes.
- Higher diploma courses at EQF/MQF level 5 (one to two-year duration) are for learners with an EQF/MQF level 4 VET qualification.
- MCAST also offers a suite of tertiary qualifications at the Bachelor's and Master's levels.
- Doctoral programme – Professional Research Doctorate (DRes) on the Competitive Behaviour of Small Organisations.

## **Institute of Tourism Studies (ITS)**

ITS is Malta's main educational institution for the tourism and hospitality industry, offering programmes which range from Foundation (MQF Level 2) to Master's Degree Level (MQF Level 7). It prides in collaborating with renowned universities and institutions to offer the highest level of courses, as well as offering new and the first of their kind programmes.

Collaborative institutions include the Institute Paul Bocuse, the Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, SUNx Malta and DAN Europe. All ITS courses are in academic affiliation with the prestigious Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management.

The Institute of Tourism Studies and its subsidiaries offer a range of courses, both on a full-time and part-time basis, suited for those who are just starting their career path, as well as for those who would like to upskill and reskill through education and training.

Further information is available on [www.its.edu.mt](http://www.its.edu.mt).

## Scholarships

**UM:** The University of Malta is proud to host an increasing number of international students every year. Currently there are over 1 500 full-time foreign students from 127 countries. In addition, around 600 foreign students participate in semester exchanges.

**MCAST:** MCAST has a growing international student community of over 900 students with 77 nationalities from all over the world following a diverse range of study programmes, which are delivered in English. Students may apply at MCAST individually and are guided towards their field of interest at the level that is most appropriate for them. Alternatively, at MCAST we offer custom-made programmes of study for cohorts that are usually brought together by common interests and/or goals. This allows greater flexibility in terms of course delivery and timeframes.

The Institute of Tourism Studies is also open to international students. Further information can be accessed on <https://international.its.edu.mt/index.html>.

## Where can I find more information?

- **UM:** The International Office of the University of Malta provides information and services regarding accommodation, immigration, financial matters, health issues, and university procedures.

University of Malta, International Office: <https://www.um.edu.mt/international>

For information regarding qualifications and course entry requirements, you may contact the University of Malta Student Recruitment Office: <https://www.um.edu.mt/marketingcommunications/studentrecruitment>

- **MCAST:** The MCAST website (<https://www.mcast.edu.mt>) provides all information and services regarding courses and other student matters.
- **Education Malta:** Education Malta is the national agency tasked with the internationalisation of education in Malta: [www.educationmalta.org](http://www.educationmalta.org)

Education Malta forms part of the EU's Directorate – General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Study In Europe Consortium, made up of the EU member states: <https://education.ec.europa.eu/study-in-europe/countries/malta>

Other objectives of Education Malta include showcasing Malta as a regional hub for education, marketing Malta-based providers of education, training and technology and creating networking opportunities for entities in the education sector.

Enquiries are to be sent to [info@educationmalta.org](mailto:info@educationmalta.org)

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## Basic Information about the Netherlands

The Netherlands is a kingdom located in northwestern Europe at the confluence of the Rhine, Meuse and Scheldt Rivers. It is bounded by the North Sea to the north and west, Germany to the east and Belgium to the south. One third of the country lies below sea level and another third of the country at sea level. An intricate water management system built up over hundreds of years, keeps the country from flooding. The capital of the Netherlands is Amsterdam, but The Hague is the seat of the King, Government and Parliament. The country has a population of 17.7 million, with a GDP of EUR 856 billion in 2021 making it the 17<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world. The official language is Dutch, while English is also widely understood and spoken.

## The Higher Education System

The education system in the Netherlands is known for its high quality in both education and research, its international study environment and its competitive pricing. Dutch universities offer the largest number of English-taught programmes in continental Europe. About 2 000 programmes are taught entirely in English. The Dutch teaching style is interactive and student-centred. You will develop valuable skills such as analysing, solving practical problems and creative thinking.

The Netherlands' higher educational system is a dual system composed of research universities and universities of applied sciences. The research universities focus on the independent practice of research-oriented work in an academic or professional setting. The universities of applied sciences are more practically oriented, preparing students directly for specific careers. Important university cities are Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Groningen, Delft, Leiden, Utrecht, Eindhoven, Wageningen and Maastricht.

Research universities and universities of applied sciences award both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. A Bachelor's programme at a research university requires three years of full-time study (180 ECTS credits) to complete, while a Bachelor's programme offered by a university of applied sciences requires four years of full-time study (240 credits). Depending on the discipline, Master's programmes at research universities, universities of applied sciences and institutes for international education last for one to two years (60-120 ECTS credits). Doctorate (PhD) programmes are only offered at universities and last for at least four years.

## Tuition Fees and Living Costs

In the Netherlands, tuition fees are set by the state and are the same for all universities. Depending on the programme, the tuition fees for non-EU residents amount to approximately EUR 6 000 to EUR 15 000 (Bachelor) and EUR 8 000 – EUR 20 000 (Master) per year. Apart from this, the living costs (inclusive of food, transport and utilities) are estimated at around EUR 1 100 per month.

## Where can I find more information?

- **Consulate General of the Netherlands in Hong Kong**  
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- **Study in the Netherlands**  
Comprehensive information on English taught programmes, tuition fees and various aspects of study in the Netherlands: [www.studyinnl.org](http://www.studyinnl.org)
- **NUFFIC**  
The Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education: [www.nuffic.nl/en](http://www.nuffic.nl/en)



# POLAND



## Basic Information about Poland

Poland is situated in Central Europe. It is bounded by the Baltic Sea, Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Germany. The country is mostly part of the Great European Plain, while to the south, the plain rises to the Carpathian and Sudeten Mountains. There are 38 million inhabitants in the country. The official language is Polish, while English is also widely understood and spoken. The capital of the country is Warsaw.

## The Higher Education System

The Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Poland are divided into state (public) and private (non-public) institutions. There are two main categories of higher education institutions: public university-type and non-public university. In the public university-type HEIs at least one unit is authorised by the state-level body (Science Excellence Committee) to confer the academic degree of doctor (PhD), i.e. it offers at least one doctoral programme. The quality of education is overseen by the state body – Polish Accreditation Committee.

At present in Poland there are 20 public universities, 19 universities of technology, 12 medical universities, 5 universities of economics, 5 universities of agriculture and life sciences, 5 universities of education, 19 universities of arts, 6 universities of physical education, 2 maritime universities, 5 military HEIs, 2 government service HEIs – a total of 100 public university-type HEIs – and 21 non-public HEIs universities. They all offer a very wide range of different courses and programmes (non-public HEIs must receive permission to operate from the Ministry of Education and Science). There are also 36 higher schools of professional education in Poland which provide students with practical skills (including 15-week internships) alongside academic background.

HEIs run full-time, part time (weekends), evening, online and external courses. Full-time courses are the basic type of studies. Poland conforms to the guidelines of Bologna Process in European higher education. The degree system is based on the three cycles structure. It has been implemented successfully, together with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The European standard in higher education makes it easier for students to obtain recognition of their qualifications in other countries.

Graduates of 1<sup>st</sup> cycle studies are awarded the title of Bachelor of Arts/Science or Engineer (Bachelor of Engineering) after 3 to 4 years of study. 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle studies (1.5-2.5 years) follow the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle studies and lead to the professional title of Master of Arts/Science. 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle studies – Doctoral degree programmes (3-4 years) are available for graduates of Master's degree programmes and lead to a PhD degree. The academic degree of doctor (PhD) is awarded to a person who has passed his/her doctoral examinations and submitted and defended a doctoral dissertation.

### Tuition Fees

The cost to study in Poland for 1<sup>st</sup> cycle and 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle studies for international students varies, but you can expect to pay between USD 2 000 and USD 6 000 per year for tuition, depending on the programme and university. Living costs, including accommodation, food, and transportation, can add another USD 4 000 to USD 7 000 annually. Doctoral universities offer tuition-free education, and they provide a scholarship for all doctoral candidates enrolled in a full-time programme.

### Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available within the limits defined in bilateral agreements. They are financed either by the Polish or the foreign government. You can find more information on the website of Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA): [www.nawa.gov.pl](http://www.nawa.gov.pl)

Persons interested in studying in Poland are also welcome to contact respective Polish HEIs in order to obtain detailed information on the conditions of admission, the courses and programmes which they offer to foreign students.

### Where can I find more information?

- **Studying in Poland:** <https://study.gov.pl>
- **Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA):** [www.nawa.gov.pl](http://www.nawa.gov.pl)
- **Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Hong Kong**  
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# PORTUGAL



## Basic Information about Portugal

Portugal is a modern nation leading the world in areas such as the production and use of clean energies, the development of technologies for critical information systems and the invention of innovative fabrics and footwear. Did you know that Portugal invented bulletproof shoes?

Portuguese is the third most widely spoken European language after English and Spanish and one of the major languages of the world, playing an important role in international relations as one of the official languages of the EU, its Latin American equivalent MERCOSUL and the African Union. It is the mother tongue of around 250 million people globally and an official language in Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, East Timor, and Macao in China.

Portugal's attractions are manifold, including a vibrant culture, outstanding food and wine, exceptional natural beauty and architectural marvels, the latter a product of a long, rich cultural history. A mild, sunny climate, clean air, one of the lowest costs of living in Europe, and a tradition of welcoming foreigners have made the country a popular tourist destination. The capital Lisbon, a white gleaming jewel of a city, is a treasure house of architecture, museums and restaurants and much more, all built on seven hills which allow for many great sea and city views.

Located at the far southwest of Europe, Portugal spreads out in series of islands into the Atlantic Ocean which forms its longest border. This location has provided not just a wonderful climate but the impetus to search out the far corners of the world. This was the first European country to find a sea route to Asia. Its long and continuous trading connection with China through its trading post in Macao is unparalleled among nations.

## The Higher Education System

Higher education in Portugal is divided into two subsystems: university education and polytechnic education. Tuition fees at public universities and polytechnics are low and in private universities moderate. The two systems of higher education are linked and it is possible to transfer from one to the other. It is also easy to transfer from a Portuguese university to another university in Europe and vice versa as European universities use a similar grading system based on the amount of work a student has to do to achieve a course outcome. University institutions award Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees while polytechnic institutions award only Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

## Scholarships

Grants for Master's and Doctorate degrees as well as post-doctorate grants, sabbatical grants, grants for scientific career development, enterprise Doctorate grants and training grants at international organisations are provided by the Foundation for Science and Technology ([www.fct.pt](http://www.fct.pt)), under the Ministry of Education and Science. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation ([www.gulbenkian.pt](http://www.gulbenkian.pt)) finances projects aiming at promoting Portuguese contemporary art abroad and international artistic exchanges.

## Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language

Acting under the oversight of Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Camões, I.P. is the institution responsible for promoting Portuguese language and culture outside of Portugal. In order to pursue this objective, Camões, I.P. is signatory to a variety of cooperation agreements with foreign higher educational institutions offering a range of scholarship programmes for Portuguese and foreign students, e.g. Portuguese Language and Culture Summer Courses Programme, Annual Portuguese Language and Culture Courses Programme, Fernão Mendes Pinto Programme, Research Programme, Pessoa Programme, Vieira Programme, Protocol between Camões, I.P. and Eça de Queiroz Foundation, Protocol between Camões Institute and National Cultural Centre. The rules and deadlines for applications are published every year on the website of Camões, I.P.: [www.instituto-camoes.pt](http://www.instituto-camoes.pt).

## Where can I find more information?

- **Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia):** [www.fct.pt](http://www.fct.pt)
- **Directorate-General of Higher Education (Direção Geral do Ensino Superior):** <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en>
- **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian):** [www.gulbenkian.pt](http://www.gulbenkian.pt)
- **Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language (Camões-Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua):** [www.instituto-camoes.pt](http://www.instituto-camoes.pt)
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# ROMANIA



## Basic Information about Romania

Romania lies in the central south-eastern part of the European continent. Romania is the eighth largest country in the EU by area, and has the sixth largest population in the EU with 21.5 million people.

While probably the most known thing about Romania is the legend of Dracula, Romania is much more than that. Think mediaeval towns, time-capsule villages, delicious cuisine, picturesque monasteries, virgin forests, majestic mountains, a blossoming art community, impressive landscapes... and, of course, high-quality education.

## The Higher Education System

In Romania, higher education is provided at educational and research institutions, universities, institutes, academies, conservatories and university colleges. The state higher education system in Romania comprises 54 public (state) accredited higher education institutions with 324 departments and over 30 private higher education institutions.

Since 1999, Romania has been part of the Bologna Process, which is a large-scale inter-governmental cooperation to make higher education systems comparable among the European member states. Thus, the Romanian higher education system is structured as follows:

- **1<sup>st</sup> cycle, BA (Bachelor of Arts)** – three-year full-time course (or four-year course for some programmes, such as engineering). EU-regulated professions can include a BA of five or six-year course such as: Medical, Pharmaceutical, Dental, Veterinary or Architectural studies.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> cycle, MA (Master of Arts)** – one or two years in duration, depending on the study programme.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> cycle, PhD studies** – usually takes three years.

The academic year starts in the first week of October. As Romanian higher education institutions are autonomous, they may decide on the academic schedule. Each year is divided into two semesters. Each semester lasts 14 weeks. As a student, you will have a summer holiday (typically from July until late September), a Christmas holiday, an Easter holiday (associated with the Orthodox Easter), and a short holiday (usually one week) at the end of the first semester.

## General advantages

- Flexibility in course delivery - online courses are available.
- Research oriented postgraduate programmes are widely available.
- Scholarships, research grants.
- Programmes available in various languages - Romanian, English, Hungarian, French, German.
- High quality level education evaluated regularly by the national quality assurance agency – ARACIS.
- The Diploma Supplement (DS) is meant to improve recognition of studies abroad and employability, issued by all universities automatically and in bilingual format, at the same time as your diploma.
- Affordable tuition fees and living costs.
- The opportunity to study in Europe's fastest-growing economy, in a very dynamic and rapidly developing economic landscape.

## Foreign citizens can study in Romania

- At their own expense, at public (state) universities or private universities in Romania, with a supplementary preparatory year for learning the language (if the candidate does not speak Romanian already), or in foreign languages (if the respective university offers this option; there are opportunities for studies in English, French, German, Hungarian).
- On Exchange Programmes: Erasmus+, CEEPUS, Bilateral Agreements – between Romania and foreign universities.
- On Scholarships: Government Scholarships (for non-EU students via the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), University Scholarships (merit-based or need-based).

## Where can I find more information?

- **Study in Romania:** [www.studyinromania.gov.ro](http://www.studyinromania.gov.ro)
- **Ministry of Education and Research of Romania:** [www.edu.ro](http://www.edu.ro)
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania – Scholarships:**  
<https://www.scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro>
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# SLOVAKIA



## Basic Information about Slovakia

Slovakia (Slovak Republic) is a landlocked country in Central Europe, bordered by Austria, Czechia (the Czech Republic), Hungary, Poland and Ukraine. Its northern and central regions are shaped by the Carpathian Mountains (including the High and Low Tatras), while lowlands lie along the Danube in the southwest and the Eastern Slovak Plain. Around 41% of Slovakia is forested, reflecting its predominantly hilly and mountainous relief. The country's population is about 5.42 million (2024, World Bank estimate). Slovak is the official language; Hungarian and Rusyn are recognised minority languages, and Czech is widely understood due to close linguistic affinity. The capital, Bratislava, sits on the Danube at the Austrian border — about 55 km from Vienna as the crow flies (roughly 65–80 km by road, route-dependent).

## The Higher Education System

The study at the higher education institutions in the Slovak Republic is governed by the Act on Higher Education. Pursuant to the transition provisions of the Act on Higher Education, higher education institutions can enroll students only to the accredited study programmes that are pursued on the basis of the credit system. Every citizen, including foreign nationals, has the right to study at a higher education institution in the elected study programme, provided he or she meets the basic admission conditions. The study programmes are implemented at three levels: Study programmes may combine the first two levels of higher education in one complex. The study programme of first level includes the Bachelor's-degree study programmes. The study programmes of second level and the study programmes combining the first two levels of higher education (hereinafter referred to as combined study programme) include Master's-degree study programme, engineer's degree study programme and the doctor's degree study programme. The PhD-degree study programme is a third-level study programme.

## Scholarships

### National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic (NSP)

Established in 2005, the NSP is funded by the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic and administered by Slovak Academic Information Agency. It supports the mobility of international students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers, and artists for scholarship to stay at Slovak higher-education institutions and research organisations.

The provision of government scholarships by the Slovak Republic is a long-term part of the development cooperation of the Slovak Republic. In 2024, the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic implemented bilateral development cooperation through the government scholarship program as defined in the Slovak Republic's Medium-term Development Cooperation Strategy for 2025 - 2030 (Government Resolution No. 2/2025). The conditions of admission and granting a government scholarship are regulated by Act no. 392/2015 Coll. on Development Cooperation and on Amendments to Certain Acts and Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 50/2016 laying down details on the provision of government scholarships.

#### Scholarship Categories and Lengths

- **Students (Master's level or students with  $\geq 2.5$  years of university study completed outside Slovakia): 1–2 full semesters (4–5 or 9–10 months) or 1–3 full trimesters.** Not for full-degree studies in Slovakia.
- **PhD students:** 1–10 months.
- **University teachers, researchers, and artists:** 1–10 months (based on an invitation from an eligible Slovak host).

#### Monthly scholarship amounts (current rates)

- **Student:** EUR 620
- **PhD student:** EUR 1 025.50
- **University teacher/researcher/artist:** **EUR 1 025.50** for those without a PhD and less than 4 years of experience; **EUR 1 370** for those with a PhD and less than 10 years of experience; and **EUR 1 470** for those with a PhD and more than 10 years of experience.

#### Travel grant & other notes

- **Students and PhD students** may receive a **lump-sum travel grant** based on distance; **medical exam costs** for certain third-country nationals can be reimbursed up to **EUR 250**.

#### Deadlines & how to apply

- **30 April (16:00 CET):** scholarship stays during the **next academic year**
  - **31 October (16:00 CET):** scholarship stays during **the summer semester of the current academic year**
- Applications are submitted online; the system opens at least six weeks before each deadline.

## Where can I find more information?

- **SAIA – Slovak Academic Information Agency (Slovenská akademická informačná agentúra):**

SAIA, n. o.

Sasinkova 10, 812 20 Bratislava 1, Slovakia

Tel: +421 2/59304700, +421 2/59304711 | <https://www.saia.sk/en>

On this webpage you can find the “International Student’s Guide to Slovakia” and also other links to useful websites including the full list of Slovak universities.

- **Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic:**

Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava 1, Slovakia

Tel: +421 2/59374253 | Fax: +421 2/59374335

<https://www.minedu.sk/about-the-ministry>

- **Honorary Consulate of the Slovak Republic in Hong Kong**

Unit 2005, 20F, Wayson Commercial Building, 28 Connaught Road West, Sheung Wan

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# SLOVENIA



## Basic information about Slovenia

Slovenia is a dynamic country in Central Europe, located at the crossroads of the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Plain and the Dinaric Mountains. It shares borders with Italy, Austria, Hungary, and Croatia, and has a short coastline on the Adriatic Sea. With a population of around 2.1 million, Slovenia combines diverse cultural influences with rich natural landscapes. The capital, Ljubljana, is the country's largest city and its political, economic, educational, and cultural hub. The official language is Slovene, but many people also speak English and other foreign languages.

## The Higher Education System

Over the last 15 years, higher education in Slovenia has undergone several legislative and structural changes, rapid institutional development and a significant increase in student numbers.

The higher education reform in 2004 introduced a three-cycle structure according to the Bologna process guidelines. The first cycle has a binary system of academic and professional study programmes leading to the first cycle degree (180-240 ECTS, 3-4 years). The second-cycle offers Master's courses (60-120 ECTS, 1-2 years). The third-cycle comprises doctoral studies (180 ECTS, 3 years).

Higher education institutions are universities, faculties, art academies and professional colleges. There are 42 higher education institutions which cover all fields of study: three public universities, incorporating 45 faculties and three art academies, two public faculties and 56 private higher education institutions (three of them are universities). Under certain conditions, private higher education institutions can also offer state co-financed courses.

The academic year begins in October and lasts until the end of September in the following year. It is divided into two semesters: the winter semester usually runs from October to January and the summer semester from February to mid-June.

## Scholarships

### Government Scholarships

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia provides various scholarship opportunities, managed by:

- **CMEPIUS** – The Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes.
- **Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund** – offering scholarships and study loans to Slovene and foreign students for tuition, living expenses, and other study-related costs.

More information: [www.cmepius.si](http://www.cmepius.si) | [www.sklad-kadri.si/en](http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en)

### Courses of Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language

The Centre for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language promotes Slovene language, literature and culture worldwide. Scholarships are primarily available for Slovene language courses and lectureships.

More information: [www.centerslo.net](http://www.centerslo.net)

## Where can I find more information?

- **Study in Slovenia:** <https://studyinslovenia.si>
- **Honorary Consulate of Slovenia in Hong Kong**  
Room 903, 9/F, Fu Hing Building, 10 Jubilee Street, Central  
Tel: +852 2545 2107 | Fax: +852 2543 4669 | E-mail: [slovenia.conhk@gmail.com](mailto:slovenia.conhk@gmail.com)





# SPAIN



## Basic Information about Spain

Together with Portugal and Andorra, Spain makes up the geographical unit of the Iberian Peninsula, located at the southwestern edge of Europe. Spain also has two large archipelagos, the Canary and the Balearic Islands, and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla in the north of Africa. Spain is politically and geographically divided into 17 Autonomous Regions, with a total surface area of 506 030 square kilometres, placing Spain among the world's 50 largest countries. Spain's population is above 49 million, of whom 51% are women and 49% are men.

Being a parliamentary monarchy, the King, as Head of State, symbolises the country's unity and permanence, acting as the moderator in the functioning of the institutions and as Spain's highest representative in its international relations.

After Chinese Mandarin, Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world by native speakers. There are approximately 500 million native speakers. It is expected to reach over 700 million speakers by 2050 and by 2060 the United States will be the second Spanish-speaking country in the world. It is the official language of twenty-one countries and is one of the three languages regularly used as official language by international organisations. As could not be otherwise, Spain is also one of the most popular destinations to learn Spanish. Spain's impressive cultural history, lifestyle, climate, gastronomy and friendly people make it the perfect place not only to live but also to study.

Moreover, Spain has some of the oldest universities in the world, dating back to the XIII century, such as the University of Salamanca. Spanish universities offer an international study environment and a very competitive pricing. Currently, there are 96 universities in Spain of which 50 are public and 46 are private. Over 2 000 programmes are taught fully or partially in English.

## Tuition Fees and Living Costs

Spain is a reasonably priced destination for international students, even more so when you consider the lifestyle. Tuition fees vary depending on the region where the university is located, the area of studies (Arts degrees being the cheapest and Engineering or Science the most expensive ones) and whether the university is public or private. Fees for non-EU residents are among the lowest in Europe, and Chinese students may pay the same as their Spanish counterparts.

Bachelor's programmes' fees range from less than EUR 1 000 to EUR 6 500 per year, and Master's programmes cost around EUR 1 200 to EUR 2 000 per year in public universities. Fees for private institutions are more expensive and can cost between EUR 5 000 and EUR 15 000 for a Bachelor's programme and well over EUR 15 000 for a Master's degree. The cost of living varies by location, but it is easy to live well in Spain on a student budget. Public transport is efficient and inexpensive. You can choose from a wide range of accommodation options. Each university will give you exact information about their specific area.

## The Higher Education System

Bachelor's and Master's degrees are taught in the following areas of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, Experimental Sciences, Health Sciences, Social and Legal Sciences, Engineering, and Architecture.

- **Bachelor's Degree**  
To obtain a Bachelor's degree, students must earn a total of 240 ECTS credits over four academic years (including dissertation at the end of the degree).
- **Master's Degree**  
Master's degrees comprise between 60 and 120 ECTS credits, spreading over one or two academic years. Official Master's studies aim to prepare students for academic, professional or research work and lead to the award of the Master's degree which is valid in all European Higher Education Area (EHEA) member countries. Students will be admitted to Master's programmes in accordance with the assessment criteria stipulated for the degree of their choice.
- **PhD**  
A PhD consists of two stages: a study stage requiring the student to obtain at least 60 credits (which may form part of the Master's degree), and a research stage, which leads up to the presentation and defense of the PhD thesis. The duration of the doctoral programme varies, but it usually takes between three and four years.
- **ECTS credits**  
ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) are the standard adopted by all universities in the EHEA in the process of convergence between Europe's higher education systems. ECTS credits are based on the work completed by the student, including class hours, self-study, written, and practical work. An ECTS credit represents 25 hours of study. A full-time student is expected to obtain 60 ECTS credits in one academic year.

## Scholarships

Spain offers a wide variety of scholarship programmes to foreign students and specialists, offered by both public and private institutions.

- Scholarships of the Spanish Service for the Internationalisation of Education  
<https://sepie.erasmusplus.gov.es/socrates/internacionalizacionbecas/mantenimientobecas.do>

## Where can I find more information?

- **Full list of higher educational institutions in Spain**  
<http://www.estudiosyuniversidades.com/universidades/listado-universidades-espana.html>
- **SEPIE:** [www.sepie.es](http://www.sepie.es)  
<http://sepie.es/internacionalizacion/what-to-study-in-spain.html>
- **QEDU:** What and where to study at university?  
<https://www.ciencia.gob.es/qedu.html>
- **The RUCT (Register of Universities, Educational Centres and Qualifications)**  
<https://www.educacion.gob.es/ruct/home>
- **Consulate General of Spain**  
Suite 5303, 53 Floor, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong  
Tel: +852 2525 3041 | Fax: +852 2877 2407 | E-mail: [cog.hongkong@maec.es](mailto:cog.hongkong@maec.es)  
<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/hongkong/es/Paginas/index.aspx>

### Enquiries:

Education Office, Embassy of Spain  
Tayuan Diplomatic Compound, 1 Xin Dong Lu, 1-1-102, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100600  
Tel: +86 10 8460 8286 | <https://www.educacionfpdydeportes.gob.es/china/portada.html>

### Further information:

<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-education-systems/spain/overview>



# SPAIN



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# SWEDEN



## Basic Information about Sweden

Despite being a relatively small country, Sweden has fostered many internationally known enterprises such as Spotify, Volvo, IKEA and H&M. The country is a world leader in innovation and has a leading edge in the IT-sector as well as in environmental technology, engineering, medicine and biotechnology. Being the home of the Nobel prizes, the country can boast a fair share of laureates of its own. Sweden is also known for its open and liberal society with strong democratic roots in which the Swedes are internationally oriented and speak English very well.

Swedish institutions of higher education offer more than 1 000 Master's programmes taught in English. These are available to qualified international students with a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent in business, engineering, law, natural science, social science and other subjects.

Swedish universities are renowned for their investigative research and independent thinking, and this reputation is cemented with a rigorous quality control and nationally certified degrees. Sweden has one of the most ambitious educational evaluations in Europe, aimed at maintaining this competitive edge. As of 2025, Sweden has three universities in the top 100 and seven in top 500 of the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings.

Most universities and university colleges are active partners in many international exchange networks. As such, they have highly developed services and infrastructure to make foreign students feel at home.

The universities of Sweden have an open climate, with a strong focus on group work, which will give valuable skills for the future. The global market values ambitious, innovative and perceptive team players and Swedish universities foster these qualities through a forward-thinking culture where you're close to the latest ideas and trends.

Swedish Master's degree programmes offer unusual opportunities to turn theory into practice. Many programmes also cooperate closely with the industry, offering students the possibility to mix studies and practical work. This gives distinct advantages over peers when entering the job market.

### Main Field of Study

- Banking / Finance / Trading / Accounting
- Business / Management / Economics
- Design
- Engineering
- Human and Social Sciences / Political Sciences
- Information Technology / Telecommunications
- Medicine / Health
- Sciences (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, etc)

## The Higher Education System

### Qualifications

- Offered Degrees: Masterexamen - Degree of Master (1-2 years)
- Admission: Bachelor's degree or equivalent, Proficiency in English (e.g. TOEFL / IELTS - test)
- Course Duration: 1-2 years
- Tuition Fees: Tuition fees typically range from SEK 80 000-295 000 (HKD 68 000-250 750) per year. Check your chosen university's webpage for more information.
- Language of Instruction: English

## Where can I find more information about Sweden?

- **Study in Sweden:** [www.studyinsweden.se](http://www.studyinsweden.se)
- **The Official Site of Sweden:** [www.sweden.se](http://www.sweden.se)
- **Swedish Migration Agency:** <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Startpage>
- **University Admissions Application:** <https://www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start>
- **Swedish Council for Higher Education:** <https://www.uhr.se/en/start>
- **Swedish Higher Education Authority:** <https://english.uka.se>
- **Consulate General of Sweden**  
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