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A LETTER FROM PRANAV SHARMA

A decision that belongs to you

For students, families and the educators who help them see what is possible



Education should enlarge a person's possibilities.

The first step is understanding the person making the choice.

Dear Readers,

Behind every university application is a family conversation: a young person trying to imagine a future, a parent weighing opportunity against cost, and often a teacher who sees potential the student has not yet recognised. The decision deserves more than a familiar name or a hurried response to a deadline.

My studies at the University of Mumbai and the University of Messina have given me a lasting connection to two very different academic settings. They are part of why I value opportunities close to home as much as those across borders. A worthwhile education begins with the fit between the student, the subject and the place in which that student will learn.

That fit takes time to understand. In Grades 9 and 10, the important conversation may be about subjects and streams. In Grades 11 and 12, it becomes a plan for entrance assessments, applications and funding. Many admission processes begin before final examinations. Good guidance connects these stages, so that an avoidable delay does not close an otherwise suitable route.

This directory brings the practical questions into one place. What does the qualification involve? Which preparation does it require? What will the full course cost? How does a scholarship work? Will a professional degree lead towards the registration the student needs? The country chapters and institution listings give these questions a geographical starting point.

For principals and educators, I hope these pages support the work you already do: helping students recognise possibilities, test assumptions and explain their choices. For parents, I hope they make room for an informed conversation in which ambition and affordability can be considered together. For students, I hope they offer both information and the confidence to ask better questions.

The final decision should be one the student understands and can stand behind. If this book helps a reader replace uncertainty with a thoughtful plan, it will have served its purpose.

Pranav Sharma

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AN EDUCATION, NOT ONLY AN ADDRESS

Beyond the university name

A university becomes real in its classrooms, libraries, laboratories and conversations. The task is to understand what a student will learn there, how that learning is assessed and what it makes possible next.

Study space at the Vanier Library, Concordia University. Librarianpam / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped.

THE EDITORIAL VIEW

The course is the starting point

Compare what the course teaches, how students enter and the full cost of completing it.

A name cannot describe a degree

Two programmes can share a title and devote their teaching to different questions. A business degree may emphasise accounting, entrepreneurship or international management. A computing course may begin with mathematical theory or concentrate earlier on software development. The first-year modules, later specialisms and assessment methods reveal these differences.

Preparation changes the route

Grades matter alongside the subjects studied and the level of the qualification. A strong overall result does not replace a required mathematics course, a portfolio or clinical prerequisites. Direct entry, a preparation year and a transfer route have different costs and progression conditions. The route belongs in the comparison from the beginning.

The full commitment

Tuition is one part of the decision. Degree length, accommodation, transport, compulsory fees and the timing of scholarship payments change what a family must support. A lower annual fee can accompany a longer programme. A scholarship can reduce tuition while leaving arrival costs payable before the award begins.

Learning has an environment

The course exists within a department and a city. Laboratory access, supervision, language, class format and student support affect everyday study. An internship advertised as an option is different from one built into the degree. A university-wide statistic cannot describe every department or every student group.

How to use this directory

Country chapters explain the rules around a choice; institution profiles show where it might lead. Cost examples and funding routes make the financial commitment easier to examine. Together, these pages help families compare options close to home and abroad, then refine their shortlist as results and circumstances change.

A decision with reasons

A defensible shortlist records why each course is present, what preparation it requires and which alternatives remain open. It also records what would change the choice. That is more durable than selecting a country first and fitting every later decision around it.

Course · preparation · cost · recognition · student experience

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Direction before destination

Connect interests, academic preparation and real study options.



Student discussion at an Ahmedabad University workshop, 2018. / KartikMistry / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

39%

of 15-year-olds were career-uncertain

OECD average, PISA 2022

Start with a question

Subject choice, a change of field or a degree shortlist each needs a different conversation. Academic results show preparation. Projects, reading and experience help explain what a student enjoys and wants to investigate.

Use assessment as evidence

Interest, aptitude and personality tools can structure reflection. Their results need interpretation alongside academic work and the student's circumstances. A score alone cannot prescribe one career or predict success.

Build a practical shortlist

Dr Glowbal brings career interests into course research, linking subjects and possible occupations with entry requirements. The shortlist records why each option fits, what preparation remains and which alternatives stay open.

Keep the student involved

Parents and schools can provide perspective without taking ownership of the decision. Campus visits, conversations with practitioners and small projects help students test assumptions before committing to a course.

What the statistic means

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental policy and research organisation. Its Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) found career uncertainty across participating OECD countries; the figure is not a local Oman or India survey.

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SCHOOL YEARS AND CAREER PLANNING

A plan before the deadline

Grade 9 is early enough to explore. Grade 12 is often too late to begin every step.



Students discussing together on a campus lawn. / Advaithacademy / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Subjects. Preparation. Applications.

A student needs a different conversation at each stage. Starting early keeps more suitable options open.

Grades 9-10 / Explore and choose subjects

This is the stage for discovering interests and understanding subject combinations. Classroom performance, projects, reading and conversations with people at work provide useful evidence. Counselling can bring aptitude and interests into the discussion without turning one test score into a fixed career decision. A student considering engineering, medicine, economics or design needs to know which school subjects keep those routes open.

Before a stream decision

A stream label alone does not describe eligibility. Mathematics, particular sciences, language levels and the school-leaving qualification can affect admission differently across institutions. A written plan should connect the student's likely fields with required subjects, possible alternatives and the consequences of dropping a subject. Parents can help test the plan against the student's strengths and circumstances.

Grade 11 / Build the preparation calendar

Entrance preparation works best alongside school learning. The relevant examination depends on the course and country: some use a national test, some a university assessment, and others evaluate the academic record with essays, a portfolio or an interview. Time for language testing, projects and a second test attempt belongs in the calendar.

Grade 12 / Apply before final examinations

Many admissions cycles open before school is complete. Where permitted, students apply with transcripts and school-issued predicted grades, then submit final results later. References, portfolios, essays and scholarship applications may be due before board examinations. A conditional offer still depends on the stated results or other requirements, so application work and examination preparation need a shared calendar.

After results / Complete the transition

Final transcripts, outstanding conditions and deposit deadlines turn an offer into an enrolment decision. Funding, housing, insurance and any student-immigration process need separate attention. The student should understand the acceptance terms and take ownership of the documents, account access and next actions.

How counselling supports the sequence

Dr Glowbal can help a student compare subject choices, explore suitable fields and develop an application plan. The useful result is a documented set of options with reasons, preparation gaps and dates. The plan should be revisited when interests, school performance or family circumstances change.

UNDERSTANDING INSTITUTIONS

What a university name does not tell you

Course structure, awarding authority and the learning environment belong in the same comparison.



Students studying in the Sias library, 2017. / Gary Todd / CC0 / cropped

Award. Curriculum. Learning environment.

A sound comparison starts with who awards the degree, what it teaches and how students learn.

The institution and the qualification

Universities may teach across campuses, through partner colleges or online. The prospectus should identify both the teaching provider and the body awarding the degree. Legal recognition establishes the status of the provider and award. For a regulated career, programme accreditation also matters: it indicates whether the course meets the relevant profession's requirements.

Research and applied routes

Research universities usually combine teaching with academic investigation and prepare students for a range of postgraduate routes. Applied or professional institutions often place greater emphasis on practical projects and work experience. These are useful differences in educational approach, rather than a simple hierarchy. Progression into a master's can depend on the exact award, credits and prior subject content.

Read the curriculum, not only the title

Two degrees called Business, Computer Science or Psychology can contain very different modules. Compulsory units reveal the core of the course; electives show how much choice is available. Assessment methods, mathematics content, laboratory hours, placement arrangements and the final project help explain what a student will actually do. A course title by itself cannot establish preparation for a particular occupation.

Undergraduate and postgraduate choices

A bachelor's normally establishes the academic foundation. A taught master's deepens or redirects knowledge through modules and a project; a research degree centres on an original investigation. Conversion courses can admit students from another discipline, while specialist master's programmes often require prior subject credits. An MBA may expect work experience, unlike an early-career management degree.

Compare the evidence

A useful comparison records the exact programme, campus, teaching language, duration, fee basis, entry subjects, application route and award conditions. Class organisation, library access, laboratory facilities, student support and housing influence daily study. Placement opportunities deserve a careful reading: a course offering support to seek an internship is different from one with a guaranteed, assessed placement.

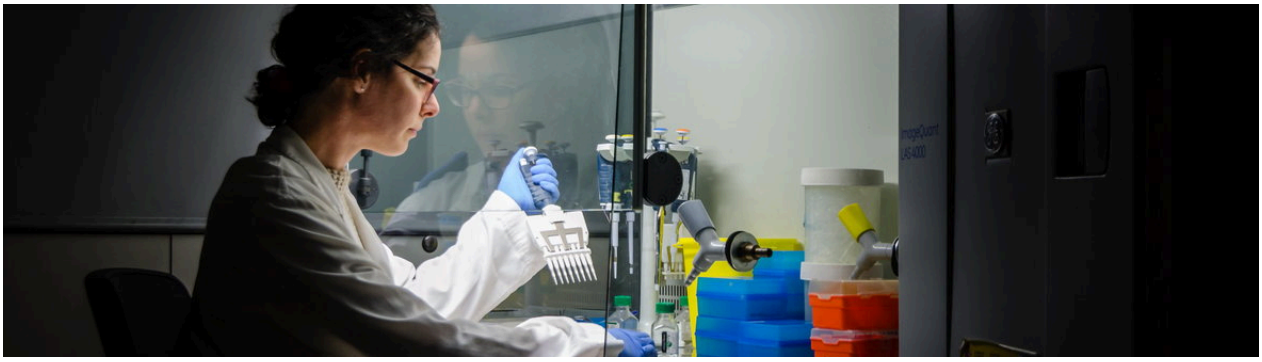
Use rankings in proportion

QS, short for Quacquarelli Symonds, publishes higher-education rankings. Its overall World University Rankings compare institutions using several indicators; they are not a direct score for every individual course. Subject-level evidence, accreditation and the student's academic needs still matter. This edition labels selected verified overall ranks as QS 2027 and preserves ties and rank bands.

PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

Science, health and the built world

The route into a profession can extend beyond the degree itself.



Researcher Mileidys Perez at the Vall d'Hebron Institute of Research, Barcelona. / axventura / CC BY 4.0 / cropped

Engineering and computing

Common routes include engineering, computer science, information systems and applied technology degrees. School mathematics is often central; some engineering courses also require physics or other sciences. A degree's accreditation, laboratory work and project content help distinguish professional engineering preparation from a broader technology course. Computing programmes vary in the balance of mathematics, programming, systems and business applications.

Medicine and dentistry

Some countries admit students directly after school; others normally require prior university study. Selection can combine academic science, an aptitude or entrance test and an interview. Clinical language, training sites and registration eligibility are part of the course decision. For Indian students considering medicine abroad, NEET eligibility and the National Medical Commission's foreign-graduate conditions need attention before enrolment; the dedicated medicine chapter develops these requirements.

Nursing, pharmacy and allied health

These courses prepare for different occupations and cannot be treated as interchangeable health degrees. Clinical placements, health checks, professional registration and language requirements can affect eligibility and progression. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiography and laboratory science have their own qualifications and regulatory routes. An English-taught classroom does not necessarily mean that every clinical placement can be completed in English.

Architecture and design

Architecture combines design with technical and professional preparation. The academic degree may be only one stage before supervised practice and registration. Design courses can instead lead towards product, communication, fashion, interaction or other creative fields. A portfolio normally shows the development of ideas and the student's own work; presenting final images without process provides less evidence of how the student thinks.

Clinical psychology and public health

A general psychology degree is not automatically a licence to practise as a clinical psychologist. Professional routes commonly involve further approved training and supervised work, with conditions set by the jurisdiction. Public health programmes may lead towards research, policy, epidemiology or health management; they do not replace the clinical qualification needed to practise medicine.

Official entrance-test starting points

India: JEE Main - jeemain.nta.nic.in; NEET-UG - neet.nta.nic.in; NATA - nata.in. UK and participating programmes: UCAT - ucat.ac.uk. These tests serve particular routes; none is a universal requirement for every course in its field.

PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

Business, law and creative practice

A degree, a professional examination and a licence serve different purposes.

THREE DIFFERENT KINDS OF EVIDENCE

Academic degree

Awarded by an institution after a programme of study and assessment.

Professional qualification

Awarded under a professional body's examination and experience requirements.

Licence to practise

Permission from the relevant authority to work in a regulated profession.

Business, economics and finance

Business degrees can cover management broadly; economics usually involves more theoretical and quantitative analysis. Finance, accounting and business analytics have different technical emphases. Course modules and mathematics requirements are more informative than a fashionable title. A taught master's may suit a recent graduate, while many MBA programmes expect substantial professional experience.

Accountancy and professional qualifications

An accounting degree can contribute to professional preparation through examination exemptions. Full professional status also requires the examinations, practical experience and membership conditions set by bodies such as ACCA, ICAEW or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The value of any exemption lies in how much of that route it completes. Recognition also depends on the country where the graduate plans to work.

Law and legal practice

An LLB, a graduate law degree and a professional qualifying route do not have identical purposes. Some countries offer undergraduate law; others use a graduate-entry professional degree. A law degree from one jurisdiction may require further assessment or training elsewhere. In England and Wales, the Solicitors Regulation Authority publishes the solicitor qualification route; Indian practice is governed by the relevant Indian legal-education and enrolment framework.

Education and teaching

Education studies can examine learning, policy or development without qualifying the graduate as a schoolteacher. Teacher preparation programmes may include supervised classroom placements and lead towards a defined registration route. The student's chosen age group, teaching subject and intended country of work affect the appropriate qualification. Local-language requirements can be central to placement access.

Media, arts and hospitality

Creative programmes often assess a portfolio, audition or other evidence of practice. Media courses range from theory and research to production, journalism and communication design. Hospitality programmes may integrate placements with management teaching. Facilities, equipment access, placement terms and the quality of assessed work give a more practical comparison than the degree title alone.

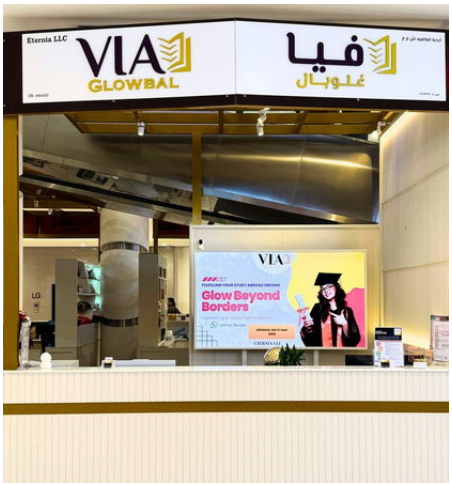
Official routes and assessments

ACCA: accaglobal.com; ICAEW: icaew.com; ICAI: icai.org. CLAT: consortiumofnlus.ac.in; LNAT: lnat.ac.uk; solicitor qualification: sra.org.uk/become-solicitor. CUET-UG: cuet.nta.nic.in. Programme-specific admission rules determine which examination, if any, applies.

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Career and course guidance; university selection and applications; document review; scholarship research; visa assistance; travel and arrival planning. The scope and fees depend on the agreed service.

For students and families

Support can begin with a subject or career question, continue through admission, and extend to practical arrangements before departure and arrival. Admission, scholarship and visa decisions remain with the relevant institutions and authorities.

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SUBJECT REFERENCE

Fields of study

Major subject families and the distinctions behind similar degree titles.

SUBJECTS CONNECT TO DIFFERENT QUESTIONS

Science & technology

How does it work?
Evidence, systems and design.

People & society

How do people live?
Behaviour, institutions and policy.

Business & creative practice

What can we build or change?
Organisations, ideas and expression.

Business and economics

Accounting concerns financial reporting, audit and control. Finance examines funding, investment and risk. Economics studies production, incentives and resource allocation. Business programmes commonly combine management, marketing, operations and organisational behaviour. Public policy addresses the design and evaluation of collective decisions; quantitative methods differ substantially across these fields.

Computing and engineering

Computer science centres on computation, algorithms and software systems; data science combines statistical and computational methods. Engineering applies mathematics and science to the design and operation of systems. Architecture joins spatial design with construction and the built environment. Professional engineering or architectural registration depends on the applicable qualification and regulator.

Health and life sciences

Biomedical science investigates biological processes and disease. Biotechnology applies biological knowledge to products and processes. Public health addresses population health, prevention and health systems. Medicine, dentistry, nursing and pharmacy prepare for distinct clinical professions. Psychology spans behavioural research and applied practice; an initial psychology degree alone does not confer every clinical title.

Humanities and creative fields

Humanities include history, philosophy, languages and literature. Social sciences examine societies, institutions and behaviour through qualitative and quantitative methods. Design and performing arts often use studio or practice assessment. Law develops legal reasoning within a jurisdiction's system; graduates may need further examinations or training to enter practice.

Environment and services

Environmental science studies physical and biological systems; environmental policy addresses their governance. Agriculture and food science cover production, processing and food systems. Hospitality, tourism and logistics concern service and transport operations. ESG stands for environmental, social and governance: a framework used in organisational assessment, rather than a single standard academic degree.

QUALIFICATIONS

Degrees, levels and credits

Qualification level describes academic complexity; credits describe the volume of learning.



Pencil and sharpener on an open notebook. / Angelina Litvin linalitvina / CC0 / cropped

Bachelor's and short-cycle awards

A bachelor's is a first degree, commonly completed in three or four full-time years. Associate degrees and short-cycle tertiary awards are separate qualifications, sometimes providing a transfer route into a bachelor's. Foundation and preparatory programmes usually precede degree study; their completion does not itself constitute a bachelor's degree.

Master's and doctoral study

A master's provides advanced study after a first degree or equivalent preparation. Taught routes centre on assessed modules, often with a dissertation; research routes centre on a supervised project. A research doctorate requires an original contribution through research or advanced professional scholarship. Entry qualifications, research proposals and supervision arrangements depend on the programme.

ECTS: the European credit system

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System measures learning outcomes and associated workload. A full academic year normally equals 60 ECTS credits. First-cycle degrees commonly carry 180 or 240 credits; second-cycle degrees commonly carry 90 or 120. Credit volume describes study workload, not a ranking or automatic professional recognition.

ISCED: an international classification

UNESCO's International Standard Classification of Education supports comparison of education statistics. ISCED level 5 covers short-cycle tertiary education; level 6, bachelor's or equivalent; level 7, master's or equivalent; and level 8, doctoral or equivalent. It is a statistical classification, distinct from a country's accreditation or licensing system.

Awarding body and teaching institution

The awarding body confers the qualification, even when teaching takes place at a branch campus or an approved partner. Joint courses may involve several institutions, so the award documentation identifies who issues the degree. Institutional recognition establishes the provider's status; programme accreditation and professional registration govern particular routes into practice.

ADMISSION REFERENCE

Entry routes and selection

Admission depends on qualifications, subject preparation, language evidence and programme selection.

Academic equivalence

Universities assess the level, subjects and grades of prior study. A school certificate can support direct entry in one system and a preparatory route in another. Germany's often-cited "13 years" refers to equivalence with its university entrance qualification; it is not a universal rule requiring every foreign applicant to add one school year.

Foundation and preparatory study

A foundation programme supplies academic or language preparation before degree entry. A German Studienkolleg prepares eligible students for its associated assessment, the Feststellungsprüfung. A pre-master's addresses preparation for a master's programme. These routes add study time and costs; progression is governed by the route's specified academic and language conditions.

Language evidence

IELTS means International English Language Testing System; TOEFL, Test of English as a Foreign Language; and PTE, Pearson Test of English. Institutions specify test versions, overall scores and component minima. TOEFL iBT introduced a 1-6 scale on 21 January 2026; reports also include a comparable overall 0-120 score during the two-year transition. Use the institution's stated scale and policy. A previous English-medium education or test waiver is accepted only under the relevant admission rules.

Academic tests and creative selection

SAT and ACT are used by some undergraduate admissions systems; neither is a universal international requirement. GRE means Graduate Record Examinations, and GMAT means Graduate Management Admission Test. Mathematics tests, subject examinations, interviews, portfolios and auditions assess different aspects of preparation. The required combination belongs to the specific course and intake.

Offers and entry conditions

A conditional offer lists requirements still to be met, such as final grades or language evidence. An unconditional academic offer confirms that the stated academic entry conditions have been satisfied. Identity checks, payment and immigration formalities may still precede enrolment. Scholarship funding and permission to enter the country require their own confirmation.

The entry route determines the preparation, time and cost before the degree begins.

DOCUMENT REFERENCE

The application file

Each document establishes a different part of identity, preparation or financial capacity.



Writing notes beside a laptop. / Shixart1985 / CC BY 2.0 / cropped

Transcript and qualification certificate

A transcript records subjects, grades and often credits or study periods. A qualification certificate confirms the award. A grading scale explains how marks are interpreted. Predicted grades describe expected results before completion. Certified copies reproduce an existing document; direct electronic verification or institution-to-institution delivery provides a separate route for establishing authenticity.

Statement, CV and recommendation

The statement of purpose explains the applicant's preparation and reasons for the proposed study. A curriculum vitae supplies the record of education, projects and employment. References add a teacher's or employer's assessment; a portfolio demonstrates practice in fields such as design. Together, these documents build a case supported by specific experience and the applicant's own work.

Sponsor and financial documents

A sponsor provides financial support; the relationship may be established through civil records or a sponsorship declaration. Bank statements show account history, income documents support the source of funds, and a loan sanction records lending terms. A tuition receipt establishes payment already made. None of these documents alone describes every aspect of financial capacity.

Translation, certification and authentication

Translation renders a document in another language. Certification confirms a copy or an authorised statement about it. An apostille authenticates the origin of a qualifying public document for use under the Hague Apostille Convention; legalisation is another authentication process. Authentication does not establish academic equivalence or guarantee acceptance of the qualification.

Evaluation and verification

Credential evaluation establishes the level or comparability of previous education; verification examines authenticity. Germany's APS process verifies academic records for relevant applicants. Uni-assist's VPD, or preliminary review documentation, records its assessment of submitted qualifications and grades. These assessments support an application, but the university makes the admission decision.

THE OFFER LETTER

One offer, several commitments

An offer may sit alongside fee terms, funding decisions, housing contracts and an immigration process.

PART OF THE RECORD	WHAT THE TERMS DESCRIBE	WHY IT MATTERS
Academic conditions	Outstanding grades, subject results, language evidence or verified documents.	Admission is conditional until the specified requirements are satisfied.
Course identity	Award, campus, study mode, start date and duration.	These details establish what has actually been offered.
Payment schedule	Deposit, instalments, fee category and later-year terms.	Cash needed before travel can differ from the annual cost.
Refund and withdrawal	Applicable deadlines, deductions and treatment of refusal or non-enrolment.	These terms determine what money may be retained if plans change.
Funding decision	Award amount, eligible costs, duration and renewal conditions.	Admission alone does not establish a scholarship.
Housing and mobility	A separate room offer, immigration sponsorship or other related record.	Acceptance of a course does not settle every later-stage arrangement.

A conditional place

A student may accept an offer before final school results are available. The outstanding condition, evidence deadline and consequence of not meeting it remain part of that accepted offer.

A deposit and a scholarship

A deposit can fall due before a scholarship result. The family's early cash requirement therefore includes the deposit unless the institution has confirmed a different payment arrangement.

The binding terms are the provider's actual offer and associated agreements. This is a reading framework, not a substitute contract or a destination-specific legal rule.

COST REFERENCE

The full study budget

A consistent budget separates annual charges, monthly spending and cash held as security.



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Tuition and compulsory fees

Tuition pays for academic instruction. Other compulsory charges may cover registration, student services, laboratories or semester contributions. A fee can be quoted per credit, semester, academic year or complete programme. These units cannot be compared directly without the course load and study period; the country tables identify their quoted basis.

Living expenditure

Living costs include accommodation, food, utilities, local transport and personal spending. A university's cost-of-attendance estimate may also include books, health insurance or travel. An academic-year allowance can cover nine or ten months, while a rental agreement may run for twelve. Shared housing and a private studio represent different budget assumptions.

One-time costs and deposits

Application charges, document preparation, immigration fees, flights and initial purchases can fall before enrolment. A refundable security deposit is cash temporarily committed, rather than necessarily a permanent expense. A tuition deposit is normally credited under the institution's terms; the timing and conditions of a refund determine the financial exposure if plans change.

Maintenance evidence and blocked accounts

Proof of funds demonstrates access to money for study and living. A blocked account releases that money under specified conditions, usually for later living expenses. Adding both the full account balance and the expenses it pays would count the same money twice. The required balance establishes a minimum for the application; the student's city and housing choices determine the actual budget.

Net cost, reserve and cash flow

Net cost is the eligible study cost after confirmed grants or fee reductions. Loans finance expenditure but do not reduce its underlying cost. A tuition waiver reduces a fee; a stipend supplies cash on its payment schedule. A reserve covers unplanned expenditure or exchange-rate movements. Cash flow records when money is required and received, which can produce a funding gap even when annual income and expenditure appear balanced.

WORKED BUDGETS

Three countries. One method

Italy, Germany and the UK: illustrative first-year budgets using the same cost categories.

Examples below include 12 months of living costs and no unconfirmed scholarship. They are planning scenarios, not university quotations or national averages.

	 ITALY Public degree EUR 1,000/month living	 GERMANY Public degree EUR 1,100/month living	 UK Outside London GBP 1,500/month living
Tuition & academic fees	EUR 3,000 ≈ US$ 3,410	EUR 600 ≈ US$ 680	GBP 20,000 ≈ US$ 26,490
Living / 12 months	EUR 12,000 ≈ US$ 13,630	EUR 13,200 ≈ US$ 14,990	GBP 18,000 ≈ US$ 23,840
Documents, travel & setup	EUR 1,500 ≈ US$ 1,700	EUR 1,800 ≈ US$ 2,040	GBP 2,500 ≈ US$ 3,310
Subtotal	EUR 16,500 ≈ US$ 18,740	EUR 15,600 ≈ US$ 17,710	GBP 40,500 ≈ US$ 53,650
10% planning reserve	EUR 1,650 ≈ US$ 1,870	EUR 1,560 ≈ US$ 1,770	GBP 4,050 ≈ US$ 5,370
FIRST-YEAR TOTAL	**EUR 18,150** ≈ US$ 20,610	**EUR 17,160** ≈ US$ 19,490	**GBP 44,550** ≈ US$ 59,020

TOTALS IN A FAMILY CURRENCY

Approximate conversions at 29-30 September 2026 rates; payment-provider rates and charges vary.	INR 19.78 lakh OMR 7,924	INR 18.70 lakh OMR 7,492	INR 56.65 lakh OMR 22,691

Germany: EUR 600 represents two semester contributions in this zero-tuition example. A EUR 11,904 blocked account forms part of the living budget; it is not added again.

Every destination: price any preparation year separately. Deposits affect cash needed before travel. The full degree cost also depends on duration and later-year fee changes.

FUNDING REFERENCE

Scholarships and other funding

Amount, duration, eligible costs and obligations define the value of an award.

Tuition waiver and fee reduction

A waiver removes all or part of an eligible tuition charge. A percentage reduction applies to the fee specified in the award, not necessarily to every compulsory charge. First-year reductions cover one period; renewable awards continue only under their renewal terms. “Full tuition” does not automatically include accommodation, travel or living expenses.

Stipend, bursary and grant

A stipend is a periodic allowance, often for living costs or research activity. Bursaries commonly assess financial need, while grants support defined costs or activities. These labels vary among providers. A cash allowance, a fee waiver and a room supplied by the institution affect a family’s budget in different ways.

Merit and financial need

Merit selection can assess academic attainment, research potential, leadership or another specified achievement. Need-based support assesses financial circumstances under the provider’s rules. Nationality, residence, subject, study level and previous education can limit eligibility. An award restricted to citizens does not automatically include foreign residents of the same country.

Assistantship, loan and service obligation

An assistantship links funding with defined teaching, research or other duties. A loan must be repaid under its lending terms. Some subsidised tuition schemes attach an employment or return obligation. These arrangements differ from an unrestricted scholarship, even when their initial financial benefit appears similar.

Selection, renewal and payment

Funding can be automatic with admission, competitively assessed through a separate application, or dependent on institutional nomination. Continuation may require academic progress, attendance or an annual review. The payment date can follow enrolment, leaving deposits and arrival costs payable earlier. The country entries distinguish stated coverage from costs that remain outside the award.

The award’s value lies in the costs it covers, how long it lasts and what remains payable.

MEDICINE AND REGISTRATION

Foreign medical qualifications

Key Indian requirements for students entering the applicable overseas medical-training route.

NEET-UG before admission

Indian citizens and Overseas Citizens of India covered by the rules must qualify the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for undergraduate medical admission (NEET-UG) before entering the relevant medical course abroad. The result is valid for three years from declaration for this purpose, including the relevant preparatory route. Qualification is therefore not restricted to the same calendar year as overseas admission.

Minimum overseas training

For students covered by the National Medical Commission's Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021, the medical course must include at least 54 months of study and a minimum 12-month internship in the same foreign medical institution. English is the required teaching medium. The prescribed subjects, clinical training, same-institution and same-country conditions also apply. The full overseas course must be completed within ten years of joining.

Host-country registration

The National Medical Commission (NMC) is India's medical regulator. Its applicable rules require professional registration or licensing in the country awarding the medical qualification on terms equivalent to those for local citizens. An English-taught degree title alone does not establish that status. Clinical communication and host-country licensing may involve a local language.

Indian examination and internship

The applicable Indian registration route includes the prescribed licensing examination and supervised internship. FMGL-covered graduates require at least 12 months of supervised internship in India. The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is operating as of September 2026. NExT means National Exit Test; its announced regulations and implementation timetable are separate from the examination currently operating.

Scope of recognition

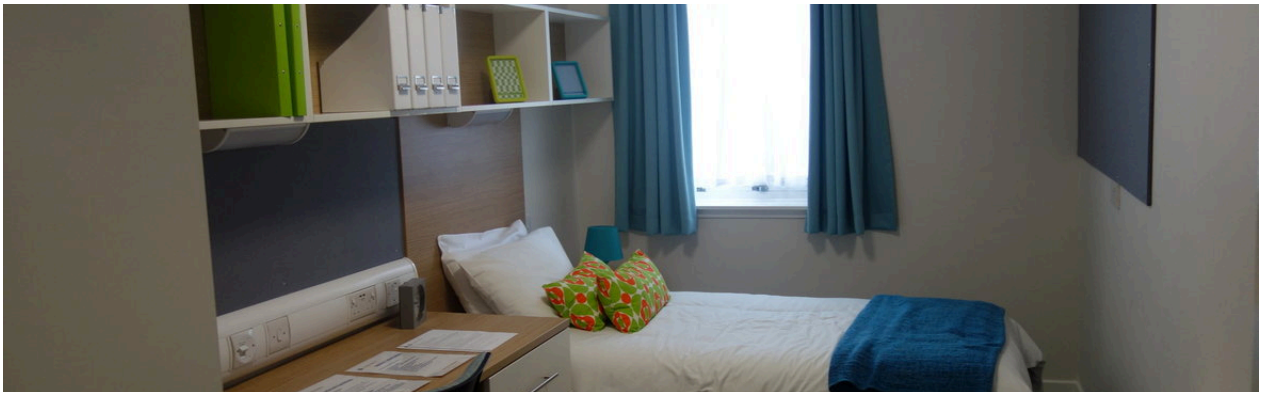
NMC does not endorse a list of overseas medical universities. Directory inclusion, a World Directory of Medical Schools listing and university admission are not substitutes for meeting the applicable Indian rules. Earlier cohorts and notified exemptions can fall under different provisions. Dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and other regulated professions have their own qualification and registration systems.

The overseas course must fit the full registration route, from NEET eligibility to internship.

STUDENT-LIFE REFERENCE

Housing, health and enrolment

The practical terms most commonly encountered between acceptance and the first semester.



A student room at Pollock Halls of Residence, Edinburgh, 2017. / Vysotsky / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Residence, tenancy and guarantor

A university residence is accommodation arranged by or through the institution; private housing is supplied under a separate rental arrangement. A tenancy agreement sets the occupancy period, payments and obligations. A guarantor undertakes responsibility for specified unpaid liabilities. Rent, utilities, meal plans and security deposits are separate items unless the contract expressly combines them.

Health cover and travel insurance

Student-health insurance covers defined healthcare costs during residence. Travel insurance commonly addresses specified travel risks, such as cancellation or emergency treatment, under its policy terms. Deductible or excess means the portion payable by the insured person. Exclusions, waiting periods and pre-existing-condition terms affect the scope of either type of cover.

Enrolment, registration and induction

Enrolment places the student on the institution's records; module registration confirms the units to be studied. Induction introduces academic systems and support services. After accepting an offer, students may still need to complete identity checks, present original documents and settle fee formalities. Any immigration or municipal registration follows the destination's own procedures.

Academic support and assessment

Academic advisers assist with course planning and progression. Disability or accessibility services arrange support under the institution's procedures. Assessment regulations define examinations, coursework, resits and progression. Academic integrity covers attribution, authorised collaboration and the representation of one's own work; a programme's assessment rules determine the permitted use of external assistance.

Placement, internship and exchange

A placement is a defined period of work-based learning, sometimes integrated into a degree. An internship may be curricular or separately arranged. An exchange normally involves temporary study at another institution, with credit recognised under an agreement. Duration, assessment, remuneration and immigration conditions belong to the particular arrangement; the terms are not interchangeable.

IMMIGRATION REFERENCE

Admission and student status

University acceptance and immigration permission are issued by different authorities.

Admission evidence

In the UK, a licensed student sponsor issues a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference for the relevant visa application. In the United States, the Form I-20 records eligibility for F or M student status through a certified school. These documents support an immigration process; neither document is itself a visa.

Institution-led applications

For Dutch university and higher-professional study, the recognised educational sponsor submits the student residence application to the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND). The institution monitors academic progress under the residence conditions. In other systems, the student submits the application, supported by the provider's admission or enrolment document.

Financial evidence

Immigration authorities may require evidence of tuition funding and maintenance resources. The accepted account holder, document form, holding period and amount are defined by the destination's rules. Sponsor evidence, loan documentation, scholarships and blocked accounts are different forms of support. A financial threshold is evidence for the application, rather than a quotation for actual annual living costs.

Visa, residence permit and border entry

A visa concerns entry or the permitted purpose of travel; a residence permission concerns lawful stay under its conditions. Some systems combine these functions or use digital status. Identity checks, medical requirements and additional document requests depend on the destination and application. An airline reservation or hotel booking creates no immigration entitlement.

Status during and after study

Student permission may carry enrolment, attendance, progress, address-reporting and employment conditions. Completing a course does not automatically create permanent residence or unrestricted employment. A graduate route, where available, has its own eligibility and duration. The country sections state relevant examples with the applicable publication period.

A place to study is the starting point; the relevant permission must also cover travel and stay.

THE GLOBAL PICTURE

International student mobility

A global measure of students crossing national borders for higher education.

7.3 million

Internationally mobile higher-education students worldwide in 2023

UNESCO, the United Nations agency for education, science and culture, reports growth from 2.1 million in 2000. These are students studying across borders, not all students with a foreign passport.



Source: UNESCO IESALC - international student mobility · website p. 301

What each student count includes

A country may report international degree students, all foreign-national students, exchange students or students in language and vocational courses. Some figures are people; others are course enrolments. This book keeps the reporting period and definition beside each country statistic.

Growth across two decades

The reported increase from 2.1 million to 7.3 million is approximately 3.5-fold, or 248%. These are global totals for the stated years. The change describes cross-border participation; it does not measure a country's admission rate, graduate employment or the quality of a particular programme.

A useful comparison matches the same measure and year. Country figures in this book provide context; they are not a league table.

THE VIA GLOWBAL PATHWAY

From direction to opportunity

Support from career direction through applications, travel and arrival.

01

DISCOVER

Understand the student

Interests, strengths, circumstances and goals; a counselling conversation where useful.

02

ALIGN

Choose a sensible direction

Connect career interests with subject choices, course types and family priorities.

03

COMPARE

Build the shortlist

Check qualification fit, curriculum, destination, recognition and the full study budget.

04

PREPARE

Get the file ready

Organise academic, identity, language and financial documents; plan required tests.

05

APPLY

Manage the applications

Track submissions, university requests, offers, scholarships and the decision calendar.

06

PLAN

Prepare for the move

Coordinate immigration documentation, accommodation, insurance and travel arrangements.

07

SETTLE

Start with practical support

Understand enrolment, arrival requirements and the next administrative steps.

Choose the support relevant to your stage. A written service scope and quotation should set out the assistance and any separate third-party costs.

YOUR DECISION WORKBOOK

Compare your options

An illustrative budget for an English-taught public bachelor's in Italy, plus two columns for other options.

COMPARE THE SAME THINGS	SAMPLE / ITALY	YOUR OPTION 1	YOUR OPTION 2
Programme & institution	Public bachelor's Illustrative option		
Teaching language	English-taught Assumed for example		
Duration	3 years No preparation year		
Eligibility / entry tests	12-year schooling Course-specific entry		
Tuition & academic fees / year	EUR 3,000		
Living / month	EUR 1,000		
Living / 12 months	EUR 12,000		
Documents, travel & setup	EUR 1,500		
10% planning reserve	EUR 1,650		
FIRST-YEAR TOTAL	EUR 18,150 approx. US$20,610		
Confirmed scholarship	EUR 0 No award assumed		
Housing deposit	EUR 500 included in setup allowance		
Budget reference	September 2026 Illustrative model		

The sample uses planning assumptions, not a university quotation. Its EUR 500 housing deposit is included in setup costs; it is not added again to the total.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

Research degrees and funding

A research place brings together a project, supervision, facilities and a viable funding arrangement.

The research question

A research proposal identifies a problem, its significance and a method for investigating it. It shows how the proposed work relates to existing knowledge and what evidence could answer the question. At the University of Melbourne, most graduate research applicants submit a proposal and evidence of a prospective supervisor's support. Its assessment considers research preparation and available expertise. An advertised project is another route: the research topic and funding may already be defined.

Supervision and admission

A prospective supervisor's interest can help establish a project's academic fit; admission still requires the university's approval. Melbourne's graduate researchers have at least two supervisors, including a principal supervisor, although arrangements vary elsewhere. Transcripts, a curriculum vitae and references document the applicant's preparation. A clear research record labels completed work, published studies and projects in progress accurately, so assessors can judge both achievement and potential.

What a studentship pays for

A studentship funds a research place, commonly through tuition support and a living stipend. UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the UK's public research-funding organisation, awards grants to eligible organisations, which recruit students. Applications go to those organisations. International applicants can usually compete for a limited share of places. Where admission and funding use one application, the award notice still needs to confirm whether financial support has been secured.

The full funding period

The funding period determines how much of a doctorate the award supports. UKRI funding generally covers three to four years of full-time study, with a fee contribution based on the home-fee rate. An international-fee difference may remain unless the provider covers it. Fieldwork, conferences, research expenses and writing-up time also need provision. The stipend alone cannot show whether support extends across the planned project and all its costs.

A viable research place combines suitable supervision, confirmed admission and sufficient funding.

STUDY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Learning in practice

A laboratory project, internship, co-op term and graduate job describe different stages of experience.



Students test a LEGO rover at NASA Armstrong, 2019. NASA/Ken Ulbrich / Public domain / cropped.

From concept to test

Students test a LEGO rover prototype during a NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars workshop, 2019. Team design and practical testing bring different skills into the same project.

FORM OF EXPERIENCE	WHAT THE ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBES
Academic project	Work assessed within a course or degree, under its learning outcomes and supervision.
Curricular placement	A defined work-based period contributing to the programme; duration, assessment and approval are specified.
Internship	A placement with an organisation, curricular or independently arranged. Payment and academic credit are not inherent in the label.
Co-operative education	A degree structure linking academic study with scheduled work terms. The university's actual sequence determines the commitment.

From work experience to employment

A placement built into the curriculum provides a different level of certainty from an opportunity that requires a competitive employer application. Programme terms should explain how places are secured and what happens if a student is unsuccessful. Progression into a graduate job then depends on the applicant, the labour market and legal permission to work.

STUDY IN UNITED STATES

United States

Four-year bachelor's degrees and institution-specific selection.



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US higher education includes public and private universities, liberal-arts colleges and community colleges. A bachelor's commonly combines general education, a major and electives over four years. A two-year associate route may lead to transfer under an agreement. Standard MD medical education follows prior undergraduate study.

TUITION / YEAR

USD 35,924 / 39,062

2026/27 public-university examples: Alabama / Arizona State base undergraduate tuition. Additional university/college charges apply; not a national range.

LIVING / MONTH

USD 1,800

Approximate Alabama 12-month allowance including housing, food, personal costs and insurance. Utilities, books, long-haul travel and setup extra.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 4 years
Master's: usually 1-2 years
Medicine: 4-year MD after a degree

Fields of study

Computing; engineering; business; sciences; liberal arts.

Academic entry

Universities set school-subject, language and SAT/ACT requirements individually. There is no single nationwide undergraduate test policy. Eligible schools issue the Form I-20 for F or M student status after their academic and financial requirements are met; exchange sponsors use the DS-2019 for the J route.

The cost-of-attendance measure

A university's cost of attendance normally combines tuition and specified allowances for living and study expenses. Its period may be an academic year rather than twelve months. The tuition figures here are two named public-university examples; mandatory fees and programme supplements remain separate.

UNITED STATES / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and admission routes

U.S. institutions set their own admissions rules within a system of credit-based undergraduate and graduate study.

1,177,766

Institute of International Education: international students, including Optional Practical Training (work experience related to study). Reporting period: 2024/25.

Bachelor's degrees and credits

A U.S. bachelor's degree normally takes four years of full-time study. Students complete a required volume of credits in a major field alongside broader courses in the arts, sciences and other disciplines. The major establishes the principal specialism; electives and general-education requirements widen the curriculum. Academic advisers help students plan the sequence of courses needed for graduation. A degree's credit requirement and prerequisite structure determine progress, so four years describes the usual full-time route rather than an unconditional completion guarantee.

Community college and transfer

Community colleges commonly offer two-year associate degrees and courses that can transfer towards a bachelor's degree. Under a two-plus-two pathway, a student completes initial study at a community college and then transfers to a four-year institution. Articulation agreements specify how particular courses or degrees fit the receiving programme. Accepted credit, major prerequisites and the destination institution's graduation rules determine the remaining study. Community-college tuition can reduce initial costs, but transfer admission and credit recognition are distinct decisions rather than an automatic progression to every university.

Graduate and professional education

Graduate education includes master's and doctoral degrees with specialised coursework, research or professional training. Applications can have both university-wide and departmental requirements, including transcripts, references, a statement of purpose and specified tests. The programme determines the relevance of a previous degree and any research preparation. Professional routes have additional distinctions: a JD is a law degree normally entered after undergraduate study, while medical-school admission includes prescribed academic preparation and the MCAT. International eligibility for medicine is limited by the individual school's admissions policy.

Undergraduate selection and testing

There is no federal or state entrance examination that every applicant must pass for university admission. Institutions define their own combinations of school records, essays, recommendations, English evidence and standardised tests. Policies differ materially: Stanford currently requires ACT or SAT scores, while the University of California does not consider either test in admission or scholarship decisions. Test-optional institutions permit an application without those scores. International applicants remain subject to the relevant institutional policy; an English-proficiency test is not automatically a substitute for an academic admissions test.

UNITED STATES / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Costs, funding and campus life

Admission, financial support and permission to enrol an international student are separate institutional responsibilities.

Accreditation and enrolment

Institutional accreditation and permission to enrol students in F or M status are different forms of oversight. SEVP certification authorises eligible schools to issue Form I-20 documentation; it does not by itself establish institutional accreditation. Department of Education and recognised accreditor records provide the academic accreditation reference. A university's academic offer precedes the relevant immigration documentation and visa application. The institution's international office manages student records and programme documentation, while the U.S. authorities make immigration decisions under the applicable visa and admission rules.

Tuition and financial resources

The full study budget includes tuition, mandatory fees and living expenses. Housing, food, transport and books can differ substantially between campuses. Undergraduate financial aid follows institutional rules as well as family circumstances. Stanford, for example, considers financial need in admission for international applicants requiring a student visa. International applicants who declare that they will not seek aid are generally ineligible to request it during their undergraduate years. A tuition scholarship and a maintenance award cover different costs; their published amounts do not necessarily fund the entire degree.

Graduate funding

Graduate support can include fellowships and teaching, research or administrative assistantships. An assistantship links financial support to defined duties; its package may combine a stipend with a tuition waiver. EducationUSA identifies such arrangements as particularly common at doctoral level. Funding remains programme-specific: a master's admission offer does not imply a funded assistantship, and a partial award may leave fees or living expenses uncovered. The written award establishes the amount, period and responsibilities, making it a separate document from the academic offer of admission.

Residence halls and campus services

Many institutions operate residence halls, dining facilities, student health centres and clubs on campus. Housing can include first-year residences or communities organised around academic, language or other shared interests. Shared rooms are common, and resident staff provide information and support. Campus health centres supply basic services; their availability does not establish the coverage of a student's insurance policy. Residence capacity and housing arrangements vary by institution. Academic admission therefore does not, by itself, specify the room type, meal plan or accommodation period included in a student's budget.

UNITED STATES / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

SAT

Undergraduate applicants where an institution requires or considers SAT scores.

Institutional policy controls use. Stanford requires SAT or ACT scores; other institutions are test-optional or exclude scores. The SAT is not a national compulsory entrance examination for international or domestic students.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

ACT

An undergraduate admissions alternative where accepted by the receiving institution.

Stanford accepts ACT or SAT without preferring one examination. The University of California excludes both from admission and scholarship decisions. Accepted sections, reporting and score-combination rules are institution-specific.

www.act.org/

English-language tests

Applicants whose university requires test evidence of English proficiency.

Accepted tests, minimum scores and prior-education exemptions are institutional decisions. Academic English assessment serves a different purpose from SAT/ACT or graduate aptitude testing; there is no national minimum score covering every U.S. university.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

GRE

Graduate programmes that require or consider GRE results.

The General Test measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. Departmental policy determines whether scores are required, optional or unused. It is not a universal requirement for U.S. master's or PhD admission.

www.ets.org/gre.html

GMAT

Participating MBA and other graduate management programmes.

The examination assesses quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning and data insights. Business schools determine their score requirements, alternatives and waivers. A GMAT result supplements the application and does not establish eligibility for every business degree.

www.mba.com/exams/gmat-exam

LSAT

JD applicants at law schools using the Law School Admission Test.

Schools assess the LSAT alongside undergraduate results and other application evidence. Some institutions accept alternative tests under their own policies. Overseas academic records and any English evidence are evaluated separately; the LSAT is not generally an LLM entry examination.

www.lsac.org/lsat

MCAT

Applicants to medical schools requiring the Medical College Admission Test.

The MCAT is part of medical-school selection after the required academic preparation. International applicants must also fall within the school's eligible applicant categories; taking the test does not remove citizenship, residency or prerequisite-course restrictions.

students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam

UNITED STATES / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Postgraduate: master's, doctorate and eligible research

Support. Country-administered funding packages with J-1 sponsorship, health benefits and enrichment activities; tuition, maintenance and award duration differ between national programmes.

Eligibility. Non-U.S. applicants with a bachelor's-equivalent qualification and the citizenship, residency, academic and language credentials of the nominating country.

Application. Application and selection through a binational Fulbright Commission/Foundation or U.S. Embassy; university placement uses the relevant country's arrangements.

Conditions. Competitive. Programmes requiring clinical training in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or nursing are excluded. There is no single worldwide cash value or duration.

Iowa State International Merit Scholarships

Undergraduate: first-year and transfer students

Support. First-year awards: $2,000-$10,000 annually for up to eight semesters. Transfer awards: $2,000-$8,000 annually for up to five semesters; funding ends at degree completion.

Eligibility. Admitted students assessed international tuition. First-year selection considers grades and SAT/ACT scores; transfers require at least a 3.0/4.0 equivalent GPA.

Application. OneApp General Application followed by the International Student Admissions Scholarship application for the relevant entry term.

Conditions. Competitive. Renewal requires at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, 12 credits per semester and continued international classification. Funds cover undergraduate tuition and fees.

Harvard College need-based financial aid

Undergraduate: Harvard College

Support. Meets 100% of demonstrated need. With typical assets, family income up to $100,000 qualifies for full billed expenses; up to $200,000 qualifies for free tuition.

Eligibility. Admitted undergraduate students of any nationality; the same financial-need assessment applies to international and U.S. students.

Application. Financial-aid application and supporting family income/asset documents, submitted alongside the College admission process.

Conditions. Need-based, with no merit awards. Income thresholds assume typical assets; family circumstances determine the package. Graduate schools have separate funding systems.

Knight-Hennessy Scholars

Postgraduate: eligible Stanford graduate degrees

Support. Up to three years of tuition and associated fees, living/academic stipend and annual travel support. Funding beyond three years follows the degree programme's normal commitment.

Eligibility. All nationalities. For the 2027 cohort, the first bachelor's-equivalent degree must date from January 2020 or later; military service extends this to January 2018.

Application. Separate Knight-Hennessy and Stanford graduate applications; selection requires admission to an eligible Stanford degree.

Conditions. Competitive. Normally for newly enrolling graduate students; current Stanford PhD students in their first year may also qualify.

UNITED STATES / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts / Private nonprofit university

Humanities; Social sciences; Computer science; Engineering

Massachusetts Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA

www.harvard.edu/

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, Massachusetts / Private nonprofit university / QS 2027: 1

Engineering; Computer science; Physics; Economics

77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA

www.mit.edu/

Stanford University

Stanford, California / Private nonprofit university / QS 2027: =2

Engineering; Computer science; Humanities; Social sciences

450 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305, USA

www.stanford.edu/

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, California / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Economics; Environmental sciences

Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 110 Sproul Hall #5800, Berkeley, CA 94720-5800, USA

www.berkeley.edu/

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California / Public university

Engineering; Life sciences; Social sciences; Film and television

405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095, USA

www.ucla.edu/

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, Michigan / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computer science; Public health

Office of the Registrar, LS&A Suite 5000, 500 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382, USA

umich.edu/

Purdue University

West Lafayette, Indiana / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Agriculture; Business

610 Purdue Mall, West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA

www.purdue.edu/

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Agriculture

Office of the Provost, Swanlund Administration Building, 601 E. John Street, Champaign, IL 61820, USA

illinois.edu/

University of Washington

Seattle, Washington / Public university

Computer science; Engineering; Public health; Business

Seattle campus, Seattle, WA 98195, USA; use the recipient's departmental box number for postal delivery

www.washington.edu/

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, Wisconsin / Public university

Engineering; Agriculture; Business; Life sciences

University Relations, 97 Bascom Hall, 500 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706, USA

www.wisc.edu/

UNITED STATES / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Arizona State University

Tempe, Arizona / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computing; Sustainability

1151 S. Forest Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281, USA

www.asu.edu/

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

Buffalo, New York / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Health sciences

12 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260-1660, USA

www.buffalo.edu/

University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona / Public university

Astronomy; Engineering; Business; Agriculture

1200 E. University Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85721, USA

www.arizona.edu/

The City College of New York, CUNY

New York, New York / Public senior college / university-level institution

Engineering; Architecture; Science; Humanities

160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031, USA

www.ccny.cuny.edu/

Colorado State University

Fort Collins, Colorado / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Veterinary medicine; Environmental sciences

318 Administration Building, 6001 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523-0100, USA

www.colostate.edu/

University of Houston

Houston, Texas / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computer science; Hospitality

Office of the President, 4302 University Drive, Room 212, Houston, TX 77204-2018, USA

www.uh.edu/

Oregon State University

Corvallis, Oregon / Public university

Engineering; Forestry; Agriculture; Marine sciences

1500 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331, USA

oregonstate.edu/

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, Massachusetts / Public university

Computer science; Engineering; Business; Public health

Undergraduate Admissions, 243 Whitmore Administration Building, 181 Presidents Drive, Amherst, MA 01003, USA

www.umass.edu/

Iowa State University

Ames, Iowa / Public university

Engineering; Agriculture; Design; Business

1750 Beardshear Hall, 515 Morrill Road, Ames, IA 50011-2103, USA

www.iastate.edu/

Northeastern University

Boston, Massachusetts / Private nonprofit university

Computer science; Engineering; Business; Health sciences

360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA

www.northeastern.edu/

UNITED STATES / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts / Private university
www.bu.edu/

Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island / Private university
www.brown.edu/

California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California / Private technical university
www.caltech.edu/

Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania / Private university
www.cmu.edu/

Columbia University
New York, New York / Private university
www.columbia.edu/

Cornell University
Ithaca, New York / Private university with state-assisted colleges
www.cornell.edu/

Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire / Private university
home.dartmouth.edu/

Duke University
Durham, North Carolina / Private university
www.duke.edu/

Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia / Private university
www.emory.edu/

Georgetown University
Washington, DC / Private university
www.georgetown.edu/

Howard University
Washington, DC / Private historically Black university
howard.edu/

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland / Private university
www.jhu.edu/

New York University
New York, New York / Private university
www.nyu.edu/

North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina / Public university
www.ncsu.edu/

Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois / Private university
www.northwestern.edu/

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey / Private university
www.princeton.edu/

Rice University
Houston, Texas / Private university
www.rice.edu/

Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas / Public university
www.tamu.edu/

The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio / Public university
www.osu.edu/

The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania / Public university
www.psu.edu/

The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas / Public university
www.utexas.edu/

University of California, Davis
Davis, California / Public university
www.ucdavis.edu/

University of California, Irvine
Irvine, California / Public university
uci.edu/

University of California, Riverside
Riverside, California / Public university
www.ucr.edu/

University of California, San Diego
San Diego, California / Public university
www.ucsd.edu/

University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, California / Public university
www.ucsb.edu/

University of California, Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, California / Public university
www.ucsc.edu/

University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois / Private university
www.uchicago.edu/

University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida / Public university
www.ufl.edu/

University of Maryland, College Park
College Park, Maryland / Public university
www.umd.edu/

University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Minneapolis / Saint Paul, Minnesota / Public university
twin-cities.umn.edu/

University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri / Public university
missouri.edu/

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, North Carolina / Public university
www.unc.edu/

University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana / Private university
www.nd.edu/

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / Private university
www.upenn.edu/

University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California / Private university
www.usc.edu/

University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah / Public university
www.utah.edu/

Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee / Private university
www.vanderbilt.edu/

Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri / Private university
washu.edu/

Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut / Private university
www.yale.edu/

STUDY IN UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom

Three-year first degrees and one-year taught master's routes.

The UK combines universities, specialist institutions and collegiate systems. Bachelor's degrees commonly take three years, with four-year honours routes common in Scotland. Taught master's degrees often take one year. Integrated master's, sandwich placements and professional courses have different structures and durations.



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Academic entry

UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, handles most undergraduate applications. Course requirements can include specified school subjects, language evidence, tests, portfolios or interviews. Medicine and Oxford/Cambridge use earlier deadline groups. Most postgraduate applications are made directly to the university.

TUITION / YEAR

GBP 11,400-38,000

≈ US$ 15,100-50,340 / year

British Council indicative international undergraduate range; clinical and specialist degrees can have different fees.

LIVING / MONTH

GBP 1,405-2,105

≈ US$ 1,860-2,790 / month

Oxford 2026/27 estimate for one full-time student, rather than a national average. It covers monthly expenditure; the full-year budget depends on length of stay.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 3 years; Scotland often 4
Taught master's: often 1 year
Standard-entry medicine: usually 5-6 years

Fields of study

Business; engineering; law; data science; creative fields.

Student-visa maintenance evidence

The maintenance requirement is GBP 1,529/month in London or GBP 1,171/month elsewhere, for up to nine months, plus unpaid tuition recorded on the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). Where the 28-day holding rule applies, that period must end within 31 days of application. These amounts are financial-evidence thresholds.

UNITED KINGDOM / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and admissions

UK qualifications share recognised levels, while course structures and admissions differ across institutions and nations.

Undergraduate degree structures

Most full-time undergraduate degrees take three years in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and commonly four in Scotland. Medicine and other professional courses follow longer structures. Single honours concentrates on one subject; joint honours combines subjects within a specified curriculum. Some Scottish universities award an undergraduate MA in humanities or social sciences: this is not a postgraduate master's. Integrated master's degrees, such as MEng or MSci, combine undergraduate and master's-level study within one continuous course rather than requiring a separate postgraduate application.

Foundation and postgraduate routes

A foundation year supplies preparatory academic study before the first year of a degree. A foundation degree is a separate higher-education qualification, normally equivalent to two years of undergraduate study, with defined progression opportunities. At postgraduate level, taught master's courses commonly combine modules with a project or dissertation, while research master's place greater emphasis on supervised investigation. Postgraduate certificates and diplomas are shorter awards with different credit requirements. The qualification title, credit volume and course structure distinguish these routes even when their subject names are similar.

The UCAS undergraduate application

UCAS normally permits up to five course choices in one undergraduate application. Medicine, dentistry and veterinary subjects have a maximum of four choices within any one of those subject groups. The application records qualifications, a reference and the personal statement. For 2026 entry onwards, the statement consists of three questions covering subject motivation, preparation through education, and preparation outside education, with a combined 4,000-character limit. Universities make their own offers and can specify grades, subject prerequisites, interviews, portfolios or admissions tests.

International and postgraduate entry

Universities assess overseas school and degree qualifications against their own academic requirements. Applicants awaiting final results can receive conditional offers based on predicted grades or completion of their current qualification. Postgraduate applications are commonly made directly to the university, with programme-specific academic documents and references. Research degrees can require a proposal and an appropriate supervision arrangement. Admission, English-language clearance and immigration sponsorship remain separate stages. A licensed Student sponsor issues a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference for an eligible accepted applicant; the CAS is not itself a visa.

UNITED KINGDOM / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Teaching and student costs

The course calendar, fee classification and housing contract shape the practical cost of a UK degree.

Modules and the academic year

The standard undergraduate academic year usually begins in September or October and runs to June or July. Teaching can combine lectures, small-group seminars, tutorials, laboratory work, workshops and independent study. Core modules establish compulsory content; optional modules allow choices within the programme's rules. A taught postgraduate course can extend beyond undergraduate term dates because its project or dissertation occupies the summer. Course duration therefore measures the full period of study, rather than only the weeks when scheduled classroom teaching takes place.

Subject-specific selection

The UK has no single admissions examination for every degree. UCAT supports selection for participating medical and dental programmes, while LNAT is used by selected law schools. UAT-UK provides ESAT, TMUA and TARA for specified courses. Oxford uses these three UAT-UK tests from the 2026 testing cycle for 2027 entry, alongside LNAT and UCAT where relevant. The course determines the required test or modules. Registration for an examination and submission of the university application are separate actions, with their own published timetables.

Fees and graduate planning

Universities assess home or overseas fee status using the applicable nationality, residence and immigration rules; nationality alone does not settle the category. International fees vary by course, and tuition scholarships may leave living costs unfunded. Eligible graduates can apply for the Graduate visa: applications by 31 December 2026 receive two years, while applications from 1 January 2027 receive 18 months. Doctoral graduates retain three years. The application date determines the duration, rather than the year study began. Applicants must meet the route conditions and apply in the UK before their Student permission expires.

Housing and English evidence

Accommodation may be university-managed, purpose-built private student housing or a privately rented home. Contract length, catered meals and included utilities change the effective cost, especially for courses extending through summer. English requirements also have two administrative contexts: academic admission and immigration. For degree-level study, a higher-education sponsor with a track record of compliance can assess English itself and record the assessment on the CAS. A Secure English Language Test is therefore not compulsory for every degree applicant; the permitted evidence depends on the relevant route.

UNITED KINGDOM / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

UCAT

Relevant medical and dental courses at participating universities, including applicable international applicants.

The University Clinical Aptitude Test's 2026 cycle serves 2027 entry. Universities determine how the score contributes to selection. UCAT is not required for all health-science degrees, and registration does not submit a UCAS application.

www.ucat.ac.uk/

LNAT

Specified undergraduate law courses at participating institutions.

The National Admissions Test for Law assesses aptitude without requiring prior legal knowledge. It supplements academic qualifications and the university application. Participating institutions set their own use of results and deadlines, including arrangements for international applicants.

lnat.ac.uk/

ESAT

Specified engineering and science courses using UAT-UK tests.

The Engineering and Science Admissions Test uses mathematics and science modules specified by the course. Oxford uses ESAT for designated 2027 entry courses. It is not required for every UK engineering or science degree.

esat-tmua.ac.uk/

TMUA

Specified mathematical, computing and related courses using UAT-UK tests.

The Test of Mathematics for University Admission assesses mathematical reasoning. The relevant course determines whether it is required and which sitting is accepted. Oxford's 2027 entry arrangements include TMUA for designated courses.

esat-tmua.ac.uk/

TARA

Specified courses using the Test of Academic Reasoning for Admissions.

The Test of Academic Reasoning for Admissions has compulsory Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Writing Task modules. Oxford uses TARA for designated 2027 entry courses. Requirements attach to the individual degree and applicant route.

esat-tmua.ac.uk/

English-language evidence / SELT

Applicants needing academic English evidence or a qualifying immigration language assessment.

Universities set academic scores and exemptions. Degree-level sponsors with a track record of compliance may assess English themselves for the Student route; an approved SELT is required only where the immigration rules call for it.

ielts.org/
www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt

Degree-awarding powers

UK degree recognition is organised separately in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Recognised bodies possess degree-awarding powers; other providers may teach courses leading to a degree awarded by a recognised institution. The Office for Students register covers English higher education providers, while separate national arrangements apply elsewhere. A teaching college and the institution named on a degree certificate can therefore be different organisations. The GOV.UK recognition gateway identifies the relevant official records for each jurisdiction and explains this distinction.

UNITED KINGDOM / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Chevening Scholarships

Postgraduate: eligible one-year taught master's

Support. Tuition, living allowance, approved travel and specified arrival/departure costs. MBA tuition support is capped at £22,000.

Eligibility. Eligible-country citizenship; a degree completed at least two years before the deadline; 2,800 hours of post-degree work. Applicants for an official development assistance (ODA) country award must also live in an ODA-eligible country.

Application. Chevening online application plus applications to three eligible courses; one unconditional offer is required by the scheme deadline.

Conditions. Competitive. Scholars undertake to return to their country of award for at least two years. UK residence, citizenship and prior UK-government funding restrictions apply.

GREAT Scholarships

Postgraduate: eligible one-year taught courses

Support. At least £10,000 toward tuition. The published 2026/27 scheme covers participating universities across all four UK nations.

Eligibility. Citizens of 18 participating countries with an undergraduate degree and the academic and English-language qualifications required by their selected institution.

Application. Separate scholarship application to a participating university offering an award for the applicant's citizenship.

Conditions. Competitive tuition contribution; living costs are not included in the standard award. University and country allocations are specific to the published cycle.

Commonwealth Master's Scholarships

Postgraduate: one-year, full-time taught master's

Support. Full approved tuition, return airfare, study travel grant and monthly stipend: £1,712 outside London or £2,000 in London under published 2027/28 terms.

Eligibility. Eligible Commonwealth citizenship/refugee status or British Protected Person status; permanent residence in an eligible Commonwealth country; financial need; normally a 2:1, or a 2:2 with a relevant postgraduate qualification.

Application. CSC Central application and nomination by an approved national agency or organisation. University admission is separate.

Conditions. Competitive; MBAs excluded. Previous UK master's study or a Commonwealth master's award makes applicants ineligible. Return-home obligation applies.

University of Bristol Think Big Scholarships

Undergraduate and eligible postgraduate master's

Support. Published 2026 awards: undergraduate £6,500 or £13,000 annually for up to four years; postgraduate £6,500, £13,000 or £26,000 for one year.

Eligibility. Overseas-fee applicants to eligible Bristol courses. Undergraduate medicine and dentistry are excluded; a separate veterinary award provides £6,500 for three years.

Application. Course application followed by one online Think Big form, matched to all eligible awards.

Conditions. Competitive tuition discounts. These figures describe the closed 2026 call; each new intake has its own awards, eligible courses and application window.

UNITED KINGDOM / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Oxford

Oxford / Public university / QS 2027: 4

Humanities; Social sciences; Medicine; Mathematics

University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, United Kingdom

www.ox.ac.uk/

University of Cambridge

Cambridge / Public university / QS 2027: 6

Natural sciences; Engineering; Humanities; Economics

The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TN, United Kingdom

www.cam.ac.uk/

The University of Manchester

Manchester / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computer science; Medicine

Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, United Kingdom

www.manchester.ac.uk/

The University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh / Public university

Informatics; Medicine; Humanities; Business

Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, United Kingdom

www.ed.ac.uk/

University of Glasgow

Glasgow / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Law; Arts

University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ, United Kingdom

www.gla.ac.uk/

Cardiff University

Cardiff / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Journalism; Business

Main Building, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AT, United Kingdom

www.cardiff.ac.uk/

Queen's University Belfast

Belfast / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Law; Business

University Road, Belfast BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

www.qub.ac.uk/

University of Birmingham

Birmingham / Public university

Engineering; Business; Medicine; Law

Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, United Kingdom

www.birmingham.ac.uk/

University of Leeds

Leeds / Public university

Engineering; Business; Medicine; Environment

Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9JT, United Kingdom

www.leeds.ac.uk/

study@leeds.ac.uk

University of Nottingham

Nottingham / Public university

Engineering; Pharmacy; Business; Law

University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, United Kingdom

www.nottingham.ac.uk/

UNITED KINGDOM / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Bristol

Bristol / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Law; Economics

Beacon House, Queens Road, Bristol BS8 1QU, United Kingdom

www.bristol.ac.uk/

University of Portsmouth

Portsmouth / Public university

Computing; Engineering; Business; Criminology

Mercantile House, Hampshire Terrace, Portsmouth PO1 2EG, United Kingdom

www.port.ac.uk/

The University of Sheffield

Sheffield / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Medicine

Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN, United Kingdom

www.sheffield.ac.uk/

University of the West of England, Bristol

Bristol / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computing; Creative arts

Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QY, United Kingdom

www.uwe.ac.uk/

UCL (University College London)

London / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Medicine; Education

Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, United Kingdom

www.ucl.ac.uk/

study@ucl.ac.uk

Nottingham Trent University

Nottingham / Public university

Business; Art and design; Law; Computing

50 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham NG1 4FQ, United Kingdom

www.ntu.ac.uk/

enquiries@ntu.ac.uk

University of East Anglia

Norwich / Public university

Environmental sciences; Creative writing; Medicine; Business

Norwich Research Park, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7TJ, United Kingdom

www.uea.ac.uk/

University of Hertfordshire

Hatfield / Public university

Engineering; Computing; Business; Creative arts

College Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10 9AB, United Kingdom

www.herts.ac.uk/

Coventry University

Coventry / Public university

Engineering; Business; Computing; Design

Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5FB, United Kingdom

www.coventry.ac.uk/

Swansea University

Swansea / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Medicine; Management

Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP, United Kingdom

www.swansea.ac.uk/

UNITED KINGDOM / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Abertay University
Dundee / University
www.abertay.ac.uk/

Aberystwyth University
Aberystwyth / University
www.aber.ac.uk/

Anglia Ruskin University
Cambridge / Chelmsford / University
www.aru.ac.uk/

Aston University
Birmingham / University
www.aston.ac.uk/

Bangor University
Bangor / University
www.bangor.ac.uk/

Brunel University London
London / University
www.brunel.ac.uk/

City St George's, University of London
London / University
www.citystgeorges.ac.uk/

Durham University
Durham / University
www.durham.ac.uk/

Edinburgh Napier University
Edinburgh / University
www.napier.ac.uk/

Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow / University
www.gcu.ac.uk/

Heriot-Watt University
Edinburgh / University
www.hw.ac.uk/

Imperial College London
London / University
www.imperial.ac.uk/

King's College London
London / University
www.kcl.ac.uk/

Lancaster University
Lancaster / University
www.lancaster.ac.uk/

London School of Economics and Political Science
London / Specialist university
www.lse.ac.uk/

Loughborough University
Loughborough / University
www.lboro.ac.uk/

Newcastle University
Newcastle upon Tyne / University
www.ncl.ac.uk/

Northumbria University
Newcastle upon Tyne / University
www.northumbria.ac.uk/

Oxford Brookes University
Oxford / University
www.brookes.ac.uk/

Queen Mary University of London
London / University
www.qmul.ac.uk/

Royal Holloway, University of London
Egham / University
www.royalholloway.ac.uk/

Ulster University
Belfast / Coleraine / Derry-Londonderry / University
www.ulster.ac.uk/

University of Aberdeen
Aberdeen / University
www.abdn.ac.uk/

University of Bath
Bath / University
www.bath.ac.uk/

University of Dundee
Dundee / University
www.dundee.ac.uk/

University of Exeter
Exeter / University
www.exeter.ac.uk/

University of Greenwich
London / Chatham / University
www.gre.ac.uk/

University of Leicester
Leicester / University
le.ac.uk/

University of Liverpool
Liverpool / University
www.liverpool.ac.uk/

University of Reading
Reading / University
www.reading.ac.uk/

University of South Wales
Pontypridd / Cardiff / Newport / University
www.southwales.ac.uk/

University of Southampton
Southampton / University
www.southampton.ac.uk/

University of St Andrews
St Andrews / University
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/

University of Stirling
Stirling / University
www.stir.ac.uk/

University of Strathclyde
Glasgow / University
www.strath.ac.uk/

University of Surrey
Guildford / University
www.surrey.ac.uk/

University of Sussex
Brighton / University
www.sussex.ac.uk/

University of Warwick
Coventry / University
warwick.ac.uk/

University of York
York / University
www.york.ac.uk/

Wrexham University
Wrexham / University
wrexham.ac.uk/

STUDY IN CANADA

Canada

University degrees and applied credentials across provincial systems.



McGill University - Arts Building, Montreal / D. Benjamin Miller / CC0 / cropped

Canadian institutions include universities, colleges and polytechnics. Degrees, diplomas and graduate certificates are different awards, with transfer and progression governed by the receiving institution. Bachelor's programmes commonly last three or four years; programme duration and tuition vary by province and institution.

TUITION / YEAR

CAD 42,062

≈ US$ 29,660 / year

Statistics Canada preliminary 2026/27 international undergraduate average. Graduate average: CAD 24,693, excluding MBA. Actual course fees vary.

LIVING / MONTH

CAD 2,400-2,750

≈ US$ 1,690-1,940 / month

University of British Columbia, Vancouver example through August 2027: housing, food and personal costs, rounded monthly. Transport, books, health insurance and flights extra.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: usually 1-2 years
Medicine: 3-4 years after prior study

Fields of study

Engineering; business; computing; sciences; social sciences.

Academic entry

A designated learning institution (DLI) is authorised by its provincial or territorial government to host international students. DLI status does not make every course eligible for a post-graduation work permit. Admission, study permission and graduate-work eligibility are separate determinations.

Financial evidence outside Quebec

For applications from 1 September 2026, the published annual living-funds requirement for one applicant outside Quebec is CAD 23,448, excluding tuition and travel. The figure is an immigration threshold; actual expenditure can be higher, particularly in major-city private housing.

CANADA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and admissions

Provincial systems govern recognition; universities assess qualifications and admission to individual programmes.

572,961

International enrolments in Canadian public colleges and universities. Reporting period: 2023/24.

Institutions and recognised awards

Canada's postsecondary system is organised through provincial and territorial jurisdictions. Universities offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, while colleges and other providers can offer diplomas, certificates and authorised degree programmes. The institution's legal recognition and the specific award therefore matter more than the word college alone. CICIC's directory identifies educational institutions within these systems. Universities Canada provides a membership directory, which serves a different purpose from provincial recognition. Immigration designation is another separate status: a designated learning institution is approved to host international students.

Undergraduate routes and Quebec

Universities admit applicants according to their previous education and the chosen programme's subject requirements. Quebec's standard university pathway follows a pre-university college diploma, the DEC, rather than directly following the province's secondary school diploma. This normally produces thirteen years of schooling before university entry. Applicants from other school systems are assessed under different categories and may have a different degree length or preparatory requirement. McGill, for example, publishes separate admission routes for Quebec CEGEP, Canadian school, overseas school and university-transfer applicants.

Applications and academic records

There is no single national university application or entrance examination. Ontario's OUAC processes undergraduate and specified professional applications on behalf of participating universities, including applications from international students. Other institutions operate their own application routes. The university evaluates academic records against the selected programme's prerequisites and makes the admission decision. A transfer application adds assessment of previous postsecondary study; admission and the award of transfer credit are separate determinations. Language evidence, portfolios and other supplementary material attach to particular programmes or applicant categories.

Research and course-based master's

A Canadian master's can be research-based, course-based or a programme combining both approaches. At UBC, research-based degrees normally begin with coursework and then centre on supervised investigation culminating in a thesis or dissertation. Course-based programmes follow a different balance of taught study and assessment. Eligibility depends on the previous qualification and the programme's academic standards; recognition of a three-year overseas bachelor's is not uniform. UBC, for example, accepts many three-year Bologna-compliant degrees from research-intensive European institutions as a basis for master's admission.

CANADA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Language, co-op and student costs

Course design, location and immigration category produce different practical requirements for international students.

English and French instruction

The teaching language belongs to the programme, rather than to Canada as a single national admissions standard. English-language institutions set accepted tests, component scores and exemptions from prior education. UBC graduate admissions, for example, publishes university requirements alongside programme-specific expectations. French-language institutions assess oral and written competence through their own rules. Université de Montréal accepts specified French tests, diplomas and training routes, with programme-dependent thresholds. A language test accepted for an immigration purpose is not automatically the correct version or sufficient result for academic admission.

Co-operative education

Co-op integrates academic study with organised work terms. Waterloo's model alternates study and work periods, commonly in four-month blocks, and its undergraduate sequences contain four to six work terms depending on the programme. International students can participate in the relevant co-op routes. Employment involves applications and employer selection; the university's employment service is not the employer. Co-op students complete the academic course requirements as well as the work components. Additional work terms can alter the programme calendar, housing periods and movement between study and employment locations.

Tuition, housing and health coverage

International tuition depends on the institution, programme, level and province. Compulsory ancillary fees and living expenses sit alongside tuition, so a published annual fee does not represent the total degree cost. Housing options include campus residences, private rentals and homestays, with rent, utilities and meals covered differently. Health coverage also varies by province or territory. Where public coverage is unavailable to international students, institutions offer medical insurance arrangements. EduCanada's budget guidance treats accommodation, food, communication, transport and insurance as distinct recurring expenses.

Study permits and graduate work

A university offer supports the study-permit application but does not authorise entry. Since 1 January 2026, degree-granting master's and doctoral programmes at public institutions have been exempt from the federal provincial or territorial attestation letter requirement; Quebec requirements still apply. Private institutions and graduate certificates do not share that blanket exemption. For a post-graduation work permit, bachelor's, master's and doctoral graduates need level 7 in each skill on the Canadian English or French language benchmarks, with no field-of-study restriction. Other awards can have different language and subject requirements. The programme and applicant must also satisfy the remaining eligibility conditions.

CANADA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

English-language tests

English-taught programmes requiring formal language evidence.

UBC graduate admissions accepts specified English tests and publishes programme-level requirements. Accepted versions, component scores and exemptions depend on the institution. There is no universal Canadian university IELTS or TOEFL threshold.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

French-language evidence

French-taught programmes and applicant categories requiring proof of proficiency.

Université de Montréal recognises specified TEF, TCF, DELF, DALF and other routes. Programme rules establish the required oral and written components and thresholds. Evidence sufficient for immigration does not automatically satisfy academic admission.

francais.umontreal.ca/etudier-en-francais/tests-diplomes-formations-francais-acceptes/

GMAT / GRE / TAGE MAGE

Selected graduate business programmes.

HEC Montréal's MSc Finance admission route lists these examinations, while some other HEC MSc specialisations make testing optional. Requirements depend on the programme and previous study; no one graduate aptitude test is compulsory across Canadian universities.

www.mba.com/exams/gmat-exam
www.ets.org/gre.html
www.tagemage.fr/

MCAT

Medical schools and applicant categories that require the examination.

The Medical College Admission Test assesses preparation for medical education. Canadian requirements vary by school; a score does not overcome citizenship, residency, degree or prerequisite restrictions. International application availability is school-specific.

students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam

LSAT

Law programmes using the Law School Admission Test.

A programme's admissions rules determine whether the LSAT is required and how overseas academic records are assessed. It is not a national test for all Canadian law qualifications, and French-language or graduate law routes can use different requirements.

www.lsac.org/lsat

Casper

Specified health, teacher-education and other professional programmes.

This situational-judgement assessment is required only by participating programmes. Vancouver Island University uses it for named nursing and education routes. The required test type, language and result-distribution list depend on the particular application.

acuityinsights.app/

CANADA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

University of Toronto - Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship

First-entry undergraduate

Support. Tuition, books, incidental fees and full residence support for four years of first-entry undergraduate study.

Eligibility. Non-Canadian applicants requiring a study permit, completing secondary school in 2026/27 or graduated no earlier than June 2026, and entering Toronto in September 2027. Selection assesses academic achievement, creativity and leadership.

Application. School nomination comes first, followed by a Toronto admission application and the separate Pearson form. Each has its own annual deadline, normally well before September entry.

Conditions. Approximately 37 awards annually; each school may nominate one student. Current postsecondary students and those starting postsecondary study in January 2027 are ineligible. The award is restricted to the applicant's highest-choice programme when decisions are made.

UBC Okanagan - Global Elevation Award

Undergraduate

Support. CAD 8,000 annually as two CAD 4,000 winter-term tuition credits, renewable for three additional years or until degree completion, whichever comes first.

Eligibility. All new international undergraduate students enrolling at UBC Okanagan.

Application. Automatically credited to the student account after acceptance of the admission offer and enrolment.

Conditions. Eligibility-based tuition support at Okanagan only; it provides no separate living allowance and is not a competitive full scholarship.

UBC - International Major Entrance Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. CAD 10,000-25,000 annually at the published 2026/27 rate, renewable for up to three further years.

Eligibility. International students entering UBC directly from secondary school on a Canadian study permit, with exceptional academics and extracurricular involvement; International Scholars nominees are excluded.

Application. Automatic consideration after admission for eligible applicants who applied by the admission deadline; scholarship decisions run from mid-February through April.

Conditions. Competitive merit funding, with no financial-need assessment. Award numbers and values depend on funding; the published rate is for 2026/27, not a confirmed 2027/28 rate.

McGill - McCall MacBain Scholarships

Eligible master's and second-entry professional undergraduate programmes

Support. Tuition and fees for the programme's normal duration, CAD 2,300 monthly during academic terms, a relocation grant and summer-funding options; leadership development and mentoring are included.

Eligibility. For the 2027 cohort: current students finishing their first bachelor's by August 2027; graduates since January 2021; or earlier graduates aged 30 or younger on 1 January 2026. Domestic and international candidates must enter an eligible full-time McGill programme of at least 45 credits.

Application. Separate scholarship application with two references, followed by McGill admission. Finalists must apply to McGill by December, even where the degree deadline is later.

Conditions. The published 2027 cohort offers up to 30 full scholarships, including 10 international places. Applications take place in the preceding year, with different deadlines by applicant group.

CANADA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Toronto

Toronto, Ontario / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Commerce; Life sciences

Toronto is a public university with three campuses: St.

27 King's College Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 1A1, Canada

www.utoronto.ca/

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, Ontario / Public university

Engineering; Management; Social sciences; Health sciences

Ottawa is a public bilingual university offering study in English and French in Canada's capital.

Tabaret Hall, 75 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5, Canada

www.uottawa.ca/

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia / Public university

Engineering; Business; Forestry; Sciences

UBC is a public university with campuses in Vancouver and Kelowna's Okanagan Valley.

6200 University Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4, Canada

www.ubc.ca/

University of Calgary

Calgary, Alberta / Public university

Engineering; Business; Sciences; Nursing

Calgary is a public university combining engineering, business, arts and sciences with medical and veterinary education.

2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada

www.ucalgary.ca/

McGill University

Montréal, Quebec / Public university / QS 2027: 30

Engineering; Management; Sciences; Arts

McGill is a public university with a downtown Montréal campus and the Macdonald campus in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

845 Sherbrooke Street West, Montréal, QC H3A 0G4, Canada

www.mcgill.ca/

Dalhousie University

Halifax, Nova Scotia / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Management; Health

Dalhousie is a public university with three campuses in Halifax and an Agricultural Campus in Bible Hill, near Truro.

Henry Hicks Building, 6299 South Street, Halifax, NS, Canada

www.dal.ca/

University of Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta / Public university

Engineering; Business; Agriculture; Nursing

Alberta is a public university operating five campus locations, four in Edmonton and one in Camrose.

116 Street and 85 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6G 2R3, Canada

www.ualberta.ca/

University of Manitoba

Winnipeg, Manitoba / Public university

Engineering; Business; Agriculture; Architecture

Manitoba is a public university whose two main Winnipeg campuses are Fort Garry and Bannatyne.

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2, Canada

www.umanitoba.ca/

University of Waterloo

Waterloo, Ontario / Public university

Engineering; Mathematics; Computer science; Environment

Waterloo is a public university organised into six faculties: Arts, Engineering, Environment, Health, Mathematics and Science.

200 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1, Canada

www.uwaterloo.ca/

askus@uwaterloo.ca

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Business; Sciences

Saskatchewan is a public university in Saskatoon with programmes spanning agriculture, engineering, health and the humanities.

105 Administration Place, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2, Canada

www.usask.ca/

admissions@usask.ca

CANADA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Memorial University of Newfoundland

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador / Public university

Engineering; Business; Sciences; Humanities

230 Elizabeth Avenue, P.O. Box 4200, St. John's, NL A1C 5S7, Canada

www.mun.ca/

Carleton University

Ottawa, Ontario / Public university

Engineering; Business; Public affairs; Journalism

1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6, Canada

www.carleton.ca/

University of New Brunswick

Fredericton, New Brunswick / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Nursing

Sir Howard Douglas Hall, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada

www.unb.ca/

chooseunb@unb.ca

Brock University

St. Catharines, Ontario / Public university

Business; Education; Health sciences; Humanities

1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1, Canada

www.brocku.ca/

University of Regina

Regina, Saskatchewan / Public university

Engineering; Business; Education; Media

3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK S4S 0A2, Canada

www.uregina.ca/

international.admissions@uregina.ca

Trent University

Peterborough, Ontario / Public university

Environmental sciences; Business; Humanities; Nursing

1600 West Bank Drive, Peterborough, ON K9L 0G2, Canada

www.trentu.ca/

Concordia University

Montréal, Quebec / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Fine arts

1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montréal, QC H3G 1M8, Canada

www.concordia.ca/

Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, British Columbia / Public university

Business; Computing; Nursing; Tourism

805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8, Canada

www.tru.ca/

iapply@tru.ca

York University

Toronto, Ontario / Public university

Business; Engineering; Social sciences; Fine arts

4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3, Canada

www.yorku.ca/

University of Northern British Columbia

Prince George, British Columbia / Public university

Environmental sciences; Forestry; Business; Nursing

3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9, Canada

www.unbc.ca/

futurestudents@unbc.ca

CANADA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Acadia University
Wolfville / Public university
www2.acadiau.ca/

Athabasca University
Athabasca / online / Public distance-learning university
www.athabascau.ca/

Brandon University
Brandon / Public university
www.brandonu.ca/

Cape Breton University
Sydney, Nova Scotia / Public university
www.cbu.ca/

Capilano University
North Vancouver / Public university
www.capilanou.ca/

Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Vancouver / Public specialist university
www.ecuad.ca/

HEC Montréal
Montréal / Public university-level business school
www.hec.ca/

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Surrey / Richmond / Langley / Public polytechnic university
www.kpu.ca/

Lakehead University
Thunder Bay / Orillia / Public university
www.lakeheadu.ca/

Laurentian University
Greater Sudbury / Public university
laurentian.ca/

MacEwan University
Edmonton / Public university
www.macewan.ca/

McMaster University
Hamilton / Public university
www.mcmaster.ca/

Mount Allison University
Sackville / Public university
mta.ca/

Mount Royal University
Calgary / Public university
www.mtroyal.ca/

Ontario Tech University
Oshawa / Public university
ontariotechu.ca/

Polytechnique Montréal
Montréal / Public university-level engineering school
www.polymtl.ca/

Queen's University
Kingston / Public university
www.queensu.ca/

Royal Roads University
Victoria / Public university
www.royalroads.ca/

Saint Mary's University
Halifax / Public university
www.smu.ca/

Simon Fraser University
Burnaby / Vancouver / Surrey / Public university
www.sfu.ca/

St. Francis Xavier University
Antigonish / Public university
www.stfx.ca/

Toronto Metropolitan University
Toronto / Public university
www.torontomu.ca/

University of Guelph
Guelph / Public university
www.uoguelph.ca/

University of Lethbridge
Lethbridge / Calgary / Public university
www.ulethbridge.ca/

University of Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown / Public university
www.upei.ca/

University of the Fraser Valley
Abbotsford / Chilliwack / Public university
www.ufv.ca/

University of Victoria
Victoria / Public university
www.uvic.ca/

University of Windsor
Windsor / Public university
www.uwindsor.ca/

University of Winnipeg
Winnipeg / Public university
www.uwinnipeg.ca/

Université de Moncton
Moncton / Edmundston / Shippagan / Public university
www.umoncton.ca/

Université de Montréal
Montréal / Public university
www.umontreal.ca/

Université de Sherbrooke
Sherbrooke / Longueuil / Public university
www.usherbrooke.ca/

Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
Saguenay / Public university
www.uqac.ca/

Université du Québec à Montréal
Montréal / Public university
uqam.ca/

Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
Trois-Rivières / Public university
www.uqtr.ca/

Université Laval
Québec City / Public university
www.ulaval.ca/

Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo / Public university
www.viu.ca/

Western University
London, Ontario / Public university
www.uwo.ca/

Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo / Brantford / Milton / Public university
www.wlu.ca/

École de technologie supérieure
Montréal / Public university-level engineering school
www.etsmtl.ca/

STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

Australia

Registered international courses and several degree-entry routes.

Australian higher education includes public and private universities and other registered providers. CRICOS is the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students. It identifies courses registered for international students on student visas; qualification level and professional recognition remain distinct matters.



Old Arts Building, University of Melbourne, 2018. / Gracchus250 / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Academic entry

Admission is based on academic and English requirements for the selected course. The provider issues a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) following acceptance and required formalities. Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is part of the student-visa framework, subject to the applicable exemptions.

TUITION / YEAR

AUD 44,800

≈ US$ 31,380 / year

Deakin Bachelor of Business Analytics, 2026 international annual full-time example. Three-year degree; programme and later-year fees vary.

LIVING / MONTH

AUD 3,333

≈ US$ 2,330 / month

University of Melbourne published 2025 allowance divided by 12: room, food, personal costs and books. Travel and OSHC are additional.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 3-5 years
Master's: 1-4 years by programme
Medicine: direct entry 5-6; graduate MD 4

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; nursing; education.

Course and campus registration

CRICOS records the registered provider and course, including its location and duration. The same institution can offer different qualifications at different campuses. A course's tuition fee, compulsory health cover and academic-year living estimate are separate components of the budget.

AUSTRALIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and entry routes

The Australian Qualifications Framework distinguishes award levels; provider and international-course registration are separate.

851,780

International students studying in Australia in 2025. Reporting period: 2025.

Bachelor's degrees and honours

The Australian Qualifications Framework places the bachelor's degree at level 7 and the bachelor honours degree at level 8. Honours can be embedded within a longer bachelor's course or completed as a separate year after a bachelor's degree. The honours structure includes advanced study appropriate to its field and can provide research preparation for further study. Graduate certificates and graduate diplomas also sit at level 8, but have different purposes and learning outcomes. Sharing a framework level does not make these qualifications interchangeable.

Master's and doctoral distinctions

AQF level 9 contains research, coursework and extended master's qualifications; doctoral degrees sit at level 10. Coursework master's duration depends partly on previous study, its subject relationship and the course's purpose. TEQSA's examples range from one year after relevant honours preparation to two years after a bachelor's in a different discipline. An extended master's has a distinct professional structure, commonly three to four years after a bachelor's. Some approved extended master's awards use professional titles, so the word Doctor in a course name does not alone establish doctoral-level research study.

Provider status and CRICOS

TEQSA's National Register distinguishes Australian Universities, University Colleges, Institutes of Higher Education and Overseas Universities. These categories identify registered higher-education providers; they are not interchangeable institutional titles. CRICOS separately records providers and courses available to people studying in Australia on student visas. A provider's TEQSA registration therefore does not establish that every course or delivery location accepts student-visa enrolment. The international course record identifies the relevant qualification and location. Online provision and domestic course offerings can have different availability from the institution's CRICOS-listed programmes.

Applications, pathways and transfers

International applications usually go directly to the institution. The route can change with the qualification: Sydney directs international applicants taking Australian Year 12 or an IB diploma in Australia through UAC. Foundation courses prepare students for entry; approved diploma pathways may provide degree credit. The receiving programme determines how much prior study counts. From 2 October 2026, non-school international students are generally restricted from changing providers during the first 12 months of their principal course, subject to exceptions. This temporary restriction ends on 30 June 2027; the six-month period resumes on 1 July.

AUSTRALIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Teaching, health and living costs

Course calendars and clinical selection differ; tuition, housing and health cover create separate costs.

Semesters and block teaching

Many universities offer a first-semester start in February or March and a second-semester start in July. Mid-year availability depends on the programme's sequence rather than on a national entitlement to start every degree twice a year. Institutions also use alternative teaching calendars. Victoria University's Block Model concentrates undergraduate study on one subject at a time in four-week blocks; some postgraduate courses use eight-week blocks. These structures change assessment timing and the weekly pattern of study even when the final qualification has the same AQF level.

Medical and clinical selection

Medical entry includes school-leaver pathways and graduate-entry degrees with distinct eligibility and testing. UCAT ANZ serves specified consortium courses, while ISAT is used by selected programmes for international applicants. Graduate routes can require GAMSAT or an accepted alternative. Melbourne's four-year Doctor of Medicine admits graduates through a process including academic assessment and interview; its international route accepts MCAT from applicants residing outside Australia at application. Clinical education takes place through allocated clinical schools and sites. Admission to a degree and subsequent professional registration remain different processes.

Visa applications and health cover

A Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) supports a Student visa application after the offer is accepted. Overseas Student Health Cover is generally required throughout the stay, with recognised exemptions. From 2 October 2026, most temporary visa holders must apply outside Australia; current students need an exemption to apply for a further visa onshore. Partners and children can be included only under specified exemptions, including doctoral study or qualifying government sponsorship. They cannot be added after visa grant as subsequent entrants. Applications lodged before 2 October remain subject to the earlier rules. Existing Student visas remain valid.

Tuition and accommodation costs

Tuition depends on the provider, qualification and subject, while living costs depend strongly on location and accommodation. Purpose-built student housing, university residences, homestays and private shared rentals offer different combinations of room, meals, utilities and services. A rental figure with electricity and internet included is not directly comparable with a room-only figure. Initial moving costs and recurring expenses are separate parts of the budget. Study Australia's cost calculator distinguishes housing, transport and lifestyle choices; it supplies estimates rather than a fixed national student living allowance.

AUSTRALIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

IELTS Academic

Degree applicants required to establish English proficiency by examination.

Universities set overall and component requirements and approved alternatives. Sydney publishes course-specific English requirements and recognises specified prior-study routes. Academic admission requirements and the separate student-visa English rules are not identical.

ielts.org/

TOEFL iBT / PTE Academic

Applicants using an accepted alternative English test.

Accepted versions and score mappings are institution-specific. Sydney does not accept TOEFL Home Edition and publishes its approved test concordance. A test brand alone is insufficient: the examination version and programme requirement determine acceptability.

www.ets.org/toefl.html
www.pearsonpte.com/

UCAT ANZ

Relevant medical, dental and clinical-science courses at consortium institutions.

The University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand serves named consortium courses and applicant categories. International routes do not all require UCAT ANZ; some use ISAT instead. The 2026 cycle supplies results for 2027 entry.

www.ucat.edu.au/

ISAT

Selected medical and health-related courses admitting international students.

ACER's International Student Admissions Test forms one component of selection at participating programmes. It is not an alternative accepted automatically by every UCAT ANZ course; the institution's international entry route determines its use.

isat.acer.org/

GAMSAT

Specified graduate-entry medical and related programmes.

The Graduate Medical School Admissions Test is used alongside degree results and other selection components. Melbourne's standard graduate medicine route requires valid GAMSAT results except where its published international MCAT alternative applies. An academic threshold does not guarantee selection.

gamsat.acer.org/

MCAT

Specified international graduate medicine routes accepting the North American examination.

Melbourne accepts MCAT results from international applicants residing outside Australia at the time of application; international applicants residing in Australia use GAMSAT. This is a defined institutional alternative, not a national exemption from Australian medical selection.

students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam

AUSTRALIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Australian Government - Research Training Program (RTP)

Research master's and research doctorate

Support. University packages may include fee offsets, a stipend and allowances. Published 2027 full-time annual stipend limits are AUD 35,550-55,537. Standard support lasts up to two full-time years for research master's degrees and three to four for doctorates.

Eligibility. Domestic and international students undertaking a research master's or research doctorate at an eligible Australian higher education provider; each institution selects its recipients.

Application. Apply to the university through its research-degree and scholarship process. Students may seek RTP awards from more than one institution; the Department of Education does not accept student applications.

Conditions. RTP is institutional funding, not a single central competition. A fee-offset award does not necessarily include a stipend. Bachelor's and coursework master's degrees are excluded.

Monash International Merit Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. AUD 15,000 per 48 credit points annually until the degree's minimum credit requirement is completed; advertised total up to AUD 75,000 for awards made from 2026.

Eligibility. New international students holding an unconditional offer for full-time undergraduate study at an Australian Monash campus. Exclusions: Australian Year 12 students, Medical Science/MD entrants, Monash pathway students, current Monash students, and transfers from another Monash campus or Australian university.

Application. Automatic consideration of eligible undergraduate offer-holders; selection is based on academic achievement. No separate scholarship form is required.

Conditions. Twenty awards annually. Renewal requires a semester average of at least 70% and a student profile for university promotional use. Deferral is permitted only within the same calendar year.

University of Melbourne - Graduate Research Scholarships

Research master's and doctorate

Support. Full fees for up to two years for research master's and four for doctorates; AUD 41,100 annual stipend at the 2027 full-time rate for up to two and 3.5 years respectively. Relocation grants are AUD 2,000 interstate or AUD 3,000 overseas; eligible international recipients receive single OSHC.

Eligibility. New or current domestic and international graduate researchers. Stipend recipients are ranked on previous academic results and research potential. All domestic students admitted to research master's or PhD study receive an RTP fee offset.

Application. New students applying for a research degree by its deadline receive automatic consideration. Current or deferred students use the enrolling faculty's scholarship reconsideration process.

Conditions. Stipend packages are competitive. This umbrella scheme includes Melbourne Research Scholarships and RTP scholarships; the national RTP entry is an overlapping funding route, not an additional award.

Deakin Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship

Undergraduate and postgraduate coursework

Support. 50% or 100% of tuition for the programme's normal duration. Required participation in the Vice-Chancellor's Professional Excellence Program and priority access to campus accommodation, paid by the student, are included.

Eligibility. New international coursework students meeting degree and English requirements. Academic minimum: 85% or equivalent in previous study; published examples include IB 32 and 80% in an undergraduate degree or its first four semesters. Doctor of Medicine is excluded.

Application. Email the scholarship form, 300-word statement, two community/leadership references and degree application with transcripts to Deakin International Admissions at least one month before commencement. Assessment is rolling; interviews may be requested.

Conditions. Minimum results do not guarantee selection. Accommodation remains payable, availability is limited, and extra or repeated units beyond the normal degree duration are excluded.

AUSTRALIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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University of Melbourne

Melbourne, Victoria / Public university

Commerce; Sciences; Arts; Design

Melbourne is a public university with its main campus at Parkville and several specialist campuses.

Grattan Street, Parkville, VIC 3010, Australia

www.unimelb.edu.au/

University of Queensland

Brisbane, Queensland / Public university

Engineering; Business; Sciences; Agriculture

Queensland is a public university with multidisciplinary teaching at St Lucia in Brisbane.

University of Queensland, Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia

www.uq.edu.au/

Australian National University

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory / Public university

Politics; International relations; Sciences; Computing

ANU is a public university centred on the Acton campus in Canberra, with study spanning public policy, Asia and the Pacific, sciences and the humanities.

Australian National University, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia

www.anu.edu.au/

University of Western Australia

Perth, Western Australia / Public university

Engineering; Commerce; Sciences; Arts

UWA is a public university with its main campus at Crawley in Perth and a regional campus in Albany.

35 Stirling Highway, Perth WA 6009, Australia

www.uwa.edu.au/

University of Sydney

Sydney, New South Wales / Public university

Business; Engineering; Arts; Sciences

Sydney is a public university based at Camperdown and Darlington, with specialist teaching and research locations across New South Wales.

University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia

www.sydney.edu.au/

Adelaide University

Adelaide, South Australia / Public university

Engineering; Business; Health; Education

Adelaide University is the public institution formed by combining the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

Adelaide City Campus East, Adelaide University, Adelaide SA 5005, Australia

adelaide.edu.au/

UNSW Sydney

Sydney, New South Wales / Public university / QS 2027: 19

Engineering; Business; Computer science; Sciences

UNSW is a public university whose main Sydney campus is in Kensington.

High Street, Kensington, NSW 2052, Australia

www.unsw.edu.au/

University of Technology Sydney

Sydney, New South Wales / Public university

Engineering; Information technology; Business; Design

UTS is a public university based in Ultimo, with programmes spanning engineering, design, business, communication and health.

15 Broadway, Ultimo, NSW 2007, Australia

www.uts.edu.au/

Monash University

Melbourne, Victoria / Public university

Engineering; Business; Information technology; Pharmacy

Monash is a public university with four principal undergraduate campuses in Victoria: Clayton, Caulfield, Parkville and Peninsula.

Wellington Road, Clayton, VIC 3800, Australia

www.monash.edu/

RMIT University

Melbourne, Victoria / Public dual-sector university

Design; Architecture; Engineering; Business

RMIT is a public university providing both higher education and vocational training.

124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia

www.rmit.edu.au/

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Deakin University

Melbourne, Victoria / Public university

Business; Education; Engineering; Health

Deakin is a public university with Victorian campuses at Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waterfront, Geelong Waurn Ponds and Warrnambool, alongside online study.

221 Burwood Highway, Burwood, VIC 3125, Australia

www.deakin.edu.au/

Curtin University

Perth, Western Australia / Public university

Engineering; Mining; Business; Health sciences

Curtin is a public university with its principal campus in Bentley, Perth, and a Kalgoorlie campus in Western Australia's Goldfields.

Kent Street, Bentley, Perth WA 6102, Australia

www.curtin.edu.au/

Griffith University

Brisbane, Queensland / Public university

Business; Engineering; Health; Education

Griffith is a public university with campuses at the Gold Coast, Logan, Brisbane South and Brisbane City.

170 Kessels Road, Nathan, QLD 4111, Australia

www.griffith.edu.au/

Edith Cowan University

Joondalup, Western Australia / Public university

Nursing; Education; Engineering; Business

ECU is a public university with City, Joondalup and South West campuses in Western Australia.

270 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup, WA 6027, Australia

www.ecu.edu.au/

University of Newcastle

Newcastle, New South Wales / Public university

Engineering; Business; Education; Health

Newcastle is a public university with its main campus at Callaghan, a Newcastle City precinct and Central Coast locations in Ourimbah and Gosford.

University Drive, Callaghan, NSW 2308, Australia

www.newcastle.edu.au/

international-enquiries@newcastle.edu.au

Charles Sturt University

Bathurst, New South Wales / Public university

Nursing; Education; Agriculture; Business

Charles Sturt is a public university with a network of regional campuses including Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Orange, Dubbo, Albury-Wodonga and Port Macquarie.

Panorama Avenue, Bathurst, NSW 2795, Australia

www.csu.edu.au/

University of Wollongong

Wollongong, New South Wales / Public university

Engineering; Computing; Business; Sciences

Wollongong is a public university with a main Wollongong campus and a separate Innovation Campus.

Northfields Avenue, Wollongong, NSW 2522, Australia

www.uow.edu.au/

James Cook University

Townsville, Queensland / Public university

Marine sciences; Health sciences; Business; Engineering

James Cook is a public university with campuses in Townsville and Cairns and an international campus in Singapore.

1 James Cook Drive, James Cook University, QLD 4811, Australia

www.jcu.edu.au/

enquiries@jcu.edu.au

University of Tasmania

Hobart, Tasmania / Public university

Marine sciences; Business; Health; Education

Tasmania is a public university with campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

GPO Box 426, Hobart, TAS 7001, Australia

www.utas.edu.au/

Bond University

Gold Coast, Queensland / Private not-for-profit university

Business; Law; Health sciences; Architecture

Bond is a private, not-for-profit university in Robina on the Gold Coast.

14 University Drive, Robina, QLD 4226, Australia

bond.edu.au/

AUSTRALIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Academy of Interactive Technology
Sydney / Melbourne / Specialist higher-education provider
ait.edu.au/

ACAP University College
Sydney and other campuses / University college
www.acap.edu.au/

Alphacrucis University College
Parramatta and other campuses / University college
www.ac.edu.au/

Australian Catholic University
Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane and other campuses / Australian university
www.acu.edu.au/

Australian College of Physical Education
Sydney Olympic Park / Specialist higher-education provider
acpe.edu.au/

Australian Film Television and Radio School
Sydney / Specialist higher-education provider
www.aftrs.edu.au/

Australian Institute of Business
Adelaide / online / Higher-education provider
www.aib.edu.au/

Australian Institute of Higher Education
Sydney / Higher-education provider
aih.edu.au/

Australian Institute of Music
Sydney / Melbourne / Specialist higher-education provider
aim.edu.au/

Avondale University
Cooranbong / Sydney / Australian university
www.avondale.edu.au/

Charles Darwin University
Darwin / Australian university
www.cdu.edu.au/

CQUniversity Australia
Rockhampton and other campuses / Australian university
www.cqu.edu.au/

Engineering Institute of Technology
Perth / Melbourne / Specialist higher-education provider
www.eit.edu.au/

Excelsia University College
Sydney / University college
excelsia.edu.au/

Federation University Australia
Ballarat / Berwick / Gippsland / Australian university
federation.edu.au/

Flinders University
Adelaide / Australian university
www.flinders.edu.au/

Holmes Institute
Melbourne and other campuses / Higher-education provider
www.holmes.edu.au/

International College of Hotel Management
Adelaide / Specialist higher-education provider
www.ichm.edu.au/

International College of Management, Sydney
Manly, Sydney / Higher-education provider
www.icms.edu.au/

Kaplan Business School
Adelaide / Brisbane / Melbourne / Perth / Sydney / Higher-education provider
www.kbs.edu.au/

La Trobe University
Melbourne / Bendigo and regional campuses / Australian university
www.latrobe.edu.au/

Macquarie University
Sydney / Australian university
www.mq.edu.au/

Melbourne Institute of Technology
Melbourne / Sydney / Higher-education provider
www.mit.edu.au/

Murdoch University
Perth / Australian university
www.murdoch.edu.au/

National Art School
Sydney / Specialist higher-education provider
nas.edu.au/

National Institute of Dramatic Art
Sydney / Specialist higher-education provider
www.nida.edu.au/

Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane / Australian university
www.qut.edu.au/

S P Jain School of Global Management
Sydney / Higher-education provider
www.spjain.edu.au/

SAE University College
Sydney and other campuses / University college
sae.edu.au/

Southern Cross University
Lismore / Coffs Harbour / Gold Coast / Australian university
www.scu.edu.au/

Swinburne University of Technology
Melbourne / Australian university
www.swinburne.edu.au/

The University of Notre Dame Australia
Fremantle / Sydney / Broome / Australian university
www.notredame.edu.au/

Torrens University Australia
Adelaide / Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Australian university
www.torrens.edu.au/

University of Canberra
Canberra / Australian university
www.canberra.edu.au/

University of Divinity
Melbourne and partner colleges / Australian university
divinity.edu.au/

University of New England
Armidale / Australian university
www.une.edu.au/

University of Southern Queensland
Toowoomba / Springfield / Ipswich / Australian university
www.unisq.edu.au/

University of the Sunshine Coast
Sunshine Coast / Moreton Bay / Australian university
www.unisc.edu.au/

Victoria University
Melbourne / Australian university
www.vu.edu.au/

Western Sydney University
Greater Western Sydney / Australian university
www.westernsydney.edu.au/

STUDY IN GERMANY

Germany

Research universities and universities of applied sciences.



Freie Universität Berlin - Henry-Ford-Bau, Dahlem campus / Peter Kuley (Fridolin freudenfett) / CC BY-SA 3.0 / cropped

Germany combines research universities with universities of applied sciences, which emphasise professional practice and applied projects. Many public programmes charge no tuition; semester contributions remain payable. State and institutional exceptions include charges affecting non-EU students in Baden-Württemberg and some Bavarian universities.

TUITION / YEAR

EUR 0 at many public courses

US$ 0 tuition; other costs apply

Many public bachelor's and master's courses; semester contributions extra. Exceptions include affected non-EU students in Baden-Württemberg: EUR 3,000/year, and some Bavarian/private programmes.

LIVING / MONTH

EUR 900-1,200

≈ US$ 1,020-1,360 / month

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) planning range. The EUR 11,904 visa-funds reference is for 2026 and forms part of living expenditure, rather than an additional bill.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
Medicine: 6 years 3 months

Fields of study

Engineering; computer science; business; natural sciences.

Academic entry

Bachelor's entry requires a recognised university entrance qualification. From winter 2026/27, the standard Indian Class XII plus APS routes through Studienkolleg or one successful recognised bachelor's year require 70% overall in Class XII. APS means Academic Evaluation Centre. Other qualifications follow their applicable recognition routes.

Living funds and graduate residence

The 2026 blocked-account reference is EUR 11,904, released at EUR 992 monthly for living expenses. It is one accepted funding route. Eligible graduates of German higher-education institutions can obtain up to 18 months to seek qualified employment; this is a residence route, not a job offer.

GERMANY / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Institutions and qualifications

Recognised qualifications establish eligibility; institutions retain responsibility for course selection and admission.

Around 402,000

International students and doctoral candidates enrolled at German universities. Reporting period: winter 2024/25.

University types

Universities combine teaching with research across disciplines; technical universities concentrate strongly on scientific and engineering fields. Universities of applied sciences, also called Hochschulen für angewandte Wissenschaften or Fachhochschulen, organise programmes around professional application, often including practical projects or placements. Colleges of art and music use specialist selection procedures. State and state-recognised private institutions appear in the Higher Education Compass. Institutional category describes the teaching structure, while the programme's published curriculum establishes its actual subjects, practical components, qualification and language of instruction.

Degrees and state examinations

Bachelor's degrees normally require 180 to 240 ECTS credits; master's degrees normally require a further 60 to 120. Sixty credits represent a full year's workload, including independent study and assessment. A master's builds on an appropriate first degree, and admission can depend on particular modules or subject preparation. Programmes leading to the Staatsexamen follow a different structure: students study at a university, while state examination boards administer the final examination. The qualification title and examination regulations distinguish these professional routes from the bachelor-master sequence.

School entry and Studienkolleg

Undergraduate entry requires a recognised Hochschulzugangsberechtigung, or university entrance qualification. The overseas school certificate and any prior university study determine whether admission is general, restricted to related subjects, or dependent on further preparation. A Studienkolleg normally prepares students within a defined subject group before the Feststellungsprüfung. This examination establishes subject-related eligibility rather than an unrestricted entitlement to any degree. Studienkolleg teaching is generally in German, including preparation for some subsequent English-taught courses. Language evidence and selection for limited places remain additional requirements.

Applications and assessment

Application routes differ by university and applicant category. Some institutions receive applications directly; others use uni-assist for document evaluation. A VPD, or Vorprüfungsdokumentation, records the submitted certificates, their evaluation and the converted German grade for a particular university. Uni-assist normally takes four to six weeks to issue it, and the document is valid for one year. The applicant subsequently submits the VPD through the university's own application process. The VPD evaluates credentials; the university's separate decision determines admission to the chosen course.

GERMANY / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Language and student costs

Language certificates, academic aptitude tests and document verification serve different purposes.

German and English teaching

The teaching language determines which language evidence a programme accepts. TestDaF and registered DSH examinations are established routes for German proficiency. English-taught programmes may accept an English test or qualifying previous study in English. Studienkolleg and language-preparation courses set their own entry conditions. The university's rules specify accepted certificates and scores alongside the academic qualifications, prerequisite subjects and selection criteria needed for admission.

APS India and the dMAT transition

For summer 2027 and later master's intakes, APS India requires dMAT documentation for specified previous degrees in engineering; commerce, accounting, finance or economics; or business and management. Exemptions cover APS registration or complete-document shipment before 29 June 2026, completed APS procedures, and confirmed exchange, double-degree or university-partnership programmes. Bachelor's applicants are outside this requirement. Applicants may submit the other required APS documents first, but certification awaits the required dMAT result. Universities assess admission independently, including the recognition of previous qualifications.

Tuition and semester contributions

Tuition and semester contributions are separate charges. Baden-Württemberg charges affected non-EU/EEA students €1,500 per semester, subject to statutory exceptions. TUM's scheme for affected new non-EU/EEA entrants normally charges €2,000 or €3,000 per bachelor's semester and €4,000 or €6,000 per master's semester; exemptions and waivers apply. Other institutions and student categories have different rules, and private providers set their own tuition. Semester contributions support student services and other local provisions; their amount and any transport component depend on the institution and semester.

Housing and student services

Studierendenwerke provide services beyond university teaching: residences, student restaurants, social advice, psychological counselling and support with childcare or financial difficulties. Housing is a separate service with its own application and allocation arrangements. Some organisations offer international-student packages combining accommodation with defined additional services. Health-insurance evidence is required for university registration, with treatment of existing overseas coverage depending on the applicable rules. Living expenses include rent, food, insurance, learning materials, transport and communication costs, even where the degree itself has no general tuition charge.

GERMANY / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TestDaF

German-language proficiency for applicants to German-taught degrees.

At least TDN 4 in each of the four sections meets the national German-language framework for unrestricted admission or enrolment. Universities also assess academic eligibility and any selection requirements.

www.testdaf.de/

DSH

German-language assessment administered under the registered university examination framework.

The Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang tests academic German. Recognition depends on an examination conducted under the national framework; the required level and any exemption form part of the receiving institution's language rules.

www.hrk.de/themen/internationales/internationale-studierende-und-forschende/hochschulzugang-fuer-internationale-studierende/sprachnachweis-deutsch/

Feststellungsprüfung

Applicants whose qualification requires the Studienkolleg or equivalent assessment route.

The examination follows a subject-group curriculum and establishes eligibility for related degree subjects. It is not required from every international applicant and is distinct from the entrance assessment used to select students for a Studienkolleg.

www.uni-assist.de/en/how-to-apply/get-information/studienkolleg-preparatory-course/

TestAS

International undergraduate applicants where the university's admission rules use this aptitude test.

The Test for Academic Studies assesses academic aptitude, with subject modules. Institutions can require it or use results in selection; it is not a universal national entry requirement. The relevant degree determines the required module and treatment of the score.

www.testas.de/

dMAT

Selected APS India master's applicants for summer 2027 or later.

The Digital Master Test applies to specified previous degrees in engineering, commerce/accounting/finance/economics, and business/management. APS online registration or complete-document shipment before 29 June 2026 creates a transitional exemption; completed APS procedures are not reopened. Confirmed exchange and university-partnership programmes are exempt. APS verification, recognition and university selection remain separate.

aps-india.de/dmat/

English-language tests

English-taught courses that require formal test evidence.

Institutions specify accepted tests, minimum component scores and exemptions based on prior study. IELTS, TOEFL and other evidence may be accepted under course rules; Germany has no single English score covering every bachelor's or master's programme.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

GERMANY / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

DAAD Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines

Postgraduate: master's / second degree; not bachelor's

Support. The 2027 call provides €992 monthly for 10-24 months, a €460 annual study allowance, insurance contributions and a travel allowance on application.

Eligibility. A first degree completed before funding begins; academic merit and evidence of the programme language. The degree is normally no more than six years old, and residence in Germany must not exceed 15 months at the deadline.

Application. Applications use the DAAD portal under the eligible country/status call. University admission is a separate application. Funding normally starts on 1 October 2027, with earlier funded language preparation possible.

Conditions. Tuition is excluded. A master's already begun in Germany is ineligible. Admission to the named host programme is required; artistic disciplines and architecture have separate DAAD awards.

Deutschlandstipendium

Undergraduate and postgraduate taught degrees at participating institutions; not doctorate

Support. €300 per month for at least two semesters, renewable within the standard period of study. Federal funding and private sponsors each provide half the award.

Eligibility. Students admitted to or enrolled at participating institutions, including international students. Selection combines academic achievement or promise with social engagement and personal circumstances.

Application. Each participating university administers its own selection, application portal and funding calendar. There is no national application form or common deadline.

Conditions. This is partial funding. Awards depend on institutional selection and available sponsorship; renewal is subject to the university's review.

DAAD Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)

Postgraduate: listed master's courses; exceptional doctoral routes; not bachelor's

Support. Funding lasts 12-42 months: €992 monthly for graduates or €1,400 for doctoral candidates, plus insurance contributions and eligible travel support.

Eligibility. Applicants from listed developing or newly industrialised countries need a relevant degree, upper-third academic results and at least two years of related professional work after the first degree. Development-related motivation and course language proficiency are required.

Application. Applications go directly to up to three listed courses, using the same priority order and motivation letter. The published 2027/28 EPOS course list gives individual scholarship deadlines.

Conditions. Funding is restricted to listed EPOS courses. Degrees are normally no more than six years old; applicants resident in Germany for over 15 months at the deadline are excluded.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Postgraduate: selected joint master's programmes involving a German partner

Support. €1,400 per month for the funded 12-, 18- or 24-month master's programme, contributing to living, travel, visa and installation costs. Scholarship holders pay no tuition or compulsory participation charges.

Eligibility. Applicants worldwide with a bachelor's degree, or final-year students graduating before the programme starts. Consortium academic and language requirements apply; previous EMJM scholarship recipients cannot receive another EMJM scholarship.

Application. The joint programme consortium receives applications and selects scholarship holders. German study takes place only in programmes whose approved mobility pathway includes a German partner.

Conditions. Full-time enrolment and the consortium's international mobility requirements apply. The award cannot fund an unrelated German degree; funded places belong to specific programme intakes.

GERMANY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Technical University of Munich

Munich / Public research university / QS 2027: 25
Engineering; Computing; Natural sciences; Management
Arcisstraße 21, 80333 Munich, Germany
www.tum.de/en/

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Munich / Public research university
Humanities; Natural sciences; Medicine; Law
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, 80539 Munich, Germany
www.lmu.de/en/
international@lmu.de

Heidelberg University

Heidelberg / Public research university
Medicine; Biosciences; Humanities; Law
Grabengasse 1, 69117 Heidelberg, Germany
www.uni-heidelberg.de/en

Freie Universität Berlin

Berlin / Public research university
Humanities; Social sciences; Natural sciences; Law
Kaiserswerther Straße 16-18, 14195 Berlin, Germany
www.fu-berlin.de/en/
info-service@fu-berlin.de

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Berlin / Public research university
Humanities; Social sciences; Natural sciences; Law
Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin, Germany (postal address)
www.hu-berlin.de/en

Technische Universität Berlin

Berlin / Public research university
Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Natural sciences
Straße des 17. Juni 135, 10623 Berlin, Germany
www.tu.berlin/en/

RWTH Aachen University

Aachen / Public research university
Engineering; Computer science; Natural sciences; Medicine
Templergraben 55, 52062 Aachen, Germany
www.rwth-aachen.de/

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Karlsruhe / Public research university
Engineering; Computer science; Physics; Chemistry
Kaiserstraße 12, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany
www.kit.edu/english/
info@kit.edu

TUD Dresden University of Technology

Dresden / Public research university
Engineering; Natural sciences; Medicine; Humanities
01062 Dresden, Germany (central postal address)
tu-dresden.de/?set_language=en

University of Bonn

Bonn / Public research university
Mathematics; Economics; Agriculture; Medicine
Regina-Pacis-Weg 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany
www.uni-bonn.de/en

University of Freiburg

Freiburg im Breisgau / Public research university
Humanities; Natural sciences; Medicine; Environmental sciences
Friedrichstraße 39, 79098 Freiburg, Germany
uni-freiburg.de/en/
study@uni-freiburg.de

University of Tübingen

Tübingen / Public research university
Medicine; Humanities; Natural sciences; Economics
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 72074 Tübingen, Germany
uni-tuebingen.de/en/
info@uni-tuebingen.de

GERMANY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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University of Göttingen

Göttingen / Public research university

Natural sciences; Agriculture; Forestry; Humanities

Wilhelmsplatz 1, 37073 Göttingen, Germany

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Erlangen and Nuremberg / Public research university

Engineering; Medicine; Natural sciences; Business

Freyeslebenstraße 1, 91058 Erlangen, Germany (central administration)

www.fau.eu/

zulassungsstelle-international@fau.de

University of Hamburg

Hamburg / Public research university

Natural sciences; Humanities; Law; Business

Mittelweg 177, 20148 Hamburg, Germany

www.uni-hamburg.de/en.html

University of Stuttgart

Stuttgart / Public research university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Natural sciences

Keplerstraße 7, 70174 Stuttgart, Germany

www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/

University of Cologne

Cologne / Public research university

Economics; Social sciences; Law; Medicine

Albertus-Magnus-Platz, 50923 Cologne, Germany

uni-koeln.de/en/

University of Mannheim

Mannheim / Public research university

Business; Economics; Social sciences; Humanities

Schloss, 68131 Mannheim, Germany

www.uni-mannheim.de/en/

Goethe University Frankfurt

Frankfurt am Main / Public foundation university

Economics; Social sciences; Humanities; Natural sciences

Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 1, 60323 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

www.uni-frankfurt.de/en

Leipzig University

Leipzig / Public research university

Humanities; Medicine; Natural sciences; Economics

Ritterstraße 26, 04109 Leipzig, Germany

www.uni-leipzig.de/en/

University of Münster

Münster / Public research university

Humanities; Natural sciences; Law; Business

Schlossplatz 2, 48149 Münster, Germany

www.uni-muenster.de/en/

Technical University of Darmstadt

Darmstadt / Public research university

Engineering; Computer science; Natural sciences; Architecture

Karolinenplatz 5, 64289 Darmstadt, Germany

www.tu-darmstadt.de/

GERMANY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Saarland University

Saarbrücken / Public research university

Computer science; Engineering; Law; Business

Campus A2 3, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

www.uni-saarland.de/en/

info@uni-saarland.de

TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences

Cologne / Public university of applied sciences

Engineering; Business; Social sciences; Design

Gustav-Heinemann-Ufer 54, 50968 Cologne, Germany

www.th-koeln.de/en/

University of Potsdam

Potsdam / Public research university

Natural sciences; Humanities; Social sciences; Law

Am Neuen Palais 10, 14469 Potsdam, Germany

www.uni-potsdam.de/en/

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

Hamburg / Public university of applied sciences

Engineering; Computer science; Life sciences; Design

Berliner Tor 5, 20099 Hamburg, Germany

www.haw-hamburg.de/en/

HTW Berlin - University of Applied Sciences

Berlin / Public university of applied sciences

Engineering; Computing; Business; Design

Treskowallee 8, 10318 Berlin, Germany

www.htw-berlin.de/en/

Munich University of Applied Sciences

Munich / Public university of applied sciences

Engineering; Business; Design; Social sciences

Lothstraße 34, 80335 Munich, Germany

hm.edu/index.en.html

Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

Kleve and Kamp-Lintfort / Public university of applied sciences

Technology; Life sciences; Business; Society

Marie-Curie-Straße 1, 47533 Kleve, Germany

www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en

info@hochschule-rhein-waal.de

Constructor University

Bremen / Private university

Computer science; Engineering; Natural sciences; Business

Campus Ring 1, 28759 Bremen, Germany

constructor.university/

Deggendorf Institute of Technology

Deggendorf / Public university of applied sciences

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Health sciences

Dieter-Görlitz-Platz 1, 94469 Deggendorf, Germany

www.th-deg.de/en

info@th-deg.de

WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management

Vallendar and Düsseldorf / Private university

Business; Management; Finance; Economics

Burgplatz 2, 56179 Vallendar, Germany

www.whu.edu/en/

whu@whu.edu

GERMANY / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Bielefeld University
Bielefeld / Public university
www.uni-bielefeld.de/

Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences
Sankt Augustin / Rheinbach / Public university of applied sciences
www.h-brs.de/

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg
Cottbus / Senftenberg / Public technical university
www.b-tu.de/

Chemnitz University of Technology
Chemnitz / Public technical university
www.tu-chemnitz.de/

Clausthal University of Technology
Clausthal-Zellerfeld / Public technical university
www.tu-clausthal.de/

Europa-Universität Flensburg
Flensburg / Public university
www.uni-flensburg.de/

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
Frankfurt (Oder) / Public university
www.europa-uni.de/

FernUniversität in Hagen
Hagen / Public distance-learning university
www.fernuni-hagen.de/

Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences
Frankfurt am Main / Public university of applied sciences
www.frankfurt-university.de/

Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Jena / Public university
www.uni-jena.de/

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
Düsseldorf / Public university
www.hhu.de/

Ilmenau University of Technology
Ilmenau / Public technical university
www.tu-ilmenau.de/

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
Mainz / Public university
www.uni-mainz.de/

Justus Liebig University Giessen
Giessen / Public university
www.uni-giessen.de/

Kiel University
Kiel / Public university
www.uni-kiel.de/

Leibniz University Hannover
Hannover / Public university
www.uni-hannover.de/

Leuphana University Lüneburg
Lüneburg / Public university
www.leuphana.de/

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
Halle (Saale) / Public university
www.uni-halle.de/

Osnabrück University
Osnabrück / Public university
www.uni-osnabrueck.de/

Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg
Magdeburg / Public university
www.ovgu.de/

Paderborn University
Paderborn / Public university
www.uni-paderborn.de/

Philipps-Universität Marburg
Marburg / Public university
www.uni-marburg.de/

RPTU University Kaiserslautern-Landau
Kaiserslautern / Landau / Public university
rptu.de/

Ruhr University Bochum
Bochum / Public university
www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/

Technische Universität Braunschweig
Braunschweig / Public technical university
www.tu-braunschweig.de/

TU Bergakademie Freiberg
Freiberg / Public technical university
tu-freiberg.de/

University of Augsburg
Augsburg / Public university
www.uni-augsburg.de/

University of Bamberg
Bamberg / Public university
www.uni-bamberg.de/

University of Bayreuth
Bayreuth / Public university
www.uni-bayreuth.de/

University of Bremen
Bremen / Public university
www.uni-bremen.de/

University of Duisburg-Essen
Duisburg / Essen / Public university
www.uni-due.de/

University of Erfurt
Erfurt / Public university
www.uni-erfurt.de/

University of Greifswald
Greifswald / Public university
www.uni-greifswald.de/

University of Hildesheim
Hildesheim / Public university
www.uni-hildesheim.de/

University of Hohenheim
Stuttgart / Public university
www.uni-hohenheim.de/

University of Kassel
Kassel / Public university
www.uni-kassel.de/

University of Konstanz
Konstanz / Public university
www.uni-konstanz.de/

University of Oldenburg
Oldenburg / Public university
uol.de/

University of Passau
Passau / Public university
www.uni-passau.de/

University of Regensburg
Regensburg / Public university
www.uni-regensburg.de/

STUDY IN ITALY

Italy

Public universities, regional funding and three-year first degrees.

Italy's university system includes public and private institutions, technical universities and specialist schools. The usual first degree is the three-year laurea, followed by a two-year laurea magistrale. Medicine is a six-year single-cycle route. Public fees can be linked to family financial circumstances.



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Academic entry

University admission and Universitaly pre-enrolment are separate stages for relevant visa applicants. Programmes set their own academic, language and entrance-test conditions. Regional student-support schemes have separate applications and financial-evidence rules; an admission offer does not constitute a scholarship award.

TUITION / YEAR

EUR 900–4,000

≈ US$ 1,020–4,540 / year

Public-university planning range. Private courses often cost more; fee reductions depend on the institution and financial evidence.

LIVING / MONTH

EUR 700–1,100

≈ US$ 790–1,250 / month

European Commission planning range. City and room type affect expenditure; private housing in major cities can exceed the range.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3 years
Master's: 2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Engineering; architecture; design; business; sciences.

Regional student support

Regional right-to-study schemes assess family income and assets alongside academic conditions. Support can combine a monetary award with services such as meals or accommodation. Award timing and the availability of a residence place are distinct from university admission.

ITALY / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and entry routes

Italy combines a three-cycle university structure with single-cycle professional degrees and specialist arts education.

The laurea and laurea magistrale

The laurea is a first-cycle university degree, normally requiring three years and 180 university credits. The laurea magistrale follows a relevant first degree and normally requires two years and 120 credits. Italian CFU credits correspond to ECTS credits. Single-cycle laurea magistrale programmes admit school-leavers to a combined course lasting five or six years in designated professions. Medicine, dentistry and some other regulated subjects therefore have a different structure from the three-year bachelor's followed by a two-year master's.

Professional and specialist awards

A master universitario is a professional postgraduate award, distinct from the laurea magistrale. It normally carries at least 60 credits. A first-level master admits holders of a first-cycle degree; a second-level master requires a second-cycle qualification. The title alone does not establish eligibility for doctoral admission. The wider system includes AFAM institutions for fine arts, music, dance and related fields, alongside universities and specialist higher schools. MUR's registers distinguish state universities, recognised non-state universities and higher schools with special status.

Foreign qualifications

First-cycle admission normally requires a final secondary qualification obtained after at least twelve years of schooling and giving access to comparable higher education in its home system. At Bologna, applicants with ten or eleven years can satisfy the missing schooling requirement through specified completed university study or a qualifying foundation course. The original school qualification remains necessary. For a laurea magistrale, the university assesses the foreign degree and the previous curriculum; subject preparation, language competence and any selection procedure form separate admission requirements.

Admission and Universitaly

Universities decide whether a foreign qualification is suitable for academic admission. Non-EU applicants resident abroad who need a study visa also complete pre-enrolment through Universitaly, the ministry's free official portal. University validation moves that application to the consular stage; it does not issue a visa or guarantee one. Diplomatic and consular authorities assess the visa application separately, including the required financial and other evidence. A university's course application and the Universitaly pre-enrolment record are therefore distinct parts of the procedure.

ITALY / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Assessment and student services

Credits measure workload; course selection, fees and regional benefits follow separate administrative rules.

Credits and examinations

One university credit normally represents 25 hours of total student work, including classes and independent study. A full academic year normally carries 60 credits. Course examinations may be written, oral or a combination, according to the published teaching arrangements. Bologna records course results on a thirty-point scale, with 18 as the minimum pass mark and honours possible at the top of the scale. ECTS grading tables describe the distribution of awarded grades; a thirty-point mark is not itself a percentage.

Language and subject selection

Italian-language and English-language courses have different language evidence requirements. Bologna's Italian-language admission procedure includes recognised B2 certificates, its own assessment and defined exemptions for the relevant applicant groups. CISIA tests provide subject-specific results that participating universities use under their own admission rules. CEnT-S replaced the English TOLC tests from November 2025. For Italian-taught medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine, the open first semester leads to standardised subject examinations and a national ranking. English-taught medicine and dentistry retain a separate admission procedure.

Regional benefits

Right-to-study support is administered through regional schemes, separately from university admission. ER.GO's published 2026/27 limits are ISEE €25,000 for household income and ISPE €50,000 for household assets. Scholarship amounts also depend on residence classification and academic progress. Financial evidence for households abroad follows the regional documentation rules. Catering conversions form part of the award amount, while the regional-tax refund is separate. Non-resident classification requires qualifying accommodation evidence; scholarship eligibility and allocation of a room in a student residence are separate decisions.

Campuses and course timetables

A university name can represent several teaching locations. Bologna operates campuses in Bologna, Cesena, Forlì, Ravenna and Rimini; the chosen degree determines where teaching takes place. Separate campuses can have their own departmental facilities and student services. Course catalogues identify the teaching site, language, credits and assessment arrangements for individual units. These details affect travel, housing and the shape of the working week. Regional accommodation services operate alongside university teaching, so admission to a degree does not include an automatic housing allocation.

ITALY / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TOLC

Selected bachelor's and single-cycle programmes using CISIA tests.

TOLC is the CISIA online test. CISIA is Italy's inter-university testing consortium. Subject-specific versions support selection or additional learning obligations under each university's rules. A test booking or score is not a university application.

www.cisiaonline.it/

CEnT-S

Selected English-taught bachelor's programmes in science, engineering, economics and pharmacy.

The CISIA English Test-Sciences replaced English TOLC-E, English TOLC-I and English TOLC-F in November 2025. Participating institutions specify how they use the result; CEnT-S is not compulsory for every English-taught degree.

www.cisiaonline.it/

Open-semester subject examinations

Italian-taught medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine under the reformed national route.

The initial open semester covers biology, physics, and chemistry with introductory biochemistry. Standardised examinations and a national ranking determine progression within available places. Open first-semester registration does not guarantee continuation in the medical course.

www.mur.gov.it/it/news/lunedi-13072026/medicina-al-le-iscrizioni-al-semestre-aperto

IMAT / English medical admission test

English-taught medicine and dentistry covered by the annual national admission decree.

A separate national selection route continues for English-taught courses. The ministry's annual decree determines the eligible courses, places and examination arrangements; the Italian open-semester reform must not be applied to this route by assumption.

accessoprogrammato.mur.gov.it/2026/

Italian-language evidence

Relevant applicants to Italian-taught programmes, with institutional exemptions.

B2 certification can satisfy specified language requirements. Bologna recognises defined certificates and operates its own assessment route; language clearance is separate from subject selection. CILS, CELI and other accepted certificates are evidence of proficiency, not a national university entrance examination.

www.unibo.it/en/study/enrolment-fees-and-other-procedures/language-requirement-for-programme-enrolment/italian-language-test-and-certificate-for-enrolment-in-a-degree-programme

Qualifications and credits

The first-cycle laurea normally comprises 180 ECTS credits over three years. The second-cycle laurea magistrale normally comprises 120 credits over two years. Single-cycle laurea magistrale programmes combine both cycles over five or six years in designated fields, including medicine. A master universitario is a separate professional postgraduate qualification, normally carrying at least 60 credits; first-level and second-level versions require different prior qualifications. Doctoral programmes belong to the third cycle. Universitaly lists institutions and courses within the Italian higher-education system.

ITALY / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

MAECI Italian Government Scholarships

Primarily master's, PhD and research; AFAM also eligible

Support. The 2026/27 reference call provides €10,800 over nine months plus collective health insurance. University tuition exemption depends on the institution; regional fees remain payable.

Eligibility. Citizens of eligible countries with the required qualification and language evidence. The 2026/27 maximum ages are 28 for master's/AFAM, 30 for PhD and 40 for supervised research; renewal exceptions apply.

Application. Online application through Study in Italy, separate from university admission and visa pre-enrolment.

Conditions. The 2026/27 call is closed. Ordinary new bachelor's and single-cycle university applicants are excluded, except specified renewal categories. Payment depends on enrolment, attendance and academic progress.

Padua International Excellence Scholarship

English-taught bachelor's and master's; listed single-cycle routes

Support. Published 2026/27 terms: €8,000 gross per academic year plus student-fee exemption; regional fee and stamp duty remain. Maximum duration: three years for bachelor's/single-cycle, two for master's.

Eligibility. Applicants to eligible English-taught degrees with a non-Italian entry qualification, resident outside Italy at application, and non-Italian citizenship or eligible dual citizenship. Selection is based on academic merit.

Application. Automatic consideration through the degree application; no separate scholarship form. Awards require acceptance and completed enrolment.

Conditions. Payment is in two €4,000 gross instalments per academic year. Other scholarships are incompatible. Fewer than 20 credits by the following 30 November can trigger revocation and repayment.

Regional right-to-study support - ER.GO example

Bachelor's, single-cycle and master's; other eligible routes in the call

Support. For 2026/27, the standard annual non-resident award is €3,585.56-€7,171.11 according to income band. Supplements apply to specified low-income and female STEM recipients; catering conversions are included.

Eligibility. Eligible Emilia-Romagna students meeting enrolment and credit rules, with household ISEE no higher than €25,000 and ISPE no higher than €50,000. International finances require documentary assessment.

Application. Separate online benefits application to ER.GO under its annual competition; university enrolment is a distinct procedure.

Conditions. Non-resident amounts require qualifying accommodation evidence. Residence allocation is separate. The regional-tax refund is additional; awards for the extra semester beyond normal course duration are halved.

Bocconi4Access to Education - full tuition waiver

First-year bachelor's and law programmes

Support. A 100% exemption from ordinary academic tuition and fees, awarded according to assessed household income/assets and available resources. Annual renewal is possible for the legal course duration when merit conditions are met.

Eligibility. International students enrolled in the first year of an eligible bachelor's or law programme in 2027/28, with a complete Bocconi4Access financial-support application.

Application. Single Bocconi4Access to Education 2027/28 application, with household financial documents, under the relevant admission-round funding schedule.

Conditions. The waiver covers tuition rather than a living stipend. An annual advance instalment is reimbursed by December after maintenance conditions are fulfilled. Withdrawal or failure to meet renewal conditions can result in loss of the benefit.

ITALY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Bologna

Bologna / Public university
Law; Economics; Engineering; Medicine
Via Zamboni 33, 40126 Bologna, Italy
www.unibo.it/en

Roma Tre University

Rome / Public university
Architecture; Engineering; Economics; Law
Via Ostiense 133, 00154 Roma, Italy
www.uniroma3.it/en/

University of Padua

Padua / Public university
Engineering; Medicine; Psychology; Agriculture
Via 8 Febbraio 2, 35122 Padova, Italy
www.unipd.it/en
urp@unipd.it

University of Naples Federico II

Naples / Public university
Engineering; Medicine; Agriculture; Economics
Corso Umberto I 40, 80138 Napoli, Italy
www.unina.it/it/web/guest/home

Politecnico di Milano

Milan / Public polytechnic university / QS 2027: =87
Engineering; Architecture; Design
Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano, Italy
www.polimi.it/en/

University of Milan

Milan / Public university
Medicine; Law; Science; Humanities
Via Festa del Perdono 7, 20122 Milano, Italy
www.unimi.it/en

Politecnico di Torino

Turin / Public polytechnic university
Engineering; Architecture; Design; Urban planning
Corso Duca degli Abruzzi 24, 10129 Torino, Italy
www.polito.it/en

University of Milan-Bicocca

Milan / Public university
Economics; Psychology; Sociology; Science
Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo 1, 20126 Milano, Italy
en.unimib.it/

Sapienza University of Rome

Rome / Public university / QS 2027: =111
Medicine; Engineering; Architecture; Humanities
Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Roma, Italy
www.uniroma1.it/en/

University of Pavia

Pavia / Public university
Medicine; Engineering; Economics; Law
Corso Strada Nuova 65, 27100 Pavia, Italy
en.unipv.it/en
welcomeoffice@unipv.it

University of Rome Tor Vergata

Rome / Public university
Economics; Engineering; Medicine; Law
Via Cracovia 50, 00133 Roma, Italy
web.uniroma2.it/en

University of Trento

Trento / Public university
Engineering; Computer science; Economics; Sociology
Via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento, Italy
www.unitn.it/en

ITALY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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University of Turin

Turin / Public university

Economics; Law; Medicine; Humanities

Public university whose departments extend beyond central Turin.

Via Verdi 8, 10124 Torino, Italy

en.unito.it/

University of Parma

Parma / Public university

Food science; Engineering; Medicine; Economics

Public university whose departments include Food and Drug, Veterinary Science, Medicine and Surgery, Engineering and Architecture, and Chemistry, Life Sciences and Environmental Sustainability.

Via Università 12, 43121 Parma, Italy

www.unipr.it/en

University of Florence

Florence / Public university

Architecture; Humanities; Engineering; Medicine

Public university tracing its foundation to 1321.

Piazza San Marco 4, 50121 Firenze, Italy

www.unifi.it/en

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Modena / Reggio Emilia / Public university

Engineering; Economics; Medicine; Education

Public university operating in the cities of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Via Università 4, 41121 Modena, Italy

www.unimore.it/en

informastudenti@unimore.it

University of Pisa

Pisa / Public university

Science; Engineering; Medicine; Humanities

Public university officially founded in 1343, with degree provision across sciences, engineering, medicine, humanities and social sciences.

Lungarno Pacinotti 43, 56126 Pisa, Italy

www.unipi.it/en/

University of Ferrara

Ferrara / Public university

Architecture; Engineering; Medicine; Economics

Public university with thirteen departments distributed across Ferrara.

Via Ludovico Ariosto 35, 44121 Ferrara, Italy

www.unife.it/en

University of Siena

Siena / Public university

Economics; Medicine; Life sciences; Law

Public university with departments in biomedical sciences, economics and law, experimental sciences, and humanities.

Via Banchi di Sotto 55, 53100 Siena, Italy

en.unisi.it/

University of Genoa

Genoa / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Economics; Medicine

Public university with facilities in Genoa and regional campuses in Imperia, Savona and La Spezia.

Via Balbi 5, 16126 Genova, Italy

unige.it/en

University of Perugia

Perugia / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Medicine; Economics

Public university founded in 1308, with teaching locations in Perugia and elsewhere in Umbria.

Piazza Università 1, 06123 Perugia, Italy

www.unipg.it/en/

University of Trieste

Trieste / Public university

Engineering; Physics; Economics; Medicine

Public university with ten departments, including Legal, Language, Interpreting and Translation Studies; Engineering and Architecture; Physics; and the Clinical Department for Medical, Surgical and Health Sciences.

Piazzale Europa 1, 34127 Trieste, Italy

portale.units.it/en

ITALY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Milan / Non-state university
Economics; Psychology; Medicine; Languages
Largo Agostino Gemelli 1, 20123 Milano, Italy
international.unicatt.it/

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Venice / Public university
Economics; Languages; Humanities; Computer science
Dorsoduro 3246, 30123 Venezia, Italy
www.unive.it/web/en/497/home

University of Verona

Verona / Public university
Economics; Medicine; Languages; Law
Via dell'Artigliere 8, 37129 Verona, Italy
www.univr.it/en/

Luiss Guido Carli

Rome / Non-state university
Economics; Management; Law; Political science
Viale Pola 12, 00198 Roma, Italy
www.luiss.it/en

University of Brescia

Brescia / Public university
Economics; Engineering; Law; Medicine
Piazza del Mercato 15, 25121 Brescia, Italy
www.unibs.it/en

University of Messina

Messina / Public university / QS 2027: 761-770
Life sciences; Engineering; Economics; Medicine
Piazza Pugliatti 1, 98122 Messina, Italy
international.unime.it/

University of Cagliari

Cagliari / Public university
Engineering; Medicine; Economics; Humanities
Via Università 40, 09124 Cagliari, Italy
www.unica.it/it

University of Palermo

Palermo / Public university
Engineering; Architecture; Medicine; Economics
Piazza Marina 61, 90133 Palermo, Italy
www.unipa.it/

University of Catania

Catania / Public university
Engineering; Medicine; Agriculture; Economics
Piazza Università 2, 95131 Catania, Italy
www.unict.it/en
protocollo@unict.it

Bocconi University

Milan / Non-state university
Economics; Management; Finance; Law
Via Sarfatti 25, Milano, Italy
www.unibocconi.it/en

ITALY / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Bolzano / Non-state university
www.unibz.it/

Gran Sasso Science Institute
L'Aquila / Public postgraduate university institute
www.gssi.it/

IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca
Lucca / Public postgraduate university institute
www.imtlucca.it/

Politecnico di Bari
Bari / Public polytechnic university
www.poliba.it/

Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA)
Trieste / Public postgraduate university institute
www.sissa.it/

Scuola Normale Superiore
Pisa / Florence / Public specialist university institute
www.sns.it/

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
Pisa / Public specialist university institute
www.santannapisa.it/

Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia
Pavia / Public specialist university institute
www.iusspavia.it/

University of Bari Aldo Moro
Bari / Public university
www.uniba.it/en

Università degli Studi del Molise
Campobasso / Public university
www.unimol.it/

Università degli Studi del Sannio
Benevento / Public university
www.unisannio.it/

Università degli Studi della Basilicata
Potenza / Matera / Public university
www.unibas.it/

Università degli Studi della Tuscia
Viterbo / Public university
www.unitus.it/

Università degli Studi dell'Aquila
L'Aquila / Public university
www.univaq.it/

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria
Varese / Como / Public university
www.uninsubria.it/

Università degli Studi di Camerino
Camerino / Public university
www.unicam.it/

Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale
Cassino / Public university
www.unicas.it/

Università degli Studi di Enna Kore
Enna / Non-state university
www.unikore.it/

Università degli Studi di Foggia
Foggia / Public university
www.unifg.it/

Università degli Studi di Macerata
Macerata / Public university
www.unimc.it/

Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope
Naples / Public university
www.uniparthenope.it/

Università degli Studi di Salerno
Fisciano / Public university
www.unisa.it/

Università degli Studi di Sassari
Sassari / Public university
www.uniss.it/

Università degli Studi di Teramo
Teramo / Public university
www.unite.it/

Università degli Studi di Udine
Udine / Public university
www.uniud.it/

Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo
Urbino / Public university
www.uniurb.it/

Università degli Studi Gabriele d'Annunzio di Chieti e Pescara
Chieti / Pescara / Public university
www.unich.it/

Università del Piemonte Orientale
Vercelli / Alessandria / Novara / Public university
www.uniupo.it/

Università del Salento
Lecce / Public university
www.unisalento.it/

Università della Calabria
Rende / Public university
www.unical.it/

Università della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli
Caserta / Naples / Public university
www.unicampania.it/

Università della Valle d'Aosta
Aosta / Non-state university
www.univda.it/

Università di Napoli L'Orientale
Naples / Public university
www.unior.it/

Università Iuav di Venezia
Venice / Public university
www.iuav.it/

Università Magna Graecia di Catanzaro
Catanzaro / Public university
web.unicz.it/

Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria
Reggio Calabria / Public university
www.unirc.it/

Università per Stranieri di Perugia
Perugia / Public university
www.unistrapg.it/

Università per Stranieri di Siena
Siena / Public university
www.unistrasi.it/

Università Politecnica delle Marche
Ancona / Public polytechnic university
www.univpm.it/

Università Suor Orsola Benincasa
Naples / Non-state university
www.unisob.na.it/

STUDY IN INDIA

India

Central, state, private and deemed-to-be universities.



Main building, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, 2017. / Sayantan Mondal / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

India combines universities, Institutes of National Importance, specialist institutions and affiliated colleges. A teaching college may offer an award conferred by its affiliating university. Undergraduate structures include three- and four-year degrees, while professional programmes follow their own duration and recognition requirements.

TUITION / YEAR

INR 200,000 / 600,000

≈ US$ 2,080 / 6,250 / year

IIT Bombay 2026/27 statutory annual tuition: Indian / foreign national categories. Waivers may apply. Institute, hostel and mess charges extra.

LIVING / MONTH

INR 38,390

≈ US$ 400 / month

Study in India's approximate US$400/month guidance, shown as a rounded INR conversion. Not an IIT Bombay-specific campus budget.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
MBBS: 5.5 years, including internship

Fields of study

Engineering; business; computing; medicine; liberal arts.

Academic entry

Indian-citizen, Non-Resident Indian (NRI), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and foreign-national categories can have different seat, test and fee rules. The appropriate category depends on the applicable admission policy. The Study in India platform is not the undergraduate medical-admission route.

Applicant status and charges

Citizenship, overseas-residence status and the qualifying examination can affect the admission category. The IIT Bombay example separates Indian and foreign-national statutory tuition. Hostel, mess and institute charges are additional; an overseas address alone does not establish entitlement to a particular fee category.

INDIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Universities and Qualifications

University categories, degree structures and routes into undergraduate study.

University and college structures

The University Grants Commission distinguishes central, state, private and deemed-to-be universities. Central and state universities derive their authority from legislation; deemed-to-be university status is a separate category. Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Management also operate under their respective Acts. In collegiate systems, a university can award degrees for teaching undertaken in affiliated colleges. University status therefore identifies the awarding institution, while the actual teaching location may be a college, constituent institute or university department. Professional programme approval is a separate regulatory question.

Undergraduate credit structures

The University Grants Commission's undergraduate curriculum framework provides for three-year and four-year degrees, with minimum totals of 120 and 160 credits respectively. Its structure includes major and minor disciplines, multidisciplinary courses, skill development, internships and research components. The framework also describes certificate and diploma exits, subject to the required learning and credit conditions. These arrangements concern undergraduate curriculum design; professional degrees retain their own regulatory requirements. An engineering, medical or law programme cannot be assigned the duration or exit award of a general arts or science degree.

Engineering and medical selection

Engineering admission uses several routes rather than one examination for every institution. Joint Entrance Examination Main serves participating engineering institutions and is the usual first stage for Indian candidates seeking Joint Entrance Examination Advanced admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology. Advanced publishes a separate foreign-national route. Medicine and dentistry use the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for undergraduate admission. Its 2026 bulletin permits Indian nationals, non-resident Indians, Overseas Citizens of India and foreign nationals to sit the examination, while seat eligibility remains subject to the applicable admission rules.

Nationality and admission categories

Indian nationality, non-resident Indian status and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) documentation are distinct admission categories. An Indian citizen living abroad remains an Indian national. For Joint Entrance Examination Advanced 2026, OCI or Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholders whose cards predate 4 March 2021 may choose the Indian-parity or foreign route; cards issued on or after that date follow the foreign category. Delhi's Foreign Students' Registry separately exempts eligible foreign-national applicants from its undergraduate and postgraduate Common University Entrance Test requirements.

INDIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission, Funding and Campus Life

Postgraduate selection, distinct funding categories and international student administration.

Postgraduate selection

The Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering assesses subjects used for admission to participating postgraduate programmes, including engineering, technology, architecture and sciences. Eligibility to take the examination is broader than eligibility for any particular degree or assistantship. Management admission is institution-specific: the Common Admission Test is a principal domestic route for Indian Institutes of Management, while some institutions operate separate international categories. For its 2026-28 management intake, IIM Bangalore accepts the Graduate Management Admission Test or Graduate Record Examination through its published international and overseas application process.

Scholarships and tuition concessions

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations administers scholarships for foreign nationals under country-specific schemes, with tuition and prescribed allowances. Study in India instead describes institution-funded tuition concessions of 10-100%; the portal itself does not award a national scholarship. The Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children serves specified overseas Indian-origin categories under separate academic and parental-income rules. These routes have different beneficiary definitions. An ICCR country allocation, a university tuition concession and a diaspora award are separate funding mechanisms, and admission alone does not establish entitlement to any of them.

Living costs and campus services

Study in India publishes an indicative international-student living-cost estimate of about US$400 per month. This is a national planning estimate rather than a fixed charge or a tuition quotation. Campus services are institution-specific. At IIT Bombay, the Dean of Student Affairs oversees hostel administration and non-academic activities, including sport, cultural activities and technical activities. The Hostel Affairs Council represents residents on matters including mess administration and welfare. Its residential arrangements illustrate one campus model; they do not establish accommodation provision across India's universities and affiliated colleges.

International enrolment and residence

Study in India provides a registration and course-application system for international students and issues a unique student identifier. Institutional admission, scholarship selection and immigration approval remain separate processes. The portal's onboarding guidance describes the student-visa and Foreigners Regional Registration Office stages following admission. For foreign nationals holding student or research visas valid for more than 180 days, that guidance specifies registration within fourteen days of first arrival. The electronic Foreigners Regional Registration Office system handles the relevant registration and residence services; the university's offer is an academic document.

INDIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Joint Entrance Examination Main (JEE Main)

Participating undergraduate engineering institutions; usual gateway to JEE Advanced for Indian candidates

National Testing Agency examination. Paper 1 covers engineering; separate papers cover architecture and planning. A score does not replace the admitting institution's qualification, subject or counselling requirements.

jeemain.nta.nic.in/

Joint Entrance Examination Advanced (JEE Advanced)

Undergraduate admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology

Foreign nationals may register directly without JEE Main, subject to Advanced eligibility. The 2026 rules distinguish OCI/PIO cards issued before 4 March 2021 from later cards; overseas Indian residence alone is not the foreign-national category.

jeeadv.ac.in/

Common University Entrance Test (CUET)

Undergraduate or postgraduate programmes at participating universities

Programme and subject requirements are set by the participating institution. An international exemption is not nationwide: Delhi's 2026-27 Foreign Students' Registry explicitly exempts eligible foreign-national applicants in its own route from CUET UG and PG.

cuet.nta.nic.in/

National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Undergraduate (NEET UG)

Undergraduate medicine, dentistry and specified Indian-system medical degrees

Indian, non-resident Indian, Overseas Citizen of India and foreign applicants may sit the 2026 examination. Foreign or diaspora status does not waive NEET; admission and counselling eligibility follow government and institutional rules. The minimum age is 17 by 31 December of the examination year.

neet.nta.nic.in/

Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)

Participating postgraduate and research programmes

The 2026 rules admit eligible foreign nationals and Indians abroad. That edition has examination centres only in India. Test eligibility, programme admission and financial assistance are separate determinations; qualifying does not guarantee a place or assistantship.

gate2027.iitm.ac.in/

Common Admission Test (CAT)

Management programmes at Indian Institutes of Management and participating institutions

National management entrance examination. Each institute applies its own shortlisting and final selection criteria. CAT is not a universal requirement for every MBA or every international admission category.

iimcat.ac.in/

Graduate Management Admission Test / Graduate Record Examination (GMAT / GRE)

Selected international and overseas management routes

IIM Bangalore's 2026-28 process accepts GMAT or GRE for defined international and overseas categories. Its published process excludes at-home versions. This is an institutional alternative, not a general exemption from CAT throughout India.

www.mba.com/exams/gmat-exam
www.ets.org/gre.html

INDIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

ICCR scholarships through the A2A portal

Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral, depending on country scheme

Support. Tuition and prescribed living/accommodation allowances; travel and other benefits depend on the named scheme.

Eligibility. Foreign nationals from eligible partner countries; academic, age and course restrictions vary. Indian missions screen applications.

Application. Applications are submitted through the A2A portal under a country-specific scheme and screened through Indian missions.

Conditions. Funding is restricted to listed institutions and courses. Airfare is included only under specified schemes. The ICCR award supports one admitted course, and employment during scholarship study is prohibited.

Study in India partner-institute tuition concessions

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses listed by participating institutions

Support. Participating institutions offer tuition concessions ranging from 10% to 100%, determined by academic results and institutional policy.

Eligibility. International applicants satisfying the institution and programme criteria; award value depends on academic record and institution policy.

Application. The Study in India portal accepts course applications; participating institutions determine and communicate their own scholarship or fee-waiver awards.

Conditions. Study in India itself does not award a national scholarship. Institute-driven tuition concessions do not automatically include maintenance, accommodation or travel funding.

Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)

Undergraduate

Support. Under the 2025-26 rules, 75% of eligible institutional costs, capped at US$4,000 annually. Tuition, hostel fees and institutional charges qualify; food charges are excluded.

Eligibility. Children of NRIs, PIOs/OCIs and eligible Indian workers in ECR countries. Monthly parental-income ceilings are US$5,000 for NRI/PIO/OCI categories and US$3,000 for the ECR-worker category; admission to an eligible Indian institution is required.

Application. Indian missions receive applications and supporting documents under the Ministry of External Affairs scheme.

Conditions. Normally for first-year undergraduates; medical students enter from year two, with support through year five. Grades 11-12 must normally be completed abroad; an ECR-worker subcategory permits Indian schooling.

PM-USP Central Sector Scholarship for College and University Students

Undergraduate, with eligible continuation into later degree years

Support. Published guidelines provide ₹12,000 annually in the first three years and ₹20,000 in eligible fourth/fifth years.

Eligibility. Indian domestic merit-and-income route: above the relevant Class XII board 80th percentile, family income up to ₹4.5 lakh and a regular eligible course.

Application. Applications and renewals are processed through the National Scholarship Portal, with institutional verification.

Conditions. The scheme is a domestic Indian merit-and-income award. Distance education, diploma courses, a gap after Class XII and concurrent scholarships or fee reimbursement are excluded under the published rules.

INDIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Mumbai

Mumbai / Public state university

Humanities; Science and Technology; Commerce; Management

Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai 400032, Maharashtra, India

mu.ac.in/

registrar@fort.mu.ac.in

Indian Institute of Science

Bengaluru / Public deemed-to-be university / QS 2027: =221

Science; Engineering; Computing; Mathematics

Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560012, Karnataka, India

iisc.ac.in/

registrar@iisc.ac.in

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Mumbai / Public institute of national importance / QS 2027: =134

Engineering; Computing; Design; Science

IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai 400076, Maharashtra, India

www.iitb.ac.in/

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

New Delhi / Public institute of national importance / QS 2027: 118

Engineering; Computing; Design; Science

IIT Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110016, India

home.iitd.ac.in/

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Chennai / Public institute of national importance / QS 2027: 170

Engineering; Computing; Science; Management

IIT P.O., Chennai 600036, Tamil Nadu, India

www.iitm.ac.in/

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Kanpur / Public institute of national importance

Engineering; Computing; Science; Economics

IIT Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur 208016, Uttar Pradesh, India

www.iitk.ac.in/

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad / Public institute of national importance

Management; Business analytics; Economics; Public policy

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380015, Gujarat, India

www.iima.ac.in/

University of Delhi

New Delhi / Central university

Humanities; Social sciences; Commerce; Science

University of Delhi, North Campus, Delhi 110007, India

www.du.ac.in/

fsradmissions@du.ac.in

Jawaharlal Nehru University

New Delhi / Central university

Social sciences; International studies; Languages; Life sciences

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Mehrauli Road, Munirka, New Delhi 110067, India

www.jnu.ac.in/

Banaras Hindu University

Varanasi / Central university

Humanities; Science; Agriculture; Medicine

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221005, Uttar Pradesh, India

www.bhu.ac.in/

University of Hyderabad

Hyderabad / Central university

Science; Social sciences; Humanities; Computing

Prof. C.R. Rao Road, P.O. Central University, Gachibowli, Hyderabad 500046, Telangana, India

uohyd.ac.in/

drae@uohyd.ac.in

INDIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Jadavpur University

Kolkata / State public university

Engineering; Science; Humanities; Social sciences

A state university in Kolkata organised around arts, science, engineering and technology faculties.

188 Raja S.C. Mallick Road, Kolkata 700032, West Bengal, India

jadavpuruniversity.in/

Anna University

Chennai / State public university

Engineering; Technology; Architecture; Applied sciences

A state technical university in Chennai with university departments and an affiliated-college system.

Anna University, Chennai 600025, Tamil Nadu, India

www.annauniv.edu/

Savitribai Phule Pune University

Pune / State public university

Science; Humanities; Commerce; Management

A state university in Pune with campus departments and an affiliated-college network.

Savitribai Phule Pune University, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411007, Maharashtra, India

www.unipune.ac.in/

University of Calcutta

Kolkata / State public university

Science; Humanities; Commerce; Law

A state collegiate university in Kolkata with multiple teaching campuses and affiliated colleges.

87/1 College Street, Kolkata 700073, West Bengal, India

www.caluniv.ac.in/

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Pilani / Private deemed-to-be university

Engineering; Science; Pharmacy; Economics

A private deemed-to-be university whose Pilani campus is in Rajasthan.

Vidya Vihar, Pilani 333031, Rajasthan, India

www.bits-pilani.ac.in/

bitsisa@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in

Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Manipal / Private deemed-to-be university

Medicine; Engineering; Health sciences; Management

A multidisciplinary deemed-to-be university with its principal institutional base in Manipal.

manipal.edu, Manipal 576104, Karnataka, India

www.manipal.edu/

Vellore Institute of Technology

Vellore / Private deemed-to-be university

Engineering; Computing; Science; Business

A deemed-to-be university whose Vellore campus provides engineering, computing, sciences, business and design education.

VIT Vellore Campus, Vellore 632014, Tamil Nadu, India

vit.ac.in/

ugadmission@vit.ac.in

Ashoka University

Sonipat / Private university

Humanities; Social sciences; Economics; Computing

A private residential university in Sonipat offering liberal education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

Plot No. 2, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, P.O. Rai, Sonipat 131029, Haryana, India

www.ashoka.edu.in/

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Coimbatore / Private deemed-to-be university

Engineering; Medicine; Computing; Business

A multidisciplinary deemed-to-be university with Coimbatore among its teaching locations.

Amritanagar, Ettimadai, Coimbatore 641112, Tamil Nadu, India

www.amrita.edu/

O.P. Jindal Global University

Sonipat / Private university

Law; Business; International affairs; Public policy

A private university based in Sonipat, organised into professional and interdisciplinary schools.

Sonipat Narela Road, near Jagdishpur Village, Sonipat 131001, Haryana, India

jgu.edu.in/

admissions@jgu.edu.in

INDIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Ahmedabad University
Ahmedabad / State private university
www.ahduni.edu.in

Ajeenkya D.Y. Patil University
Pune / State private university
adypu.edu.in/

Alagappa University
Karaikudi / State university
www.alagappauniversity.ac.in/

Aligarh Muslim University
Aligarh / Central university
www.amu.ac.in

Alliance University
Bengaluru / State private university
www.alliance.edu.in

Andhra University
Visakhapatnam / State university
www.andhrauniversity.edu.in/

Annamalai University
Annamalai Nagar / State university
www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in

Assam University
Silchar / Central university
www.aus.ac.in/

Azim Premji University
Bengaluru / State private university
azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/

Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
Lucknow / Central university
www.bbau.ac.in

Bangalore University
Bengaluru / State university
eng.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in/

Bennett University
Greater Noida / State private university
www.bennett.edu.in/

Bharathiar University
Coimbatore / State university
b-u.ac.in/

Bharathidasan University
Tiruchirappalli / State university
www.bdu.ac.in

Bharati Vidyapeeth
Pune / Deemed-to-be university
bvuniversity.edu.in/

BML Munjal University
Gurugram / State private university
www.bmu.edu.in/

Central Agricultural University
Imphal / Central university
cau.ac.in/

Central Sanskrit University
New Delhi / Central university
www.sanskrit.nic.in/

Central University of Gujarat
Vadodara / Central university
www.cug.ac.in

Central University of Haryana
Mahendragarh / Central university
www.cuh.ac.in

Central University of Himachal Pradesh
Dharamshala / Central university
www.cuhimachal.ac.in

Central University of Jammu
Samba / Central university
www.cujammu.ac.in

Central University of Jharkhand
Ranchi / Central university
www.cuj.ac.in

Central University of Karnataka
Kalaburagi / Central university
www.cuk.ac.in

Central University of Kashmir
Ganderbal / Central university
www.cukashmir.ac.in

Central University of Kerala
Kasaragod / Central university
www.cukerala.ac.in/

Central University of Odisha
Sunabeda / Central university
cuo.ac.in/

Central University of Punjab
Bathinda / Central university
www.cup.ac.in

Central University of Rajasthan
Kishangarh / Central university
www.curaj.ac.in

Central University of South Bihar
Gaya / Central university
www.cusb.ac.in/

Central University of Tamil Nadu
Thiruvarur / Central university
cutn.ac.in/

Chandigarh University
Gharuan, Mohali / State private university
www.cuchd.in

Chitkara University, Himachal Pradesh
Barotiwala / State private university
www.chitkarauniversity.edu.in/

Chitkara University, Punjab
Rajpura / State private university
www.chitkara.edu.in/

CHRIST (Deemed to be University)
Bengaluru / Deemed-to-be university
www.christuniversity.in/

Cochin University of Science and Technology
Kochi / State university
www.cusat.ac.in

Delhi Technological University
New Delhi / State university
www.dtu.ac.in/

Dibrugarh University
Dibrugarh / State university
www.dibru.ac.in

Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth
Pimpri-Chinchwad / Deemed-to-be university
www.dpu.edu.in

Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya
Sagar / Central university
dhsgsu.edu.in/

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University
Pusa / Central university
www.rpcau.ac.in/

INDIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University
Pune / State private university
mitwpu.edu.in/

FLAME University
Pune / State private university
www.flame.edu.in/

Galgotias University
Greater Noida / State private university
www.galgotiasuniversity.edu.in

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya
Vadodara / Central university
gsv.ac.in/

Gauhati University
Guwahati / State university
www.gauhati.ac.in

Goa University
Taleigao / State university
www.unigoa.ac.in/

Gujarat University
Ahmedabad / State university
www.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
Bilaspur / Central university
www.ggu.ac.in

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha Vishwavidyalaya
New Delhi / State university
www.ipu.ac.in

Guru Nanak Dev University
Amritsar / State university
www.gndu.ac.in

Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University
Srinagar, Garhwal / Central university
www.hnbgu.ac.in/

Indian Maritime University
Chennai / Central university
www.imu.edu.in/

Indira Gandhi National Open University
New Delhi / Central university
www.ignou.ac.in

Integral University
Lucknow / State private university
www.iul.ac.in

International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore
Bengaluru / Deemed-to-be university
www.iiitb.ac.in

International Institute of Information Technology Bhubaneswar
Bhubaneswar / State university
www.iiit-bh.ac.in

International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad
Hyderabad / Deemed-to-be university
www.iiit.ac.in

International Institute of Information Technology Naya Raipur
Nava Raipur / State university
www.iiitnr.ac.in/

Jamia Hamdard
New Delhi / Deemed-to-be university
www.jamiahamdard.edu

Jamia Millia Islamia
New Delhi / Central university
jmi.ac.in/

Kakatiya University
Warangal / State university
www.kakatiya.ac.in

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
Bhubaneswar / Deemed-to-be university
kiit.ac.in/

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
Bhubaneswar / Deemed-to-be university
kiss.ac.in/

Krea University
Sri City / State private university
krea.edu.in/

Kurukshetra University
Kurukshetra / State university
www.kuk.ac.in

Lovely Professional University
Phagwara / State private university
www.lpu.in/

Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Vadodara / State university
www.msubaroda.ac.in/

Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya
Wardha / Central university
hindivishwa.org/

Mahatma Gandhi Central University
Motihari / Central university
www.mgcub.ac.in/

Mangalore University
Mangalagangothri / State university
www.mangaloreuniversity.ac.in

Manipur University
Imphal / Central university
www.manipuruniv.ac.in/

Maulana Azad National Urdu University
Hyderabad / Central university
manuu.edu.in/

Mizoram University
Aizawl / Central university
mzu.edu.in/

Nagaland University
Lumami / Central university
nagalanduniversity.ac.in/

Nalanda University
Rajgir / Central university
nalandauniv.edu.in/

National Sanskrit University
Tirupati / Central university
nsktu.ac.in

National Sports University
Imphal / Central university
www.nsu.ac.in/

Nirma University
Ahmedabad / State private university
www.nirmauni.ac.in

North Eastern Hill University
Shillong / Central university
www.nehu.ac.in

INDIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Osmania University
Hyderabad / State university
www.osmania.ac.in/

Pandit Deendayal Energy University
Gandhinagar / State private university
www.pdpu.ac.in

Panjab University
Chandigarh / State university
www.puchd.ac.in

Parul University
Vadodara / State private university
www.paruluniversity.ac.in

Patna University
Patna / State university
www.patnauniversity.ac.in

PES University
Bengaluru / State private university
www.pes.edu

Plaksha University
Mohali / State private university
plaksha.edu.in/

Pondicherry University
Puducherry / Central university
www.pondiuni.edu.in

Punjabi University
Patiala / State university
www.punjabiuniversity.ac.in/

Rajasthan Technical University
Kota / State university
www.rtu.ac.in

Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University
Fursatganj / Central university
www.rgnau.ac.in/

Rajiv Gandhi University
Doimukh / Central university
www.rgu.ac.in

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University
Jhansi / Central university
rlbcau.ac.in/

REVA University
Bengaluru / State private university
www.reva.edu.in

Sambalpur University
Sambalpur / State university
www.suniv.ac.in/

Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology
Chennai / Deemed-to-be university
www.sathyabama.ac.in/

Shanmugha Arts Science Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA)
Thanjavur / Deemed-to-be university
www.sastra.edu

Sharda University
Greater Noida / State private university
www.sharda.ac.in

Shiv Nadar University Chennai
Kalavakkam / State private university
www.snuchennai.edu.in

Shivaji University
Kolhapur / State university
www.unishivaji.ac.in

Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences
Solan / State private university
www.shooliniuniversity.com

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University
New Delhi / Central university
www.slbsrsv.ac.in

Sikkim University
Gangtok / Central university
cus.ac.in/

South Asian University
New Delhi / Central university
sau.int/

Sri Krishnadevaraya University
Anantapur / State university
skuniversity.ac.in/

Sri Venkateswara University
Tirupati / State university
svuniversity.edu.in/

SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonepat
Sonipat / State private university
www.srmuniversity.ac.in

SRM University, Andhra Pradesh
Neerukonda / State private university
srmap.edu.in/

SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies
Mumbai / Deemed-to-be university
www.nmims.edu/

Symbiosis International University
Pune / Deemed-to-be university
www.siu.edu.in

Symbiosis Skills and Professional University
Pune / State private university
www.sspu.ac.in

Symbiosis University of Applied Sciences (SUAS)
Indore / State private university
www.suas.ac.in/

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
Mumbai / Deemed-to-be university
www.tifr.res.in/

Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Mumbai / Deemed-to-be university
www.tiss.edu

Tezpur University
Tezpur / Central university
www.tezu.ac.in/

Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology
Patiala / Deemed-to-be university
www.thapar.edu/

The English and Foreign Languages University
Hyderabad / Central university
www.efluniversity.ac.in/

Tripura University
Agartala / Central university
tripurauniv.ac.in/

University of Rajasthan
Jaipur / State university
www.uniraj.ac.in/

Visva Bharati
Santiniketan / Central university
visvabharati.ac.in/

STUDY IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

United Arab Emirates

Local universities and international branch-campus education.



American University of Sharjah - Main building, Sharjah campus / Mehmet Emre Yavuz / CC BY 3.0 / cropped

The UAE combines federal institutions, local private universities and international branch campuses. Degree-awarding arrangements and accreditation attach to the particular provider and programme. Dubai and the other emirates also have different campus and housing markets; branch-campus tuition is set locally.

TUITION / YEAR

AED 64,557 / 110,876

≈ US$ 17,580 / 30,190 / year

2026/27 bachelor's examples: Middlesex Dubai / American University of Sharjah. MDX includes VAT; additional AUS and programme charges may apply.

LIVING / MONTH

AED 3,600-6,000

≈ US$ 980-1,630 / month

Editorial Dubai shared-housing allowance, informed by MDX costs. Private studios, supervision for minors, deposits, visa and insurance may cost extra.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
Medicine: typically 6 years

Fields of study

Business; engineering; computing; design; health-related fields.

Academic entry

Admission commonly requires a recognised school-leaving qualification, specified subjects and language evidence. Certificate attestation or equivalency can form part of the file. A branch-campus name identifies its institutional relationship; recognition of the campus and award is a separate regulatory matter.

Two fee examples

The bachelor's figures shown represent Middlesex University Dubai and American University of Sharjah for 2026/27. Middlesex's published amount includes VAT. Housing, insurance, residence formalities and any programme-specific charges are additional to the stated tuition examples.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Institutions, Awards and Entry

Federal accreditation, international campuses and qualification-specific admission.

Institutional and programme status

The Commission for Academic Accreditation records licensed institutions and accredited programmes in separate registers. Providers include public and private universities, specialist colleges and overseas campuses. A current institutional licence establishes the provider's status; the programme register identifies accredited awards. Overseas branding alone does not establish federal programme accreditation. Because the registers retain historical and inactive entries, the relevant record is the active institution and programme at the intended campus.

Dubai branch-campus regulation

Dubai's Knowledge and Human Development Authority regulates higher education provision in its free zones. Its framework includes the University Quality Assurance International Board, which assesses international branch provision against the home institution, and a route based on Commission for Academic Accreditation licensing and accreditation. These arrangements distinguish permission to operate, quality assurance of a branch and accreditation of individual qualifications. A Dubai location therefore does not establish a single regulatory status for every provider. The awarding university, UAE teaching institution and relevant programme are separate elements of the record.

School qualifications and selection

Universities publish entry requirements for different school systems, including UAE secondary certificates, British qualifications, American diplomas and the International Baccalaureate. Khalifa University identifies mathematics and programme-specific science requirements and requires equivalency documentation for private UAE schools and international schooling systems. Its shortlisted applicants take internal admission tests unless an academic exemption applies. The national higher-education registration service has a defined citizen and Emirati-mother eligibility category. International applicants outside that category use the institution's applicable admissions route; expatriate residence does not convert an application into the national category.

Professional and specialist degrees

Specialist degrees have distinct academic structures and selection procedures. Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences offers a six-year undergraduate Doctor of Medicine with basic-science and clinical phases. Its admission process includes a science-based entrance examination followed by multiple mini interviews for selected candidates. It also publishes a separate graduate-entry medical programme. At the postgraduate level, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence requires a relevant preceding degree and uses screening examinations and selected technical interviews. These examples do not constitute a common national admissions examination.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Funding and Campus Conditions

Tuition commitments, funding categories, residence sponsorship and campus geography.

Published charges and commitments

Tuition is published by the institution and programme. Mohammed Bin Rashid University's undergraduate Doctor of Medicine page lists annual tuition of AED160,000, a non-refundable application charge of AED1,000 plus VAT, and an AED10,000 seat-reservation payment credited against the first-semester instalment after enrolment. These are a medical-programme example, not a UAE fee scale. At Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, the Master in Applied Artificial Intelligence is a 34-credit, fee-based programme with published total tuition of AED170,000 and no university- or faculty-sponsored funding.

Scholarship applicant categories

Scholarship eligibility can depend on citizenship, degree level and the location of previous schooling. American University of Sharjah distinguishes the President's Scholarship for applicants schooled outside the UAE from its Chancellor's route for applicants schooled within the country. Khalifa University publishes several postgraduate funding categories with different benefits, including a combined master's-doctoral scheme restricted to UAE nationals. These are separate classifications from academic admission. A resident expatriate, an overseas applicant and a UAE national can therefore have different funding options even when applying to the same university.

Graduate research funding

Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence's published Fall 2027 model treats MSc students as fee-paying unless they secure qualifying funding. Merit-based funding may be considered during admission. Faculty-sponsored research or teaching assistantships can provide support; the approved government-scholarship route is for UAE nationals. Doctoral students receive central support in year one while matching with an adviser, with later funding dependent on an adviser match and satisfactory progress. Funded benefits include tuition, stipend, health insurance and specified travel and residence support. This model separates funded research appointments from an unconditional scholarship for every admitted master's student.

Residence and campus geography

The UAE government describes student residence under the sponsorship of a resident parent or an accredited university or college. Immigration sponsorship is distinct from an academic place and from a scholarship. Teaching locations are also geographically distinct: Birmingham's Dubai campus is in International Academic City, Heriot-Watt's is in Knowledge Park and Rochester Institute of Technology's is in Dubai Silicon Oasis. American University of Sharjah separately provides residential halls and campus services in Sharjah. These locations identify different accommodation and commuting arrangements within the wider UAE university sector.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Emirates Standardized Test (EmSAT)

Former national Grade 12 testing requirement

The federal authorities cancelled the mandatory Grade 12 EmSAT requirement. Universities set their own admission criteria; some published institutional policies still accept existing EmSAT scores. It is not a universal current entrance requirement for UAE higher education.

www.wam.ae/en/article/b60yota-moe-mohesr-cancel-emsat-exam-for-grade-students

International English Language Testing System Academic / Test of English as a Foreign Language (IELTS / TOEFL)

Institution-specific English evidence

American University of Sharjah lists IELTS Academic 6.5 or TOEFL iBT 4.5 on the new scale, previously 80, for booking English placement. Its language evidence does not automatically exempt the separate mathematics or physics placement requirements.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

SAT Mathematics (College Board)

Supplementary evidence at Khalifa University

The current undergraduate page identifies a mathematics score of 700 as a preferable result that strengthens an application. It is not presented as a universal UAE requirement or an automatic offer.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

Khalifa University Admission Test (KUAT)

Shortlisted Khalifa University undergraduate applicants

Internal tests assess mathematics and relevant science readiness. Outstanding academic performance can qualify for an exemption. The mathematics test informs admission and does not itself exempt degree-level mathematics courses.

www.ku.ac.ae/undergraduate-admissions

American University of Sharjah placement tests

Admitted undergraduates, according to intended major

English, mathematics and physics placement determine initial course levels. Mathematics and physics requirements depend on the major. These tests take place after an admission offer and are separate from the school qualification.

www.aus.edu/node/72176

MBRU Admissions Test and Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)

Mohammed Bin Rashid University undergraduate Doctor of Medicine

The entrance test assesses secondary-school biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Selected candidates progress to timed interview stations assessing non-academic competencies. The published medical route requires English-test evidence irrespective of native language or previous teaching medium.

www.mbru.ac.ae/programs/doctor-of-medicine-md/

MBZUAI graduate screening examination

Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence graduate applicants

The examination assesses relevant foundational mathematics and programming; doctoral screening also includes machine learning and core computer science. A subset of candidates receives a technical interview. This is a university-specific selection procedure.

mbzuai.ac.ae/admissions/graduate-masters-admissions

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

American University of Sharjah President's Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. Full tuition and laboratory fees, an application-fee waiver, campus housing, medical insurance, a monthly stipend and three return air tickets during the degree.

Eligibility. First-time fall entrants who completed secondary school outside the UAE, with exceptional school results and IELTS 7.0 or TOEFL iBT 94. Selection also assesses documented achievements.

Application. An AUS admission offer precedes the separate scholarship application.

Conditions. The award is competitive and renewable only while scholarship conditions are met. AUS uses a separate Chancellor's Scholarship route for applicants who completed secondary school inside the UAE.

Khalifa University postgraduate scholarships

Master's and PhD

Support. Full or partial tuition support. Award categories can also include textbooks, housing, medical insurance and visa or travel support; PhD packages can add a monthly stipend and research-related support.

Eligibility. Qualified UAE nationals and international applicants; academic merit, research potential, field and university priorities determine selection.

Application. Scholarship interest is recorded within the postgraduate admission application.

Conditions. Awards depend on selection and are not automatic with admission. The combined master's-PhD scheme is restricted to UAE nationals and provides no stipend during its master's stage.

UAEU Chancellor's Scholarship for Elite Students - 100% tuition

Undergraduate

Support. 100% tuition waiver only; housing and admission-application fees are excluded.

Eligibility. New international applicants with at least 98% school results and IELTS 7.5 or TOEFL iBT 105/equivalent. Specified colleges require SAT Math 730 or ACT Math 32; Law requires Al Ain Arabic 6.5.

Application. New applicants use UAEU's electronic admissions system; enrolled students have a separate scholarship appeal or upgrade process.

Conditions. Continuation requires CGPA 3.8, at least 15 credits per regular semester and no concurrent scholarship. Funding normally ends after the programme's standard number of semesters; available scholarship seats limit awards.

MBZUAI graduate research and teaching funding

MSc and PhD; excludes MAAI

Support. Funded students receive tuition, stipend, annual home-country return airfare, health insurance and eligible residence support.

Eligibility. Qualified graduate applicants, including international students. MSc study is fee-paying by default; merit-based funding may be considered during admission, alongside faculty-sponsored assistantships and the eligible government-scholarship route. PhD continuation requires adviser matching and satisfactory progress.

Application. Graduate admissions and faculty matching determine eligibility for the relevant research or teaching funding.

Conditions. The published Fall 2027 model makes MSc study fee-paying by default. PhD support transfers from the university to the matched advisor; continuation requires satisfactory progress. MAAI is fee-based and excluded.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

United Arab Emirates University

Al Ain / Federal public university
Engineering; Medicine; Science; Business
P.O. Box 15551, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
www.uaeu.ac.ae/

American University of Sharjah

Sharjah / Independent nonprofit university
Engineering; Business; Architecture; Design
P.O. Box 26666, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
www.aus.edu/

Khalifa University

Abu Dhabi / Public research university / QS 2027: 147
Engineering; Computing; Science; Medicine
Main Campus, Al Saada Street / Old Airport Road; P.O. Box 127788, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
www.ku.ac.ae/

University of Sharjah

Sharjah / Nonprofit university
Medicine; Engineering; Business; Law
P.O. Box 27272, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
www.sharjah.ac.ae/

Zayed University

Abu Dhabi and Dubai / Federal public university
Business; Computing; Communication; Arts
Abu Dhabi campus: P.O. Box 144534, Abu Dhabi; Dubai campus: P.O. Box 19282, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
www.zu.ac.ae/

Ajman University

Ajman / Private nonprofit university
Dentistry; Pharmacy; Engineering; Business
P.O. Box 346, Ajman, United Arab Emirates
www.ajman.ac.ae/

Higher Colleges of Technology

Multiple emirates / Federal applied higher education institution
Engineering technology; Business; Computing; Health sciences
Central services: P.O. Box 25026, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
hct.ac.ae/
communication@hct.ac.ae

Abu Dhabi University

Abu Dhabi / Private university
Engineering; Business; Health sciences; Law
P.O. Box 59911, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
www.adu.ac.ae/
admissions@adu.ac.ae

Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence

Abu Dhabi / Public specialist university
Artificial intelligence; Machine learning; Computer vision; Natural language processing
Building 1B, Masdar City, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
mbzuai.ac.ae/

Al Ain University

Al Ain / Private university
Engineering; Pharmacy; Law; Business
Al Ain campus: P.O. Box 64141, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
aau.ac.ae/
sru@aau.ac.ae

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

American University in Dubai

Dubai / Private university

Business; Engineering; Architecture; Communication

Sheikh Zayed Road, P.O. Box 28282, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.aud.edu/

admissions@aud.edu

New York University Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi / US university global campus

Humanities; Social sciences; Science; Engineering

Saadiyat Island, P.O. Box 129188, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

nyuad.nyu.edu/

University of Wollongong in Dubai

Dubai / Australian university branch

Business; Engineering; Computing; Media

UOWD Building, Dubai Knowledge Park, P.O. Box 20183, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.uowdubai.ac.ae/

info@uowdubai.ac.ae

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi / Public university with French academic partnerships

Humanities; Languages; Law; Economics

Al Reem Island, P.O. Box 38044, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

www.sorbonne.ae/

University of Birmingham Dubai

Dubai / UK university branch

Business; Computing; Engineering; Psychology

Dubai International Academic City, P.O. Box 341799, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/

Rochester Institute of Technology Dubai

Dubai / US university branch

Engineering; Computing; Business; Design

Dubai Silicon Oasis, P.O. Box 341055, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.rit.edu/dubai/

dubai@rit.edu

Heriot-Watt University Dubai

Dubai / UK university branch

Engineering; Business; Computing; Design

Dubai Knowledge Park, P.O. Box 501745, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.hw.ac.uk/dubai/

dubaienquiries@hw.ac.uk

Gulf Medical University

Ajman / Private specialist university

Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy; Nursing

P.O. Box 4184, Ajman, United Arab Emirates

gmu.ac.ae/

Middlesex University Dubai

Dubai / UK university branch

Business; Computing; Law; Psychology

Dubai Knowledge Park, Blocks 15, 16, 17 and 19, P.O. Box 500697, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.mdx.ac.ae/

Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Dubai / Specialist health sciences university

Medicine; Dentistry; Nursing; Biomedical sciences

Building 14, Dubai Healthcare City, P.O. Box 505055, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

www.mbru.ac.ae/

info@mbru.ac.ae

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Abu Dhabi Polytechnic
Abu Dhabi / Public polytechnic
adpoly.ac.ae/

Abu Dhabi School of Management
Abu Dhabi / Private business school
adsm.ac.ae/

Al Qasimia University
Sharjah / Public university
www.alqasimia.ac.ae/

Al Wasl University
Dubai / Nonprofit university
www.alwasl.ac.ae/

American University in the Emirates
Dubai / Private university
aue.ae/

American University of Ras Al Khaimah
Ras Al Khaimah / Independent nonprofit university
aurak.ac.ae/

Amity University Dubai
Dubai / Indian university branch
amityuniversity.ae/

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, Dubai Campus
Dubai / Indian university branch
www.bits-pilani.ac.in/dubai/

Canadian University Dubai
Dubai / Private university
www.cud.ac.ae/

City University Ajman
Ajman / Private university
cu.ac.ae/

Curtin University Dubai
Dubai / Australian university branch
curtindubai.ac.ae/

De Montfort University Dubai
Dubai / UK university branch
www.dmu.ac.ae/

Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation
Dubai / Private specialist higher education institution
didi.ac.ae/

Dubai Medical University
Dubai / Private health sciences university
www.dmu.ae/

EM Normandie Business School, Dubai
Dubai / French business school branch
www.em-normandie.ae/

Emirates Aviation University
Dubai / Specialist aviation university
www.eau.ac.ae/

Emirates College for Advanced Education
Abu Dhabi / Public specialist college
www.ecae.ac.ae/

Fatima College of Health Sciences
Abu Dhabi / Al Ain / Ajman / Al Dhafra / Public specialist college
www.fchs.ac.ae/

Fujairah University
Fujairah / Local university
www.fu.ac.ae/

Global Studies University
Sharjah / Specialist postgraduate university
gsu.ac.ae/

Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University
Dubai / Public university with smart-learning provision
www.hbmsu.ac.ae/

Hult International Business School, Dubai
Dubai / International private business school campus
www.hult.edu/campuses/dubai/

INSEAD, Abu Dhabi Campus
Abu Dhabi / International graduate business school campus
www.insead.edu/locations/abu-dhabi-campus

Jumeira University
Dubai / Private university
www.ju.ac.ae/

Liwa University
Abu Dhabi / Al Ain / Private university
lu.ac.ae/

London Business School, Dubai
Dubai / UK graduate business school campus
www.london.edu/about/our-campuses/dubai

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dubai
Dubai / Indian university branch
www.manipaldubai.com/

Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities
Abu Dhabi / Public specialist university
www.mbzuh.ac.ae/

Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government
Dubai / Public postgraduate school
www.mbrsg.ae/

Murdoch University Dubai
Dubai / Australian university branch
www.murdochuniversitydubai.com/

RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
Ras Al Khaimah / Specialist health sciences university
www.rakmhsu.ac.ae/

S P Jain School of Global Management, Dubai
Dubai / Australian-registered private higher education provider
www.spjain.ae/

SAE University College, Dubai
Dubai / Australian university college branch
dubai.sae.edu/

Saint Joseph University Dubai
Dubai / Lebanese university branch
www.usj.edu.lb/dubai/

Sharjah Education Academy
Sharjah / Public specialist academy
sea.ac.ae/

Sharjah Maritime Academy
Khorfakkan / Public specialist academy
www.sma.ac.ae/

Symbiosis International University, Dubai
Dubai / Indian university branch
siudubai.ac.ae/

The British University in Dubai
Dubai / Nonprofit university
www.buid.ac.ae/

The University of Manchester, Dubai
Dubai / UK university regional centre
www.manchester.ac.ae/

Umm Al Quwain University
Umm Al Quwain / Local university
uaqu.ac.ae/

University of Al Dhaid
Al Dhaid / Public university
www.uodh.ac.ae/

University of Dubai
Dubai / Private university
ud.ac.ae/

University of Kalba
Kalba / Public university
www.ukb.ac.ae/

University of Khorfakkan
Khorfakkan / Public university
ukf.ac.ae/

University of Strathclyde Business School, UAE
Dubai / UK business school delivery centre
www.strath.ac.uk/business/international/uae/

STUDY IN GEORGIA

Georgia

University degrees and single-cycle medical education.



Tbilisi State University - Tbilisi State University building / Patrik Kunec / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Georgia offers business, technology, social-science and medical study through public and private institutions. Medicine is a six-year single-cycle qualification. The National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement records institutional authorisation and programme accreditation within Georgia's quality-assurance system.

TUITION / YEAR

GEL 20,840

≈ US$ 8,000 / year

TSMU standard English Medical Doctor programme: published US$8,000/year. GEL is a planning conversion; American MD is separately priced.

LIVING / MONTH

GEL 1,600-2,200

≈ US$ 610-840 / month

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), Tbilisi, example combining rent and food/daily costs. Transport, insurance, deposits and utilities outside rent are additional.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: usually 2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Medicine; dentistry; business; computing; social sciences.

Academic entry

Tbilisi State Medical University lists English Dental Medicine at US$7,000/year, Pharmacy at US$3,500/year, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at US$3,000/year. Its standard English MD is US$8,000/year. Residency programmes are currently taught in Georgian, a separate language requirement from English-medium initial study.

Indian medical-registration conditions

The relevant NEET result has a three-year validity for overseas admission. For students covered by India's Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, prescribed training, internship and host-country professional registration or licensing must satisfy the applicable conditions. University admission and later Indian registration are separate decisions.

GEORGIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and provision

Authorised institutions offer a wider subject range than medicine, including newer three-year English-language bachelor's programmes.

44,400

foreign students in Georgian higher education, 2025/26. Reporting period: as stated by the source.

Bachelor's, master's and integrated degrees

Georgia uses bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, alongside integrated professional qualifications. Programme duration is not identical across the current bachelor's catalogue: three-year and four-year routes are both present. International Black Sea University, for example, publishes a three-year, 180-credit English-language Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence degree. Credits follow the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. Medicine follows a separate integrated structure of six years and 360 credits; dentistry normally comprises five years and 300 credits. A generic four-year bachelor's label therefore does not accurately describe every programme.

Authorisation and accreditation

The National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement is Georgia's higher-education quality authority. Institutional authorisation establishes whether a provider is entitled to operate as a higher-education institution and issue recognised qualifications within its authorised scope. Programme accreditation is a separate quality process applied to the educational programme. A provider's presence on the authorised list therefore does not, by itself, describe every course's current accreditation status. The regulator publishes institutional decisions and programme information separately, including the applicable terms and conditions of its quality decisions.

Computing, business and creative subjects

International provision extends beyond health sciences. Caucasus University's bachelor's catalogue includes computing and artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, business, diplomacy, architecture and graphic design, with the teaching language and duration identified for individual programmes. Its catalogue also contains international joint-degree routes. Kutaisi International University publishes English-language and bilingual bachelor's admission arrangements in areas including computing, management, mathematics and design. These examples show the importance of the actual programme specification: one university can offer courses with different credit totals, fee currencies, partner arrangements and academic entry expectations.

The medical curriculum and its limits

Tbilisi State Medical University's English-medium Medical Doctor programme comprises six academic years, twelve semesters and 360 European credits. Its curriculum brings together biomedical foundations, clinical learning and professional competencies. A medical-school catalogue describes the academic qualification; it does not award a licence to practise abroad. The term 'MD' in this context denotes an integrated entry-to-medicine qualification, rather than necessarily a postgraduate research doctorate. Recognition for professional registration remains a separate process in the country where the graduate intends to practise.

GEORGIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student costs

Foreign-school applicants can use specified national-examination exemptions, followed by institutional assessment and qualification recognition.

The foreign-qualification pathway

Georgia provides statutory routes through which eligible foreign-educated applicants can enrol without the Unified National Examinations used in the standard domestic admission system. Eligibility depends on citizenship and educational history under the applicable category; it is not a blanket exemption for every applicant with a foreign passport. Tbilisi State University describes a sequence involving the faculty's assessment, institutional consent, recognition of foreign education and the relevant ministry decision. Admission to a particular programme therefore combines national administrative recognition with the university's academic requirements.

Documents and institutional assessment

Tbilisi State University's international application information distinguishes identity documents, the qualifying diploma and transcript, language evidence and programme-specific assessment. Foreign educational documents are submitted with the required Georgian translation and notarisation for the recognition procedure. A faculty may conduct an examination where its programme requires one. The university's consent precedes the national recognition and enrolment stages described in its procedure. An application acknowledgement, a conditional faculty decision and final student registration are therefore different administrative events, rather than interchangeable forms of an unconditional admission offer.

A named tuition and language example

For its published 2026-27 foreign-citizen bachelor's intake, Kutaisi International University lists annual tuition of EUR 5,500 for Computer Science and Management, EUR 1,000 for Mathematics and Applications, and EUR 4,000 for Design. Its published English evidence begins at B1 level and is accompanied by an online interview. These are programme-specific terms, not a national Georgian minimum or fee schedule. The university states that payment is made in Georgian lari using the National Bank exchange rate applicable at payment.

Tbilisi rent and everyday spending

The Georgian Institute of Public Affairs gives a June 2026 illustration of central Tbilisi apartment rent at approximately GEL 1,000-1,500 a month and food and daily expenditure at GEL 600-700. Taken together, those two components amount to GEL 1,600-2,200 before any additional charges not covered by the estimate. The institution states that it does not provide dormitory accommodation. This is a local rental example, not a guaranteed student-housing tariff. Sharing an apartment changes the per-person calculation, while deposits and initial household purchases affect arrival costs.

GEORGIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Unified National Examinations

Standard domestic bachelor's admission; specified foreign-route exemptions

Eligible foreign-educated applicants can use a statutory exemption route. Citizenship and schooling conditions determine eligibility; exemption does not remove institutional assessment.

mes.gov.ge/oldmes/content.php?id=1129&lang=eng

English certificate and interview

Kutaisi International University foreign bachelor's intake

The published route uses English evidence from B1 level plus an online interview. Other Georgian programmes can require a higher level or different accepted evidence.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Common Master's Examination

Standard master's route; specified exemptions

Georgia provides exemption categories for certain foreign-educated applicants. Universities can retain their own academic and language assessments for the chosen master's programme.

mes.gov.ge/oldmes/content.php?id=1129&lang=eng

Faculty assessment

Programme-specific international applicants

Tbilisi State University can require a faculty examination as part of its international admission assessment. This is separate from the national recognition of the school qualification.

www.tsu.ge/en/international-student/page/Study-at-TSU-1

Institutional authorisation and programme accreditation

Georgia's National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement operates two distinct external quality-assurance processes. Authorisation evaluates the institution and is required for educational activity and state-recognised diplomas. Accreditation evaluates educational programmes, individually or in subject clusters. Programme reviews consider learning outcomes, teaching and assessment, student achievement, resources and quality improvement. Expert panels examine self-evaluation evidence and conduct institutional visits before the accreditation council reaches a decision. The centre publishes decisions and reports, while its institutional register identifies the authorised higher education providers.

Programme languages and admission categories

Georgian universities offer distinct national-examination and foreign-applicant admission routes. At IBSU, the English-taught Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence bachelor's programme comprises 180 credits over three years, with separate tuition schedules for the two routes. TSU's international process includes qualification recognition and faculty review, with foreign-language documents translated into Georgian and notarised. English-medium provision also includes medical degrees and business programmes, while other courses are delivered in Georgian. A university's programme catalogue specifies the qualification, teaching language and credit structure for each course.

GEORGIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

IBSU international bachelor's tuition scholarship route

Undergraduate: selected English-taught programmes

Support. Up to US$1,000 tuition scholarship advertised against the US$4,900 fee for entrants outside Georgia's Unified National Examinations route.

Eligibility. Published on Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Management and International Relations programme pages for the foreign-admission fee category.

Application. International admission application to IBSU under the foreign-applicant process.

Conditions. The programme pages state a maximum award but do not publish selection criteria, duration or renewal terms. No maintenance benefit is stated.

Caucasus University postgraduate CU Grant competition

Master's: eligible standard programmes

Support. 50% tuition funding under the 2026/27 schedule; for example, annual MBA tuition falls from GEL12,990 to GEL6,495 with the grant.

Eligibility. Bachelor's GPA of at least 3.5, or at least 65% of the maximum combined score on the Unified Master's Examination.

Application. Application to the relevant CU master's programme and entry into the CU Grant competition.

Conditions. Thresholds establish competition eligibility. Joint/dual degrees are excluded. Continuation requires timely first-year completion and GPA 3.8; 1+1 programmes also require uninterrupted progression.

Caucasus University TOP 501 entrance scholarship

Undergraduate: eligible standard CU programmes

Support. 100% tuition funding for qualifying undergraduate entrants.

Eligibility. CU programme selected as first preference and a place among the top 501 entrants nationwide in Georgia's Unified National Examinations.

Application. National examination admission route with CU as the first programme preference.

Conditions. National-examination award rather than an international direct-entry scholarship. Joint degrees are excluded; living expenses are outside the stated tuition benefit. CU identifies funding-policy changes during education reforms.

Erasmus+ credit mobility to Georgia

Bachelor's, master's and doctoral exchange

Support. Host tuition, registration and examination fees are waived; funded places may include travel and living-cost contributions determined by the institutional project.

Eligibility. Students enrolled at a participating home institution, selected and nominated under an eligible inter-institutional agreement.

Application. Home-university selection and nomination followed by the Georgian host's exchange application and learning agreement.

Conditions. Temporary study credits, not a full degree award. At Caucasus University, first/final-year students are excluded and B2 English evidence is required. Partnership alone does not guarantee grant funding.

GEORGIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Tbilisi / Public university / QS 2027: 1001-1200

Natural sciences; Humanities; Economics and business; Law

1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Academic Building I, Tbilisi 0179, Georgia

tsu.ge/en
academicaffairs@tsu.ge

Ilia State University

Tbilisi / Public university

Arts and sciences; Natural sciences; Business; Technology and education

3/5 Kakutsa Cholokashvili Avenue, Tbilisi 0162, Georgia

iliauni.edu.ge/en
info@iliauni.edu.ge

Georgian Technical University

Tbilisi / Public technical university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Agricultural sciences

77 Kostava Street, Tbilisi 0160, Georgia

gtu.ge/en/index2.php
interstudy@gtu.ge

Tbilisi State Medical University

Tbilisi / Public medical university

Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy; Public health

Administrative Building, 33 Vazha-Pshavela Avenue, Tbilisi 0186, Georgia

tsmu.edu/ts/index.php?lang=en

Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

Batumi / Public university

Economics and business; Humanities; Natural sciences and healthcare; Technologies

35 Ninoshvili Street / 32 Rustaveli Street, Batumi 6010, Georgia

bsu.edu.ge/?lang=en
info@bsu.edu.ge

Akaki Tsereteli State University

Kutaisi / Public university

Engineering; Agriculture; Medicine; Humanities

59 Tamar Mepe Street, Kutaisi 4600, Georgia

atsu.edu.ge/en/
info@atsu.edu.ge

Samtskhe-Javakheti State University

Akhaltsikhe / Public university

Education and humanities; Business administration; Law; Engineering

113 Rustaveli Street, Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

sjuni.edu.ge/en/sjsu/

Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University

Telavi / Public university

Education; Humanities; Business and law; Agrarian sciences

1 Kartuli Universiteti Street, Telavi 2200, Georgia

tesau.edu.ge/en
info@tesau.edu.ge

Gori State University

Gori / Public university; EQE register lists Gori State Teaching University

Humanities; Education; Natural sciences; Business

53 Chavchavadze Avenue, Gori, Georgia

gu.edu.ge/en/
contact@gu.edu.ge

Free University of Tbilisi

Tbilisi / Private university

Business administration; Law; Mathematics and computer science; Physics

Kakha Bendukidze Campus, 240 Davit Aghmashenebeli Alley, Tbilisi 0159, Georgia

freeuni.edu.ge/en/

Caucasus University

Tbilisi / Private university

Business; Law; Technology; Architecture and design

1 Paata Saakadze Street, Tbilisi 0102, Georgia

cu.edu.ge/en
info@cu.edu.ge

University of Georgia

Tbilisi / Private university

Arts and humanities; Business administration; Science and technology; Education

77a Merab Kostava Street, Tbilisi 0171, Georgia

ug.edu.ge/en
info@ug.edu.ge

GEORGIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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International Black Sea University

Tbilisi / Private university

Business; Computer science and artificial intelligence; Architecture; Law

2 Davit Aghmashenebeli Alley, 13th kilometre, Tbilisi, Georgia

ibsu.edu.ge/en/

Georgian American University

Tbilisi / Private university

Business; Law and diplomacy; Informatics and engineering; Humanities

10 Merab Aleksidze Street, Tbilisi 0160, Georgia

www.gau.edu.ge/en
info@gau.edu.ge

European University

Tbilisi / Private university

Medicine; Dentistry; Veterinary medicine; Business and technology

76 Guramishvili Avenue, Tbilisi 0141, Georgia

eu.edu.ge/en/

Alte University

Tbilisi / Private university

Business; Law and social sciences; Information technology; Medicine

10 University Street, Tbilisi 0177, Georgia

alte.edu.ge/en
Info@alte.edu.ge

Further study options

Agricultural University of Georgia
Tbilisi / Private university
agruni.edu.ge/

Apolon Kutateladze Tbilisi State Academy of Arts
Tbilisi / Public arts academy
art.edu.ge/

Batumi State Maritime Academy
Batumi / Public maritime academy
bsma.edu.ge/

Batumi State Teaching University of Arts
Batumi / Public arts university
batu.edu.ge/

BAU International University Batumi
Batumi / Private university
bauinternational.edu.ge/

Business and Technology University
Tbilisi / Private university
btu.ge/

Caucasus International University
Tbilisi / Private university
ciu.edu.ge/

Central University of Europe
Kutaisi / Private university
cue.edu.ge/

David Aghmashenebeli University of Georgia
Tbilisi / Private university
sdasu.edu.ge/

David Tvildiani Medical University
Tbilisi / Private medical university
dtmu.ge/

East European University
Tbilisi / Private university
eeu.edu.ge/

Georgian Aviation University
Tbilisi / Private university
ssu.edu.ge/

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs
Tbilisi / Private university
gipa.ge/

Georgian National University SEU
Tbilisi / Private university
seu.edu.ge/

Grigol Robakidze University
Tbilisi / Private university
gruni.edu.ge/

Kutaisi International University
Kutaisi / Public university
kiu.edu.ge/

New Vision University
Tbilisi / Private university
newvision.ge/

Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy
Tbilisi / Private medical institution
tma.edu.ge/

Saint Andrew the First-Called Georgian University
Tbilisi / Private university
sangu.edu.ge/

Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University
Zugdidi / Public university
zssu.ge/

Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University
Tbilisi / Public university
tafu.edu.ge/

Sokhumi State University
Tbilisi / Public university
sou.edu.ge/

Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University
Tbilisi / Private university
sabauni.edu.ge/

Tbilisi Vano Sarajishvili State Conservatoire
Tbilisi / Public conservatoire
tsc.edu.ge/

University Geomedi
Tbilisi / Private university
geomedi.edu.ge/

STUDY IN FRANCE

France

Universities, grandes écoles and specialist higher-education institutions.



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France's degree structure commonly follows licence, master and doctorate. A licence usually takes three years and a master another two. Universities, grandes écoles and specialist schools have different selection and fee arrangements. English-taught programmes are available within a system where French remains a major teaching language.

TUITION / YEAR

EUR 2,902 / 3,950

≈ US$ 3,300 / 4,490 / year

2026/27 public fees: affected non-EU bachelor's / master's. PhD: EUR 398/year. Exemptions vary; CVEC and specialist/private-school charges are separate.

LIVING / MONTH

EUR 800-1,200

≈ US$ 910-1,360 / month

European Commission planning range. Paris private accommodation can raise expenditure; deposits, insurance and transport affect the total.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3 years
Master's: 2 years
Medicine: 10-12 years incl. residency

Fields of study

Business; engineering; design; humanities; hospitality.

Academic entry

The application route depends on the qualification level, institution and applicant's circumstances. Études en France is the official procedure for applicants covered by that system; other courses use their designated university or national platform. Recognition of a qualification is separate from a private school's marketing title.

Public fees and other charges

The differentiated 2026/27 public-university fees shown here concern affected non-EU bachelor's and master's students. Exemptions can reduce the amount. Doctoral registration is EUR 398/year. The Student and Campus Life Contribution (CVEC), and private or specialist-school charges follow separate rules.

FRANCE / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and academic routes

Universities, engineering schools and specialist institutions award different qualifications within the same higher-education system.

443,500

Foreign students enrolled in French higher education institutions. Reporting period: 2024/25.

Licence, master and doctorate

The national degree sequence is licence, master and doctorate. A licence normally comprises three years and 180 credits; a master adds two years and 120 credits. Credits use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, which measures learning workload rather than examination marks alone. Doctoral study centres on original research and normally follows a master's degree. Admission to the next cycle is a separate decision: completing a licence does not create an automatic entitlement to every master's programme.

Engineering: a regulated qualification

The diplôme d'ingénieur is a specific engineering qualification carrying master's-level status. Its usual structure represents five years after secondary school, including either an integrated preparatory stage or entry after prior scientific study. The Commission des titres d'ingénieur, France's engineering accreditation body, evaluates programmes authorised to award this title. Engineering schools offer routes in fields such as computing, civil engineering, energy and industrial systems. An English title containing 'engineering' is not, by itself, evidence that the course awards the diplôme d'ingénieur.

University, business school or arts school

Universities teach broad academic disciplines; specialist schools organise courses around professions and creative practice. A three-year bachelor universitaire de technologie, taught in a university technology institute, combines disciplinary study with professional training. Business schools offer bachelor's, management and specialised postgraduate programmes, while art, architecture and design schools use their own course structures. France distinguishes national degrees and state-recognised academic grades from other institutional awards. Registration of a professional qualification in the national qualifications register is a different form of recognition from the national master's degree.

Language and selection are programme-specific

French remains a principal teaching language, alongside a substantial catalogue of programmes taught wholly or partly in English. Language and academic selection are separate requirements. A French-language licence can require the French proficiency test associated with preliminary admission, whereas an English-language management programme may request an English test and a management aptitude score. HEC Paris, for example, accepts GMAT, GRE or TAGE MAGE results for its Master in Management selection. Those tests are requirements of that programme, not a national examination for all international students.

FRANCE / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Applications and student costs

Residence-based application procedures, differentiated public fees and a large gap between Paris and smaller-city housing costs.

The country of residence changes the route

Études en France is the application and administrative platform used for residents of participating countries. India participates; Oman does not appear in the published participating-country list. An Indian passport therefore does not, on its own, determine that an applicant living in Oman follows the Indian procedure. Applicants outside the platform's territory use the applicable university, national platform or embassy procedure. The distinction also depends on the level of study: first-year university entry, architecture and later-cycle admissions do not all use the same route.

First-year and postgraduate applications

For relevant non-European applicants outside Études en France, first-year university licence admission uses the demande d'admission préalable, or preliminary admission request. The Campus France office in Oman identifies the French Embassy route for this procedure. Selective schools and certain other programmes have their own admissions arrangements. At master's level, the national Mon Master platform applies to eligible applicants and participating national master's programmes; other cases follow institutional procedures. Academic transcripts, the qualifying diploma and language evidence perform different functions within these assessments.

Fees, waivers and visa funds

France's 2026-27 public fees for affected non-EU students are EUR 2,902 for licence study and EUR 3,950 for master's; doctoral registration is EUR 398. A May 2026 decree restricts institutional fee waivers, with protection for specified existing awards. An exemption needs confirmation for the student's course and intake. Private schools set their own fees. Long-stay student-visa applications submitted from 1 August 2026 require resources of at least EUR 877.50/month. This minimum does not establish an adequate living budget, especially in Paris.

Housing, food and the first month

Paris has a markedly different rental market from many regional university cities. Campus France's housing guidance gives approximately EUR 400 a month for a Paris room in a CROUS residence, the public student-services housing network, and at least EUR 800 for a private studio. Its budget guidance places monthly food spending around EUR 300. A rent figure does not include every arrival expense: deposits, insurance, transport and household setup are separate budget items. Public residence accommodation is allocated through an application process and is not an automatic part of university admission.

FRANCE / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TCF for preliminary admission

Relevant French-taught first-year university or architecture applicants

The Test de connaissance du français assesses French. The preliminary-admission route requires the relevant test format and written-expression component unless an exemption applies.

france-education-international.fr/en/test/tcf-tout-public?langue=fr

IELTS / TOEFL or equivalent

Institution-specific English-taught programmes

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may establish proficiency. Accepted tests, scores and exemptions are set by the admitting institution.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

DELF B2 / DALF C1-C2

French-language evidence and specified exemptions

Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) and Diplôme approfondi de langue française (DALF) are national language diplomas. B2/C1/C2 awards can exempt applicants from the preliminary-admission French test; programme standards may be higher.

www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests

GMAT / GRE / TAGE MAGE

Selected management programmes

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or the French TAGE MAGE management aptitude test are accepted for HEC Paris Master in Management. They are not general university entrance tests.

www.mba.com/exams/gmat-exam
www.ets.org/gre.html
www.tagemage.fr/

Institutions and qualifications

France has public universities, engineering grandes écoles, business schools and specialised institutions. Public universities award national degrees; other institutions may award nationally recognised qualifications, school diplomas or both. The licence is the standard undergraduate degree, followed by the master and doctorate. Engineering and business education can use distinct admissions and qualification structures. A school and its parent university may appear separately in directories because they operate different programmes. The ministry register records institutional status; the exact diploma establishes the qualification awarded.

Admission systems

Études en France is the administrative application system for students resident in participating countries. Its scope depends on nationality, residence, prior qualification and study level. First-year undergraduate access can involve the demande d'admission préalable, or preliminary admission request. Selective schools and some university programmes use separate application systems. An academic application, an admission decision and final registration are different stages. French-language and English-language programmes coexist; the language of the programme determines the relevant proficiency evidence.

FRANCE / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

France Excellence Eiffel

Master's and doctorate

Support. Monthly living allowance and specified travel, insurance and support services; master's allowance is €1,200 from January 2026.

Eligibility. Foreign students nominated in priority fields. The published 2026 call sets maximum ages of 29 for master's and 35 for doctoral candidates, with additional residence and prior-award restrictions.

Application. Nomination by the admitting French institution; Campus France does not accept direct student applications.

Conditions. Eiffel does not pay tuition. National-degree fee exemptions at public institutions follow the applicable French government scholarship rules.

Université Paris-Saclay International Master's Scholarship

Master's, M1 or M2

Support. The published 2026 scheme provides €10,000 per academic year, paid September-June, plus up to €900 for annual travel and visa support. Specified periods abroad or external internships reduce payments.

Eligibility. Foreign-national applicants under 30 in the application year, normally entering French higher education for the first time and admitted to an eligible master's.

Application. Admission to a master's precedes nomination by course coordinators. Selected candidates receive the scholarship application form.

Conditions. No advance payment before arrival and registration; accommodation is not guaranteed. Funding above €600 monthly and several other awards are incompatible.

Émile Boutmy Scholarship, Sciences Po

Bachelor's and eligible two-year master's

Support. Published terms checked 5 October 2026: bachelor's tuition exemption in full or by €9,500; master's tuition exemption of €18,500 annually for two years.

Eligibility. First-time non-EU applicants whose household does not pay tax in the EU, admitted to an eligible programme; exclusions include many dual degrees.

Application. Scholarship request forms part of the admission application's financial-information section. Applicants from French secondary schools use the separate published procedure.

Conditions. Merit based and competitive; living costs are separate. Deferral or failure to validate the year can end the award.

CampusBourses and French embassy funding route

Bachelor's through postgraduate, depending on call

Support. CampusBourses lists government, institutional and other funding schemes, including tuition awards, living allowances and travel support.

Eligibility. Nationality, residence, subject and degree-level restrictions are specific to each listed award.

Application. Each listing identifies its administrator and application route. Embassy scholarships and university awards use separate selection procedures.

Conditions. CampusBourses is a funding database, not an award. Each listed scheme has its own nationality, degree, coverage and duration conditions.

FRANCE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Sorbonne University

Paris / Public university / QS 2027: 73

Humanities; Languages; Health sciences; Science

21 rue de l'École de Médecine, 75006 Paris, France

www.sorbonne-universite.fr/en

Université Paris-Saclay

Gif-sur-Yvette / Public university

Science; Engineering; Health sciences; Law

3 rue Joliot Curie, Bâtiment Breguet, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France

www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en

Université Paris Cité

Paris / Public university

Health sciences; Science; Humanities; Social sciences

85 boulevard Saint-Germain, 75006 Paris, France

u-paris.fr/en/

Aix-Marseille Université

Marseille / Aix-en-Provence / Public university

Science; Health sciences; Law; Economics

Jardin du Pharo, 58 boulevard Charles Livon, 13284 Marseille Cedex 07, France

www.univ-amu.fr/en

Université Grenoble Alpes

Saint-Martin-d'Hères / Grenoble / Public university

Science; Engineering; Humanities; Law

621 avenue Centrale, 38400 Saint-Martin-d'Hères, France

www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/

University of Bordeaux

Bordeaux / Public university

Health sciences; Science; Engineering; Law

35 place Pey-Berland, CS 61751, 33076 Bordeaux Cedex, France

www.u-bordeaux.fr/en

University of Strasbourg

Strasbourg / Public university

Chemistry; Health sciences; Law; Languages

4 rue Blaise Pascal, CS 90032, 67081 Strasbourg Cedex, France

www.unistra.fr/en/

University of Lille

Lille / Public university

Science; Health sciences; Law; Management

42 rue Paul Duez, 59000 Lille, France

www.univ-lille.fr/en/

University of Montpellier

Montpellier / Public university

Science; Health sciences; Law; Economics

163 rue Auguste Broussonnet, 34090 Montpellier, France

www.umontpellier.fr/en/

CY Cergy Paris Université

Cergy-Pontoise / Public university

Law; Economics; Science; Humanities

33 boulevard du Port, 95011 Cergy-Pontoise Cedex, France

www.cyu.fr/en

FRANCE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Nantes Université

Nantes / Public university

Science; Health sciences; Law; Humanities

1 quai de Tourville, BP 13522, 44035 Nantes Cedex 1, France

english.univ-nantes.fr/

Université de Lorraine

Nancy / Metz / Public university

Engineering; Science; Health sciences; Law

34 cours Léopold, 54000 Nancy, France

www.univ-lorraine.fr/en/

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Paris / Public university

Law; Economics; History; Geography

12 place du Panthéon, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France

www.pantheonsorbonne.fr/

INSA Lyon

Villeurbanne / Public engineering school

Mechanical engineering; Civil engineering; Electrical engineering; Computer science

20 avenue Albert Einstein, 69621 Villeurbanne Cedex, France

www.insa-lyon.fr/en

Sciences Po

Paris / Public higher education institution with a private foundation

Political science; Law; Economics; History

27 rue Saint-Guillaume, 75337 Paris Cedex 07, France

www.sciencespo.fr/en/

HEC Paris

Jouy-en-Josas / Private business school (EESC)

Management; Finance; Marketing; Entrepreneurship

1 rue de la Libération, 78350 Jouy-en-Josas, France

www.hec.edu/en

ESSEC Business School

Cergy-Pontoise / Private nonprofit business school

Management; Finance; Marketing; Business analytics

3 avenue Bernard Hirsch, CS 50105 Cergy, 95021 Cergy-Pontoise Cedex, France

www.essec.edu/en/

EDHEC Business School

Roubaix / Lille / Private nonprofit business school

Management; Finance; Marketing; Business analytics

24 avenue Gustave Delory, CS 50411, 59057 Roubaix Cedex 1, France

www.edhec.edu/en

École Polytechnique

Palaiseau / Public engineering grande école

Mathematics; Physics; Computer science; Engineering

Route de Saclay, 91128 Palaiseau Cedex, France

www.polytechnique.edu/en

CentraleSupélec

Gif-sur-Yvette / Public engineering grande école

Engineering; Computer science; Energy; Applied mathematics

Bâtiment Eiffel, 8-10 rue Joliot Curie, 91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France

www.centralesupelec.fr/en

FRANCE / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Audencia Business School
Nantes / Private higher-education institution
www.audencia.com/

Avignon Université
Avignon / Public university
univ-avignon.fr/

ESSCA School of Management
Angers / Private higher-education institution
www.essca.eu/

IÉSEG School of Management
Lille / Private higher-education institution
www.ieseg.fr/

KEDGE Business School
Talence / Private higher-education institution
kedge.edu/

La Rochelle Université
La Rochelle / Public university
www.univ-larochelle.fr/

Le Mans Université
Le Mans / Public university
www.univ-lemans.fr/fr/index.html

NEOMA Business School
Mont-Saint-Aignan / Private higher-education institution
neoma-bs.fr/

Nîmes université
Nîmes / Public university
www.unimes.fr/fr/index.html

SKEMA Business School
Lille / Private higher-education institution
www.skema.edu/fr

TBS Education
Toulouse / Private higher-education institution
www.tbs-education.fr/

Université Bordeaux Montaigne
Pessac / Public university
www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/fr/index.html

Université Bourgogne Europe
Dijon / Public university
www.ube.fr/

Université Bretagne Sud
Lorient / Public university
www.univ-ubs.fr/fr/index.html

Université Claude Bernard - Lyon 1
Villeurbanne / Public university
www.univ-lyon1.fr/

Université Clermont Auvergne
Clermont-Ferrand / Public university
www.uca.fr/

Université Côte d'Azur
Nice / Public higher-education institution
univ-cotedazur.fr/

Université d'Angers
Angers / Public university
www.univ-angers.fr/fr/index.html

Université d'Artois
Arras / Public university
www.univ-artois.fr/

Université d'Orléans
Orléans / Public university
www.univ-orleans.fr/fr

Université de Bretagne Occidentale
Brest / Public university
www.univ-brest.fr/fr

Université de Caen Normandie
Caen / Public university
www.unicaen.fr/

Université de Corse Pasquale Paoli
Corte / Public university
www.universita.corsica/fr/

Université de Haute-Alsace
Mulhouse / Public university
www.uha.fr/fr/index.html

Université de Limoges
Limoges / Public university
www.unilim.fr/

Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry
Montpellier / Public university
www.univ-montp3.fr/

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
Pau / Public university
www.univ-pau.fr/fr/index.html

Université de Perpignan Via Domitia
Perpignan / Public university
www.univ-perp.fr/

Université de Picardie Jules Verne
Amiens / Public university
www.u-picardie.fr/

Université de Poitiers
Poitiers / Public university
www.univ-poitiers.fr/

Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne
Reims / Public university
www.univ-reims.fr/

FRANCE / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Université de Rennes
Rennes / Public university
www.univ-rennes.fr/

Université de Rouen Normandie
Mont-Saint-Aignan / Public university
www.univ-rouen.fr/

Université de technologie de Compiègne
Compiègne / Public higher-education institution
www.utc.fr/

Université de technologie de Troyes
Troyes / Public higher-education institution
www.utt.fr/

Université de technologie Tarbes Occitanie Pyrénées
Tarbes / Public higher-education institution
www.uttop.fr/fr/index.html

Université de Toulon
La Garde / Public university
www.univ-tln.fr/

Université de Toulouse
Toulouse / Public university
www.univ-tlse3.fr/

Université de Tours
Tours / Public university
www.univ-tours.fr/

Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
Versailles / Public university
www.uvsq.fr/

Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale
Dunkerque / Public university
www.univ-littoral.fr/

Université Gustave Eiffel
Champs-sur-Marne / Public university
www.univ-gustave-eiffel.fr/

Université Jean Monnet - Saint-Etienne
Saint-Étienne / Public university
www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/index.html

Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3
Lyon 8e / Public university
www.univ-lyon3.fr/

Université Le Havre Normandie
Le Havre / Public university
www.univ-lehavre.fr/fr/

Université Lumière - Lyon 2
Lyon 7e / Public university
www.univ-lyon2.fr/

Université Marie et Louis Pasteur
Besançon / Public university
www.umlp.fr/

Université Paris 8
Saint-Denis / Public university
www.univ-paris8.fr/

Université Paris Nanterre
Nanterre / Public university
www.parisnanterre.fr/

Université Paris sciences et lettres
Paris 6e / Public higher-education institution
www.psl.eu/

Université Paris-Est Créteil
Créteil / Public university
www.u-pec.fr/

Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas
Paris 5e / Public university
www.assas-universite.fr/fr

Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France
Aulnoy-lez-Valenciennes / Public university
www.uphf.fr/

Université Rennes 2
Rennes / Public university
www.univ-rennes2.fr/

Université Savoie Mont Blanc
Chambéry / Public university
www.univ-smb.fr/

Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
Paris 12e / Public university
www.sorbonne-nouvelle.fr/

Université Sorbonne Paris Nord
Villetaneuse / Public university
www.univ-spn.fr/

Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès
Toulouse / Public university
www.univ-tlse2.fr/

Université Toulouse Capitole
Toulouse / Public university
www.ut-capitole.fr/

Université Évry Paris-Saclay
Évry-Courcouronnes / Public university
www.univ-evry.fr/accueil.html

STUDY IN CHINA

China

Comprehensive, specialist and Sino-foreign universities.



Tsinghua University - Grand Auditorium, Beijing / Soramimi / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

China's higher-education system includes comprehensive universities, specialist institutions and Sino-foreign cooperative universities. Degrees may be taught in Chinese, English or a specified mixed-language format. Teaching language, qualification level and the institution's authority to offer a particular programme are distinct features.

TUITION / YEAR

CNY 30,000 / 100,000

≈ US$ 4,480 / 14,920 / year

Tsinghua 2027 examples: mixed Chinese-English engineering / fully English Zijing Global Talents. Two programmes, not one fee range.

LIVING / MONTH

CNY 4,000-6,000

≈ US$ 600-900 / month

Communication University of China, Beijing, February 2026 reference including accommodation, food and transport. Not a Tsinghua housing quotation.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 4 years
Master's: 2-3 years
MBBS: usually 6 years, with internship

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; sciences; Chinese studies.

Academic entry

Tsinghua's fully English Zijing Global Talents engineering degree is a four-year programme. Its selection uses academic records, relevant examination results, English evidence and an assessment for shortlisted applicants. Mixed Chinese-English routes have different language expectations and fee schedules.

Medical teaching and clinical language

English-medium classroom teaching and communication in a Chinese hospital are different language requirements. Medical training also includes clinical practice, internship and the host-country registration route. Indian citizens and OCI students remain subject to the applicable NEET and NMC requirements described on page 20.

CHINA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

China’s degree system

Public, private and jointly established institutions offer distinct academic and language routes. This chapter covers mainland China’s higher education provision.

380,000

International students who studied or participated in exchange programmes in China, from 191 countries and regions. Not degree-only enrolment. Reporting period: 2024/25.

Institutions, degrees and verification

Mainland China’s system includes public universities administered nationally or locally, private institutions and jointly established universities. Programmes differ in awarding arrangements and teaching language, even within the same city. The Ministry of Education’s institution list establishes a national reference for institutional status; an international prospectus identifies the actual recruitment offer. Bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral applicants follow separate requirements. A university’s full subject catalogue can be wider than the majors open to international students, and an available major does not necessarily include an English-language route.

Departments and locations

Engineering and technology provision ranges from comprehensive universities to institutions specialising in transport, telecommunications, energy and aeronautics. Other universities concentrate on finance, languages, teacher education, agriculture, medicine or the arts. Departmental curricula and facilities distinguish similarly named degrees, while teaching campuses can lie in different cities or distant districts. Graduate admission adds the question of supervision and research fit. A prospective supervisor’s interest may support an application, but formal admission and funding remain institutional decisions with their own requirements and documentation.

Chinese and English study routes

Chinese-taught degrees commonly use HSK evidence at a level set by the university. English-taught programmes establish their own English criteria, sometimes including an exemption for previous English-medium schooling. Clinical contact, internships and daily administration can introduce Chinese-language demands beyond admission. Foundation and language preparation form separate stages whose progression conditions determine access to the degree. The language advertised for classroom teaching therefore does not necessarily describe every practical or graduation requirement, particularly in professional subjects involving communication with local clients, patients or employers.

Nationality and academic eligibility

International undergraduate applications generally include a completed secondary qualification and full transcript, with translations where required. For applicants with a Chinese nationality background, or particular parental nationality circumstances, ministry rules add foreign-nationality and overseas-residence conditions. Holding a foreign passport alone may therefore be insufficient to establish eligibility. Graduate admission requires the appropriate earlier degree and departmental evidence. Scholarship rules introduce another layer: an age ceiling or nationality restriction attached to an award does not necessarily apply identically to ordinary self-funded admission.

CHINA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

CSCA use expanded for the 2026/27 undergraduate cycle. Its application varies by university and scholarship route, alongside language and academic screening.

CSCA and university selection

The 2026/27 Chinese Government Scholarship undergraduate notices require CSCA results, and Fudan publishes CSCA requirements for international undergraduate programmes. Tsinghua's FAQ, however, explicitly states that it did not require CSCA for its 2026 intake. This difference makes the university's current intake notice essential to interpreting wider announcements. Required subjects, examination language, accepted sessions and submission dates depend on the receiving programme. CSCA assesses academic preparation, while HSK supplies Chinese-language evidence; either can sit alongside an institutional interview or other selection procedure.

Fees, scholarships and payment

Tuition depends on the precise programme and language track. Specialist, clinical and jointly established degrees can differ substantially from standard Chinese-taught provision. Chinese Government Scholarship awards can include tuition, accommodation support, a stipend and medical insurance, with eligibility and application channels determined by the scheme. University and local-government awards have their own coverage and renewal conditions. Admission and scholarship selection remain distinct processes. Preparatory study, insurance and accommodation deposits can create additional costs beyond the headline tuition figure or a scholarship's stated benefits.

Accommodation and arrival formalities

Dormitory arrangements vary by institution, room type and the dates covered. A scholarship's accommodation provision may be a university room or an allowance, rather than reimbursement for any apartment a student chooses. Everyday expenditure includes meals, transport, utilities, books and initial household purchases. The appropriate study visa, accommodation registration and residence formalities form a separate arrival process. Shanghai's official student guidance illustrates the role of the university international office and local exit-entry authority; procedures must correspond to the student's actual city and residence circumstances.

Practical training and recognition

Internships and work-study activities can require university approval and appropriate residence endorsements; student enrolment alone does not establish unrestricted employment rights. Professional outcomes depend on more than institutional status. For medicine and other regulated careers, the exact qualification, clinical language, practical hours, internship structure and destination-country licensing rules affect whether a graduate can practise. These requirements remain distinct from admission to a Chinese university. Official programme descriptions and written academic terms provide the evidence needed to understand what the course itself includes.

CHINA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

CSCA

CGS undergraduate applicants and university programmes requiring it

The China Scholastic Competency Assessment is required by 2026/27 Chinese Government Scholarship undergraduate routes and specified universities. Subjects depend on the programme; Tsinghua explicitly exempted its 2026 intake from CSCA.

csca.cn/about/examintro

HSK

Chinese-taught programmes requiring Chinese proficiency

Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi, the Chinese Proficiency Test, supplies language evidence for applicable programmes. Universities set levels, scores and waivers; the operator publishes current format and 2026 transition information.

www.chinesetest.cn/

English-language tests

English-taught international programmes

Fudan's 2026 economics programme accepts specified English tests and permits an English-medium-school waiver route. IELTS is the International English Language Testing System; TOEFL is the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

University interview / academic assessment

Institutions requiring further selection

Universities can assess academic readiness beyond submitted grades and test results. The international prospectus specifies the additional academic, practical or interview assessment.

international.join-tsinghua.edu.cn/info/1029/1019.htm

Gaokao and overseas school exams

Qualification-specific undergraduate routes

Gaokao is the principal domestic examination, not the default test for every foreign applicant. Universities define accepted international school credentials and any additional testing.

international.join-tsinghua.edu.cn/Admission1/Eligibility.htm

Portfolio / artistic practical assessment

Relevant arts and design applicants

Specialist arts programmes can require creative work and practical assessment alongside language and CSCA evidence. Requirements are set in the current institutional admissions guide.

admission.caa.edu.cn/en/

Chinese and English teaching routes

China's international degree provision includes Chinese-medium and English-medium programmes. Chinese Government Scholarship guidance requires HSK 4 for Chinese-taught master's and doctoral study, while other teaching languages have university-specific proficiency requirements. At Shanghai Ocean University, the published postgraduate scholarship catalogue includes master's programmes in English or Chinese and doctoral programmes in English. Language obligations can extend beyond lectures: that university's scholarship guide also specifies an HSK 3 graduation requirement, alongside the other academic and scientific publication requirements of its postgraduate programmes.

CHINA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Chinese Government Scholarship - bilateral route

Undergraduate / master's / doctoral / visiting scholars

Support. Full awards cover tuition, accommodation or a housing subsidy, medical insurance and monthly stipends of RMB 2,500 undergraduate, RMB 3,000 master's/general scholar or RMB 3,500 doctoral/senior scholar. Funding follows the approved study period, including approved language preparation.

Eligibility. Non-Chinese citizens in good health: high-school graduates under 25 for undergraduate study, bachelor's holders under 35 for master's study, and master's holders under 40 for doctoral study. Academic and language requirements also apply.

Application. Applications pass through the home country's designated dispatching authority and the China Scholarship Council online system under Type A.

Conditions. Country agreements determine available places and award scope. Undergraduate applications require a valid CSCA score; nomination does not itself constitute a final award.

Shanghai Government Scholarship

Undergraduate / master's / doctoral; undergraduate preparation

Support. Category A covers tuition, accommodation, living expenses and comprehensive medical insurance for the study period. Category B covers tuition and insurance. Undergraduate preparation is funded under Category A.

Eligibility. Foreign nationals with strong academic records; typical upper ages are 25 for undergraduate, 35 for master's and 40 for doctoral study. Preparatory applicants are generally 23 or younger. The published general Chinese-language requirement is HSK 4, alongside programme-specific language conditions.

Application. Participating universities receive applications through the Study in Shanghai process, generally between February and April; each university sets its selection period.

Conditions. Continuation requires a successful annual evaluation. Recipients cannot concurrently hold other scholarships or financial support covered by the scheme's prohibition. Category B excludes accommodation and living support.

Chinese Government Scholarship - Shanghai Ocean University route

Master's / doctoral

Support. The published High-Level Postgraduate award covers tuition, shared accommodation, medical insurance and a living stipend for three-year master's or four-year doctoral programmes. Standard CSC monthly stipends are RMB 3,000 and RMB 3,500 respectively.

Eligibility. Non-Chinese applicants with GPA above 3.0; master's applicants need a bachelor's degree and age no more than 30, doctoral applicants a master's degree and age no more than 35. Doctoral applicants also need a published scientific paper.

Application. Applications use both SHOU's system and CSC Type B, agency 10264, with supervisor consent and a signed research proposal.

Conditions. The cited 2026 call closed on 1 February 2026. Its age limits are stricter than general CSC limits; university recommendation remains subject to CSC selection.

Nottingham Ningbo global scholarships

Undergraduate

Support. The Provost International Excellence award waives 100% of first-year tuition; the Emerging Leaders award waives 50%. Tuition already paid is refunded to the corresponding award value.

Eligibility. Full-time international undergraduate offer-holders. Competitive selection considers academic results and evidence of extracurricular, community, volunteering or work contributions.

Application. A separate scholarship application and statement of up to 500 words go through the university's Application Hub. The published deadline is 31 May 2027.

Conditions. Both awards cover the first year only and cannot be deferred. Recipients undertake 30 hours supporting university promotional activity; living expenses are outside these tuition awards.

CHINA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Tsinghua University

Beijing / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Economics

Tsinghua is a public university in Beijing with teaching in engineering, science, architecture, economics and the humanities.

30 Shuangqing Road, Haidian, Beijing 100084, China

www.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/

Peking University

Beijing / Public university / QS 2027: 13

Humanities; Social sciences; Science; Medicine

Peking University is a public university in Beijing encompassing humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and medicine.

5 Yiheyuan Road, Haidian, Beijing 100871, China

english.pku.edu.cn/

Fudan University

Shanghai / Public university

Economics; Journalism; Science; Medicine

Fudan is a public university in Shanghai with four campuses: Handan, Fenglin, Zhangjiang and Jiangwan.

220 Handan Road, Shanghai 200433, China

www.fudan.edu.cn/en/

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Medicine

Shanghai Jiao Tong is a public university with major teaching sites at Minhang and Xuhui in Shanghai.

800 Dongchuan Road, Minhang, Shanghai 200240, China

en.sjtu.edu.cn/

Zhejiang University

Hangzhou / Public university

Engineering; Agriculture; Science; Medicine

Zhejiang is a public university whose main Zijingang campus is in Hangzhou.

866 Yuhangtang Road, Hangzhou 310058, China

www.zju.edu.cn/english/

Nanjing University

Nanjing / Public university

Humanities; Science; Computer science; Business

Nanjing is a public university with Xianlin, Gulou, Pukou and Suzhou campuses.

Xianlin Campus, 163 Xianlin Road, Qixia, Nanjing 210023, China

www.nju.edu.cn/en/

University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei / Public university

Physics; Chemistry; Computer science; Engineering

USTC is a public university in Hefei under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

96 Jinzhai Road, Hefei, Anhui 230026, China

en.ustc.edu.cn/

Wuhan University

Wuhan / Public university

Law; Economics; Engineering; Medicine

Wuhan University is a public institution with schools spanning law, economics, engineering and medicine.

299 Bayi Road, Wuchang, Wuhan, Hubei, China

en.whu.edu.cn/

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Wuhan / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Medicine; Management

HUST is a public university in Wuhan combining engineering, computing and management with Tongji Medical College and affiliated hospitals.

1037 Luoyu Road, Wuhan, Hubei 430074, China

english.hust.edu.cn/

Xiamen University

Xiamen / Public university

Economics; Business; Marine science; Chemistry

Xiamen is a public university with Siming, Zhangzhou and Xiangan campuses in China and a campus in Malaysia.

422 South Siming Road, Siming, Xiamen, Fujian 361005, China

en.xmu.edu.cn/

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Universities and institutions

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Tongji University

Shanghai / Public university

Civil engineering; Architecture; Design; Environmental science

1239 Siping Road, Yangpu, Shanghai 200092, China

en.tongji.edu.cn/

Tianjin University

Tianjin / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Chemical engineering; Management

Peiyangyuan Campus, 135 Yaguan Road, Jinnan, Tianjin 300350, China

en.tju.edu.cn/

Beihang University

Beijing / Public university

Aerospace; Engineering; Computer science; Management

37 Xueyuan Road, Haidian, Beijing 100191, China

ev.buaa.edu.cn/

Sun Yat-sen University

Guangzhou / Public university

Business; Medicine; Humanities; Science

135 Xingang Xi Road, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510275, China

www.sysu.edu.cn/sysuen/

Beijing Institute of Technology

Beijing / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Design; Management

5 Zhongguancun South Street, Haidian, Beijing, China

english.bit.edu.cn/

South China University of Technology

Guangzhou / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Materials; Business

Wushan Campus, 381 Wushan Road, Tianhe, Guangzhou 510641, China

www.scut.edu.cn/en/

Harbin Institute of Technology

Harbin / Public university

Engineering; Aerospace; Computer science; Architecture

92 Xidazhi Street, Nangang, Harbin, Heilongjiang, China

en.hit.edu.cn/

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Suzhou / Sino-foreign cooperative university

Business; Engineering; Design; Computer science

111 Ren'ai Road, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou, Jiangsu 215123, China

www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en

Nankai University

Tianjin / Public university

Economics; Mathematics; Chemistry; Business

Jinnan Campus, 38 Tongyan Road, Jinnan, Tianjin 300350, China

en.nankai.edu.cn/

University of Nottingham Ningbo China

Ningbo / Sino-foreign cooperative university

Business; Engineering; International studies; Computer science

199 Taikang East Road, Ningbo, Zhejiang 315100, China

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/

CHINA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Beijing Foreign Studies University
Beijing / Public university
www.bfsu.edu.cn/

Beijing Jiaotong University
Beijing / Public university
www.bjtu.edu.cn/

Beijing Normal University
Beijing / Public university
www.bnu.edu.cn/

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
Beijing / Public university
www.bupt.edu.cn/

Central South University
Changsha / Public university
www.csu.edu.cn/

China Agricultural University
Beijing / Public university
www.cau.edu.cn/

China University of Political Science and Law
Beijing / Public university
www.cupl.edu.cn/

Chongqing University
Chongqing / Public university
www.cqu.edu.cn/

Dalian University of Technology
Dalian / Public university
www.dlut.edu.cn/

Donghua University
Shanghai / Public university
www.dhu.edu.cn/

Duke Kunshan University
Kunshan / Sino-foreign cooperative university
www.dukekunshan.edu.cn/

East China Normal University
Shanghai / Public university
www.ecnu.edu.cn/

East China University of Science and Technology
Shanghai / Public university
www.ecust.edu.cn/

Hohai University
Nanjing / Public university
www.hhu.edu.cn/

Hunan University
Changsha / Public university
www.hnu.edu.cn/

Jilin University
Changchun / Public university
www.jlu.edu.cn/

Lanzhou University
Lanzhou / Public university
www.lzu.edu.cn/

Nanjing Agricultural University
Nanjing / Public university
www.njau.edu.cn/

Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics
Nanjing / Public university
www.nuaa.edu.cn/

Nanjing University of Science and Technology
Nanjing / Public university
www.njust.edu.cn/

Northeastern University
Shenyang / Public university
www.neu.edu.cn/

Northwestern Polytechnical University
Xi'an / Public university
www.nwpu.edu.cn/

NYU Shanghai
Shanghai / Sino-foreign cooperative university
shanghai.nyu.edu/

Ocean University of China
Qingdao / Public university
www.ouc.edu.cn/

Renmin University of China
Beijing / Public university
www.ruc.edu.cn/

Shandong University
Jinan / Public university
www.sdu.edu.cn/

Shanghai International Studies University
Shanghai / Public university
www.shisu.edu.cn/

Shanghai Jian Qiao University
Shanghai / Private university
www.gench.edu.cn/

Shanghai Sanda University
Shanghai / Private university
www.sandau.edu.cn/

Shanghai University
Shanghai / Public university
www.shu.edu.cn/

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
Shanghai / Public university
www.sufe.edu.cn/

Shenzhen University
Shenzhen / Public university
www.szu.edu.cn/

Sichuan University
Chengdu / Public university
www.scu.edu.cn/

Soochow University
Suzhou / Public university
www.suda.edu.cn/

Southeast University
Nanjing / Public university
www.seu.edu.cn/

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Shenzhen / Mainland-Hong Kong cooperative university
www.cuhk.edu.cn/

University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
Beijing / Public university
www.ucas.ac.cn/

University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
Chengdu / Public university
www.uestc.edu.cn/

University of International Business and Economics
Beijing / Public university
www.uibe.edu.cn/

Westlake University
Hangzhou / Private university
en.westlake.edu.cn/

Wuchang Shouyi University
Wuhan / Private university
www.wsyu.edu.cn/

Xidian University
Xi'an / Public university
www.xidian.edu.cn/

Xijing University
Xi'an / Private university
www.xijing.edu.cn/

Xi'an Eurasia University
Xi'an / Private university
www.eurasia.edu/

Xi'an Jiaotong University
Xi'an / Public university
www.xjtu.edu.cn/

STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand

Eight universities and distinct applied study routes.



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New Zealand has eight universities alongside a wider applied tertiary sector. Universities offer general and specialist degrees; the qualification level, teaching campus and programme determine the route and cost of study.

BACHELOR'S TUITION / YEAR

NZD 35,000-55,000

Approx. US$ 19,760-31,050

Education New Zealand's national portal gives this annual guide, updated March 2025. Medicine and veterinary science can cost more; it is not a confirmed 2027 quotation.

CITY EXAMPLES / MONTH

NZD 1,667-2,250

Approx. US$ 940-1,270

Rounded monthly equivalent of the portal's NZD 20,000-27,000 annual Auckland/Wellington examples. Dunedin is quoted separately; actual housing and length of stay matter.

Typical degree length

Bachelor’s commonly 3 years, with longer professional routes; master’s vary with credit load and entry preparation.

Fields of study

Agriculture; environmental science; engineering; computing; business; health; creative disciplines.

Academic entry

Universities assess school-qualification equivalence, subjects and grades for the selected course. English evidence and specialist selection, where applicable, are separate entry requirements.

Distance and arrival costs

Long-haul travel, insurance and the first weeks of accommodation affect early cash needs. A scholarship, room offer and student visa have their own terms and decision dates.

NEW ZEALAND / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and entry routes

Eight universities share a national qualifications framework with a wider range of applied and specialist providers.

Qualifications and credit levels

New Zealand's qualifications framework distinguishes the level of an award from its subject and duration. A bachelor's degree is at level 7 and normally requires at least 360 credits, including substantial study at the final undergraduate level. Bachelor honours and postgraduate diplomas sit at level 8, master's degrees at level 9, and doctorates at level 10. A graduate diploma is not a master's qualification simply because it follows a first degree. Compare the award title, framework level, entry requirements and progression rights before choosing between programmes with similar names.

Master's study and research preparation

A New Zealand master's degree may contain 120, 180 or 240 credits or more, depending on its design and the applicant's preparation. Shorter routes can require honours study, a postgraduate diploma or relevant professional experience beyond a first degree. Taught courses, applied projects and supervised research are combined differently across programmes. Applicants considering a later doctorate should examine the research component and admission regulations rather than assume every master's provides the same preparation. A proposed supervisor and viable research topic may also be important for research admission.

Applying with an overseas qualification

Universities assess international school and university qualifications against their own published entry rules. Auckland, for example, distinguishes overseas school-leaver, foundation and other admission routes, with additional requirements for particular programmes. An acceptable school certificate establishes a possible route to entry, but required subjects, grades and selection processes still matter. Apply for the exact degree and intake, using the university's current country guidance. Where direct entry is unavailable, check a foundation programme's progression conditions, total cost and recognition by the intended university before committing to an extra year.

English evidence and specialist selection

English-language requirements belong to the admitting institution and programme. Auckland's standard undergraduate benchmark is IELTS Academic 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5, but some degrees require higher results. The university also lists accepted alternative tests and qualification-based evidence; these are not interchangeable without checking the table. Medicine, clinical subjects and creative disciplines can have additional selection stages. A language result does not replace academic entry requirements, and meeting a published minimum does not by itself establish eligibility for every course. Check test format, validity period and component scores.

NEW ZEALAND / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Costs and the student experience

Build the budget around a confirmed programme and teaching location, then plan accommodation and support before departure.

Tuition and the full annual budget

Education New Zealand publishes an indicative international bachelor's fee range of NZ$35,000-55,000 a year, with medicine and veterinary science potentially higher. Its range was last updated in March 2025 and is a planning reference, not a 2027 quotation. Obtain a fee schedule for the intended intake and study load. Compare tuition with compulsory services charges, insurance, equipment and fieldwork costs. Eligible international PhD students can pay domestic tuition rates, but the residence and enrolment conditions matter. Professional doctorates and other postgraduate awards should not be assumed to receive identical treatment.

Accommodation and learner support

Housing choices include university residences and independently arranged accommodation. These have different meal arrangements, contract lengths, deposits and support, so compare the written offer rather than a headline weekly rent alone. New Zealand's learner Code sets expectations for international student information, wellbeing and safety, including support before and during enrolment. Read the accommodation contract and ask the provider how to raise a concern or complaint. Establish the location of teaching before choosing a room; a multi-campus university may require study away from its best-known campus during part of a programme.

Learning and participation on campus

Degree credits represent a larger workload than the hours spent in classrooms. At Victoria University of Wellington, the typical full-time annual load is 120 points, with lectures complemented by tutorials, laboratories or studios according to the course. Timetables and course outlines explain attendance and assessment arrangements. Independent reading, preparation and assignments therefore need time in the weekly plan. Otago's academic integrity guidance emphasises accurate attribution and identifies unauthorised copying or collaboration as misconduct. Consult course-specific rules before using generative tools, sharing assessed work or relying on material written by others.

Visa evidence and work conditions

The Fee Paying Student Visa requires an approved offer, tuition and living funds, insurance and other evidence. Tertiary students normally show NZD 20,000/year for living costs, plus onward-travel funds. Work may be permitted for up to 25 hours weekly and full-time in eligible breaks. From 16 November 2026, eligible Level 7 graduate-diploma holders with a prior bachelor's degree can obtain a Post-Study Work Visa after completing the entire diploma full-time in New Zealand without credit transfer. Permission matches time studied, up to one year. Other qualifications have different rules; employment is not guaranteed.

NEW ZEALAND / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

English-language proficiency

Applicants required to demonstrate English for the chosen programme

IELTS Academic and accepted alternatives are assessed against institution-specific overall and component thresholds. Auckland's standard undergraduate example is 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5; higher programme requirements apply.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Programme-specific selection

Programmes with additional academic, clinical or creative entry requirements

Consult the current degree page for any required portfolio, audition, interview, subject preparation or admission test. New Zealand does not use a single universal entrance examination for every international university applicant.

www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/entry-requirements/undergraduate-entry-requirements.html

Choosing a recognised provider

The eight universities are listed by Universities New Zealand. Other tertiary providers can offer approved degrees and other qualifications, but they are not additional universities. The extended directory therefore distinguishes institutes of technology, polytechnics and private providers. Check the exact provider and qualification with NZQA and confirm that the institution can enrol international learners. Recognition for a regulated profession or for employment in another country needs a separate check with the relevant licensing or recognition authority.

A changing applied education sector

New Zealand's vocational system began a further restructuring on 1 January 2026. The Tertiary Education Commission identifies ten stand-alone polytechnics in the first phase, including a combined MIT and Unitec entity. Further changes remain in progress. An older reference to Te Pūkenga or an individual campus may therefore describe an earlier organisational arrangement. Confirm the current legal provider, qualification-awarding arrangements and teaching location shown on an offer before accepting it, especially when comparing information published in different years.

NEW ZEALAND / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships

Eligible undergraduate and postgraduate study; country-specific provision

Support. Full academic awards include tuition, living support, establishment support, approved travel and insurance, with specified additional support.

Eligibility. Citizens of participating countries meeting residence, age, academic, subject and other scheme conditions; postgraduate applicants normally need relevant work experience.

Application. Use the Manaaki country and eligibility tools, then the official application process for the applicable round.

Conditions. Eligibility is not worldwide. Scholars are expected to contribute to their home country's development for at least two years after study; family expenses and every personal cost are not automatically covered.

University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship

PhD and eligible professional doctorates

Support. The published scheme provides an annual NZ$34,128 stipend and tuition support at the domestic rate for up to 36 months.

Eligibility. Domestic and international applicants, usually undertaking their first doctorate; selection considers academic merit and research potential.

Application. Apply through eVision with the required departmental assessment for a published scholarship consideration round.

Conditions. Otago states that its doctoral scholarship programme is under review. Recheck the current route and amount. Student services fees and insurance are excluded; professional-doctorate tuition support is capped at the domestic rate.

University of Auckland International Student Excellence Scholarship

Eligible new international master's students

Support. A tuition credit of up to 25% of fees for the first two semesters, under the regulations available in September 2026.

Eligibility. Eligible master's offer and Admissions GPE of at least 7.0; restrictions include prior New Zealand tertiary study, distance study and specified management programmes.

Application. Eligible offer holders are invited to complete a supplementary form for the relevant round; follow the current invitation timetable.

Conditions. The present scheme is for master's study. Older descriptions of a NZ$10,000 award must not be assumed current. Full-time study and two consecutive semesters are required, with repayment conditions.

NEW ZEALAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Auckland

Auckland / Public university / QS 2027: 67

Engineering and design; Business; Health sciences; Humanities

Auckland organises teaching across six faculties, including Arts and Education, Engineering and Design, Medical and Health Sciences, Science, Business, and Law.

Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142, New Zealand

www.auckland.ac.nz/

Auckland University of Technology

Auckland / Public university

Business and law; Computing; Engineering; Design

AUT teaches across City, North and South campuses in Auckland.

55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland City, New Zealand

www.aut.ac.nz/
futurestudents@aut.ac.nz

University of Waikato

Hamilton / Tauranga / Public university

Computer science; Management; Law; Education

Waikato has its main campus in Hamilton and a central Tauranga campus, with additional facilities supporting teaching in the Bay of Plenty.

Gate 1, Knighton Road, Hamilton 3240, New Zealand

www.waikato.ac.nz/
info@international.waikato.ac.nz

Massey University

Palmerston North / Auckland / Wellington / Public university

Sciences; Creative arts; Business; Health

Massey operates campuses in Manawatū, Auckland and Wellington.

Tennent Drive, Palmerston North 4410, New Zealand

www.massey.ac.nz/
contact@massey.ac.nz

Victoria University of Wellington

Wellington / Public university

Law and government; Humanities; Science and engineering; Architecture and design

Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington teaches across Kelburn, Pipitea and Te Aro.

Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, Wellington 6012, New Zealand

www.wgtn.ac.nz/
info@vuw.ac.nz

University of Canterbury

Christchurch / Public university

Engineering; Science; Business; Arts

Canterbury's principal campus is in Ilam, Christchurch.

Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand

www.canterbury.ac.nz/
info@canterbury.ac.nz

Lincoln University

Lincoln, Canterbury / Public university

Agriculture; Environmental science; Landscape architecture; Property

Lincoln is New Zealand's specialist land-based university.

Ellesmere Junction Road, Lincoln 7647, Canterbury, New Zealand

www.lincoln.ac.nz/

University of Otago

Dunedin / Public university

Health sciences; Sciences; Humanities; Business

Otago's main campus is in Dunedin, with additional locations including Christchurch and Wellington.

362 Leith Street, North Dunedin, Dunedin 9016, New Zealand

www.otago.ac.nz/

NEW ZEALAND / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Ara Institute of Canterbury
Christchurch / Timaru / Public institute of technology
www.ara.ac.nz/

Eastern Institute of Technology
Napier / Gisborne / Public institute of technology
www.eit.ac.nz/

Media Design School at Strayer
Auckland / Private tertiary provider
www.mediadesignschool.com/

MIT and Unitec
Auckland / Public institute of technology; single legal entity from 2026
www.unitec.ac.nz/

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Nelson / Blenheim / Public institute of technology
www.nmit.ac.nz/

New Zealand Tertiary College
Auckland / Christchurch / Private tertiary provider
www.nztertiarycollege.ac.nz/

Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
Lower Hutt / distance learning / Public polytechnic; distance education
www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz/

Otago Polytechnic
Dunedin / Central Otago / Public polytechnic
www.op.ac.nz/

Pacific International Hotel Management School
New Plymouth / Private tertiary provider
pihms.ac.nz/

Southern Institute of Technology
Invercargill / Public institute of technology
www.sit.ac.nz/

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
Rotorua / Tauranga / Public institute of technology
www.toiohomai.ac.nz/

Universal College of Learning (UCOL)
Palmerston North / regional campuses / Public institute of technology
www.ucol.ac.nz/

Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec)
Hamilton / Public institute of technology
www.wintec.ac.nz/

Whitecliffe College
Auckland / other campuses / Private tertiary provider
www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/

Yoobee Colleges
Auckland / Wellington / Christchurch / Private tertiary provider
www.yoobee.ac.nz/

NEW ZEALAND / INSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE

Universities New Zealand and NZQA

The featured profiles cover all eight universities. Non-university tertiary providers appear separately; use NZQA to verify the exact provider and qualification.

www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/universities

A directory entry identifies an institution. Admission is determined by the selected programme and the applicant's qualifications.

STUDY IN IRELAND

Ireland

English-medium study with distinct academic and applied routes.



Parliament Square, Trinity College Dublin / Shane Conneely / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Ireland combines comprehensive universities, technological universities and specialist colleges. Dublin and regional cities have different housing markets; the campus, qualification and programme establish the academic and financial comparison.

BUSINESS BACHELOR GUIDE / YEAR

EUR 10,300-29,000

Approx. US$ 11,700-32,930

Education in Ireland's official 2025/26 business guide. Other subjects have different ranges; medicine is substantially higher. This is not a 2027 fee schedule.

DUBLIN EXAMPLE / MONTH

EUR 1,661-2,421

Approx. US$ 1,890-2,750

Trinity College Dublin's July 2026 undergraduate living estimate, divided by 12 and rounded. Original annual range: EUR 19,937-29,050, excluding tuition.

Typical degree length

Honours bachelor's commonly 3-4 years; taught master's usually 1-2 years. Professional routes differ.

Fields of study

Computing; engineering; business; life sciences; health; humanities; creative fields.

Academic entry

The institution specifies a Central Applications Office (CAO) or direct route. Qualification equivalence, subjects, English evidence and fee status depend on the applicant and programme.

Housing and early payments

Admission does not allocate a room. A deposit, tenancy period and transport costs can change the cash needed before arrival; a tuition scholarship does not automatically cover them.

IRELAND / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and choosing a programme

Ireland's degree levels and different institution types make careful comparison more useful than a university name alone.

Bachelor's levels and progression

Ireland's National Framework of Qualifications distinguishes the ordinary bachelor's degree at level 7 from the honours bachelor's degree at level 8. An ordinary degree normally takes three years and 180 ECTS credits. An honours degree commonly requires three or four years and 180-240 ECTS, although professional programmes can be longer. Some institutions offer progression from a higher certificate to an ordinary degree and then an honours award. These routes have their own admission conditions. An ordinary bachelor's does not generally give immediate access to an Irish master's, so examine progression before enrolling.

Universities and other higher education providers

The HEA's institutional list includes universities, technological universities and specialist colleges within its statutory or funding remit. It is not a complete register of every independent provider. Other colleges may deliver programmes validated by QQI or awards made through another institution. Identify who teaches the course and who awards the qualification, then check its framework level and current approval. Academic recognition does not automatically settle professional licensing or immigration eligibility. The Irish Register of Qualifications and QQI records provide a starting point for checking the exact award rather than relying on a college's marketing name.

Application route and fee assessment

The Central Applications Office processes many undergraduate applications, but international applicants must first confirm the route required by each institution. The CAO handbook notes that applicants with residence outside the EU may need to apply directly to some providers. Universities also operate their own postgraduate applications. Nationality alone may not settle EU or non-EU fee status, so request an assessment where the position is unclear. Check qualification equivalence, prerequisite subjects and the course deadline. A conditional offer still requires the stated results or documents before the place becomes unconditional.

English and medical admissions tests

English requirements are programme-specific and separate from the minimum evidence used for immigration. Trinity's standard Band B example is IELTS Academic 6.5 overall and 6.0 in each component; higher-entry courses use a different band. Its current table distinguishes TOEFL results taken before and after the January 2026 scoring change. Medical selection also depends on the applicant category: HPAT-Ireland is relevant to designated undergraduate routes, while international applicants may be exempt. Graduate-entry medicine can require GAMSAT or MCAT under the university's rules. Check the current course instructions before booking a test.

IRELAND / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Financing study and settling in

The offer, housing contract and immigration permission each need their own checks before a move to Ireland.

Tuition and scholarship comparisons

Education in Ireland's published 2025/26 undergraduate guide places business at €10,300-29,000 annually and engineering or science and technology at €14,500-28,500. Its medicine and health-sciences category is substantially higher. These are dated reference ranges, not a fee commitment for a 2027 intake. Ask the institution for the current programme fee, compulsory charges and rules for later years. Postgraduate fees vary by subject and course length. A tuition scholarship may leave accommodation and everyday expenses entirely unfunded, so compare the remaining full-course cost rather than the percentage discount alone.

Housing and realistic living costs

Accommodation demand is high, and an academic offer should not be treated as a room allocation. Education in Ireland advises beginning the housing search early and using the institution's accommodation office. Compare university residences, private rentals and host-family arrangements by contract length, utilities, deposit and travel to campus. Trinity's July 2026 guide estimates annual undergraduate living costs in Dublin at €19,937-29,050, excluding tuition. That is a Dublin example rather than a national price. Arrange a realistic housing budget and verify the property and payment instructions before transferring a deposit.

Academic work and practical learning

Courses combine scheduled teaching with independent preparation, assignments and assessment. The balance differs between a laboratory subject, a studio course and a lecture-based degree; consult module descriptions rather than comparing contact hours alone. Limerick's quality report describes undergraduate routes with cooperative education or clinical and teaching placements, showing how practical learning can be built into the curriculum. Placement arrangements, assessment and any travel or professional checks need advance planning. Student services, academic support and international offices can help with the transition, but course participation and meeting assessment requirements remain the student's responsibility.

Immigration and permitted employment

Applicants who need Irish study permission must check the eligible programme lists, including the ILEP and TrustEd Ireland arrangements, as well as the visa process relevant to their nationality. Admission alone does not grant permission to travel or remain. The immigration application can require evidence of fee payment, finances and medical insurance, with registration obligations after arrival. Stamp 2 ordinarily permits 20 hours of work weekly during term and 40 during specified holiday periods. Those periods are defined by immigration rules, not simply by an individual timetable. Employment should not be the foundation of the study budget.

IRELAND / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

English-language proficiency

Applicants required to provide English evidence for admission

Accepted tests and exemptions are institution-specific. Trinity's standard Band B uses IELTS Academic 6.5 overall with 6.0 components and lists accepted alternatives; its TOEFL table separates the pre- and post-January 2026 scales.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

HPAT-Ireland

Designated undergraduate medicine admission routes

Applicability depends on the university and applicant category. ACER states that international/non-EU applicants may be exempt; do not assume every medical applicant must sit the test.

hpat-ireland.acer.org/

GAMSAT or MCAT

Relevant graduate-entry medicine applicants

For example, RCSI publishes separate EU and non-EU entry criteria and accepts the specified medical admissions test for the relevant route. The test does not replace the required previous degree or other selection conditions.

gamsat.acer.org/
students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam

Postgraduate awards are not interchangeable

A taught Irish master's is a level 9 award, commonly completed in one or two years with 60-120 ECTS credits. Research master's programmes normally involve a longer sustained research project. A higher diploma is a level 8 qualification, often allowing a graduate to enter a different field; a postgraduate diploma sits at level 9 but is not itself a master's degree. Compare the final award, research content and progression requirements when weighing conversion courses, taught postgraduate study and preparation for a doctorate.

Recognition beyond admission

NARIC Ireland provides advice on the comparability of foreign qualifications with Irish awards. This can help an applicant understand the level of an overseas qualification, but the admitting institution still applies its own admission criteria. Professional recognition is a separate matter: medicine, teaching and other regulated careers may require approval from the relevant professional authority. Students planning to return home should also check that country's licensing requirements before committing to a programme, especially where a degree includes clinical practice or a professional placement.

IRELAND / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships

Eligible master's, postgraduate diploma and doctoral study at NFQ level 9 or 10

Support. The 2026 scheme provides a €10,000 stipend and a full fee waiver from the host institution for one year of full-time study.

Eligibility. Applicants with a domiciliary of origin outside the EU/EEA, Switzerland and the UK, holding a conditional or final offer from an eligible institution; other call restrictions apply.

Application. Apply for admission first, then submit the separate HEA scholarship application with the required references for the published call.

Conditions. The cited 2026 call is closed. Funding covers one year, including for doctoral recipients; it does not cover an entire doctorate. Prior recipients cannot reapply. New calls set their own dates and terms.

UCD Global Excellence Scholarship

Eligible new full-time undergraduate and graduate programmes

Support. Competitive awards cover 50% or 100% of tuition fees under the applicable scheme conditions.

Eligibility. International applicants charged non-EU fees who hold an offer or conditional offer for an eligible UCD programme; regional and programme conditions apply.

Application. Apply through the UCD scholarship process after receiving an eligible programme offer, before the relevant regional deadline.

Conditions. This requires a scholarship application; it differs from UCD's automatically assessed International Student Scholarship. Tuition coverage does not include all living costs. Check continuation requirements and the current eligible-programme list.

Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme

Research master's and doctoral study

Support. The 2026 package includes a €25,000 annual stipend, up to €5,750 for fees and up to €3,250 for eligible research costs. Non-EU recipients may request up to €4,000 more toward fees.

Eligibility. The 2026 call accepts new entrants or students in the first year of the research degree. An eligible Irish host, proposed supervisor and the scheme's academic requirements are required.

Application. Prepare a research proposal and apply through the official scheme, meeting separate applicant, supervisor and research-office deadlines.

Conditions. The reviewed 2026 call is closed. The award is competitive and the fee contribution may not cover the full international fee. Duration depends on the award and research-degree route.

IRELAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin / Public university

Humanities; Business; Law; Engineering and science

College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland

www.tcd.ie/

Dublin City University

Dublin / Public university

Business; Education; Engineering and computing; Humanities

DCU Glasnevin Campus, Dublin 9, Ireland

www.dcu.ie/

University College Dublin

Dublin / Public university / QS 2027: =100

Engineering and architecture; Business; Health and agriculture; Science

Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland

www.ucd.ie/

Maynooth University

Maynooth / Public university

Computer science; Social sciences; Business; Education

Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/

University College Cork

Cork / Public university

Arts and humanities; Business and law; Engineering; Food science

College Road, Cork T12 K8AF, Ireland

www.ucc.ie/

RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Dublin / Independent not-for-profit university

Medicine; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Nursing

123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland

www.rcsi.com/dublin/

University of Galway

Galway / Public university

Medicine and health; Science and engineering; Business and law; Arts

University Road, Galway H91 TK33, Ireland

www.universityofgalway.ie/

Technological University Dublin

Dublin / Public technological university

Computing and data; Engineering; Business; Arts

Park House, Grangegorman, 191 North Circular Road, Dublin D07 EWV4, Ireland

www.tudublin.ie/

hello@tudublin.ie

University of Limerick

Limerick / Public university

Business; Engineering; Science; Education and health

Castletroy, Limerick, Ireland

www.ul.ie/

Munster Technological University

Cork / Tralee / Public technological university

Engineering; Computing; Business; Creative arts

Bishopstown, Cork T12 P928, Ireland

www.mtu.ie/

infocork@mtu.ie

IRELAND / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Atlantic Technological University
Galway / Sligo / Donegal and other western locations / Public technological university
www.atu.ie/

CCT College Dublin
Dublin / Independent college
www.cct.ie/

Dublin Business School
Dublin / Private college
www.dbs.ie/

Dundalk Institute of Technology
Dundalk / Public institute of technology
www.dkit.ie/

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology
Dún Laoghaire, Dublin / Public institute of technology
iadt.ie/

Griffith College
Dublin / Cork / Limerick / Independent college
www.griffith.ie/

Hibernia College
Dublin / blended learning / Private specialist college
hiberniacollege.com/

ICD Business School
Dublin / Independent college
icd.ie/

IICP College
Tallaght, Dublin / Private specialist college
iicp.ie/

Mary Immaculate College
Limerick / Thurles / Publicly funded specialist college
www.mic.ul.ie/

National College of Art and Design
Dublin / Public specialist college
www.ncad.ie/

National College of Ireland
Dublin / Independent not-for-profit college
www.ncirl.ie/

Royal Irish Academy of Music
Dublin / Specialist conservatoire
www.riam.ie/

South East Technological University
Waterford / Carlow and other south-eastern locations / Public technological university
www.setu.ie/

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth
Maynooth / Specialist ecclesiastical university
sppu.ie/

Technological University of the Shannon
Athlone / Limerick and regional campuses / Public technological university
tus.ie/

IRELAND / INSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE

Higher Education Authority and QQI

HEA lists institutions within its statutory or funding remit. QQI's programme and qualification records cover additional providers. This chapter concerns the Republic of Ireland; Northern Ireland is in the United Kingdom chapter.

hea.ie/higher-education-institutions/

A directory entry identifies an institution. Admission is determined by the selected programme and the applicant's qualifications.

STUDY IN MALAYSIA

Malaysia

Public universities, private institutions and foreign branch campuses.

Malaysia hosts national universities, private institutions and overseas university campuses. An institution may award its own degree or teach a qualification awarded through an international arrangement. The Malaysian Qualifications Register records accredited programmes within its scope; programme and campus identity determine the qualification listed.



Universiti Putra Malaysia - Administration building / Chan.cadeupm / CC BY-SA 3.0 / cropped

Academic entry

A university offer precedes the Student Pass application. The file commonly includes a passport, academic records, health declaration and accepted English-language evidence. Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) supports the international-student process; immigration approval is distinct from university admission.

TUITION / YEAR

MYR 10,200-38,770

≈ US$ 2,500-9,500 / year

EMGS bachelor's planning band, published as US$2,500-9,500/year. MYR is a rounded conversion; professional programmes can differ.

LIVING / MONTH

MYR 2,160-3,350

≈ US$ 530-820 / month

Editorial planning allowance, originally US$530-820/month. MYR is a conversion; city, housing and lifestyle affect spending.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
Medicine: usually 5 years

Fields of study

Business; computing; engineering; hospitality; sciences.

Student Pass and associated costs

Student Pass processing, medical screening and health insurance are separate from tuition. The institution's academic deposit, accommodation deposit and first living expenses can also fall before enrolment. The tuition band shown is an EMGS planning reference, not a professional-degree fee quotation.

MALAYSIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Malaysia's degree pathways

Public universities, private universities and international branches offer different routes into degrees. Programme-level accreditation defines the qualification and delivery arrangement.

159,138 international students in public and private higher education institutions, as at 31 December 2025.

Qualifications and quality assurance

Malaysia's Qualifications Framework places a diploma at Level 4, a bachelor's degree at Level 6, a master's at Level 7 and a doctorate at Level 8. Foundation study prepares students for further entry and should be assessed through its progression arrangements. The Malaysian Qualifications Register records accredited qualifications and their providers. Accreditation attaches to the stated programme, qualification level, campus and mode of delivery. An institution's reputation or a partner university's name is not a substitute for checking the qualification you will receive.

Public, private and branch campuses

Public universities cover comprehensive, technical, education and specialist fields. Private universities add business, computing, creative subjects and professional degrees, while foreign branch campuses deliver selected programmes linked to overseas institutions. A Malaysian campus does not necessarily offer every course available at its parent university. The awarding body, teaching location and any optional or compulsory overseas transfer distinguish the various forms of international provision. Written credit-transfer rules are particularly important for twinning, diploma-to-degree and international transfer arrangements that span more than one institution.

Subjects and entry pathways

School leavers can compare direct bachelor's entry, foundation, A levels and diploma routes. Engineering and computing commonly need specified mathematics preparation; health programmes can demand particular science subjects and stricter professional standards. A foundation is useful only if its destination programmes and progression grades suit the applicant. Design, architecture and performing arts can add portfolio or interview requirements to academic entry criteria. Industrial-training arrangements, international placement eligibility and accreditation for the actual intake and campus affect the usefulness of an otherwise attractive programme.

International school qualifications

MQA publishes guidance on overseas entry qualifications, distinguishing those suitable for bachelor's admission from those suitable for foundation, certificate or diploma study. Completing twelve years of schooling is part of the equivalency framework, but the qualification must also meet its stated conditions. The university still evaluates grades and subject prerequisites. Assessment uses the final qualification, full transcript and translations where the institution requires them. A qualification accepted for one degree may not satisfy the subject requirements for medicine, engineering or another regulated professional programme.

MALAYSIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

Academic entry, English evidence and student-pass processing have distinct requirements. Tuition represents only part of the financial commitment.

English evidence and application stages

MUET is central to many Malaysian admission routes, but international applicants should read the programme's accepted English-test alternatives. EMGS lists several tests for student-pass documentation, including MUET, IELTS and TOEFL; academic thresholds can differ by institution and subject. An English-medium school letter is useful only where the receiving institution accepts that exemption. An additional English course can change the total duration, fees and degree-entry date, while academic offer conditions and student-pass documentation remain separate requirements.

Student-pass preparation

After receiving an offer, international students follow the institution and EMGS process for a Malaysian Student Pass. Required documents include passport information and academic evidence, with additional items depending on nationality and application type. Medical screening, insurance and immigration formalities are separate from academic admission. Application tracking and the institution's arrival instructions establish the relevant stage of processing before travel. Processing charges and the applicable personal bond add to initial expenditure, so the tuition quotation alone does not represent the complete arrival cost.

The full cost of a degree

Tuition varies substantially between public universities, private institutions, foreign branches and professional programmes. A promotional first-semester price does not necessarily represent the cost of later study periods. Registration, laboratory or studio charges, compulsory insurance, visa-related costs and accommodation deposits can sit outside tuition; published annual increases also affect the total. Scholarship eligibility can depend on nationality, and continuation may require a specified academic result rather than automatic annual renewal. A branch-campus transfer abroad can change tuition and living costs sharply, making that stage financially distinct from study completed entirely in Malaysia.

Location and student life

Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley provide many institutions, but campuses in Penang, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak offer different subject networks and daily routines. The campus address and transport links determine daily travel more precisely than the nearest major city named in a prospectus. University residences can simplify the first semester, particularly when teaching sites are outside city centres. International students need prior Immigration approval to work up to 20 hours weekly, only during breaks longer than seven days. Applications go through the institution; permitted sectors include restaurants, petrol kiosks, mini-markets and hotels.

MALAYSIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

MUET

Domestic routes and international programmes accepting it

The Malaysian University English Test assesses English. Required bands vary by programme; international applicants may present accepted alternatives where the institution permits.

www.mpm.edu.my/en/muet

English-language tests

International admission and student-pass documentation

EMGS accepts listed tests including IELTS, TOEFL and Pearson Test of English Academic. Programme thresholds and permitted exemptions are set by the university, separately from student-pass documentation.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

STPM / A levels / IB

Bachelor's-entry qualifications

Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia, Advanced Levels and the International Baccalaureate are bachelor's-entry qualification routes. MQA equivalency and programme-specific subject grades determine suitability; no one route is compulsory for all foreigners.

portal.mpm.edu.my/en/
www.cambridgeinternational.org/
ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/

APEL.A assessment

Eligible applicants seeking access through prior experience

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Access provides an assessed admission route at specified qualification levels. Eligibility and assessment vary by level; the access certificate is not a degree award.

www2.mqa.gov.my/portalapela/en/whatisapel.cfm

Programme interview / portfolio / aptitude assessment

Courses specifying additional selection

Art, design and professional programmes may assess suitability beyond school results. The published course criteria define the assessment; there is no single national test for these programmes.

educationmalaysia.gov.my/plan-your-studies/choose-what-to-study/programme-courses

Programme accreditation and awarding location

The Malaysian Qualifications Register records accredited qualifications awarded by higher education providers in Malaysia. Entries identify programmes rather than granting blanket approval to every course offered by an institution. MQA states that accreditation is location-specific unless otherwise indicated. For dual awards, the register lists the accredited qualification awarded by the Malaysian provider, rather than automatically accrediting the foreign partner's award. Provisional accreditation is recorded through a separate system. Malaysia's public universities, private universities and foreign branch campuses therefore appear within a programme-based qualification framework.

MALAYSIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Malaysia International Scholarship (MIS)

Full-time master's and PhD

Support. Tuition is paid to the university. The 2026 living allowance is RM1,500/month, paid every four months after progress reports.

Eligibility. Citizens of the listed MIS recipient countries at participating Malaysian universities. The 2026 guide specifies age ceilings of 40 for master's and 45 for PhD, academic merit and English proficiency.

Application. The Ministry of Higher Education MIS portal receives academic, nationality and supporting documents; research applications include a proposal.

Conditions. Restricted to participating universities and listed recipient nationalities. The 2026 guide excludes medicine, nursing and pharmacy from its health priority area. Undergraduate study is outside the scheme.

Monash Malaysia High Achiever Award - new students

Undergraduate

Support. RM10,000 annual tuition waiver, normally RM5,000 per semester, subject to continued eligibility.

Eligibility. Malaysian and international new entrants with outstanding accepted secondary-school results and a full admission offer. Medicine and pharmacy are excluded; prior tertiary study or credit-transfer entry is ineligible.

Application. Eligible admission applications are considered automatically; an award is communicated with the admission offer.

Conditions. The award is a tuition waiver without a general living allowance. Retention requires the prescribed academic performance and full study load; concurrent financial assistance is normally excluded.

Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Scholarship

Full-time master's

Support. Tuition, other approved allowances and a return economy airline ticket; published award duration is 24-36 months.

Eligibility. International students from MTCP recipient developing countries; the current rules require age no more than 45, at least upper-second/CGPA 3.00 undergraduate results and qualifying English proficiency.

Application. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs MTCP portal receives applications for participating Malaysian universities and eligible master's programmes.

Conditions. Restricted to the designated recipient developing countries and participating institutions. Undergraduate and doctoral study are outside this award; its published funding duration is 24-36 months.

ASEAN Monash Malaysia Scholarships

Diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate routes

Support. 100% tuition waiver in the published routes. Selected diploma/undergraduate awards may add a stipend and laptop allowance; postgraduate routes list tuition coverage.

Eligibility. Nationals of the listed ASEAN countries, including Malaysia and Timor-Leste, with academic merit and demonstrated financial need. Coursework applicants require an offer and extracurricular evidence; research criteria differ.

Application. Coursework selection uses a separate scholarship application and interview; research scholarship consideration occurs within the admission application.

Conditions. Excluded undergraduate programmes include medicine and pharmacy. Living and laptop support belong to designated diploma or undergraduate categories; postgraduate routes list tuition coverage.

MALAYSIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Universiti Malaya

Kuala Lumpur / Public university / QS 2027: 56

Medicine; Engineering; Business; Science

Universiti Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.um.edu.my/

International Islamic University Malaysia

Gombak / Public university

Law; Economics; Engineering; Human sciences

Jalan Gombak, 53100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.iium.edu.my/

Universiti Sains Malaysia

George Town / Public university

Science; Engineering; Medicine; Social sciences

Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 USM, Penang, Malaysia

www.usm.my/

Universiti Teknologi MARA

Shah Alam / Public; no international bachelor's intake

Business; Engineering; Art and design; Health sciences

Universiti Teknologi MARA, 40450 Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia

www.uitm.edu.my/

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Bangi / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Science; Business

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 43600 UKM Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia

www.ukm.my/

Universiti Utara Malaysia

Sintok / Public university

Business; Economics; Accounting; Law

Universiti Utara Malaysia, 06010 UUM Sintok, Kedah, Malaysia

www.uum.edu.my/

Universiti Putra Malaysia

Serdang / Public university

Agriculture; Veterinary medicine; Engineering; Science

Universiti Putra Malaysia, 43400 UPM Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia

upm.edu.my/

Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Kota Kinabalu / Public university

Science; Business; Engineering; Humanities

Jalan UMS, 88400 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

www.ums.edu.my/

pejakdmk@ums.edu.my

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Johor Bahru / Public university

Engineering; Computing; Built environment; Science

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 81310 Skudai, Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia

www.utm.my/

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Kota Samarahan / Public university

Engineering; Computing; Medicine; Social sciences

Jalan Datuk Mohammad Musa, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak, Malaysia

www.unimas.my/

MALAYSIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS

Seri Iskandar / Private university

Engineering; Computing; Geoscience; Science

A private university in Seri Iskandar specialising in engineering, technology, computing and applied sciences.

Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, 32610 Seri Iskandar, Perak, Malaysia

www.utp.edu.my/

Heriot-Watt University Malaysia

Putrajaya / UK university branch

Engineering; Business; Actuarial science; Psychology

The Malaysian campus of Heriot-Watt University, located in Putrajaya.

No. 1 Jalan Venna P5/2, Precinct 5, 62200 Putrajaya, Malaysia

www.hw.ac.uk/malaysia/

Taylor's University

Subang Jaya / Private university

Hospitality; Business; Design; Engineering

A private university at the Lakeside Campus in Subang Jaya.

No. 1 Jalan Taylor's, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

university.taylors.edu.my/

applications@taylors.edu.my

Multimedia University

Cyberjaya / Private university

Computing; Engineering; Business; Creative multimedia

A private university with campuses in Cyberjaya and Melaka.

Persiaran Multimedia, 63100 Cyberjaya, Selangor, Malaysia

www.mmu.edu.my/

Sunway University

Bandar Sunway / Private nonprofit university

Business; Computing; Hospitality; Arts

A private nonprofit university in Bandar Sunway offering undergraduate and postgraduate education in business, computing, hospitality, arts and life sciences.

No. 5, Jalan Universiti, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor, Malaysia

sunwayuniversity.edu.my/

UCSI University

Kuala Lumpur / Private university

Medicine; Pharmacy; Engineering; Business

A private university with its principal institutional address in Kuala Lumpur.

1, Jalan Menara Gading, Taman Connaught, 56000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/

Monash University Malaysia

Bandar Sunway / Australian university branch

Business; Engineering; Computing; Science

The Malaysian branch of Monash University, based in Bandar Sunway.

Jalan Lagoon Selatan, 47500 Bandar Sunway, Selangor, Malaysia

www.monash.edu.my/

mum.admissions@monash.edu

Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation

Kuala Lumpur / Private university

Computing; Cybersecurity; Engineering; Business

A private university in Bukit Jalil specialising in technology-related education.

11, Jalan Teknologi 5, Technology Park Malaysia, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.apu.edu.my/

University of Nottingham Malaysia

Semenyih / UK university branch

Engineering; Business; Science; Social sciences

The Malaysian campus of the University of Nottingham, located in Semenyih.

Jalan Broga, 43500 Semenyih, Selangor, Malaysia

www.nottingham.edu.my/

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Kampar / Private nonprofit university

Business; Engineering; Computing; Science

A private nonprofit university with campuses in Kampar and Sungai Long.

Jalan Universiti, Bandar Barat, 31900 Kampar, Perak, Malaysia

utar.edu.my/

MALAYSIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

AIMST University
Bedong / Private university
aimst.edu.my/

Curtin University Malaysia
Miri / Foreign university branch campus
curtin.edu.my/

Han Chiang University College of Communication
George Town / Private university college
www.hcu.edu.my/

HELP University
Shah Alam / Kuala Lumpur / Private university
university.help.edu.my/

IMU University
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.imu.edu.my/

International University of Malaya-Wales
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.iumw.edu.my/

INTI International University
Nilai / Private university
newinti.edu.my/

Lincoln University College
Petaling Jaya / Private university college
www.lincoln.edu.my/

MAHSA University
Bandar Saujana Putra / Private university
mahsa.edu.my/

Malaysia University of Science and Technology
Petaling Jaya / Private university
must.edu.my/

Management and Science University
Shah Alam / Private university
www.msu.edu.my/

Manipal University College Malaysia
Melaka / Private university college
www.manipal.edu.my/

New Era University College
Kajang / Private university college
www.newera.edu.my/

Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia
Iskandar Puteri / Foreign university branch campus
www.ncl.ac.uk/numed/

Nilai University
Nilai / Private university
www.nilai.edu.my/

Open University Malaysia
Petaling Jaya / Private university
www.oum.edu.my/

Perdana University
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.perdanauniversity.edu.my/

RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus
George Town / Private medical higher-education institution
www.rcsiucd.edu.my/

SEGi University
Petaling Jaya / Private university
university.segi.edu.my/

Southern University College
Skudai / Private university college
www.southern.edu.my/

Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus
Kuching / Foreign university branch campus
www.swinburne.edu.my/

Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.tarc.edu.my/

UNITAR International University
Petaling Jaya / Private university
www.unitar.my/

Universiti Kuala Lumpur
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.unikl.edu.my/

Universiti Malaysia Kelantan
Bachok / Public university
www.umk.edu.my/

Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah
Pekan / Gambang / Public university
www.umpsa.edu.my/

Universiti Malaysia Perlis
Arau / Public university
www.unimap.edu.my/

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
Kuala Nerus / Public university
www.umt.edu.my/

Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris
Tanjong Malim / Public university
www.upsi.edu.my/

Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur / Public university
www.upnm.edu.my/

Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
www.uptm.edu.my/

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia
Nilai / Public university
www.usim.edu.my/

Universiti Selangor
Bestari Jaya / Shah Alam / State-owned private university
unisel.edu.my/

Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah
Kuala Kangsar / Private university
www.usas.edu.my/

Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin
Kuala Nerus / Public university
www.unisza.edu.my/

Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka
Durian Tunggal / Public university
www.utem.edu.my/

Universiti Tenaga Nasional
Kajang / Private university
www.uniten.edu.my/

Universiti Tun Abdul Razak
Kuala Lumpur / Private university
unirazak.edu.my/

Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia
Parit Raja / Public university
www.uthm.edu.my/

University of Cyberjaya
Cyberjaya / Private university
cyberjaya.edu.my/

University of Reading Malaysia
Iskandar Puteri / Foreign university branch campus
www.reading.edu.my/

University of Southampton Malaysia
Iskandar Puteri / Foreign university branch campus
www.southampton.ac.uk/my/

Wawasan Open University
George Town / Private university
www.wou.edu.my/

Xiamen University Malaysia
Sepang / Foreign university branch campus
www.xmu.edu.my/

STUDY IN POLAND

Poland

First-cycle degrees and long-cycle professional programmes.



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Poland has public and non-public institutions offering first-, second- and third-cycle education. Certain professional subjects use an integrated long-cycle master's route. English-taught degrees operate alongside Polish-language provision. Recognition of the entry qualification and programme selection are separate stages.

TUITION / YEAR

PLN 27,600

≈ US$ 7,180 / year

University of Warsaw psychology, long-cycle master's, non-EU entrant, 2026/27. PLN 27,600 per year; other subjects and institutions differ.

LIVING / MONTH

PLN 3,000-5,000

≈ US$ 780-1,300 / month

University of Warsaw city example. University residence and private accommodation have different charges; residence places are subject to allocation.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 3-4 years
Master's: 1.5-2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; sciences; medicine.

Academic entry

A foreign school certificate may be recognised automatically or require a statement from NAWA, the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange. The university also applies its subject, selection and language criteria. Master's admission concerns the recognition and relevance of the first degree.

University of Warsaw residences

University of Warsaw dormitories list PLN 520-1,100/month for 2026/27, subject to allocation. This is an accommodation charge. Food, local transport, insurance and personal expenditure remain separate from rent. The psychology tuition example is a long-cycle master's degree, not a bachelor's.

POLAND / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degree routes and specialisms

Separate university traditions in technology, medicine, economics, agriculture and the arts sit alongside comprehensive institutions.

108,609

Foreign students enrolled in Polish higher education institutions. Reporting period: 2024/25.

First cycle, second cycle and long cycle

First-cycle degrees normally take three to four years and lead to a licencjat or, in engineering and certain technical fields, an inżynier qualification. Second-cycle master's programmes commonly take one and a half to two years. Some professions use an integrated long-cycle course instead of a separate bachelor's followed by a master's. Medicine, dentistry, law and selected other fields fall within this structure, with durations determined by the discipline. Doctoral education is a further stage focused on research, rather than another taught master's course.

Different institutional specialisms

Poland's higher-education directory includes comprehensive universities, universities of technology, medical universities, universities of economics and life-sciences institutions, as well as arts and physical-education academies. Public and non-public institutions both operate within the national system. Specialist naming often indicates the institution's historical subject concentration, but current programmes can extend beyond that label. Academic and vocational institutions have distinct statutory profiles. The Polish Accreditation Committee evaluates the quality of higher education; institutional recognition and the accreditation of a particular programme are related but separate matters.

Engineering and life-sciences routes

An engineering first-cycle programme commonly uses a longer technical curriculum than a three-year general bachelor's. Poland's national framework assigns 180-240 European credits to first-cycle study, while a second-cycle qualification normally adds 90-120 credits. Technical universities offer disciplines such as civil engineering, computing, mechanical engineering and energy; life-sciences universities add agriculture, food, veterinary and environmental fields. These subject families exist in different institution types. An English-language route and a Polish-language route can have different admissions, fees and available places even where they share the same subject name.

Medicine has its own selection model

The Medical University of Gdańsk offers a six-year English-language medical programme with a defined admissions procedure. Its published route includes a written science assessment and interview for relevant candidates, while specified diploma categories have different academic-evidence arrangements. Biology and other required school sciences therefore affect eligibility independently of English proficiency. A six-year medical degree is not equivalent to an unrestricted right to practise in every country. Professional recognition and registration depend on the destination regulator as well as the completed qualification.

POLAND / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Recognition, language and costs

Recent recognition and language rules have made the origin of the qualifying certificate particularly important.

Recognition of a foreign school certificate

NAWA, the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange, issues statements confirming the right associated with a foreign secondary-school certificate to apply for higher education in Poland. Since July 2025, this procedure applies to certificates outside the categories covered by automatic recognition or specified exemptions. International Baccalaureate and European Baccalaureate diplomas have separate treatment. Earlier valid recognition decisions can remain relevant. Recognition addresses the legal standing of the qualification; it does not replace the university's subject requirements, ranking of applicants or decision to admit a particular candidate.

Additional admission assessments

The University of Warsaw's 2026-27 rules set out additional requirements for specified foreign-qualification applicants: recognised school documentation, acceptable teaching-language evidence and, for the relevant first-cycle or long-cycle category, a positive result in an entrance examination testing knowledge needed for the course. Exemptions depend on the qualification and legal category. There is therefore no single 'all international students' rule that captures every case. The university's published framework separates certificate recognition, language competence and academic assessment into different parts of the admissions decision.

Language evidence and tuition status

For applicants covered by the additional language-document rules, the University of Warsaw publishes accepted evidence at least at B2 level, the upper-intermediate band of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Its list includes IELTS 5.5, TOEFL iBT 72 and PTE Academic 59, alongside other approved evidence; programmes may set additional demands. Poland's national study portal gives broad tuition estimates of EUR 2,000-6,000 annually for many fee-paying courses. English-language medicine and other specialist programmes can cost substantially more, and fee exemptions depend on legal eligibility.

A Warsaw accommodation example

The University of Warsaw's published 2026-27 residence rates range from PLN 520 to PLN 1,100 per month, depending on the residence and room arrangement. Its students generally pay a deposit equivalent to one month's accommodation fee. A separate university faculty guide estimates everyday living expenses excluding rent at PLN 2,000-3,000 per month. These figures describe different budget components, not competing total-cost estimates. Residence places require allocation, and private rentals can involve different rents, utilities, deposits and contract conditions from a university-managed room.

POLAND / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

IELTS

English-language evidence for eligible routes

International English Language Testing System. Warsaw's published accepted-document list includes a minimum score of 5.5; programme standards and the applicant's legal category can add conditions.

ielts.org/

TOEFL iBT / PTE Academic

Alternative English-language evidence

Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based, and Pearson Test of English Academic. Warsaw publishes thresholds of 72 and 59 respectively; these are not universal admission scores for every Polish degree.

www.ets.org/toefl.html
www.pearsonpte.com/

University entrance examination

Specified foreign-school applicants

An academic knowledge assessment applies to relevant first-cycle and long-cycle applicants under Warsaw's additional admissions rules. Qualification-based exemptions and programme-specific arrangements apply.

rekrutacja.uw.edu.pl/en/additional-requirements-for-candidates-with-foreign-documents/

Medical science assessment and interview

Medical University of Gdańsk English medicine

The university publishes science-assessment and interview routes, with different treatment for specified diploma categories. Medical selection is institution-specific.

admission.mug.edu.pl/1447.html

State Polish-language certificate

Polish-taught programmes and specified eligibility routes

National examinations certify Polish proficiency at designated levels. A Polish-language certificate does not replace English evidence for a programme taught in English.

certyfikatpolski.pl/terminy-sesji-egzaminacyjnych-w-2027-roku/

Degree structure and institutional status

Poland has public and non-public higher-education institutions. First-cycle awards include licencjat and inżynier; second-cycle study leads to magister or an equivalent title. Some regulated fields use long-cycle degrees combining the first two stages. Doctoral education is a separate research route. Postgraduate non-degree courses award certificates rather than a master's qualification. RAD-on is the official information system for institutions and programmes. The distinction between a degree and a non-degree course remains the same whether the teaching language is Polish or English.

POLAND / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Banach NAWA Programme

Postgraduate: second-cycle master's; preparatory route where offered

Support. The published 2026/27 award provides PLN 2,500 monthly and tuition exemption at public universities. Preparatory-course and other support follow the call.

Eligibility. Citizens of the developing countries listed in the call, with an eligible recent first degree and required Polish or English proficiency. Previous master's study or NAWA funding restrictions apply.

Application. NAWA receives the funding application through its online system. The participating university processes a separate academic application.

Conditions. The eligible country list, qualifying first-degree dates and supported institutions are defined in the published call. A funding application does not constitute university admission.

Poland My First Choice NAWA

Postgraduate: full-time second-cycle master's

Support. The 2026 call provides PLN 2,000 monthly, public-university tuition exemption and a one-off travel allowance.

Eligibility. Candidates from the specified countries and territories with a high level of socioeconomic development, meeting degree and other call requirements; Polish or English at least B2.

Application. NAWA and the eligible university receive separate applications. Participating academic universities hold a framework agreement with NAWA.

Conditions. This scheme is restricted to the countries and territories named in the call. Tuition at private universities is not automatically waived.

General Anders NAWA Programme

Undergraduate, long-cycle and second-cycle master's

Support. Monthly NAWA scholarship for eligible full-time Polish-taught studies; an approved preparatory Polish-language year may precede the degree. Tuition treatment follows status and the call.

Eligibility. Applicants of Polish origin meeting the Pole's Card or qualifying dual-citizenship conditions. Separate bachelor/long-cycle and master's calls set education and other requirements.

Application. Applications use the relevant NAWA call and online system, with evidence of Polish origin. Universities conduct their own admission procedure.

Conditions. This is a diaspora programme, not an unrestricted international award. English-taught programmes and excluded fields are outside the published route.

Erasmus+ study mobility to Poland

Undergraduate and postgraduate exchange

Support. A contribution towards living and travel costs, with receiving-university tuition and specified academic charges waived. Grant rates and additional support depend on the mobility agreement.

Eligibility. Students already enrolled at a participating institution, nominated for an eligible study exchange with a Polish partner.

Application. The home university nominates students through its international or Erasmus office. A learning agreement records the study plan and recognition of credits.

Conditions. This funds a period within an existing degree, not general admission to an entire Polish degree. A grant may not cover all expenses.

POLAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Warsaw

Warsaw / Public university / QS 2027: =289

Humanities; Social sciences; Mathematics; Natural sciences

Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa, Poland

en.uw.edu.pl/

Wrocław University of Science and Technology

Wrocław / Public technical university

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Chemistry

Wybrzeże Stanisława Wyspiańskiego 27, 50-370 Wrocław, Poland

pwr.edu.pl/en

Jagiellonian University

Kraków / Public university

Humanities; Law; Natural sciences; Medicine

Gołębia 24, 31-007 Kraków, Poland

en.uj.edu.pl/

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

Poznań / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Natural sciences; Law

Wieniawskiego 1, 61-712 Poznań, Poland

amu.edu.pl/en

Warsaw University of Technology

Warsaw / Public technical university / QS 2027: =504

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Mathematics

Plac Politechniki 1, 00-661 Warszawa, Poland

www.pw.edu.pl/

University of Gdańsk

Gdańsk / Public university

Economics; Law; Humanities; Oceanography

Jana Bażyńskiego 8, 80-309 Gdańsk, Poland

en.ug.edu.pl/

welcome@ug.edu.pl

AGH University of Krakow

Kraków / Public technical university

Engineering; Computer science; Materials science; Energy

al. Adama Mickiewicza 30, 30-059 Kraków, Poland

www.agh.edu.pl/en

international.students@agh.edu.pl

Gdańsk University of Technology

Gdańsk / Public technical university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Chemistry

Gabriela Narutowicza 11/12, 80-233 Gdańsk, Poland

pg.edu.pl/en

international@pg.edu.pl

University of Wrocław

Wrocław / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Law; Natural sciences

Plac Uniwersytecki 1, 50-137 Wrocław, Poland

uwr.edu.pl/en/

University of Lodz

Łódź / Public university

Economics; Management; Humanities; Natural sciences

Narutowicza 68, 90-136 Łódź, Poland

www.uni.lodz.pl/en/

POLAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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Lodz University of Technology

Łódź / Public technical university

Engineering; Computer science; Biotechnology; Design

Żeromskiego 116, 90-543 Łódź, Poland

p.lodz.pl/en

foreignstudents@info.p.lodz.pl

Medical University of Gdańsk

Gdańsk / Public medical university

Medicine; Pharmacy; Nursing; Public health

M. Skłodowskiej-Curie 3a, 80-210 Gdańsk, Poland

mug.edu.pl/

Poznan University of Technology

Poznań / Public technical university

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Logistics

Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie 5, 60-965 Poznań, Poland

put.poznan.pl/en

SGH Warsaw School of Economics

Warsaw / Public economics university

Economics; Finance; Management; International business

al. Niepodległości 162, 02-554 Warszawa, Poland

www.sgh.waw.pl/en

info@sgh.waw.pl

Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Toruń / Public university

Humanities; Natural sciences; Law; Economics

Gagarina 11, 87-100 Toruń, Poland

www.umk.pl/en/

contact@umk.pl

Kozminski University

Warsaw / Private university

Management; Finance; Economics; Law

Jagiellońska 57/59, 03-301 Warszawa, Poland

www.kozminski.edu.pl/en

University of Silesia in Katowice

Katowice / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Natural sciences; Law

Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice, Poland

us.edu.pl/en/

info@us.edu.pl

SWPS University

Warsaw / Private university

Psychology; Social sciences; Humanities; Law

Chodakowska 19/31, 03-815 Warszawa, Poland

english.swps.pl/

Medical University of Warsaw

Warsaw / Public medical university

Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy; Nursing

Żwirki i Wigury 61, 02-091 Warszawa, Poland

www.wum.edu.pl/en

english@wum.edu.pl

Vistula University

Warsaw / Private university

Management; Finance; Computer science; International relations

Stokłosy 3, 02-787 Warszawa, Poland

vistula.edu.pl/en/

POLAND / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Białystok University of Technology
Białystok / Public university
pb.edu.pl/

Bydgoszcz University of Science and Technology
Bydgoszcz / Public university
pbs.edu.pl/

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University
Warsaw / Public university
uksw.edu.pl/

Cracow University of Technology
Kraków / Public university
www.pk.edu.pl/index.php?lang=en

Częstochowa University of Technology
Częstochowa / Public university
pcz.pl/

Jan Długosz University
Częstochowa / Public university
ujd.edu.pl/

Jan Kochanowski University
Kielce / Public university
ujk.edu.pl/

John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
Lublin / Non-public Catholic university
kul.pl/

Kazimierz Wielki University
Bydgoszcz / Public university
ukw.edu.pl/

Kielce University of Technology
Kielce / Public university
tu.kielce.pl/

Koszalin University of Technology
Koszalin / Public university
tu.koszalin.pl/

Krakow University of Economics
Kraków / Public university
uek.krakow.pl/

Lazarski University
Warsaw / Non-public university
lazarski.pl/

Lublin University of Technology
Lublin / Public university
pollub.pl/

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University
Lublin / Public university
umcs.pl/

Medical University of Białystok
Białystok / Public university
umb.edu.pl/

Medical University of Lodz
Łódź / Public university
umed.pl/

Medical University of Lublin
Lublin / Public university
umlub.pl/

Medical University of Silesia
Katowice / Public university
sum.edu.pl/

Opole University of Technology
Opole / Public university
po.edu.pl/

Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology
Warsaw / Non-public university
pja.edu.pl/

Pomeranian Medical University
Szczecin / Public university
pum.edu.pl/

Poznan University of Medical Sciences
Poznań / Public university
www.ump.edu.pl/en

Poznań University of Economics and Business
Poznań / Public university
ue.poznan.pl/

Poznań University of Life Sciences
Poznań / Public university
www.up.poznan.pl/en/

Rzeszów University of Technology
Rzeszów / Public university
prz.edu.pl/

Silesian University of Technology
Gliwice / Public university
www.polsl.pl/en/

University of Agriculture in Krakow
Kraków / Public university
urk.edu.pl/

University of Białystok
Białystok / Public university
uwb.edu.pl/

University of Bielsko-Biala
Bielsko-Biała / Public university
ubb.edu.pl/

University of Economics in Katowice
Katowice / Public university
ue.katowice.pl/

University of Information Technology and Management
Rzeszów / Non-public university
en.uitm.edu.eu/

University of Life Sciences in Lublin
Lublin / Public university
up.lublin.pl/

University of Opole
Opole / Public university
uni.opole.pl/

University of Rzeszów
Rzeszów / Public university
ur.edu.pl/

University of Social Sciences
Łódź / Non-public university
san.edu.pl/

University of Szczecin
Szczecin / Public university
usz.edu.pl/

University of Warmia and Mazury
Olsztyn / Public university
uwm.edu.pl/

University of Zielona Góra
Zielona Góra / Public university
uz.zgora.pl/

Warsaw University of Life Sciences
Warsaw / Public university
sggw.edu.pl/

West Pomeranian University of Technology
Szczecin / Public university
zut.edu.pl/

Wroclaw Medical University
Wrocław / Public university
en.umw.edu.pl/

Wroclaw University of Economics and Business
Wrocław / Public university
ue.wroc.pl/

Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences
Wrocław / Public university
upwr.edu.pl/

WSB University
Dąbrowa Górnicza / Non-public university
wsb.edu.pl/

STUDY IN NETHERLANDS

Netherlands

Two principal routes: research universities and applied sciences.



Maastricht University - Tongersestraat university building / Mark Ahsmann / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Dutch higher education distinguishes research-oriented WO from professionally oriented HBO. WO bachelor's degrees usually take three years; HBO bachelor's degrees commonly take four. Public and private institutions operate in both the wider education market and professional-specialist sectors. English-taught study remains subject to programme-specific entry requirements.

TUITION / YEAR

EUR 9,000-20,000

≈ US$ 10,220-22,710 / year

Nuffic, the Dutch education internationalisation organisation, gives this non-EU/EEA bachelor's range. Master's: EUR 12,000-30,000/year; programme fees vary.

LIVING / MONTH

EUR 1,000-1,500

≈ US$ 1,140-1,700 / month

Nuffic estimate including accommodation. Its quoted room allowance is EUR 450-1,000/month.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: research 3; applied 4 years
Master's: usually 1-2 years
Medicine: 6 years (3 + 3)

Fields of study

Business; engineering; life sciences; public health; computing.

Academic entry

Studielink is the national registration platform used by many programmes; universities separately assess qualifications and documents. Numerus fixus means a programme has limited places and a selection procedure. For relevant non-EU students, an educational sponsor recognised by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) submits the residence application.

Public and private examples

HAN and NHL Stenden are publicly funded universities of applied sciences; Maastricht is a publicly funded research university. Wittenborg and Nyenrode are private institutions. The school qualification, required subjects and selected programme determine academic eligibility.

NETHERLANDS / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Research and applied degrees

Research universities and universities of applied sciences have different entry profiles, teaching structures and bachelor's durations.

129,764

International bachelor's and master's students at publicly funded Dutch higher-education institutions. Reporting period: 2025/26.

Research and professional higher education

The Dutch system distinguishes research-oriented education, known as WO, from professional higher education, known as HBO. A research-university bachelor's normally takes three years and 180 credits. A university-of-applied-sciences bachelor's normally takes four years and 240 credits, combining disciplinary learning with professional application. Both use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. Some applied-sciences institutions also run intensive three-year bachelor's routes for suitably qualified entrants. The institution's legal status and the programme's accreditation are separate from whether its marketing name contains the word 'university'.

What a school qualification must establish

Research-university entry normally requires a qualification comparable to Dutch pre-university secondary education, known as VWO. Applied-sciences entry can be based on the Dutch HAVO general-secondary diploma or level-four vocational qualification and comparable foreign awards. Nuffic, the Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education, publishes comparisons of foreign qualifications; the admitting institution makes the admission decision. Subject prerequisites remain important after diploma-level comparison. Mathematics, science or language deficiencies can lead to additional assessment even when the overall school qualification is acceptable.

Business, technology and specialist provision

Research and applied-sciences routes both include business, computing and engineering, but their course structures differ. Applied-sciences provision also includes hospitality, teacher education, nursing, design and performing arts. Specialist institutions extend the range: IHE Delft provides postgraduate water education, while arts schools admit students through discipline-specific selection. A master's after an applied-sciences bachelor's can involve a preparatory or bridging programme before admission to a research university. The bridge addresses academic prerequisites; it is not a second bachelor's degree or a universal requirement for every graduate.

Medicine, mathematics and capped places

A course offered in English elsewhere in the university does not establish the teaching language of medicine or another regulated profession. Maastricht's published medicine admission route is Dutch-language and requires the relevant pre-university science subjects. In quantitative subjects, universities identify acceptable mathematics evidence: Maastricht Computer Science lists the OMPT-D mathematics test and specified Dutch examination alternatives. Programmes with a numerus fixus have a capped number of places and their own selection process. Meeting minimum subject requirements does not remove that additional competition.

NETHERLANDS / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admissions, fees and housing

Programme-level selection sits alongside a national registration portal and a housing market with limited student accommodation.

Studielink is the starting registration layer

Most Dutch higher-education applications begin with Studielink, the national enrolment portal, followed by the institution's own document and assessment stages. A Studielink registration is therefore not an admission offer. Numerus-fixus programmes normally have a 15 January application deadline; other courses have different deadlines, including earlier dates for applicants who need immigration processing. The institution evaluates the diploma, required subjects and language evidence. Selection programmes can add tests, written work or interviews, while arts courses may assess portfolios or performance.

International enrolment: the measured population

Nuffic reported 129,764 international bachelor's and master's students at publicly funded Dutch higher-education institutions in 2025-26. Its definition combines non-Dutch nationality with a secondary education completed outside the Netherlands; it is not simply a count of everyone holding a foreign passport. The total also excludes international students outside the report's institutional and qualification coverage. This distinction matters when comparing national figures: an exchange-student count, a residence-permit count and an enrolled-degree-student count measure different populations and cannot be treated as interchangeable statistics.

Tuition depends on fee status and subject

Study in NL, the national international-study information service, gives indicative annual tuition of EUR 9,000-20,000 for non-European Economic Area bachelor's students and EUR 12,000-30,000 for master's students. These broad estimates describe a market, not a fixed national tariff. Statutory-fee eligibility depends on conditions including nationality or residence status and prior study; many international applicants instead pay institutional fees. Some institutions also charge application or handling fees. The amount attached to a particular course and intake is the relevant tuition commitment.

Living costs and room availability

Study in NL estimates total student living expenditure at EUR 1,000-1,500 a month, with accommodation commonly EUR 450-1,000. These figures overlap: rent is a component of living expenditure, not an extra amount to add twice. Amsterdam generally costs more than smaller student cities. University admission does not guarantee a room, and the national study service warns of housing shortages. Deposits, furnishings and initial travel can create a larger first-month requirement than the recurring monthly budget; shared housing and studio accommodation have different cost structures.

NETHERLANDS / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

English-language tests

Institution-specific English-taught degrees

International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or other accepted evidence. Required scores and exemptions depend on the programme and prior education.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

CCVX / Boswell-Bèta examinations

Applicants with specified subject deficiencies

Dutch pre-university subject examinations from CCVX or Boswell-Bèta can address specified mathematics or science deficiencies. Accepted certificates are set by the institution, not required from every international applicant.

ccvx.nl/
www.boswell-beta.nl/en/exams/

OMPT mathematics examinations

Selected quantitative bachelor's programmes

The Online Mathematics Placement Test has different versions. Maastricht Computer Science identifies OMPT-D; another degree's accepted version or threshold may differ.

www.omptest.org/

Numerus-fixus selection

Programmes with a capped intake

Selection is organised for the particular programme and may include tests or other assessments. It is distinct from a nationwide university entrance examination.

www.studyinnl.org/plan-your-stay/how-to-apply

Research and professional degrees

Dutch higher education has two principal strands: research universities and universities of applied sciences. Research-university bachelor's degrees normally take three years; applied-sciences bachelor's degrees commonly take four. Research programmes emphasise academic enquiry, while applied programmes integrate professional practice and placements. Both strands offer recognised degrees, but entry to a research master's from an applied bachelor's can require a pre-master's programme. DUO, the Dutch education executive agency, maintains the RIO register of institutions and programmes.

Applications and limited-entry programmes

Studielink is the national enrolment portal used for many Dutch degree applications. Institutions also collect academic documents and conduct selection in their own systems. A numerus fixus programme has a capped number of places and a selection procedure; its general application deadline is 15 January. Other programmes can have different deadlines, especially for international applicants requiring immigration processing. A place offer, acceptance of that offer and completion of enrolment are separate administrative stages.

Housing and financial support

The Netherlands has a shortage of student accommodation. Universities may arrange a limited number of rooms, but admission does not create an entitlement to housing. Tuition charges distinguish statutory and institutional fee categories; most non-EEA students pay institutional rates. Scholarships also differ in duration: the standard NL Scholarship contributes EUR 5,000 in the first year, while named university schemes may fund a longer period. Rent deposits, insurance, food, transport and study materials remain distinct components of the living budget.

NETHERLANDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

NL Scholarship

Bachelor's and master's

Support. €5,000 in the first study year under the standard national scheme.

Eligibility. Non-EEA applicants to a full-time programme at a participating institution, meeting its criteria and without a Dutch higher education degree.

Application. Applications and selection are administered by participating universities, with institution-specific courses and deadlines.

Conditions. Partial support only: it is not a full-tuition award. Participation and additional institutional conditions vary by intake.

Maastricht University NL-High Potential Scholarship

Listed full-time master's

Support. Tuition, visa and specified insurance costs, plus EUR 20,150 living support for 13 months or EUR 38,750 for 25 months under the 2027-28 call.

Eligibility. Eligible non-EU/EEA applicants, excluding Swiss and Surinamese nationals; age no more than 35 on 1 September 2027, GPA at least 7.5/10 and no previous Dutch degree study.

Application. A complete application to a listed master's is required before the later scholarship deadline. A separate scholarship form follows. The 2027/28 call offers 18 awards for specified one- and two-year programmes.

Conditions. The allocated first-year room is a mandatory part of the award. Airfare, cleaning and any programme handling fees are excluded.

University of Twente Scholarship (UTS)

Eligible master's

Support. EUR 3,000-22,000 for one year. A second-year award of the same value is possible when renewal conditions are met.

Eligibility. Excellent non-EU/EEA applicants with conditional or full admission to an eligible master's; statutory-fee payers and current UT students are excluded.

Application. A separate scholarship application follows conditional or full master's admission and issuance of a university student number.

Conditions. Renewal requires a 7/10 average and at least half the year's credits by the end of the third quartile. ITC and pre-master's programmes are excluded.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Master's

Support. Competitive full scholarships may cover participation costs and contribute to travel, visa and living expenses.

Eligibility. Applicants worldwide with a bachelor's degree, or in its final year and graduating before the programme starts, meeting the consortium's requirements.

Application. The joint-master consortium receives admission and scholarship applications directly.

Conditions. These are joint programmes involving study in multiple countries. A Dutch partner does not mean the entire degree is taught in the Netherlands.

NETHERLANDS / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

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University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam / Publicly funded research university

Humanities; Social sciences; Business; Law

Spui 21, 1012 WX Amsterdam, Netherlands

www.uva.nl/en

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Amsterdam / Publicly funded research university

Business; Social sciences; Law; Science

De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, Netherlands

vu.nl/en

Leiden University

Leiden / The Hague / Publicly funded research university

Law; Humanities; Social sciences; Science

Rapenburg 70, 2311 EZ Leiden, Netherlands

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en

Utrecht University

Utrecht / Publicly funded research university

Science; Humanities; Social sciences; Law

Heidelberglaan 8, 3584 CS Utrecht, Netherlands

www.uu.nl/en

info@uu.nl

Delft University of Technology

Delft / Publicly funded technical research university / QS 2027: 48

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Applied sciences

PO Box 5, 2600 AA Delft, Netherlands

www.tudelft.nl/en/

Eindhoven University of Technology

Eindhoven / Publicly funded technical research university

Engineering; Computer science; Applied physics; Industrial design

PO Box 513, 5600 MB Eindhoven, Netherlands

www.tue.nl/en/

University of Twente

Enschede / Publicly funded research university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Behavioural sciences

Drienerlolaan 5, 7522 NB Enschede, Netherlands

www.utwente.nl/en/

study@utwente.nl

Wageningen University & Research

Wageningen / Publicly funded research university and research organisation

Agriculture; Food science; Environmental science; Life sciences

Droevendaalsesteeg 4, 6708 PB Wageningen, Netherlands

www.wur.nl/en

University of Groningen

Groningen / Publicly funded research university

Science; Business; Law; Humanities

Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen, Netherlands

www.rug.nl/

Radboud University

Nijmegen / Publicly funded research university

Science; Social sciences; Law; Humanities

Houtlaan 4, 6525 XZ Nijmegen, Netherlands

www.ru.nl/en

admissions@ru.nl

NETHERLANDS / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Maastricht University

Maastricht / Publicly funded research university

Business; Law; Health sciences; Psychology

Minderbroedersberg 4-6, 6211 LK Maastricht, Netherlands

www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/

study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Rotterdam / Publicly funded research university

Economics; Business; Law; Social sciences

Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, 3062 PA Rotterdam, Netherlands

www.eur.nl/en

Tilburg University

Tilburg / Publicly funded research university

Economics; Business; Law; Social sciences

Warandelaan 2, 5037 AB Tilburg, Netherlands

www.tilburguniversity.edu/

HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht

Utrecht / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Business; Communication; Engineering; Education

Padualaan 99, 3584 CH Utrecht, Netherlands

www.internationalhu.com/

info@hu.nl

HAN University of Applied Sciences

Arnhem / Nijmegen / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Engineering; Business; Life sciences; Health

Ruitenberglaan 31, 6826 CC Arnhem, Netherlands

www.hanuniversity.com/en/

ask@han.nl

Fontys University of Applied Sciences

Eindhoven and other cities / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Engineering; Business; ICT; Arts

Rachelsmolen 1, Eindhoven, Netherlands

www.fontys.nl/en/

info@fontys.nl

Saxion University of Applied Sciences

Enschede / Deventer / Apeldoorn / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Business; Engineering; ICT; Creative technology

M.H. Tromplaan 28, 7513 AB Enschede, Netherlands

www.saxion.edu/

Hanze University of Applied Sciences

Groningen / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Business; Engineering; Arts; Health

Zernikeplein 7, 9747 AS Groningen, Netherlands

www.hanze.nl/en

Breda University of Applied Sciences

Breda / Publicly funded university of applied sciences

Tourism; Hospitality; Games and media; Logistics

Mgr. Hopmansstraat 2, 4817 JS Breda, Netherlands

www.buas.nl/en

Nyenrode Business University

Breukelen / Amsterdam / Private research university

Business administration; Management; Finance; Accountancy

Straatweg 25, 3621 BG Breukelen, Netherlands

www.nyenrode.nl/en

NETHERLANDS / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Aeres Hogeschool
Dronten / Almere / Wageningen / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.aereshogeschool.nl/

Amsterdamse Hogeschool voor de Kunsten
Amsterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.ahk.nl

ArtEZ University of the Arts
Arnhem / Enschede / Zwolle / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.artez.nl

Avans Hogeschool
Breda / 's-Hertogenbosch / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.avans.nl

Christelijke Hogeschool Ede
Ede / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.che.nl

Codarts Rotterdam
Rotterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.codarts.nl

De Haagse Hogeschool
The Hague / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.dehaagsehogeschool.nl

De Kempel
Helmond / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.kempel.nl

Design Academy Eindhoven
Eindhoven / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.designacademy.nl

Driestar hogeschool
Gouda / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.driestar-hogeschool.nl

Gerrit Rietveld Academie
Amsterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
rietveldacademie.nl/

HAS green academy
's-Hertogenbosch / Venlo / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.has.nl/

Hogeschool der Kunsten Den Haag
The Hague / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hogeschoolderkunsten.nl

Hogeschool Inholland
Multiple cities / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.inholland.nl

Hogeschool IPABO
Amsterdam / Alkmaar / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.ipabo.nl

Hogeschool KPZ
Zwolle / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.kpz.nl

Hogeschool Leiden
Leiden / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hsleiden.nl

Hogeschool NCOI
Hilversum / Private applied-sciences institution
www.ncoi.nl/

Hogeschool Rotterdam
Rotterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hogeschoolrotterdam.nl/

Hogeschool van Amsterdam
Amsterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hva.nl

Hogeschool Viaa
Zwolle / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.viaa.nl

Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Utrecht
Utrecht / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hku.nl

Hotelschool The Hague
The Hague / Amsterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hotelschool.nl

HZ University of Applied Sciences
Vlissingen / Middelburg / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
hz.nl/

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education
Delft / Specialist postgraduate institution
www.un-ihe.org/

Iselinge Hogeschool
Doetinchem / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.iselinge.nl

LOI Hogeschool
Leiderdorp / Private distance-learning institution
www.loi.nl/

Marnix Academie
Utrecht / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.marnixacademie.nl/

NHL Stenden Hogeschool
Leeuwarden / Emmen / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.nhlstenden.com/

Open Universiteit
Heerlen / Public distance university
www.ou.nl/

Protestant Theological University
Utrecht / Specialist university
www.pthu.nl/en/

Theological University Apeldoorn
Apeldoorn / Specialist university
www.tua.nl/

Theological University Utrecht
Utrecht / Specialist university
tuu.nl/en/

Thomas More Hogeschool
Rotterdam / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
thomasmorehs.nl/

Tio Business School
Hilversum / multiple campuses / Private applied-sciences institution
www.tio.nl/

University of Humanistic Studies
Utrecht / Publicly funded specialist university
www.uvh.nl/en/

Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences
Velp / Leeuwarden / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.hvhl.nl/

Windesheim
Zwolle / Almere / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.windesheim.nl

Wittenborg University of Applied Sciences
Apeldoorn / Private applied-sciences institution
www.wittenborg.eu/

Zuyd Hogeschool
Heerlen / Maastricht / Sittard / Publicly funded applied-sciences institution
www.zuyd.nl

STUDY IN SWEDEN

Sweden

Research-led study with clear qualification and funding choices.



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Sweden offers comprehensive universities and specialist technical, medical and agricultural institutions. English-taught study is especially extensive at master's level. Academic prerequisites, teaching location and fee status distinguish the available routes.

LUND BUSINESS EXAMPLE / YEAR

SEK 130,000

Approx. US$ 13,030

Lund's International Business bachelor's, autumn 2026: SEK 390,000 over three years, annualised. Fee-paying non-EU/EEA/Swiss category; application fee and living costs are separate.

LUND EXAMPLE / MONTH

SEK 8,900-13,500

Approx. US$ 890-1,350

Sum of Lund's food, rent, literature and miscellaneous-cost example, updated September 2026. It is not a permit threshold; the 2026 maintenance minimum is SEK 10,656/month.

Typical degree length

Bachelor’s normally 3 years; master’s 1 or 2 years. Professional qualifications vary.

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; life sciences; environmental studies; social sciences; design.

Academic entry

University Admissions assesses completed qualifications, subject preparation and accepted English evidence. The application round and document deadline affect applicants whose final school results arrive later.

What the award leaves unpaid

Many university awards cover tuition only. Living costs, early housing payments and the full degree period remain separate parts of the funding plan; future employment is not confirmed funding.

SWEDEN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and admission in Sweden

Degree-awarding powers, subject prerequisites and application timing determine the route into Swedish higher education.

Qualifications and institutional recognition

Swedish higher education follows three cycles. A general bachelor's degree normally carries 180 higher education credits, while master's degrees may carry either 60 or 120 credits. Full-time study normally produces 60 credits a year. Professional qualifications have their own structures and can extend across the first and second cycles. Recognition rests on degree-awarding powers, rather than the English word "university" alone. UKÄ's official institutional list is a useful starting point, but students should also check the intended qualification and any professional recognition needed in the country where they plan to work.

School qualifications and subject preparation

Bachelor's applicants must normally have completed upper-secondary education and document English at the required Swedish equivalent. Applicants whose final school grades were awarded after 2009 also face a general mathematics requirement. Individual programmes can require more advanced mathematics, sciences or other school subjects. The admissions service compares the actual qualification and curriculum, so the number of years spent in a subject is not conclusive. Master's entry requires a qualifying first degree and the programme's own subject preparation. Country-specific documentation instructions remain essential even when two applicants hold qualifications with similar English titles.

Application rounds and final school results

Universityadmissions.se coordinates applications to many English-taught programmes. International applicants are encouraged to use the first admissions round, which provides earlier decisions and more time for residence-permit arrangements. A later round may offer fewer English-taught places and insufficient time for applicants who need a permit. School-leavers should pay particular attention to final results: Swedish selection normally needs a completed upper-secondary qualification, not simply predicted grades. If final certificates arrive after the required documentation stage, applying for the next available intake may be more realistic than assuming conditional admission will bridge the timing gap.

English evidence and Swedish language

The common English requirement is expressed as English 6, also called English Level 2 under Sweden's revised school-course terminology. It can be demonstrated through accepted tests or specified previous education; an English-medium letter is not automatically sufficient. Some master's courses require a different level. Applicants should check both the programme requirement and the admissions service's rules for verifying their particular result. For Swedish-taught study, Swedish proficiency is a separate question. Tisus provides a university-entry Swedish test, but passing a language test does not replace academic prerequisites or guarantee a study place.

SWEDEN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Funding and everyday academic life

Tuition, living costs and permission to reside require separate planning; a scholarship may cover only one part.

Tuition and the application fee

Most applicants who are citizens outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland pay application and tuition fees, unless a specified exemption applies. Citizenship and residence status should be documented under the official rules; residence in another European country is not itself the same as qualifying citizenship. Universities publish programme-specific tuition, so compare the entire degree cost and payment schedule. The national application fee is SEK 900 per semester of application and covers multiple choices in that semester. It is an administrative payment, separate from tuition paid to the admitting university and from living expenses.

Housing and a usable budget

Housing must be investigated alongside the programme. At Lund, the university advises students without a defined housing guarantee to search through several providers before arrival; even guaranteed groups must follow the housing application procedure. Its illustrative monthly budget lists food at SEK 3,000, accommodation at SEK 4,000-8,000, literature at SEK 400-1,000 and miscellaneous costs at SEK 1,500. These are local planning components, not a national price promise. Rent, deposits, travel and the timing of payments can make the cash needed at arrival appreciably different from an average monthly estimate.

Course pace and independent work

A Swedish full-time academic year normally represents 60 credits, including independent work as well as scheduled teaching. Gothenburg describes a 40-hour study week and notes that students commonly take courses sequentially during the semester. A course marked 100% study pace may occupy the working week even when contact hours look modest. Assessment can combine written examinations, take-home work, presentations and other assignments. Students should read the syllabus for the grading scale, assessment tasks and prerequisites, and allow time for reading and preparation before class rather than treating the timetable as the complete workload.

Residence permission and work conditions

For most non-EU/EEA students, admission is followed by a separate residence-permit application. The Migration Agency requires qualifying full-time on-site study, financial maintenance and any applicable insurance; tuition must be paid as required before the application. Its 2026 maintenance figure is SEK 10,656 per month, with different calculations for accompanying family members. Rules changed during 2026: bachelor's and master's permits granted on or after 11 June generally carry a 15-hour weekly work limit, with specified exceptions. Recheck the official rules for the application date; neither employment nor an eventual immigration outcome should be assumed.

SWEDEN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

IELTS Academic

Applicants using IELTS to meet English 6 / English Level 2

The published benchmark is 6.5 overall with no component below 5.5. A higher programme-level requirement can apply. Accepted variants and online verification rules matter; General Training is not accepted.

ielts.org/

TOEFL iBT

Applicants using TOEFL to meet English 6 / English Level 2

For tests from 21 January 2026, the published requirement is 4.5 overall with no section below 4 on the 1-6 scale. Earlier tests use 90 overall and 20 in writing. Verify the score-date rules and accepted test format.

www.ets.org/toefl.html

Tisus

Applicants needing Swedish language evidence for university studies

Tisus is the Test in Swedish for University Studies. Use its current registration and component guidance, and confirm that the target programme accepts the evidence. It is a language qualification, not a national subject-admission examination.

www.su.se/english/divisions/tisus---test-in-swedish-for-university-studies

Read the qualification as well as the institution name

UKÄ distinguishes universities, university colleges and independent providers with degree-awarding powers. English institutional names do not remove these distinctions. This selected directory provides starting points; it does not certify every course at an institution or professional eligibility overseas.

A first-choice scholarship needs a first-choice decision

Several university scholarship routes require the host programme to be ranked first in the national application. Compare academic fit and the unfunded cost before choosing that order. Scholarships for tuition and money for maintenance perform different jobs in the financial plan.

SWEDEN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Lund University Global Scholarship

Master's; specified bachelor's exceptions

Support. Part or all of tuition. No living-cost stipend.

Eligibility. Fee-paying citizens outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland with strong academic results; the eligible Lund programme must be first choice.

Application. Apply for the degree through Universityadmissions.se, complete fee requirements, then submit the separate scholarship form and motivation letter.

Conditions. Competitive and merit-based. The 2026 round is closed. Eligible bachelor's courses are limited; check the next published call and finance living expenses independently.

Uppsala University Global Scholarship

International master's

Support. Full tuition for the awarded programme; no living expenses.

Eligibility. Citizens outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland with academic merit who place the Uppsala programme first in their national application.

Application. Complete the degree application, fee and supporting documents by their deadlines, then follow the university's scholarship application round.

Conditions. Highly competitive. The autumn 2026 round is closed; the university says the next round opens in early 2027. Scholarship availability can differ between years.

KTH Scholarship

Eligible one- or two-year master's

Support. Full tuition at KTH; second-year support requires satisfactory first-year results. Living costs are excluded.

Eligibility. Fee-paying applicants who rank the eligible KTH master's first and pay the application fee; selection considers academic merit and contribution to sustainable development.

Application. Apply for the master's through Universityadmissions.se first, then submit the separate KTH scholarship form within its annual window. KTH uses the academic documents submitted with the degree application.

Conditions. Joint-programme exclusions apply. Tuition funding leaves accommodation, food and other living expenses to be financed separately. Continuation depends on satisfactory first-year results.

SI Scholarship for Global Professionals

Eligible full-time one- or two-year master's programmes

Support. Published 2026 call: full tuition, a SEK 12,000 monthly living allowance, and a one-time travel grant subject to the scheme's conditions.

Eligibility. Citizens of one of the 34 countries listed for the 2026 call who are liable for tuition fees, meet the work and leadership experience requirements, and apply to an SI-eligible master's programme.

Application. First apply for eligible master's study through Universityadmissions.se, then submit the separate SI scholarship application through its official portal.

Conditions. Highly competitive and restricted by citizenship and eligible programme; it is not open to all non-EU applicants. The 2026 application period closed on 25 February. Recheck the next call rather than assuming the same countries, amounts or dates.

SWEDEN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Lund University

Lund / Malmö / Helsingborg / Public university / QS 2027: 71

Engineering; Medicine; Law; Humanities

Box 117, SE-221 00 Lund, Sweden

www.lunduniversity.lu.se/

Karolinska Institutet

Stockholm / Solna / Huddinge / Public medical university

Medicine; Health sciences; Medical research

Karolinska Institutet, SE-171 77 Stockholm, Sweden

ki.se/en

Uppsala University

Uppsala / Visby / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Medicine; Pharmacy

Box 256, SE-751 05 Uppsala, Sweden

www.uu.se/en

Stockholm University

Stockholm / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Natural sciences; Law

SE-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden

www.su.se/english/

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Stockholm / Public technical university

Architecture; Engineering; Computer science; Biotechnology

SE-100 44 Stockholm, Sweden

www.kth.se/en

Linköping University

Linköping / Norrköping / Lidingö / Public university

Engineering; Medicine and health; Arts and sciences; Education

SE-581 83 Linköping, Sweden

liu.se/en

Chalmers University of Technology

Gothenburg / Independent foundation-owned technical university

Engineering; Science; Architecture; Shipping

Chalmersplatsen 1, 412 96 Gothenburg, Sweden

www.chalmers.se/en/

Umeå University

Umeå / Public university

Arts and humanities; Medicine; Social sciences; Science and technology

SE-901 87 Umeå, Sweden

www.umu.se/en/

University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg / Public university

Medicine and health; Business and law; Science and technology; Humanities

Box 100, SE-405 30 Gothenburg, Sweden

www.gu.se/en

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Uppsala / Alnarp / Umeå / Public specialist university

Agricultural sciences; Forestry; Landscape architecture; Environmental sciences

P.O. Box 7070, SE-750 07 Uppsala, Sweden

www.slu.se/en/

SWEDEN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Blekinge Institute of Technology
Karlskrona / Public university college
www.bth.se/english

Dalarna University
Falun / Borlänge / Public university college
www.du.se/en/

Halmstad University
Halmstad / Public university college
www.hh.se/english.html

Jönköping University
Jönköping / Independent foundation university college
ju.se/en.html

Karlstad University
Karlstad / Public university
www.kau.se/en

Kristianstad University
Kristianstad / Public university college
www.hkr.se/en/

Linnaeus University
Växjö / Kalmar / Public university
www.lnu.se/en/

Luleå University of Technology
Luleå / Public technical university
www.ltu.se/en

Malmö University
Malmö / Public university
mau.se/en/

Mid Sweden University
Sundsvall / Östersund / Public university
www.miun.se/en/

Mälardalen University
Västerås / Eskilstuna / Public university
www.mdu.se/en/malardalen-university

Stockholm School of Economics
Stockholm / Independent university
www.hhs.se/

Swedish Defence University
Stockholm / Public specialist university college
www.fhs.se/en/swedish-defence-university.html

Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences
Stockholm / Public specialist university college
www.gih.se/english

Södertörn University
Huddinge / Public university college
www.sh.se/english/sodertorn-university

University of Borås
Borås / Public university college
www.hb.se/en/

University of Gävle
Gävle / Public university college
www.hig.se/engelska/university-of-gavle

University of Skövde
Skövde / Public university college
www.his.se/en/

University West
Trollhättan / Public university college
www.hv.se/en/

Örebro University
Örebro / Public university
www.oru.se/english/

STUDY IN TAIWAN

Taiwan

Research universities and technological universities.



National Tsing Hua University - Learning Resource Center (Macronix Building) / T Gordon Cheng / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Taiwan has comprehensive universities, technological universities and specialist institutions. Engineering, electronics and computing feature prominently in the directory, alongside medicine, business and humanities. Mandarin-taught and English-taught programmes maintain their own academic and language requirements.

TUITION & FEES / YEAR

TWD 117,880

≈ US$ 3,700 / year

National Taiwan University (NTU) 2026/27 international engineering/computing tuition and fees: two semesters at TWD 58,940 each. Other institutions, departments and scholarships differ.

LIVING / MONTH IN TERM

TWD 16,500–39,250

≈ US$ 520–1,230 / month

NTU four-month semester estimate divided by four. Housing, daily costs, books and insurance are included; budget separately for months outside that quoted period.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 4 years
Master's: 1-4 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Electronics; engineering; computing; business; sciences.

Academic entry

National Taiwan University (NTU) international applicants may select up to five departments but enrol in one. Departments set academic, language and supporting-document requirements. NTU undergraduate entry is in September; February entry is available for graduate programmes.

Programme language and entry level

Taiwan's official programme database classifies study by subject, qualification level and language. English-taught status belongs to the listed programme rather than every course in the university. Mandarin-language study and degree admission are separate educational routes.

TAIWAN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Taiwan's degree system

National and private universities sit alongside a large technical and vocational sector. Degree language and admissions status shape the available routes.

140,417

International/overseas students in Taiwan; Ministry of Education-based series includes degree and non-degree students and multiple overseas-origin categories, not foreign-degree students only. Reporting period: 2025/26.

Academic and applied institutions

Taiwan's system includes national and private universities, universities of science and technology, technical colleges and junior colleges. A bachelor's degree normally takes four years, with different structures for particular professional or post-diploma routes. The ministry describes master's study as one to four years and doctoral study as two to seven years. Those ranges are permitted study structures, not a promise of a specific completion date. The exact award and entry level are particularly significant for movement between the academic and technical-vocational sectors.

Subjects and regional provision

Technology applicants can compare engineering, computing, materials and applied programmes, while other institutions offer business, languages, design, agriculture, marine studies and health sciences. The official Study in Taiwan finder filters institutions and subject areas, including private and technical universities beyond the major national names. Laboratory access, practical placements and the actual teaching campus can distinguish similar programmes. Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung and eastern Taiwan provide different settings. Department-level course information is more useful than assuming every university has the same international offer.

Chinese-medium and English-medium degrees

Programmes set their own teaching-language and proficiency requirements, which must be described in the international admissions guide. TOCFL is a principal option for documenting Mandarin ability, while English-taught programmes may request IELTS, TOEFL or another accepted certificate. Required modules, assessments and practical placements can have language conditions beyond those suggested by a programme's headline description. Mandarin centres can support preparation and daily communication, but a language-centre place is separate from a degree offer. Scholarship language rules can also differ from those of the university admitting you.

Admissions status

Taiwan distinguishes international students from overseas compatriot, Hong Kong, Macao and mainland student routes. Nationality, previous household registration and residence history can affect eligibility, so an overseas passport alone may not resolve the correct category. Current ministry regulations and institutional eligibility review establish the category under which an applicant can enter. Direct international admission typically uses institutional selection rather than the domestic examination pathway. Applications require the previous qualification, transcript, relevant authentication or translation and financial evidence specified for the intended degree and entry year.

TAIWAN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

University admission, scholarships and immigration each have separate requirements. Language evidence and funding conditions do not always coincide.

Applications and assessment

Universities publish their own application windows, available departments, screening methods and language thresholds. Some offer more than one annual intake, but availability can differ by degree and department. Selection can involve a study plan, recommendations, portfolio, research proposal or an interview, including remote assessment where the institution provides it. Research-degree suitability also depends on available supervision and the language used within the laboratory. Scholarship deadlines run separately because funding and admission are distinct processes, often involving different offices, decision dates and supporting documents.

Tuition and scholarship coverage

Tuition and miscellaneous fees vary by institution, degree and subject. The Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship can cover eligible tuition and miscellaneous expenses up to NTD 40,000 per semester, with a monthly allowance of NTD 15,000 for undergraduate students or NTD 20,000 for postgraduate students. Costs beyond the award's limits and excluded items remain important. University admission requires a separate application, while the overseas mission administers its current scholarship selection. University awards may offer different reductions, conditions and renewal arrangements from the government scheme.

Residence, insurance and housing

Dormitory allocation, application dates and vacation occupancy are governed by institutional rules, and an admission offer may not guarantee a room. Private renting adds deposits and utility arrangements that are easy to overlook in a tuition-only comparison. International students complete visa and Alien Resident Certificate procedures, with medical coverage needed from arrival. The university can advise on the transition to National Health Insurance when eligibility is met. Transport, meals, course materials and any required health examination contribute to the first-year cost.

Work and professional plans

Student employment requires the relevant work permit and remains subject to the limits and conditions attached to the student's status. A placement included in a degree does not establish unrestricted permission for outside employment. Internship supervision, insurance and any workplace Chinese requirement belong in the programme's practical-training information. Professional careers involve destination-country recognition and licensing requirements beyond the university's academic admission process. A university's inclusion in the official institution finder confirms a useful starting point, not automatic eligibility for professional registration abroad.

TAIWAN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TOCFL

Mandarin-language evidence where required

The Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language measures Mandarin proficiency for non-native speakers. Required levels and skills depend on the programme or scholarship; it is not a universal academic entrance examination.

tocfl.edu.tw/

IELTS / TOEFL

English-taught or specified international programmes

International English Language Testing System and Test of English as a Foreign Language results may support English-taught admission. Universities set scores, validity and waivers; scholarship language conditions may differ.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

University interview / document review

Direct international admission

Universities publish their own screening procedures. A study plan, recommendations, interview or research proposal may be required without a national written entrance test.

edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?id=20484

Portfolio / audition / subject assessment

Departments specifying specialist selection

Artistic, design and other specialist programmes can add practical evidence or departmental examinations. Assessment requirements are published for the particular international intake.

www.studyintaiwan.org/how-to-apply/school

GSAT / AST

Applicants using Taiwan's domestic admission system

The General Scholastic Ability Test and Advanced Subjects Test serve domestic academic admission routes. Direct international admission follows separate institutional procedures, determined by the applicant's eligible admissions category.

www.ceec.edu.tw/

Universities and practical learning facilities

Taiwan's university sector includes national and private institutions with different disciplinary structures. Taiwan Tech and Taipei Tech combine engineering with design and management, while medical universities organise teaching around health sciences and clinical institutions. Practical facilities extend beyond laboratories: National Chung Hsing University operates experimental forests, farms and an animal experiment station; Tunghai uses a dairy farm and food-processing pilot plant. National Sun Yat-sen University's marine studies draw on an offshore research station, underwater vehicle facilities and a research vessel.

TAIWAN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship

Bachelor's / master's / doctoral

Support. Tuition and eligible fees up to TWD 40,000 per semester, plus TWD 15,000 monthly for undergraduates or TWD 20,000 for postgraduates. Maximum periods are four, two and four years respectively; the overall scholarship limit is five years.

Eligibility. Foreign nationals with a school diploma or higher and strong grades. ROC nationals, overseas Chinese, exchange and same-level repeat applicants are excluded. Existing Taiwan students qualify only when graduating that year to pursue a higher degree.

Application. The relevant Taiwan overseas mission assesses scholarship applications; university admission requires a separate application.

Conditions. Charges above the tuition cap remain payable. Other Taiwan government or institutional awards are generally excluded, apart from permitted university tuition-gap subsidies.

Taiwan International Graduate Program stipend

Doctoral research

Support. Admitted TIGP students receive a tax-free TWD 40,000 monthly stipend in the first year. Satisfactory performance can extend it for one further year.

Eligibility. Applicants need the prior degree required by their selected doctoral programme. Some programmes admit bachelor's or master's graduates; others require a master's degree. Programme-specific academic and language standards apply.

Application. One TIGP programme may be selected through the central online portal, with transcripts, referees and the programme's required language evidence.

Conditions. After the initial stipend period, further funding depends on the thesis adviser. The stipend is not an unconditional award covering the full doctoral duration.

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

Non-degree Mandarin study

Support. TWD 28,000 per month for approved two-month summer courses or study periods of three, six, nine or twelve months.

Eligibility. Foreign applicants aged at least 18 with secondary education or higher and strong academic records. ROC passport-holders, overseas compatriot students and people already studying Chinese in Taiwan are excluded.

Application. Applications go to the overseas office responsible for the applicant's nationality, with proof of an application to a university-affiliated Chinese language centre.

Conditions. The award funds language study rather than a degree. Previous Taiwan degree students and former HES, Taiwan Scholarship or TUSA recipients are excluded under the published rules; concurrent government or institutional funding is restricted.

NTU International Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship

Master's / doctoral; current NTU students

Support. Tuition waiver up to TWD 100,000, plus monthly support of TWD 8,000 for master's students. Doctoral stipends are TWD 10,000 in Liberal Arts, Law, Social Sciences and Management, or TWD 15,000 in other colleges. Support extends up to year two of a master's or year four of a doctorate, with renewal review.

Eligibility. Current international NTU graduate students before their second master's year or fourth doctoral year; dual-degree students are excluded.

Application. The current-student system accepts transcripts or adviser evaluations, a recommendation and CV. The cited 2026 application period closed on 15 May.

Conditions. Advisers or departments provide stipends and may assign associated responsibilities. Administrative and credit fees, adviser fees, insurance, accommodation and internet are excluded from the tuition waiver.

TAIWAN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

National Taiwan University

Taipei / National university / QS 2027: 54

Engineering; Management; Science; Medicine

National Taiwan University is a public university in Taipei with colleges spanning liberal arts, science, medicine, engineering, law and agriculture.

1, Section 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 106319, Taiwan

www.ntu.edu.tw/english/

National Taiwan Normal University

Taipei / National university

Education; Languages; Arts; Science

National Taiwan Normal is a public university with Heping, Gongguan and Linkou campuses.

162, Section 1, Heping East Road, Taipei 106, Taiwan

en.ntnu.edu.tw/

National Tsing Hua University

Hsinchu / National university

Engineering; Science; Education; Humanities

National Tsing Hua is a public university in Hsinchu with its main and Nanda campuses.

101, Section 2, Kuang-Fu Road, Hsinchu 300044, Taiwan

nthu-en.site.nthu.edu.tw/

National Central University

Taoyuan / National university

Engineering; Science; Management; Earth sciences

National Central is a public university in Zhongli, Taoyuan, with teaching across science, engineering, management and the humanities.

300 Zhongda Road, Zhongli, Taoyuan 320317, Taiwan

www.ncu.edu.tw/

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Hsinchu / Taipei / National university

Engineering; Computer science; Medicine; Life sciences

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung combines medical education with electronics, computing and communications engineering.

Guangfu Campus, 1001 Daxue Road, East District, Hsinchu 300093, Taiwan

www.nycu.edu.tw/nycu/en/

National Chung Hsing University

Taichung / National university

Agriculture; Engineering; Veterinary medicine; Management

National Chung Hsing is a public university in Taichung with colleges including agriculture and natural resources, veterinary medicine, life sciences and engineering.

145 Xingda Road, South District, Taichung 402202, Taiwan

www.nchu.edu.tw/en-index

National Cheng Kung University

Tainan / National university

Engineering; Design; Management; Medicine

National Cheng Kung is a public university in Tainan with a group of campuses supporting engineering, science, architecture, planning and health education.

1 University Road, Tainan 701, Taiwan

web.ncku.edu.tw/index.php?Lang=en

National Sun Yat-sen University

Kaohsiung / National university

Marine science; Management; Engineering; Social sciences

National Sun Yat-sen is a public university on the Kaohsiung coast with programmes in engineering, science, business and marine studies.

70 Lien-hai Road, Kaohsiung 804201, Taiwan

www.nsysu.edu.tw/?Lang=en

National Chengchi University

Taipei / National university

Business; Social sciences; Law; Communication

National Chengchi is a public university in Taipei with colleges covering business, communication, law, social sciences and foreign languages.

64, Section 2, Zhinan Road, Wenshan, Taipei 116011, Taiwan

www.nccu.edu.tw/app/home.php?Lang=en

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

Taipei / National university

Engineering; Design; Management; Computer science

Taiwan Tech is a public university in Taipei covering engineering, electrical and computer engineering, management and design.

43, Section 4, Keelung Road, Da'an, Taipei 106335, Taiwan

www.ntust.edu.tw/?Lang=en

TAIWAN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

National Taipei University of Technology

Taipei / National university

Engineering; Design; Management; Computer science

1, Section 3, Zhongxiao East Road, Taipei 106344, Taiwan

www-en.ntut.edu.tw/

Taipei Medical University

Taipei / Private university

Medicine; Pharmacy; Nursing; Public health

Xinyi Campus, 250 Wuxing Street, Xinyi, Taipei 110, Taiwan

eng.tmu.edu.tw/

China Medical University

Taichung / Private university

Medicine; Pharmacy; Public health; Chinese medicine

Shuinan Campus, 100, Section 1, Jingmao Road, Beitun, Taichung 406040, Taiwan

english.cmu.edu.tw/

Chang Gung University

Taoyuan / Private university

Medicine; Engineering; Management; Biomedical science

259 Wenhua 1st Road, Guishan, Taoyuan 33302, Taiwan

www.cgu.edu.tw/en

Fu Jen Catholic University

New Taipei City / Private university

Humanities; Business; Design; Medicine

510 Zhongzheng Road, Xinzhuang, New Taipei City 242062, Taiwan

www.fju.edu.tw/indexEN.jsp

Tamkang University

New Taipei City / Private university

Business; Engineering; Languages; International affairs

151 Yingzhuan Road, Tamsui, New Taipei City 251301, Taiwan

english.tku.edu.tw/

Tunghai University

Taichung / Private university

Management; Engineering; Arts; Social sciences

1727, Section 4, Taiwan Boulevard, Xitun, Taichung 407224, Taiwan

eng.thu.edu.tw/

Feng Chia University

Taichung / Private university

Engineering; Business; Information technology; Architecture

100 Wenhua Road, Xitun, Taichung 407102, Taiwan

www.fcu.edu.tw/en/

Yuan Ze University

Taoyuan / Private university

Engineering; Informatics; Management; Humanities

135 Yuandong Road, Zhongli, Taoyuan 320315, Taiwan

www.yzu.edu.tw/index.php/en-us/

National Chung Cheng University

Chiayi / National university

Engineering; Management; Law; Social sciences

168, Section 1, University Road, Minxiong, Chiayi 621301, Taiwan

www.ccu.edu.tw/?Lang=en

TAIWAN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Asia University
Taichung / Private university
www.asia.edu.tw/

Chang Jung Christian University
Tainan / Private university
www.cjcu.edu.tw/

Chaoyang University of Technology
Taichung / Private technical university
www.cyut.edu.tw/

Chinese Culture University
Taipei / Private university
www.pccu.edu.tw/

Chung Shan Medical University
Taichung / Private medical university
www.csmu.edu.tw/

Chung Yuan Christian University
Taoyuan / Private university
www.cycu.edu.tw/

Fo Guang University
Jiaoxi, Yilan / Private university
www.fgu.edu.tw/

I-Shou University
Kaohsiung / Private university
www.isu.edu.tw/

Kaohsiung Medical University
Kaohsiung / Private medical university
www.kmu.edu.tw/

Ming Chi University of Technology
New Taipei / Private technical university
www.mcut.edu.tw/

Ming Chuan University
Taipei / Taoyuan / Private university
www.mcu.edu.tw/

Nanhua University
Dalin, Chiayi / Private university
www.nhu.edu.tw/

National Changhua University of Education
Changhua / National university
www.ncue.edu.tw/

National Chi Nan University
Puli, Nantou / National university
www.ncnu.edu.tw/

National Chiayi University
Chiayi / National university
www.ncyu.edu.tw/

National Chin-Yi University of Technology
Taichung / National technical university
www.ncut.edu.tw/

National Dong Hwa University
Shoufeng, Hualien / National university
www.ndhu.edu.tw/

National Formosa University
Huwei, Yunlin / National technical university
www.nfu.edu.tw/

National Ilan University
Yilan / National university
www.niu.edu.tw/

National Kaohsiung Normal University
Kaohsiung / National university
www.nknu.edu.tw/

National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology
Kaohsiung / National technical university
www.nkust.edu.tw/

National Pingtung University
Pingtung / National university
www.nptu.edu.tw/

National Pingtung University of Science and Technology
Neipu, Pingtung / National technical university
www.npust.edu.tw/

National Taichung University of Education
Taichung / National university
www.ntcu.edu.tw/

National Taipei University
New Taipei / Taipei / National university
www.ntpu.edu.tw/

National Taipei University of Business
Taipei / National university
www.ntub.edu.tw/

National Taipei University of Education
Taipei / National university
www.ntue.edu.tw/

National Taitung University
Taitung / National university
www.nttu.edu.tw/

National Taiwan Ocean University
Keelung / National university
www.ntou.edu.tw/

National Taiwan University of Arts
New Taipei / National arts university
www.ntua.edu.tw/

National United University
Miaoli / National university
www.nuu.edu.tw/

National University of Kaohsiung
Kaohsiung / National university
www.nuk.edu.tw/

National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
Douliu, Yunlin / National technical university
www.yuntech.edu.tw/

Providence University
Taichung / Private university
www.pu.edu.tw/

Shih Chien University
Taipei / Kaohsiung / Private university
www.usc.edu.tw/

Shih Hsin University
Taipei / Private university
www.shu.edu.tw/

Soochow University
Taipei / Private university
www.scu.edu.tw/

Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology
Tainan / Private technical university
www.stust.edu.tw/

Tainan National University of the Arts
Tainan / National arts university
www.tnnua.edu.tw/

Taipei National University of the Arts
Taipei / National arts university
www.tnua.edu.tw/

Tzu Chi University
Hualien / Private university
www.tcu.edu.tw/

University of Taipei
Taipei / Public municipal university
www.utaipei.edu.tw/

STUDY IN FINLAND

Finland

Research degrees and applied professional routes in one national system.



Main building, University of Helsinki / Richard Mortel / CC BY 2.0 / cropped

Finland has research universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS). The sectors differ in degree structure and entry preparation. A UAS master's normally requires work experience; university master's admission assesses the relevance of previous degree study.

ENGLISH-TAUGHT FEE GUIDE / YEAR

EUR 9,000-20,000

Approx. US$ 10,220-22,710

The official Study in Finland guide for fee-paying English-taught bachelor's and master's study. Programme and fee-status exceptions apply; each intake has its own terms.

PLANNING GUIDE / MONTH

EUR 900-1,200

Approx. US$ 1,020-1,360

Official monthly planning guide, varying by location. The EUR 800 permit minimum is a separate threshold and not a complete budget.

Typical degree length

University bachelor’s usually 3 years; UAS bachelor’s 3.5-4.5. University master’s usually 2 years; UAS master’s commonly 1-1.5.

Fields of study

Technology; computing; education; business; design; environmental and health sciences.

Academic entry

Studyinfo hosts joint and separate applications. Qualification eligibility, language evidence and the programme's selection method determine the application; an entrance exam or SAT is not required on every route.

First-year funding

A tuition waiver can leave all living costs and part of tuition unpaid. Some reductions begin after successful first-year study, so their timing differs from an award available at admission.

FINLAND / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Understanding Finland's two higher education routes

Research universities and universities of applied sciences offer different programme structures and admissions pathways.

Universities and universities of applied sciences

Finland's higher education system has two complementary sectors. Universities connect degree study with academic research and offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral education. Universities of applied sciences, usually abbreviated UAS, emphasise professional practice and applied development. The official study portal describes bachelor's degrees as typically three years at universities and three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half years at UAS. University master's degrees normally take two years; UAS master's degrees commonly take one to one-and-a-half years. UAS master's admission also requires relevant work experience, so it should not be assumed to follow immediately after a first degree.

Eligibility and the application route

Applications are made through Studyinfo, with either a joint application or a programme's separate admission period. The joint application commonly allows up to six choices, but the programme instructions determine which selection rules apply. Bachelor's applicants need a school qualification providing higher education eligibility; master's applicants need an appropriate first degree. UAS master's applicants also normally need two years of relevant work experience. Selection may use qualifications, an entrance examination, SAT or GMAT results, an interview, or another published method. Keep admission eligibility, competitive selection and acceptance of an offered place as separate steps.

Language evidence and entrance examinations

Finland has no single English score that covers every institution and programme. The International UAS Exam is a shared digital bachelor's entrance examination used by participating universities of applied sciences; its sections depend on the programmes selected. English-language evidence is a separate requirement for invitation and selection under this route, even for native speakers unless an accepted qualification satisfies the rules. Other programmes may use SAT scores, portfolio assessment or their own selection method. Read the applicable intake instructions carefully: test versions, verification dates and accepted previous education can differ between application rounds.

Quality assurance and professional recognition

The Ministry of Education and Culture lists universities and universities of applied sciences; the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) audits institutional quality. For regulated careers, the Finnish National Agency for Education identifies the qualifications or practice rights required. Institutional quality assurance does not itself grant those rights. A student planning to work abroad must also meet the intended destination's professional requirements, which may include further training or assessment.

FINLAND / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Financing and managing student life

Plan the full degree, use local housing channels early and treat work income as uncertain.

Tuition and scholarships

Students outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland usually pay tuition for English-taught bachelor's and master's programmes, subject to exemptions. Study in Finland's current guide gives a typical annual range of EUR 9,000-20,000, with exceptions above and below it. Finnish- and Swedish-taught degrees and doctoral programmes are tuition-free under the guide's rules. A EUR 100 application fee generally applies to non-EU/EEA/Swiss applicants. Scholarships are mainly institution-specific and often reduce tuition without paying living costs. Examine the intake year, renewal requirements and remaining bill: an early-payment discount and a later academic-progress award operate differently from an admission scholarship.

Housing and the cost of settling in

Student housing is usually organised through local student housing foundations. Apply once admission is confirmed and use the university's local advice, because demand rises sharply at the beginning of the academic year. Shared flats can be less expensive than studios or family apartments, which often have longer queues. Study in Finland recommends roughly EUR 900-1,200 per month for living costs, depending on location. This is a planning range rather than a room offer. Build a separate arrival budget for travel, deposits and household items, and check which utilities are included in the rental agreement.

Credits and independent study

Credit values describe total study effort rather than classroom time. Aalto's study guidance uses 27 hours of work for one credit and 60 credits for a full-time academic year. Assessments may include examinations, portfolios, learning diaries, presentations and project assignments, depending on the course. A personal study plan maps the curriculum, electives and timing of the degree; at Aalto it is maintained in Sisu. Students should register for courses and examinations under the local deadlines, seek advice when prerequisites or schedules conflict, and allow adequate time for independent preparation between teaching sessions.

Residence permission and employment

Students who need a Finnish residence permit apply separately after receiving an eligible study place. Migri assesses the study purpose, finances, tuition arrangements and required insurance; mainly online study without a need to live in Finland does not normally support a study permit. Its published rules allow paid work averaging 30 hours per week, with specific treatment of degree-related training. That permission does not provide a job or guarantee enough income for fees and rent. Check the current rules before applying, including family arrangements where relevant, and keep a funding plan that works without future earnings.

FINLAND / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

International UAS Exam

Participating English-taught UAS bachelor's programmes

A shared remote digital entrance examination, with sections determined by the study choices. Separate English evidence and acceptable identity documents are required. The spring 2027 page is already published but explicitly states that information can change.

www.uasinfo.fi/international-uas-exam/

SAT

Programmes that explicitly use SAT-based selection

Participating institutions set their own minimum scores, accepted test dates and score-delivery instructions. An SAT result is not a universal requirement for Finnish higher education and does not substitute for the Studyinfo application.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

IELTS Academic and other English evidence

Applicants using the International UAS Exam or specified certificate-selection routes

Published UAS guidance includes IELTS Academic 6.0 overall, PTE Academic 55, or TOEFL iBT 3.5 for tests from 21 January 2026; accepted prior education can also qualify. These are route-specific benchmarks, not national university minima. Check the intake and verification rules.

www.uasinfo.fi/language-requirements/

National scholarship claims need checking

Study in Finland warns that there is no general Finnish government scholarship programme for international bachelor's or master's study. Universities publish their own competitive waivers or reductions. Check the named university's offer and its intake year before treating an advertisement for "fully funded Finland study" as a reliable financing route.

Language matters beyond an English degree

Finnish and Swedish are Finland's national languages. The official study portal encourages international students to learn a local language even when their degree is taught in English, because it supports everyday participation and access to employment. Course language and professional workplace language are separate planning questions.

FINLAND / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

University of Helsinki tuition-fee waivers

Eligible international master's

Support. Published 2025-26 application-round categories waive 50% or 100% of tuition; most available awards are 50%. No living-cost support.

Eligibility. Fee-liable applicants assessed for academic excellence, prior study performance and motivation for the master's programme.

Application. Request scholarship consideration on the master's application form; admission and scholarship evaluation are separate.

Conditions. Limited and competitive. The published award lasts two years subject to full-time progress, normally at least 55 ECTS annually. Verify the next intake's categories and remaining tuition bill.

University of Turku Merit Scholarship

Bachelor's and master's after initial study at Turku

Support. 50% of the following eligible year's tuition under the published scheme; no living allowance.

Eligibility. Fee-paying students meeting progress requirements: normally 55 credits for second-year support, an average grade of at least 3.0/5, and at least four credits of Finnish or an accepted equivalent. Bachelor's third-year support requires 110 credits.

Application. Apply in the separate merit-scholarship round after completing qualifying studies; eligible students are invited by admissions.

Conditions. No first-year tuition scholarship under the current standard scheme. A separate EUR 2,000 early-payment discount is available for eligible new master's students within its deadline. Recheck intake terms.

Aalto University Excellence Scholarship

Eligible bachelor's and master's

Support. Full tuition waiver for the target programme duration. Living costs and other study expenses are not covered.

Eligibility. Tuition-fee-liable applicants selected on the programme's academic evaluation criteria.

Application. Select scholarship consideration on the admission application during the application period; a late scholarship application is not available.

Conditions. Very limited; programmes may award none. Accept the scholarship terms and check progress conditions. Continuing from an Aalto bachelor's to a master's has separate eligibility rules.

University of Eastern Finland tuition reductions

Eligible bachelor's and master's; published 2027 intake scheme

Support. 30% first-year early-payment reduction; later 30% tuition waivers in programmes offering them. These are partial tuition reductions, not maintenance grants.

Eligibility. Fee-liable admitted students meeting programme-specific conditions. Later waivers normally require at least 55 ECTS in the first academic year, counted toward the approved degree plan.

Application. For the first-year reduction, accept and pay as instructed in the admission letter, normally within 21 days of results. Apply separately for later progress-based waivers.

Conditions. UEF explicitly says full 100% waivers cannot be applied for under the 2027 scheme. Published future terms should be checked again; the older 2026 awards are different.

FINLAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Helsinki

Helsinki / Public-law university / QS 2027: =123

Natural sciences; Medicine; Law; Humanities

P.O. Box 3, FI-00014 University of Helsinki, Finland

www.helsinki.fi/en

University of Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä / Public-law university

Education and psychology; Sport and health sciences; Information technology; Business

P.O. Box 35, FI-40014 University of Jyväskylä, Finland

www.jyu.fi/en

Aalto University

Espoo / Foundation university

Art and design; Architecture; Business; Engineering

P.O. Box 11000, FI-00076 Aalto, Finland

www.aalto.fi/en

University of Eastern Finland

Joensuu / Kuopio / Public-law university

Forestry; Health sciences; Business; Education

P.O. Box 111, FI-80101 Joensuu, Finland; P.O. Box 1627, FI-70211 Kuopio, Finland

www.uef.fi/en

University of Turku

Turku / Public-law university

Medicine; Science; Technology; Law

FI-20014 Turun yliopisto, Finland

www.utu.fi/en

LUT University

Lappeenranta / Lahti / Public-law university

Energy technology; Engineering; Business; Software engineering

Yliopistonkatu 34, FI-53850 Lappeenranta, Finland

www.lut.fi/en

Tampere University

Tampere / Foundation university

Technology; Health sciences; Social sciences; Humanities

Kalevantie 4, FI-33100 Tampere, Finland

www.tuni.fi/en/tau

Åbo Akademi University

Turku / Vaasa / Public-law Swedish-language university

Human and social sciences; Science; Engineering

Tuomiokirkontori 3, FI-20500 Turku, Finland

www.abo.fi/en/

University of Oulu

Oulu / Public-law university

Information technology; Engineering; Medicine; Biochemistry

Pentti Kaiteran katu 1, FI-90570 Oulu, Finland

www.oulu.fi/en

University of Vaasa

Vaasa / Public-law university

Management; Accounting and finance; Marketing and communication; Technology and innovations

Wolffintie 32, FI-65200 Vaasa, Finland

www.uwasa.fi/en

FINLAND / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Arcada University of Applied Sciences
Helsinki / University of applied sciences
www.arcada.fi/en

Centria University of Applied Sciences
Kokkola / Ylivieska / Pietarsaari / University of applied sciences
net.centria.fi/en/

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences
Helsinki / Porvoo / Vierumäki / University of applied sciences
www.haaga-helia.fi/en

Hanken School of Economics
Helsinki / Vaasa / Public-law university
www.hanken.fi/en

Häme University of Applied Sciences
Hämeenlinna and regional campuses / University of applied sciences
www.hamk.fi/en/

Jamk University of Applied Sciences
Jyväskylä / Saarijärvi / University of applied sciences
www.jamk.fi/en

LAB University of Applied Sciences
Lahti / Lappeenranta / University of applied sciences
lab.fi/en

Lapland University of Applied Sciences
Rovaniemi / Kemi / Tornio / University of applied sciences
lapinamk.fi/en/homepage/

Laurea University of Applied Sciences
Espoo / Vantaa and Uusimaa campuses / University of applied sciences
www.laurea.fi/en/

Metropolia University of Applied Sciences
Helsinki / Espoo / Vantaa / University of applied sciences
www.metropolia.fi/en

Novia University of Applied Sciences
Vaasa / Turku / Raasepori / University of applied sciences
www.novia.fi/en

Oulu University of Applied Sciences
Oulu / University of applied sciences
oamk.fi/en/

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Pori / Rauma and regional campuses / University of applied sciences
www.samk.fi/en/

Savonia University of Applied Sciences
Kuopio / Iisalmi / Varkaus / University of applied sciences
www.savonia.fi/en/homepage/

Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences
Seinäjoki / University of applied sciences
www.seamk.fi/en/

South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences
Kotka / Kouvola / Mikkeli / Savonlinna / University of applied sciences
www.xamk.fi/en/

Tampere University of Applied Sciences
Tampere / University of applied sciences
www.tuni.fi/en/tamk

Turku University of Applied Sciences
Turku / Salo / University of applied sciences
www.turkuamk.fi/en/

University of Lapland
Rovaniemi / Public-law university
ulapland.fi/en/frontpage/

University of the Arts Helsinki
Helsinki / Public-law arts university
www.uniarts.fi/en/

STUDY IN SINGAPORE

Singapore

Autonomous universities, arts education and international providers.



Nanyang Technological University - The Hive learning hub / Sohjan / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Singapore's higher-education landscape includes autonomous universities, arts institutions and private education providers. The teaching provider and awarding institution are not always the same organisation. Subsidised and unsubsidised tuition schedules differ, and some government tuition support carries an employment obligation.

TUITION / YEAR

SGD 39,700

≈ US$ 31,080 / year

National University of Singapore Engineering 2026/27, without Tuition Grant, GST included. Eligible non-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) grant rate: SGD 21,400/year; miscellaneous fees extra.

LIVING / MONTH

SGD 1,800-2,800

≈ US$ 1,410-2,190 / month

NUS Business School May 2026 shared-housing example, aimed at MSc students. Deposits/setup extra; not a national undergraduate-hostel average.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years
Master's: 1-2 years

Fields of study

Computing; engineering; business; finance; life sciences.

Academic entry

NUS requires at least twelve years of general education by July of the application year, together with qualification-specific and subject requirements. Its routes distinguish national school systems, international qualifications and diplomas. Other institutions maintain their own selection and language criteria.

The Tuition Grant

The Ministry of Education (MOE) Tuition Grant reduces eligible tuition charges. International recipients normally undertake a three-year obligation to work for a Singapore entity after graduation. The subsidy is not a job-placement arrangement; bonded and unsubsidised fees are separate financial options.

SINGAPORE / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Singapore's degree system

Six autonomous universities sit alongside an arts university, overseas campuses and private providers. Awarding arrangements distinguish the different degree routes.

Universities and degree providers

Singapore's six autonomous universities combine publicly supported education with distinct academic missions. NUS and NTU offer broad research environments; SMU emphasises business and social sciences, while SIT and SUSS provide applied pathways. SUTD centres its programmes on technology and design. The University of the Arts Singapore is a government-supported private university formed by LASALLE and NAFA. Overseas campuses and private education institutions add further choices, but a teaching provider may deliver a degree awarded by a different university.

Qualifications and awarding bodies

The exact award, entry level and study pattern define the qualification being offered. A foundation certificate or private diploma can be a route into a partner degree, but progression and credit exemptions must be stated in the offer. A private diploma does not automatically provide second-year entry to an autonomous university. Private provision is governed through registration, permitted courses and the EduTrust framework. Registration and EduTrust concern the provider; they do not make every partner qualification equivalent or professionally recognised.

Subjects and teaching models

Business applicants can compare broad undergraduate degrees, specialised finance courses and postgraduate business schools. Engineering and computing applicants should examine laboratories, mathematics prerequisites and the role of compulsory internships. Arts applicants need time for portfolios, auditions and interviews, rather than relying solely on examination grades. An overseas campus may offer a shorter or differently structured degree than a local university. Module maps, assessment methods and overseas-study requirements can distinguish programmes that otherwise carry very similar degree titles.

International qualification routes

Universities publish separate instructions for IB, Singapore A levels and individual overseas school qualifications. At NUS, standardised testing depends on the credential and whether final results are available; the American diploma and other-high-school routes require additional tests. SMU publishes its own accepted international qualifications and test alternatives. Subject prerequisites still apply even when a qualification is accepted. Prior university students may fall under a transfer or freshman route; previous study does not automatically produce transferable credits or advanced entry.

SINGAPORE / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

An offer's affordability depends on tuition-grant terms, course structure and housing. The Student's Pass process follows admission.

Admissions calendars

Each institution sets its own calendar for application closure, final results, test reporting, interviews and acceptance of offers. Some courses assess applicants through additional aptitude exercises, writing tests or portfolio reviews. An offer may remain conditional until the final school certificate arrives. Late school-leaving results are handled under the receiving institution's qualification-specific and intake-specific deadlines. After admission, ICA's Student's Pass process applies according to the institution category, with its own documents, formalities and processing timetable.

Tuition grants and financial commitments

Tuition schedules distinguish subsidised from unsubsidised fees, often producing substantially different totals. Eligible international students may be offered an MOE Tuition Grant, but receiving it normally carries a three-year obligation to work for a Singapore entity after graduation. The grant is therefore a contractual commitment, not an unconditional fee discount. Scholarship conditions can add their own requirements. Compulsory charges and any overseas component add to the full degree cost. Loan and aid eligibility depends on the institution, nationality and admission category, rather than on enrolment alone.

Housing and everyday costs

Accommodation can determine the practical affordability of a Singapore offer. University halls have their own eligibility, application and renewal rules, while many private providers require students to arrange housing independently. Housing costs can include deposits, utilities and air-conditioning charges; commuting, meals and insurance add further regular expenses. Actual teaching locations differ, so journeys can vary considerably between providers and campuses. A monthly estimate should also allow for semester breaks when an academic-year housing contract may not cover the entire stay.

Work, placements and graduation

A Student's Pass alone does not give every international student permission to work. MOM's exemption applies to students at listed institutions who meet its conditions; eligible term-time work is generally limited to sixteen hours weekly or a qualifying course-related attachment. This institution-specific distinction is particularly important for students enrolled with private providers. Internships should be checked with the school's placement office. After graduation, continuing to work requires an appropriate immigration and employment arrangement; a degree or tuition-grant bond does not itself guarantee employment.

SINGAPORE / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Singapore-Cambridge A levels / IB

Applicants presenting these school-leaving qualifications

Singapore-Cambridge Advanced Level and International Baccalaureate are school-leaving qualifications. Foreign applicants use the route matching their credential; they do not universally need Singapore A levels.

www.seab.gov.sg/gce-a-level/
ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/

SAT / ACT / AP

Selected overseas-qualification routes

SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement are academic tests used in selected overseas-qualification routes. NUS requirements depend on the credential and whether final results are available.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat
www.act.org/
apstudents.collegeboard.org/

English and standardised tests

University-specific international routes

IELTS (International English Language Testing System), TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and other published alternatives are accepted by SMU for relevant international routes. IB applicants have stated exemptions.

admissions.smu.edu.sg/admissions-requirements/international-and-other-qualifications

UCAT

Relevant medicine applicants

The University Clinical Aptitude Test is listed for NUS medicine applicants using the cited international-qualification route. It is a specialist medical selection requirement, not a general university examination.

www.ucat.ac.uk/

Interviews, writing tests and portfolios

Shortlisted or specialist-course applicants

NUS may request programme assessments; SMU Law uses a writing test and selection process. Arts courses can require auditions or portfolios.

www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/application-guides-sample-forms

Autonomous universities and private degree providers

Singapore has six autonomous universities: NUS, NTU, SMU, SUTD, SIT and SUSS. University of the Arts Singapore is a government-supported private university whose member colleges are LASALLE and NAFA. The colleges remain separately constituted and deliver UAS degrees. Other private providers teach qualifications awarded by overseas universities, including partner-degree arrangements at SIM and Kaplan. TPGateway distinguishes private-institution registration from government accreditation of its qualifications. The teaching institution and the degree-awarding institution can therefore be different organisations within Singapore's higher education system.

SINGAPORE / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

NUS International Undergraduate Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. Subsidised tuition after the MOE Tuition Grant; S$5,800 annual living and S$5,000 annual accommodation allowances, plus S$1,750 once for a computer.

Eligibility. Outstanding new full-time undergraduate applicants who are citizens of countries other than Singapore; transfer applicants are excluded. Academic, leadership and extracurricular merit are assessed.

Application. Eligible undergraduate admission applications are considered automatically; shortlisted candidates are interviewed.

Conditions. Recipients must take the MOE Tuition Grant, which entails a three-year Singapore-registered-company work bond for PRs and international students. Medicine and dentistry have additional specified service obligations. Renewal and repayment conditions apply.

SMU ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. Subsidised tuition after MOE Tuition Grant; S$5,800 annual living allowance, S$3,000 annual accommodation allowance and S$1,750 one-off computer allowance.

Eligibility. Citizens of listed ASEAN countries other than Singapore, applying for full-time undergraduate study with outstanding academic, leadership and extracurricular records.

Application. Scholarship applications accompany undergraduate admission through the applicant self-service system.

Conditions. Mandatory MOE Tuition Grant creates a three-year Singapore-registered-company work bond for PRs and international students. SMU does not guarantee employment. Academic renewal, concurrent-award and repayment conditions apply.

NTU Nanyang Global Scholarship

Undergraduate

Support. Subsidised tuition after Tuition Grant; S$6,500 annual living allowance, up to S$2,000 annual hostel allowance, one-off S$2,000 computer allowance and eligible overseas-programme support.

Eligibility. Outstanding freshmen of all nationalities entering full-time undergraduate study, with academic merit, leadership and extracurricular records.

Application. A scholarship application, essay and teacher appraisal follow submission of the undergraduate admission application.

Conditions. The scholarship has no separate bond, but PRs and international students taking the MOE Tuition Grant have its three-year work bond. Hostel, travel, academic-renewal and early-termination conditions apply.

A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS)

Doctoral research

Support. Up to four years of full tuition, monthly support and approved book, computer, conference and thesis allowances; eligible overseas attachment support.

Eligibility. Singapore citizens and PRs need relevant upper-second honours or equivalent. Current rules require non-PR foreign applicants to hold, or be completing, the qualifying honours degree at a Singapore autonomous university. Doctoral admission is also required.

Application. Applications are submitted through A*STAR, with admission to the participating university's doctoral programme also required.

Conditions. Singapore citizens and permanent residents have no AGS service commitment. Other foreign recipients owe three years of service with Singapore-based companies after completing their studies.

SINGAPORE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

National University of Singapore

Singapore / Autonomous university / QS 2027: 10

Medicine; Engineering; Computing; Business

An autonomous research university with its principal institutional address at Kent Ridge.

21 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119077

www.nus.edu.sg/

Nanyang Technological University

Singapore / Autonomous university

Engineering; Computing; Science; Business

An autonomous research university with its main campus at Nanyang Avenue in western Singapore.

50 Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798

www.ntu.edu.sg/

Singapore Management University

Singapore / Autonomous university

Business; Accounting; Economics; Computing

An autonomous university with a city-centre campus around Bras Basah and Victoria Street.

Administration Building, 81 Victoria Street, Singapore 188065

www.smu.edu.sg/

enquiry@smu.edu.sg

Singapore University of Technology and Design

Singapore / Autonomous university

Engineering; Architecture; Computing; Design

An autonomous university at Somapah Road centred on technology and design.

8 Somapah Road, Singapore 487372

www.sutd.edu.sg/

Singapore Institute of Technology

Singapore / Autonomous university

Engineering; Computing; Allied health; Business

An autonomous university at Punggol specialising in applied education across engineering, computing, health sciences, business and food-related fields.

1 Punggol Coast Road, Singapore 828608

www.singaporetech.edu.sg/

Singapore University of Social Sciences

Singapore / Autonomous university

Social sciences; Business; Education; Law

An autonomous university providing full-time, part-time and continuing education.

Block C, Clementi Campus, 463 Clementi Road, Singapore 599494

www.suss.edu.sg/

student_recruitment@suss.edu.sg

University of the Arts Singapore

Singapore / Government-supported private university

Fine arts; Design; Music; Performance

A government-supported private arts university formed through an alliance of LASALLE College of the Arts and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts.

111 Middle Road, National Design Centre, Singapore 188969

uas.edu.sg/

LASALLE College of the Arts

Singapore / Arts college and UAS member

Design; Fine arts; Music; Film

An arts college and member institution of the University of the Arts Singapore.

1 McNally Street, Singapore 187940

www.lasalle.edu.sg/

SINGAPORE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

Singapore / Arts institution and UAS member
Fine arts; Design; Music; Dance
Campus 1, 80 Bencoolen Street, Singapore 189655
www.nafa.edu.sg/

INSEAD, Asia Campus

Singapore / International graduate business school campus
Management; Finance; Strategy; Entrepreneurship
1 Ayer Rajah Avenue, Singapore 138676
www.insead.edu/

ESSEC Business School, Asia-Pacific

Singapore / International business school campus
Management; Finance; Business analytics; Marketing
5 Nepal Park, Singapore 139408
www.essec.edu/en/

James Cook University, Singapore

Singapore / Australian university branch
Business; Psychology; Computing; Environmental science
149 Sims Drive, Singapore 387380
www.jcu.edu.sg/
contactus-singapore@jcu.edu.au

Curtin Singapore

Singapore / Private teaching campus for Curtin University; operated by Curtin Education Centre
Business; Communications; Information technology; Health sciences
10 Science Park Road, The Alpha, Science Park II, Level 3, Unit 03-08, Singapore 117684
curtin.edu.sg/

SP Jain School of Global Management, Singapore

Singapore / Private international higher education institution
Business; Finance; Marketing; Management
10 Hyderabad Road, next to HortPark, off Alexandra Road, Singapore 119579
www.spjain.org/

Singapore Institute of Management Global Education

Singapore / Private education provider with university partners
Business; Economics; Computing; Social sciences
461 Clementi Road, Singapore 599491
www.sim.edu.sg/

Kaplan Higher Education Academy, Singapore

Singapore / Private education provider with university partners
Business; Accounting; Computing; Psychology
8 Wilkie Road, Level 2, Wilkie Edge, Singapore 228095
www.kaplan.com.sg/

Further study options

Amity Global Institute
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.amitysingapore.sg/

East Asia Institute of Management
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.eaim.edu.sg/

ERC Institute
Singapore / Private degree provider
erci.edu.sg/

London School of Business and Finance, Singapore
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.lsbf.edu.sg/

Management Development Institute of Singapore
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.mdis.edu.sg/

PSB Academy
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.psb-academy.edu.sg/

Raffles College of Higher Education
Singapore / Private degree provider
raffles-college.edu.sg/

SHRM College
Singapore / Private degree provider
shrm.edu.sg/en/

Singapore Raffles Music College
Singapore / Private degree provider
srmc.edu.sg/

TMC Academy
Singapore / Private degree provider
www.tmc.edu.sg/

STUDY IN JAPAN

Japan

National, public and private universities.



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Japan's universities offer four-year bachelor's degrees and research-based postgraduate routes; selected professional degrees take six years. Japanese-language programmes and dedicated English-taught degrees have different admissions arrangements. Junior colleges and specialised training colleges form separate parts of the education system.

TUITION / YEAR

JPY 535,800

≈ US$ 3,410 / year

Kyoto University undergraduate example. One-time admission fee JPY 282,000 and examination fees are extra; other universities differ.

LIVING / MONTH

JPY 105,000

≈ US$ 670 / month

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) 2023 survey average, excluding study/research costs. Major-city expenditure can be higher.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 4 years
Master's: 2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; sciences; design.

Academic entry

Bachelor's entry normally requires twelve years of schooling or an accepted equivalent. The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) is used by participating institutions, alongside their own criteria. English-taught degrees apply the language and examination requirements of the selected programme.

Academic-year structure

April is the principal start of the Japanese academic year. Some universities also admit in September or October. Research master's and doctoral selection can include a research proposal and supervisor arrangements; taught undergraduate entry follows a different application process.

JAPAN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Japan’s higher education system

National, local public and private universities offer different academic settings. Language, qualification type and the entrance route distinguish their international options.

408,069

JASSO survey published in May 2026; includes higher education, professional training, preparatory courses and Japanese-language institutions, not only university degrees. Reporting period: May 2025.

Institutions and recognised awards

Japan distinguishes national universities, universities established by local public authorities and private universities. Bachelor’s study usually lasts four years, with longer professional programmes in fields such as medicine. Junior colleges, colleges of technology and professional training colleges offer separate qualifications and progression arrangements. NIC-Japan’s directory identifies institutions recognised by the competent authorities and marks closed institutions. This distinction matters because a university degree, a vocational diploma and a language-school preparation course represent different academic outcomes, even when all three are described as post-secondary study.

Academic settings and specialisms

Comprehensive universities combine humanities, sciences and professional faculties; specialist institutions concentrate on technology, languages, education, medicine or the arts. Regional national universities extend the choice beyond Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, while private universities offer both broad and specialist curricula. Department-level differences include laboratory access, teaching language and the structure of final-year projects. Art and music admissions can involve practical assessment. At graduate level, the proposed research group, supervisor availability and laboratory language help determine the suitability of an otherwise relevant degree programme.

Japanese and English degree pathways

English-taught degrees provide selected routes without the same Japanese-language admission threshold as Japanese-taught programmes. Availability varies considerably by institution, subject and degree level, and practical placements may involve additional Japanese. Japanese-medium admission can combine EJU scores, JLPT evidence and university assessment. A language-school course supports preparation but does not itself confer university entry. The distinction between admission language and later course requirements is particularly relevant to professional training, internships and graduate recruitment, where communication in Japanese can remain important after an English-medium degree.

Schooling eligibility and transfer

Undergraduate eligibility generally requires twelve years of schooling or another accepted route. For applicants from shorter systems, designated exceptions and recognised university-preparatory courses can establish eligibility; ordinary language study is not automatically equivalent. Universities apply their own published rules to international credentials and subject preparation. Transfer admission exists at participating institutions and departments, with separate credit decisions and examinations. A student’s completed years of overseas study therefore do not necessarily translate into the same entry year or a correspondingly shorter Japanese degree.

JAPAN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

Examination sessions shape admission timing. Costs include first-year admission charges, housing setup and any preparatory study before the degree.

Examinations and intake dates

The academic year commonly begins in April, while some universities offer September or October entry. Receiving universities specify EJU subjects, mathematics course, examination language and acceptable score sessions. Some offer pre-arrival admission; others include interviews or examinations in Japan. JLPT documents Japanese proficiency rather than the academic subjects assessed through EJU. An applicant's sequence consequently depends on both the university calendar and examination availability. Final school results, score-report dates and any in-person selection stage can determine which intake is realistically accessible.

Fees and scholarship timing

First-year charges commonly include an admission fee in addition to tuition, so the initial payment can exceed later years. National, local public and private institutions have different charging patterns, and laboratory, practical or clinical programmes can add costs. JASSO's published figures provide planning context; institutional schedules establish the actual bill. MEXT, JASSO and university support use different application channels and eligibility rules. An award can cover tuition without meeting every arrival or living expense, and scholarship decisions do not always precede admission payments.

Housing and arrival expenses

University dormitories can reduce setup costs, although places and residence periods may be limited. Private renting can involve a deposit, key money, an agency fee, furnishings and a guarantor arrangement. JASSO separates study costs from everyday spending in its living-expense information. Regional housing markets differ from Tokyo and other major cities, making a single national estimate insufficient for an individual budget. Initial spending can also include travel, insurance and winter clothing, while scholarship recipients may need cash to bridge the period before their first payment.

Residence and work alongside study

Admission precedes the Certificate of Eligibility and student residence process. Eligible part-time employment requires permission for activity outside the student status; the usual limit is twenty-eight hours weekly, with separate provisions during long vacations. Earnings are intended to supplement study costs rather than finance the entire education plan. Attendance and academic progress remain important to the student's status. Japanese ability affects everyday services, practical placements and recruitment, including for English-degree students, so the language has a role beyond the initial university admission requirement.

JAPAN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

EJU

International applicants to participating undergraduate programmes

The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students tests Japanese and academic subjects. Universities select the subjects, mathematics course and test language; science and Japan and the World cannot be taken together.

www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/eju/

JLPT

Programmes requesting Japanese-language evidence

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test documents language ability. N1 and N2 are commonly relevant to degree study, but institutions set their own threshold; JLPT does not replace EJU academic subjects.

www.jlpt.jp/e/

IELTS / TOEFL

English-taught degrees and some other routes

International English Language Testing System and Test of English as a Foreign Language scores are used by programmes requiring English evidence. Required scores, validity and exemptions are programme-specific.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Overseas academic tests

Institutions accepting these academic credentials

Some universities accept SAT, ACT, International Baccalaureate examinations or national school-leaving results, particularly for English-degree entry. They are not universal Japan requirements.

www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/examination/

University examinations and interviews

Programmes specifying additional selection

May include subject papers, essays, portfolios, practical tests or interviews. Remote or pre-arrival selection is available only where specified by the institution.

www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/learn-about-schools/universities/

MEXT scholarship screening

Applicants through the relevant MEXT category

Japanese Government scholarship screening under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology uses category-specific tests and interviews. Embassy undergraduate screening is separate from ordinary self-funded university admission.

www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarships/mext-scholarships/

Degree structure and institutional types

Japan has national, local public and private universities. A bachelor's degree normally takes four years; medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and designated pharmacy programmes take six. A master's degree normally takes two years. Doctoral study commonly follows a master's, while some professional fields use different structures. Universities also admit non-degree research students, whose enrolment does not itself confer a degree. English-taught qualifications coexist with Japanese-medium courses; the teaching language and degree-awarding school are properties of the particular programme.

JAPAN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

Separate undergraduate and graduate/research categories

Support. Published monthly stipends are ¥117,000 for undergraduates; ¥143,000 for non-degree research students, ¥144,000 for master's students and ¥145,000 for doctoral students. Tuition exemption and prescribed airfare are included.

Eligibility. Undergraduate applicants are normally under 25 with twelve years of schooling or equivalent; research applicants are normally under 35 and qualified for the relevant graduate course. Nationality and screening conditions are category-specific.

Application. Embassy recommendation through a Japanese diplomatic mission, or university recommendation where an institution holds an allocation.

Conditions. Embassy-recommended undergraduate awards normally last five years including preparatory study, or seven in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and designated pharmacy courses. University recommendation requires an institutional quota; graduate duration depends on degree status and the recommendation route.

JASSO Student Exchange Support Program

Short-term undergraduate or graduate exchange; not a full degree

Support. ¥80,000 per month for an eligible supported exchange programme lasting eight days to one year.

Eligibility. Students accepted under a qualifying exchange arrangement who show academic merit and financial need and return to complete study at their home institution.

Application. Selection through the home and Japanese host institutions; the Japanese institution submits the exchange programme to JASSO.

Conditions. Funding is restricted to selected exchange programmes. Other study-in-Japan scholarship income above ¥80,000 monthly makes the student ineligible. Participants must return to their home institution to complete their studies.

JASSO Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship

Undergraduate and graduate; eligible research-student routes

Support. ¥48,000 monthly for twelve months from April or six months from October at undergraduate/graduate level. This is partial maintenance support, without an automatic tuition waiver.

Eligibility. Privately financed students with Student residence status and qualifying academic records. Language routes include JLPT N2, EJU Japanese 200, CEFR B2 English or recognised equivalents; financial limits also apply.

Application. Nomination by the enrolled institution within its allocation. Separate reservation routes cover eligible pre-arrival admissions and EJU results.

Conditions. Average allowance excluding tuition-related payments cannot exceed ¥90,000 monthly; a supporter in Japan must earn less than ¥5 million annually. Incompatible awards and JASSO exchange support exclude eligibility. Monthly attendance confirmation is required.

APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship

Undergraduate international applicants; graduate scheme has separate rules

Support. For 2027 undergraduate entry, reductions of 30%, 50%, 65%, 80% or 100% of tuition over the standard study period, subject to continuation review.

Eligibility. International applicants with Student residence status; selection considers the application, interview and family financial circumstances.

Application. Scholarship consideration is requested within the APU admission application, with the required essays and recommendation. Scholarship results accompany the admission decision.

Conditions. The reduction covers tuition; admission charges and living expenses remain separate. Academic performance and completed credits are reviewed each semester for continuation.

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The University of Tokyo

Tokyo / National university / QS 2027: 39

Engineering; Science; Law; Economics

National university with major campuses at Hongo, Komaba and Kashiwa.

7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8654, Japan

www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/

Hokkaido University

Sapporo / National university

Agriculture; Engineering; Science; Veterinary medicine

National university originating as Sapporo Agricultural College in 1876.

Kita 8, Nishi 5, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0808, Japan

www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/

Kyoto University

Kyoto / National university

Engineering; Science; Medicine; Agriculture

National university with faculties and graduate schools spanning humanities, sciences, engineering, agriculture and health.

Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8501, Japan

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

Kyushu University

Fukuoka / National university

Engineering; Science; Medicine; Design

National university with campuses including Ito, Hospital, Chikushi, Ohashi and Beppu.

744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan

www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/

The University of Osaka

Suita / Osaka / National university

Engineering; Medicine; Science; Human sciences

National university with campuses at Toyonaka, Suita and Minoh.

1-1 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan

www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en

University of Tsukuba

Tsukuba / National university

Science; Engineering; Human sciences; Health

National university based in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, with undergraduate schools organised into subject-specific colleges.

1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8577, Japan

www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/

Tohoku University

Sendai / National university

Engineering; Materials science; Medicine; Science

National university in Sendai with four main campuses: Katahira, Kawauchi, Aobayama and Seiryo.

2-1-1 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8577, Japan

www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/

Hiroshima University

Higashi-Hiroshima / National university

Education; Engineering; Science; Medicine

National university with campuses in Higashi-Hiroshima, Kasumi and Higashi-Senda.

1-3-2 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima, Hiroshima 739-8511, Japan

www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en

Nagoya University

Nagoya / National university

Engineering; Science; Medicine; Economics

National university with campuses at Higashiyama, Tsurumai and Daiko.

Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya 464-8601, Japan

en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/

Kobe University

Kobe / National university

Economics; Business; Engineering; Medicine

National university with teaching sites including Rokko, Kusunoki, Myodani and Fukae.

1-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe, Hyogo 657-8501, Japan

www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/

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Chiba University

Chiba / National university

Engineering; Medicine; Horticulture; Education

1-33 Yayoi-cho, Inage-ku, Chiba 263-8522, Japan

www.chiba-u.ac.jp/e/

Okayama University

Okayama / National university

Engineering; Medicine; Agriculture; Humanities

1-1-1 Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan

www.okayama-u.ac.jp/eng/

Institute of Science Tokyo

Tokyo / National university

Engineering; Computing; Materials science; Medicine

2-12-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, Japan

www.isct.ac.jp/en

pr.info@adm.isct.ac.jp

Waseda University

Tokyo / Private university

Political science; Economics; Engineering; Humanities

1-104 Totsukamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050, Japan

www.waseda.jp/top/en

Keio University

Tokyo / Private university

Economics; Law; Business; Medicine

2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8345, Japan

www.keio.ac.jp/en/

Sophia University

Tokyo / Private university

Liberal arts; Languages; Economics; Global studies

7-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554, Japan

www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/

admission-u-co@sophia.ac.jp

Ritsumeikan University

Kyoto / Private university

International relations; Economics; Engineering; Policy science

56-1 Toji-in Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8577, Japan

en.ritsumei.ac.jp/

Doshisha University

Kyoto / Private university

Economics; Law; Humanities; Engineering

Karasuma-higashi-iru, Imadegawa-dori, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 602-8580, Japan

www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/

ji-ois@mail.doshisha.ac.jp

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Beppu / Private university

Asia Pacific studies; International management; Sustainability; Tourism

1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita 874-8577, Japan

en.apu.ac.jp/

Tokyo Metropolitan University

Hachioji / Tokyo / Public metropolitan university

Urban environmental sciences; System design; Economics; Science

1-1 Minami-Osawa, Hachioji, Tokyo 192-0397, Japan

www.tmu.ac.jp/english/

JAPAN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Akita International University
Akita / Public university
web.aiu.ac.jp/en/

Aoyama Gakuin University
Tokyo / Private university
www.aoyama.ac.jp/en/

Chuo University
Tokyo / Hachioji / Private university
www.chuo-u.ac.jp/english/

Ehime University
Matsuyama / National university
www.ehime-u.ac.jp/en/

Gifu University
Gifu / National university
www.gifu-u.ac.jp/en/

Hitotsubashi University
Kunitachi / National university
www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/

Hosei University
Tokyo / Private university
www.hosei.ac.jp/english/

Ibaraki University
Mito / National university
www.ibaraki.ac.jp/en/

International Christian University
Mitaka / Private university
www.icu.ac.jp/en/

Kagoshima University
Kagoshima / National university
www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/en/

Kanazawa University
Kanazawa / National university
www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/

Kansai University
Suita / Private university
www.kansai-u.ac.jp/English/

Kindai University
Higashiosaka / Private university
www.kindai.ac.jp/english/

Kumamoto University
Kumamoto / National university
ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/

Kwansei Gakuin University
Nishinomiya / Private university
global.kwansei.ac.jp/

Kyushu Institute of Technology
Kitakyushu / National university
www.kyutech.ac.jp/english/

Meiji University
Tokyo / Private university
www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/

Mie University
Tsu / National university
www.mie-u.ac.jp/en/

Nagasaki University
Nagasaki / National university
www.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/

Nagoya City University
Nagoya / Public university
www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/

Nara Women's University
Nara / National university
www.nara-wu.ac.jp/

Niigata University
Niigata / National university
www.niigata-u.ac.jp/en/

Ochanomizu University
Tokyo / National university
www.ocha.ac.jp/en/

Osaka Metropolitan University
Osaka / Sakai / Public university
www.omu.ac.jp/en/

Rikkyo University
Tokyo / Private university
english.rikkyo.ac.jp/

Ryukoku University
Kyoto / Private university
www.ryukoku.ac.jp/

Saitama University
Saitama / National university
en.saitama-u.ac.jp/

Shinshu University
Matsumoto / National university
www.shinshu-u.ac.jp/english/

Shizuoka University
Shizuoka / Hamamatsu / National university
www.shizuoka.ac.jp/english/

Tokushima University
Tokushima / National university
www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/english/

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
Fuchu / Koganei / National university
www.tuat.ac.jp/en/

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Fuchu / National university
www.tufs.ac.jp/english/

Tokyo University of Science
Tokyo / Private university
www.tus.ac.jp/en/

Tokyo University of the Arts
Tokyo / National university
www.geidai.ac.jp/english/

University of Fukui
Fukui / National university
www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/

University of Hyogo
Kobe / Public university
www.u-hyogo.ac.jp/english/

University of the Ryukyus
Nishihara / National university
www.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/en/

Yamaguchi University
Yamaguchi / National university
www.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/english/

Yokohama City University
Yokohama / Public university
www.yokohama-cu.ac.jp/english/

Yokohama National University
Yokohama / National university
www.ynu.ac.jp/english/

STUDY IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland

Research universities and applied study across a multilingual system.



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Switzerland has research universities, universities of applied sciences and teacher-education institutions. Programme language and foreign-qualification requirements differ across the multilingual system. Low tuition at one provider does not describe the full cost of Swiss study.

PUBLIC-SECTOR GUIDE / YEAR

CHF 1,000-8,000

Approx. US$ 1,200-9,580

Two-semester annualisation of the national portal's CHF 500-4,000 semester guide, not a ceiling. Institution and fee category matter; private and continuing-education programmes differ.

PORTAL EXAMPLE / MONTH

CHF 1,850

Approx. US$ 2,220

National portal's illustrative student budget, before tuition. Actual rent, insurance and initial deposits can raise the total.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's usually 3 years; consecutive master's usually 1.5-2 years.

Fields of study

Engineering; life sciences; finance; hospitality; international studies; design.

Academic entry

Foreign school certificates face country-specific admission conditions. Master's entry depends on previous degree content; teaching-language evidence and any entrance examination are additional course requirements.

Tuition and living are separate

Rent, health cover and early deposits can be substantial even where tuition is modest. Most awards are selective; an expected student job does not constitute confirmed first-year funding.

SWITZERLAND / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and admission

Institution type, school qualification and teaching language determine the Swiss study route.

Choosing a recognised institution

Switzerland has research universities, universities of applied sciences and arts, and universities of teacher education. Institutional accreditation under the Higher Education Act protects the use of these designations and their derived forms. The swissuniversities list is a useful starting point, but the Swiss Accreditation Council makes accreditation decisions. A private school's location in Switzerland or an international business-school label does not, by itself, establish its Swiss status. Check the awarding institution and the specific qualification; professional licensing and admission to further study involve additional decisions beyond institutional accreditation.

Degrees and academic workload

A standard Swiss bachelor's degree carries 180 ECTS credits and normally takes three years of full-time study. A consecutive master's commonly requires 90 or 120 credits over one and a half or two years. One full academic year represents 60 credits, with each credit corresponding to approximately 25-30 hours of total work, including independent study. Professional and specialist routes can differ. Compare the qualification title and admission purpose carefully: a continuing-education award is not automatically interchangeable with a consecutive academic master's when applying for further study.

Assessing a foreign qualification

There is no single centralised application for admission to all Swiss universities. Each institution evaluates applicants under its own rules. Bachelor's entry depends on an upper-secondary certificate comparable to the Swiss school-leaving qualification, sometimes with specified subjects, minimum grades, prior university admission or an additional examination.

The swissuniversities country tables provide a useful overview, but the university's decision is decisive. Master's admission considers a relevant recognised first degree and its academic content. A general eligibility statement should therefore be checked against the precise programme and the intended entry year.

Languages and selection requirements

Teaching language is a practical admission requirement, not a detail to resolve after arrival. German, French and Italian remain important at bachelor's level, while English is common in selected master's programmes. ETH Zurich, for example, teaches its bachelor's programmes principally in German and publishes specific language-certificate rules. Some applicants must also complete its reduced or comprehensive entrance examination. Other institutions may require the ECUS supplementary examination or their own selection. Medical admission is particularly restricted. Book a language or entrance test only after confirming the university's accepted evidence and applicable route.

SWITZERLAND / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Costs and daily study

Moderate tuition at some institutions still requires careful provision for Swiss living costs.

Building the full budget

Tuition depends on the institution, student category and programme. ETH Zurich currently distinguishes CHF 730 and CHF 2,190 per semester, with the higher category applying where the published exemption criteria are not met; nationality alone does not settle every case. The national study portal's illustrative living budget totals CHF 1,850 monthly before tuition, but actual housing and insurance can change it considerably. Add travel, residence formalities, deposits and initial purchases. A semester fee is not an annual fee, and an advertised scholarship should not be counted before a written award is secured.

Finding housing and arranging insurance

Student residences have limited capacity, and relatively few institutions accommodate students directly on campus. Shared flats and private rentals are common alternatives. Start through the university's housing advice and recognised local providers; compare the total rent, deposit, utilities, transport and contract period. An admission offer does not reserve a room. Health-insurance arrangements also require attention before the move: eligibility for a student product or an exemption depends on personal circumstances and the competent authority. Obtain written confirmation of coverage rather than assuming an overseas policy will automatically meet Swiss requirements.

Learning and assessment

Swiss programmes expect active participation, independent reading and the ability to explain and defend an argument. Seminars, presentations, laboratory work and group projects can complement lectures and examinations. Research universities connect teaching with disciplinary research, while applied-sciences programmes emphasise practical problems and projects; teacher education includes professional practice. Read module descriptions and assessment regulations at the start of each semester. Credit load measures total work, so a timetable with few classroom hours may still involve extensive preparation. Clarify deadlines, citation expectations and permitted collaboration before submitting assessed work.

Residence and paid work

Admission and immigration permission are separate decisions. Foreign nationals staying longer than three months generally need a residence permit, and visa requirements depend on nationality and circumstances. Follow the Swiss representation and the relevant canton's current instructions before travel. The national study portal describes limited student employment, normally up to 15 hours weekly during term, with notification or permission requirements; non-EU/EFTA students generally face an initial six-month waiting period. Confirm exceptions and employer obligations with the competent authority. Part-time earnings should not be treated as guaranteed funding, and graduation does not automatically confer unrestricted work rights.

SWITZERLAND / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

ETH entrance examination

Bachelor's applicants assigned an examination route by ETH.

Reduced and comprehensive examinations address different qualification profiles. The country-specific admission conditions determine which route, if any, is required. Language evidence and the examination timetable are separate requirements.

ethz.ch/en/studium/bachelor/bewerbung/auslaendische-reifezeugnisse/zulassungsvoraussetzungen.html

ECUS supplementary examination

Applicants whose university and school-qualification combination requires ECUS.

An additional academic entrance assessment used in specified admission routes. It is not a test required of every international applicant; obtain the university's admission assessment before preparing or registering.

www.swissuniversities.ch/en/topics/studying/admission-to-universities/countries-1

Teaching-language evidence

Programmes requiring proof of German, French, Italian or English.

Accepted certificates, minimum scores, validity and exemptions are institution-specific. ETH publishes German certificate requirements for bachelor's entry; English-language qualifications do not substitute for German on a German-taught route.

ethz.ch/de/studium/bachelor/bewerbung/auslaendische-reifezeugnisse/sprachanforderungen.html

Medical study is a restricted route

Swiss medical admission is especially constrained. swissuniversities states that applicants without Swiss citizenship or Swiss residence cannot enter medical study because places are limited. Residence itself is not a universal entitlement: the detailed rules define which foreign residents may be treated like Swiss applicants. Teaching is in German or French, and there is no English-taught medical programme under this route. Obtain a written eligibility assessment before paying for test preparation or treating Switzerland as a medical-school option.

Distinguish academic and continuing education awards

Swiss higher education also offers Certificates, Diplomas and Masters of Advanced Studies, commonly abbreviated CAS, DAS and MAS. These continuing-education awards develop or broaden professional competence and can draw on previous degrees and work experience. An MAS normally carries at least 60 ECTS credits. It should be compared with the purpose and requirements of the consecutive academic master's, rather than selected on the word "master" alone. Check the awarding institution, entry requirements, full fees and the recognition needed for the next intended step.

SWITZERLAND / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Research fellowships, doctorates and eligible arts master's routes

Support. Published 2027/28 terms provide CHF 2,450 monthly for one person, with specified additional benefits; tuition and semester fees are not covered.

Eligibility. Eligible-country applicants meeting the relevant research or arts requirements; research applicants need an appropriate Swiss academic supervisor.

Application. Country-specific awards and deadlines apply. Applications use SERI's GO ESKAS portal; no email or paper submissions.

Conditions. Not a general bachelor's or taught-master's scholarship. No family allowance; fieldwork, conference costs and some fees remain the scholar's responsibility.

EPFL Master Excellence Fellowships

Master's

Support. CHF 10,000 per semester under published terms, with a student-room reservation for eligible external candidates.

Eligibility. Academic merit guides selection. Prior master's graduates and students already enrolled in an EPFL master's are ineligible.

Application. For 2027, external candidates apply in the first master's window; internal candidates follow the relevant EPFL procedure.

Conditions. Tuition, rent and other expenses remain payable by the student. Renewal requires the published credit and grade thresholds; a room reservation is not free accommodation.

ETH Excellence Scholarship and Opportunity Programme

Consecutive master's

Support. Tuition waiver and CHF 12,000 per semester under current terms; ETH has published CHF 13,500 per semester from autumn 2027.

Eligibility. Outstanding bachelor's results, normally top 10%; applicants already holding a master's or enrolled in an ETH master's are excluded.

Application. Apply through eApply in the first master's application window with the required thesis pre-proposal and references.

Conditions. Competitive awards cover the regular three- or four-semester master's programme. Each intake has its own application window and award allocation.

University of Geneva Science Excellence Master Fellowships

Eligible Faculty of Science master's

Support. CHF 10,000-15,000 per year under the published scheme, renewable for the normal degree duration subject to successful progress.

Eligibility. Excellent bachelor's students who meet admission requirements for a participating science master's; selection is competitive.

Application. Begin the university enrolment procedure and submit the separate online fellowship file with the requested academic documents and references.

Conditions. The fellowship is for new entrants; students already enrolled on the science master's cannot newly apply. Application dates are set in the call for the relevant entry cohort.

SWITZERLAND / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

ETH Zurich

Zurich / Federal institute of technology / QS 2027: =8

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Natural sciences

Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich, Switzerland

ethz.ch/

EPFL

Lausanne / Federal institute of technology

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Mathematics

EPFL, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland; postal deliveries require the relevant unit and station

www.epfl.ch/

University of Zurich

Zurich / Public university

Medicine; Law; Economics; Humanities

Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland

www.uzh.ch/en.html

University of Basel

Basel / Public university

Life sciences; Medicine; Humanities; Law

Petersplatz 1, Postfach, 4001 Basel, Switzerland

www.unibas.ch/en.html

University of Bern

Bern / Public university

Climate science; Medicine; Space science; Humanities

Hochschulstrasse 6, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

www.unibe.ch/index_eng.html

University of Geneva

Geneva / Public university

International relations; Translation; Law; Science

Rue du Général-Dufour 24, 1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland

www.unige.ch/en/

University of Lausanne

Lausanne / Public university

Business; Life sciences; Environmental studies; Humanities

Dorigny campus, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland

www.unil.ch/

University of Fribourg

Fribourg / Public university

Law; Economics; Humanities; Science

Avenue de l'Europe 20, 1700 Fribourg, Switzerland

www.unifr.ch/

University of St.Gallen

St.Gallen / Public university

Business; Economics; Law; International affairs

Dufourstrasse 50, 9000 St.Gallen, Switzerland

www.unisg.ch/en/

Università della Svizzera italiana

Lugano / Mendrisio / Bellinzona / Public university

Architecture; Communication; Economics; Informatics

Via Buffi 13, 6900 Lugano, Switzerland

www.usi.ch/en

SWITZERLAND / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Bern University of Applied Sciences
Bern / Biel / Burgdorf / Public university of applied sciences
www.bfh.ch/en/

Bern University of Teacher Education
Bern / Public university of teacher education
www.phbern.ch/

HES-SO University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland
Delémont / multiple western Swiss campuses / Public university of applied sciences
www.hes-so.ch/en/

Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences
Zurich / Private university of applied sciences
www.kalaidos-fh.ch/de-CH

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Lucerne / Horw / Rotkreuz / Public university of applied sciences
www.hslu.ch/en/

Lucerne University of Teacher Education
Lucerne / Public university of teacher education
www.phlu.ch/

OST Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences
St.Gallen / Rapperswil / Buchs / Public university of applied sciences
www.ost.ch/en/

Schwyz University of Teacher Education
Goldau / Public university of teacher education
www.phsz.ch/

St.Gallen University of Teacher Education
St.Gallen / Gossau / Rorschach / Public university of teacher education
www.phsg.ch/de

Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training
Zollikofen / Lausanne / Lugano / Federal university of teacher education
www.sfuvet.swiss/

University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland
Windisch / Basel / Muttenz / Olten / Public university of applied sciences
www.fhnw.ch/en

University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland
Manno / Lugano / Mendrisio / Locarno / Public university of applied sciences
www.supsi.ch/en

University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons
Chur / Public university of applied sciences
www.fhgr.ch/en/

University of Lucerne
Lucerne / Public university
www.unilu.ch/en/

University of Neuchâtel
Neuchâtel / Public university
www.unine.ch/

Vaud University of Teacher Education
Lausanne / Public university of teacher education
www.hepl.ch/accueil.html

Zug University of Teacher Education
Zug / Public university of teacher education
www.zg.ch/behoerden/direktion-fur-bildung-und-kultur/phzg/

Zurich University of Applied Sciences
Winterthur / Zurich / Wädenswil / Public university of applied sciences
www.zhaw.ch/en/university

Zurich University of Teacher Education
Zurich / Public university of teacher education
phzh.ch/en/

Zurich University of the Arts
Zurich / Public university of the arts
www.zhdk.ch/en/zurich-university-of-the-arts-1

STUDY IN SOUTH KOREA

South Korea

Four-year degrees and Korean- or English-taught tracks.



KAIST - Main entrance, Daejeon campus / revi / CC BY 2.0 kr / cropped

South Korea has national, public and private universities, alongside junior colleges and specialist institutions. Bachelor's study commonly lasts four years, with longer professional routes. English-taught provision is organised by programme or track; Korean-language preparation is a separate course of study.

TUITION / YEAR

KRW 4,270,000 / 7,630,000

≈ US$ 3,150 / 5,630 / year

Published national/public and private university averages, rounded. Two reference averages, not the lowest and highest fees charged.

LIVING / MONTH

KRW 750,000-1,000,000

≈ US$ 550-740 / month

Study in Korea monthly estimate. Seoul private rentals, deposits and personal choices can increase the budget.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 4 years
Master's: 2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; sciences; media.

Academic entry

A recognised school-leaving qualification and the university's international-applicant category determine the admission route. Korean-taught programmes commonly require TOPIK, the Test of Proficiency in Korean, at level 3 or above. English-track requirements and interviews are set by the programme.

Degree and language-course status

A Korean-language course prepares for language use or later admission; it does not itself confer degree entry. Degree tuition, language-course charges and living costs cover separate study periods. A conditional offer can link progression to a stated language result.

SOUTH KOREA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

South Korea’s degree system

International admission usually operates through university-specific routes. Nationality, school history and the degree’s actual teaching language determine eligibility.

253,434

Study in Korea/Ministry of Education total includes degree students, language training and other training. Reporting period: 2025.

Universities and degree structures

South Korea offers national, public and private universities, alongside specialist institutes and junior colleges. Bachelor’s programmes commonly take four years, while professional courses can have longer structures; associate-degree programmes typically take two or three years. Private universities form an important part of the system and include many established research institutions. AcademyInfo provides official institutional disclosures, while Study in Korea helps international applicants discover programmes. The qualification, campus and department distinguish broad research degrees, applied programmes and specialist professional routes within the system.

Subject choices beyond Seoul

Seoul offers a dense concentration of universities, but regional institutions provide substantial choices in engineering, agriculture, marine studies, science, business and the arts. Laboratories, industry placements and departmental locations vary within this wider network of institutions. A university may operate separate campuses with different subjects and admissions instructions. For graduate study, research fit and available supervision can be more informative than an institution-wide reputation. International recruitment can differ between the same department’s spring and autumn intakes and between its undergraduate and graduate programmes.

Language is a programme decision

Korean-taught programmes usually request Korean proficiency, commonly documented through TOPIK. The government portal describes typical entry and graduation levels, but universities and departments determine their own accepted evidence and exemptions. English-taught programmes may instead request an accepted English test. A few English modules do not establish that a complete degree is available in English. Examinations, laboratory meetings, practical placements and graduation conditions may introduce additional language requirements. University language institutes provide preparation, yet admission to a language course is separate from degree admission.

Nationality and prior schooling

International eligibility is not decided by passport alone. Common routes include applicants who, with both parents, are foreign nationals and applicants who completed their full school education outside Korea; each university defines the documentary tests for its route. Universities may request family-relationship records, nationality evidence and authenticated academic documents. Korean nationality history and dual nationality can change eligibility and the supporting documents required. Transfer admission has separate prior-study and credit requirements, and acceptance into a later year does not guarantee recognition of every previous module.

SOUTH KOREA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

Language evidence, academic selection and residence requirements serve different purposes. Any preparatory language study adds a separate stage and cost.

Admissions and student visas

Applications commonly involve transcripts, graduation evidence, a personal statement or study plan, language results and proof of financial resources. Some programmes add interviews, portfolios or departmental tests. Spring and autumn entry follow institutional calendars, with separate deadlines where original documents are required. Degree students normally use the D-2 visa category, while language training follows a different route. The visa application uses university admission documents alongside consular requirements; authentication, translation and financial-document validity can influence the timing of submission.

Tuition and scholarship renewal

Tuition is commonly quoted by department and semester, with laboratory, arts and professional courses differing from classroom-based subjects. National and private universities can have different charging patterns, while institutional scholarships may reduce a portion of tuition rather than cover every living expense. Initial awards can depend on TOPIK, an English score or admission ranking, while later awards may depend on grades and completed credits. Global Korea Scholarship has its own nomination and selection process. A separate language-training period adds tuition and living expenses before the degree begins.

Dormitories and daily life

Dormitory allocation rules differ, and meals, bedding, utilities or vacation residence may be charged separately from the advertised room rate. Off-campus housing may require a significant deposit as well as monthly rent, so a low advertised monthly figure can conceal a larger initial commitment. Actual travel time depends on the particular teaching campus and local transport. Insurance, local transport, a phone plan, course materials and seasonal clothing add to everyday spending. The international office can explain arrival registration, insurance enrolment and practical support, but accommodation availability should be confirmed before travel.

Work and longer-term plans

International students holding D-2 or D-4 status need the appropriate permission before part-time work, and eligibility depends on factors including study category and Korean proficiency. Hours are not governed by one simple rule that applies to every student. The university and immigration office administer the applicable conditions for a proposed student job. An internship may require its own review. Graduate job-search and employment routes are separate from student status; completing a degree does not itself guarantee a job or a subsequent employment visa.

SOUTH KOREA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TOPIK I / TOPIK II

Korean-language evidence for applicable international routes

The Test of Proficiency in Korean has TOPIK I levels 1-2 and TOPIK II levels 3-6. Institutions determine entry and graduation levels, accepted paper- or internet-based results and exemptions.

www.topik.go.kr/

IELTS / TOEFL

English-taught programmes or specified international routes

International English Language Testing System and Test of English as a Foreign Language scores may support English-taught or specified international routes. A score does not automatically waive Korean placement or graduation conditions.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

CSAT / Suneung

Primarily domestic undergraduate admission

The College Scholastic Ability Test is primarily part of domestic undergraduate selection. International-track eligibility and assessment are established by each university rather than a universal requirement to sit CSAT.

www.studyinkorea.go.kr/eng/plan/schoolType.do?tab=undergraduate-college

Interview / portfolio / practical examination

Departments specifying additional selection

University screening may include interviews or subject-related assessments, especially in creative fields. The international admission guide establishes the assessment for the particular department.

www.studyinkorea.go.kr/eng/plan/schoolType.do?tab=undergraduate-college

Graduate research screening

Relevant master's or doctoral programmes

Relevant departments may request the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), research proposals or interviews. No single national graduate examination covers all foreign applicants.

admission.snu.ac.kr/international/graduate/spring/guide

Language qualifications and TOPIK

Korean universities and departments set their own language thresholds for admission and graduation. Korean-taught programmes commonly use TOPIK, while English-taught programmes require evidence of English proficiency. TOPIK I tests listening and reading; TOPIK II adds writing. Results are valid for two years from the score announcement date. Some institutions also accept Korea Immigration and Integration Program results or King Sejong Institute course certificates. TOPIK Basic is a separate self-assessment service: it issues no official certificate and has no legal validity.

SOUTH KOREA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Global Korea Scholarship - Undergraduate (GKS-U)

Undergraduate: designated associate and bachelor's routes

Support. The standard funded route combines one year of Korean-language training with a 2-3-year associate degree or 4-6-year bachelor's degree. Benefits include tuition, language-training fees, airfare and living allowances.

Eligibility. Applicants and both parents must hold non-Korean citizenship. General requirements include age under 25 in the applicable year, secondary-school completion and at least 80% academic performance, top-20% class standing or an accepted CGPA equivalent.

Application. The 2027 guidelines were published on 9 September 2026. Applications follow an eligible embassy or university track; country quotas and designated university and department lists govern available places.

Conditions. The embassy and university tracks have distinct selection procedures. Ordinary university admission does not confer GKS funding; award duration and payments follow the selected route's conditions.

KAIST Scholarship for International Undergraduates

Undergraduate only; graduate funding follows separate rules

Support. Eight semesters of full tuition exemption, KRW 350,000 per month for living expenses and medical health insurance.

Eligibility. Students selected through KAIST international undergraduate admission. Continued support requires a GPA above 2.7 out of 4.3 after the freshman year.

Application. The KAIST Scholarship option appears in the admission application's financial-resources section. Scholarship consideration forms part of admission; no separate scholarship application is required.

Conditions. The published undergraduate award covers eight semesters and has an academic continuation condition. Its monthly living payment is fixed at KRW 350,000; graduate funding uses separate schemes.

Global Korea Scholarship - Graduate (GKS-G)

Postgraduate: designated master's, doctoral and research routes

Support. The standard degree award funds one Korean-language year plus two master's years or three doctoral years. Benefits include tuition, language training, airfare and monthly allowances; research awards follow separate duration rules.

Eligibility. General degree criteria require non-Korean citizenship for the applicant and both parents, age under 40 and a relevant bachelor's or master's degree. The academic threshold is 80%, with accepted equivalents and specified exceptions in the annual call.

Application. Degree applications use a Korean embassy or designated university track; research applications go to a designated university. The reference award cycle is the published 2026 GKS-G call.

Conditions. The 2026 call's quotas, approved institutions and award terms are specific to that cycle. Funding is limited to eligible countries, programmes and track allocations.

SNU Global Scholarship (GS)

Postgraduate: international degree students at Seoul National University

Support. Fall 2026: one semester, six months. GS1 provides full tuition, KRW 1.2 million monthly and conditional one-time airfare support; GS2 provides full tuition. Korean-language evening-course support is a separate award.

Eligibility. International students admitted to or enrolled in an SNU graduate degree with at least one regular semester remaining. GKS recipients, non-degree students and students taking leave during the award period are excluded.

Application. Applications use mySNU after admission. Colleges or departments screen candidates and assign GS1 or GS2 within their quotas; the Office of Global Affairs announces the final selection.

Conditions. The Fall 2026 application window closed on 12 July 2026. The award covers one semester; airfare has arrival or graduation-and-departure conditions, and a leave of absence revokes funding.

SOUTH KOREA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Seoul National University

Seoul / National university / QS 2027: 38

Engineering; Natural sciences; Humanities; Business

1 Gwanak-ro, Gwanak-gu, Seoul 08826, Republic of Korea

en.snu.ac.kr/

Sungkyunkwan University

Seoul and Suwon / Private university

Humanities; Business; Engineering; Natural sciences

25-2 Sungkyunkwan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul 03063, Republic of Korea

www.skku.edu/eng/

Yonsei University

Seoul / Private university

Business; Engineering; Humanities; Social sciences

50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03722, Republic of Korea

www.yonsei.ac.kr/sites/en_sc/index.do

Hanyang University

Seoul and Ansan / Private university

Engineering; Business; Humanities; Social sciences

222 Wangsimni-ro, Seongdong-gu, Seoul 04763, Republic of Korea

www.hanyang.ac.kr/web/eng

Korea University

Seoul / Private university

Business; Engineering; Humanities; Social sciences

145 Anam-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul 02841, Republic of Korea

www.korea.edu/

Kyung Hee University

Seoul and Yongin / Private university

Humanities; Business; Hospitality; Engineering

26 Kyungheedae-ro, Dongdaemun-gu, Seoul 02447, Republic of Korea

www.khu.ac.kr/eng/user/main/view.do

KAIST

Daejeon / Public science and technology institute

Engineering; Computer science; Natural sciences; Business

291 Daehak-ro, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon 34141, Republic of Korea

www.kaist.ac.kr/site/en/

creative.adm@kaist.ac.kr

Ewha Womans University

Seoul / Private women's university

Humanities; Social sciences; Engineering; Business

52 Ewhayeodae-gil, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03760, Republic of Korea

www.ewha.ac.kr/ewhaen/

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)

Pohang / Private science and technology university

Engineering; Computer science; Physics; Chemistry

77 Cheongam-ro, Nam-gu, Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do 37673, Republic of Korea

www.postech.ac.kr/eng/

Sogang University

Seoul / Private university

Humanities; Social sciences; Business; Engineering

35 Baekbeom-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul 04107, Republic of Korea

www.sogang.ac.kr/

SOUTH KOREA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Pusan National University

Busan / National university

Engineering; Business; Humanities; Natural sciences

2 Busandaehak-ro 63beon-gil, Geumjeong-gu, Busan 46241, Republic of Korea

www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/Main.do

pnuadmin@pusan.ac.kr

Seoul National University of Science and Technology

Seoul / National university

Engineering; Computer science; Design; Business

232 Gongneung-ro, Nowon-gu, Seoul 01811, Republic of Korea

en.seoultech.ac.kr/

Kyungpook National University

Daegu / National university

Engineering; Natural sciences; Humanities; Business

80 Daehak-ro, Buk-gu, Daegu 41566, Republic of Korea

en.knu.ac.kr/

Ajou University

Suwon / Private university

Engineering; Computer science; Business; Social sciences

206 Worldcup-ro, Yeongtong-gu, Suwon 16499, Republic of Korea

eng.ajou.ac.kr/en/index.do

Chonnam National University

Gwangju / National university

Engineering; Agriculture; Natural sciences; Humanities

77 Yongbong-ro, Buk-gu, Gwangju 61186, Republic of Korea

global.jnu.ac.kr/

University of Ulsan

Ulsan / Private university

Engineering; Business; Natural sciences; Humanities

93 Daehak-ro, Nam-gu, Ulsan 44610, Republic of Korea

www.ulsan.ac.kr/eng/

Chungnam National University

Daejeon / National university

Engineering; Natural sciences; Agriculture; Humanities

99 Daehak-ro, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon 34134, Republic of Korea

plus.chungnam.ac.kr/html/en/

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)

Ulsan / Public science and technology institute

Engineering; Computer science; Natural sciences; Energy

50 UNIST-gil, Eonyang-eup, Ulju-gun, Ulsan 44919, Republic of Korea

www.unist.ac.kr/

Jeonbuk National University

Jeonju / National university

Engineering; Agriculture; Natural sciences; Humanities

567 Baekje-daero, Deokjin-gu, Jeonju, Jeonbuk 54896, Republic of Korea

jbnu.edu/en/index.do

admissionu@jbnu.ac.kr

Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST)

Gwangju / Public science and technology institute

Engineering; Computer science; Physics; Materials science

123 Cheomdangwagi-ro, Buk-gu, Gwangju 61005, Republic of Korea

www.gist.ac.kr/en/

SOUTH KOREA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Changwon National University
Changwon / National university
www.changwon.ac.kr/

Chosun University
Gwangju / Private university
www.chosun.ac.kr/

Chung-Ang University
Seoul / Anseong / Private university
neweng.cau.ac.kr/

Chungbuk National University
Cheongju / National university
www.chungbuk.ac.kr/

Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology
Daegu / Public science and technology institute
www.dgist.ac.kr/

Dankook University
Yongin / Cheonan / Private university
www.dankook.ac.kr/

Dong-A University
Busan / Private university
www.donga.ac.kr/

Dongduk Women's University
Seoul / Private university
www.dongduk.ac.kr/

Dongguk University
Seoul / Private university
www.dongguk.edu/eng/

Duksung Women's University
Seoul / Private university
www.duksung.ac.kr/

Gachon University
Seongnam / Private university
www.gachon.ac.kr/

Gyeongsang National University
Jinju / National university
www.gnu.ac.kr/

Hallym University
Chuncheon / Private university
www.hallym.ac.kr/

Hanbat National University
Daejeon / National university
www.hanbat.ac.kr/

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Seoul / Yongin / Private university
www.hufs.ac.kr/

Hongik University
Seoul / Private university
www.hongik.ac.kr/

Incheon National University
Incheon / National university
www.inu.ac.kr/

Inha University
Incheon / Private university
www.inha.ac.kr/

Jeju National University
Jeju / National university
www.jejunu.ac.kr/

Kangwon National University
Chuncheon / National university
www.kangwon.ac.kr/

Keimyung University
Daegu / Private university
www.kmu.ac.kr/

Kongju National University
Gongju / National university
www.kongju.ac.kr/

Konkuk University
Seoul / Private university
www.konkuk.ac.kr/

Kookmin University
Seoul / Private university
english.kookmin.ac.kr/

Korea Maritime & Ocean University
Busan / National university
www.kmou.ac.kr/

Korea National University of Arts
Seoul / National arts university
www.karts.ac.kr/

Kumoh National Institute of Technology
Gumi / National university
www.kumoh.ac.kr/

Mokpo National University
Muan / National university
www.mokpo.ac.kr/

Pukyong National University
Busan / National university
www.pknu.ac.kr/

Sejong University
Seoul / Private university
www.sejong.ac.kr/

Seoul Women's University
Seoul / Private university
www.swu.ac.kr/

Sookmyung Women's University
Seoul / Private university
www.sookmyung.ac.kr/

Soonchunhyang University
Asan / Private university
www.sch.ac.kr/

Soongsil University
Seoul / Private university
eng.ssu.ac.kr/

Sunchon National University
Suncheon / National university
www.scnu.ac.kr/

Sungshin Women's University
Seoul / Private university
www.sungshin.ac.kr/

University of Seoul
Seoul / Public university
www.uos.ac.kr/en/

Wonkwang University
Iksan / Private university
www.wku.ac.kr/

Woosong University
Daejeon / Private university
english.wsu.ac.kr/

Yeungnam University
Gyeongsan / Private university
www.yu.ac.kr/

STUDY IN SPAIN

Spain

Regional public systems and recognised degree structures.



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Spain has public and private universities offering grado, máster and doctoral qualifications. A grado commonly takes four years. Public tuition is influenced by the autonomous region, credit load, subject and student fee category. The Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M) example illustrates one non-EU, non-resident fee schedule.

TUITION / YEAR

EUR 6,823-8,186

≈ US$ 7,750-9,300 / year

UC3M 2026/27 example: non-EU, non-resident undergraduate, 60 first-enrolment credits; administration extra. This is not a national tariff.

LIVING / MONTH

EUR 700-1,200

≈ US$ 790-1,360 / month

European Commission planning: smaller cities EUR 700-900; Madrid/Barcelona around EUR 1,000-1,200. Housing and lifestyle change the total.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Business; engineering; hospitality; humanities; design.

Academic entry

Foreign school qualifications enter through the relevant recognition or access route. UNEDasiss supplies academic accreditation used by participating universities. Teaching may be in Spanish, a regional language or English; the programme's published language arrangement determines the route.

Academic access accreditation

UNEDasiss is a service of Spain's National University of Distance Education. Its services can assess school qualifications and support access to participating universities, with subject assessments where applicable. Accreditation establishes the relevant academic record for selection; the university makes the admission decision.

SPAIN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and course choices

Official university degrees, regional admission systems and programmes taught in Spanish, co-official languages and English.

220,809

Students of foreign nationality enrolled in the Spanish university system. Reporting period: 2024/25.

The official degree structure

Spain's principal university awards are the Grado, Máster Universitario and Doctorado. Most bachelor's degrees comprise 240 European credits over four years. Qualifications regulated by European professional requirements can extend to 300 or 360 credits; medicine normally takes six years. Official master's degrees comprise 60, 90 or 120 credits. The Registro de Universidades, Centros y Títulos is the national register of universities, centres and official qualifications. Its degree records distinguish an official award from a course advertised under a similar informal English title.

Official master's and continuing education

A university can provide both official degree programmes and its own continuing-education awards. Spain's regulations identify the Máster de Formación Permanente within continuing education; it is not the same qualification as a Máster Universitario. This distinction matters for doctoral entry and regulated academic progression. Universities can also offer shorter specialist and expert awards. A private university may award official degrees, while a public university may offer institution-specific continuing education: ownership alone does not establish the status of a particular course.

Subjects and the language of delivery

The national study-information service covers arts and humanities, sciences, health sciences, social and legal sciences, engineering and architecture. English-language and bilingual options are available, but the language is identified at programme level. Spanish is not the only language used in public higher education: universities in autonomous communities may teach in a co-official regional language. At Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, language evidence is linked to the chosen programme's teaching language. An institution's international website therefore does not mean that all classes are delivered in English.

Public and private admissions are different

Public-university places are commonly allocated through regional pre-enrolment systems using the relevant admission score and course capacity. UNEDasiss, the foreign-qualification accreditation service of Spain's National University of Distance Education, publishes institution-specific admission requirements. Private universities can operate their own selection procedures alongside the academic requirements for university access. Accreditation establishes qualifications or scores; it does not reserve a place. Double degrees also have their own curriculum and workload, rather than representing two standard degrees completed with no additional academic commitment.

SPAIN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Foreign entry and student costs

The school system determines the entry route; the autonomous community, fee category and course determine the tuition.

School systems lead to different routes

UNEDasiss separates applicants according to the education system in which they obtained their qualifying studies. International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and specified foreign-system applicants do not all follow the same route. For many applicants from other school systems, recognition as equivalent to the Spanish Bachiller qualification forms part of access. This recognition is called homologación. The university may then require UNEDasiss accreditation and an admission score. Nationality and residence alone are insufficient to identify the correct academic route because the qualifying school award is central.

How subject examinations affect entry

The Pruebas de Competencias Específicas, or PCE, are subject examinations used in specified international admission routes. UNEDasiss permits registration in up to six subjects and recommends at least four for relevant applicants outside the automatic-access systems who seek public-university admission. The useful combination depends on the degree and the university's subject-weighting rules. Mathematics for economics, for example, is not interchangeable with every science subject. Universities publish their own criteria for incorporating these examinations into the admission score; an examination result is not a nationwide admission guarantee.

A public-university tuition example

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid publishes different 2026-27 prices for non-European Union students without qualifying resident status. For a first enrolment of 60 credits, its schedule gives EUR 6,822.60 for degrees including Business Administration and Economics, EUR 7,714.20 for several engineering degrees, and EUR 8,186.40 for Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience. Administrative charges are separate. This is a named Madrid example rather than a Spanish national fee range. Public fees differ by autonomous community, student category, subject and whether credits are being repeated.

Granada as a city-budget example

The University of Granada gives an indicative student living range of EUR 650-850 a month. Its international accommodation guidance describes approximately EUR 300 a month for a room in a shared apartment and notes that property agencies can charge a fee equivalent to one month's rent. These are Granada examples, not equivalent budgets for Madrid or Barcelona. Rent, utilities and agency charges are different items; the first payment can exceed an ordinary month's living costs. University accommodation services provide information and options without making every admission offer a housing allocation.

SPAIN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

PCE subject examinations

Specified foreign-school routes, especially public-university entry

UNEDasiss subject tests can form part of the admission score. The number, subject combination and weighting follow the applicant's route and the admitting university's rules.

unedasiss.uned.es/oferta_asignaturas?idioma=en

DELE Spanish diploma

Programmes requiring Spanish-language evidence

Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera certifies Spanish proficiency. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid accepts relevant certificates for its specified Spanish-language admission routes; this is not an English-programme requirement.

examenes.cervantes.es/es/dele/que-es

SIELE Spanish assessment

Programmes accepting this Spanish-language certificate

The Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española certifies Spanish proficiency. Acceptance and the required result are programme-specific, rather than a universal national entrance test.

siele.org/

English-language evidence

English or bilingual programmes

International English Language Testing System (IELTS), TOEFL or other accepted evidence may be required. Carlos III's foundation-to-degree route specifies English evidence for English-taught degrees; requirements are route-specific.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Official degrees and university awards

RUCT, the Register of Universities, Centres and Degrees, records Spain's universities and official degree qualifications. The three university cycles are grado, máster universitario and doctorado. Universities also offer their own continuing-education qualifications, which have a different legal status from official degrees. Recognition therefore attaches to the particular qualification as well as the institution. Public and private universities both appear in the system. Official degree records distinguish the awarding university, teaching centre and qualification rather than treating a university brand as one uniform product.

Undergraduate access and UNEDasiss

UNEDasiss is an accreditation service for applicants with school qualifications obtained outside the Spanish education system. Participating universities use its services to assess access qualifications and admission scores. The required service depends on the applicant's education system and the receiving university. Some routes also involve homologación, recognition of a qualification as equivalent to a Spanish award, and Pruebas de Competencias Específicas, subject competency examinations. UNEDasiss accreditation establishes information for admission; allocation of a university place remains a separate process.

SPAIN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Spanish Ministry general university grants

Official bachelor's and master's

Support. Eligible tuition credits plus possible income, residence, achievement and variable components, depending on the annual rules.

Eligibility. Academic, household-income and asset tests apply, together with Spanish, EU or qualifying non-EU residence requirements.

Application. Applications are submitted through the Ministry's electronic grant system during the annual call, with household and study information.

Conditions. A non-EU student stay authorisation alone is insufficient under current rules. At private universities, tuition support is capped by the corresponding public price.

Fundación Carolina postgraduate scholarships

Postgraduate programmes in the published catalogue

Support. Coverage is programme-specific and may include part of tuition, living support, travel and medical insurance.

Eligibility. Primarily graduates who are nationals and residents of eligible Latin American countries; some calls include Portugal.

Application. The Foundation's scholarship portal receives programme selections and academic and professional documentation.

Conditions. This is a postgraduate scheme with geographic eligibility limits. Some awards require a student contribution and a commitment to return home.

IE University undergraduate scholarships

Bachelor's

Support. Awards and scholarships are applied toward tuition; amount depends on the award and applicant assessment.

Eligibility. Admitted undergraduate applicants meeting the specific merit, financial-need, nationality or other award criteria.

Application. Admitted applicants submit the IE Financial Aid form, together with award-specific essays and supporting evidence.

Conditions. Awards apply to tuition and do not cover the place-reservation fee. Living costs and the unpaid tuition balance remain outside the award.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Master's

Support. Competitive scholarships can cover participation costs and contribute to living, visa and travel costs.

Eligibility. Applicants worldwide with a qualifying bachelor's degree or final-year status, subject to the joint programme's academic and language requirements.

Application. The joint-master consortium receives admission and scholarship applications directly; a Spanish university forms part of the programme partnership.

Conditions. Joint-master study normally takes place in several countries. The consortium determines the mobility sequence and scholarship allocation for each funded intake.

SPAIN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Complutense University of Madrid

Madrid / Public university

Humanities; Social sciences; Health sciences; Science

Avenida de Séneca 2, Ciudad Universitaria, 28040 Madrid, Spain

www.ucm.es/english

infocom@ucm.es

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Madrid / Public university

Science; Law; Economics; Humanities

Calle Einstein 3, Campus de Cantoblanco, 28049 Madrid, Spain

www.uam.es/

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Getafe / Leganés / Madrid / Public university

Economics; Business; Law; Engineering

Calle Madrid 126, 28903 Getafe, Madrid, Spain

www.uc3m.es/home

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Madrid / Public technical university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Agricultural sciences

Calle Ramiro de Maeztu 7, Ciudad Universitaria, 28040 Madrid, Spain

www.upm.es/

University of Barcelona

Barcelona / Public university

Humanities; Science; Health sciences; Law

Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, 08007 Barcelona, Spain

web.ub.edu/en/

sae@ub.edu

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Bellaterra / Cerdanyola del Vallès / Public university

Science; Humanities; Social sciences; Veterinary medicine

Edifici A, Plaça Acadèmica, 08193 Bellaterra, Cerdanyola del Vallès, Spain

www.uab.cat/

informacio@uab.cat

Pompeu Fabra University

Barcelona / Public university

Economics; Law; Communication; Health sciences

Carrer de la Mercè 12, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

www.upf.edu/en/

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · BarcelonaTech

Barcelona / Public technical university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Applied sciences

Carrer Jordi Girona 31, 08034 Barcelona, Spain

www.upc.edu/en

info@upc.edu

Universitat de València

Valencia / Public university

Humanities; Science; Health sciences; Law

Avenida Blasco Ibáñez 13, 46010 Valencia, Spain

www.uv.es/

Universitat Politècnica de València

Valencia / Public technical university

Engineering; Architecture; Computer science; Fine arts

Camino de Vera s/n, 46022 Valencia, Spain

www.upv.es/

SPAIN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Granada

Granada / Public university

Humanities; Science; Health sciences; Engineering

The University of Granada teaches humanities, sciences, health, engineering and social sciences.

Avenida del Hospicio s/n, 18010 Granada, Spain

www.ugr.es/en

informa@ugr.es

University of Seville

Seville / Public university

Engineering; Humanities; Science; Health sciences

The University of Seville combines engineering, humanities, sciences, health and law across multiple city campuses.

Calle San Fernando 4, 41004 Seville, Spain

www.us.es/

University of Salamanca

Salamanca / Public university

Humanities; Languages; Law; Science

The University of Salamanca provides undergraduate, master's and doctoral education in humanities, languages, law, sciences and health.

Patio de Escuelas 1, 37008 Salamanca, Spain

www.usal.es/

University of Zaragoza

Zaragoza / Public university

Engineering; Science; Health sciences; Law

The University of Zaragoza operates across Zaragoza, Huesca and Teruel.

Calle Pedro Cerbuna 12, 50009 Zaragoza, Spain

www.unizar.es/

ciu@unizar.es

University of Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela / Lugo / Public university

Science; Health sciences; Humanities; Law

The University of Santiago de Compostela has campuses in Santiago and Lugo.

Colexio de San Xerome, Praza do Obradoiro s/n, 15782 Santiago de Compostela, Spain

www.usc.gal/

University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

Leioa / Bilbao / San Sebastián / Vitoria-Gasteiz / Public university

Engineering; Science; Humanities; Social sciences

The University of the Basque Country operates campuses in Álava, Biscay and Gipuzkoa.

Barrio Sarriena s/n, 48940 Leioa, Bizkaia, Spain

www.ehu.eus/en/

University of Navarra

Pamplona / Private Catholic university

Health sciences; Business; Law; Communication

The University of Navarra is a private university with its principal campus in Pamplona.

Campus Universitario, 31009 Pamplona, Navarra, Spain

en.unav.edu/

info@unav.es

University of Deusto

Bilbao / San Sebastián / Private Catholic university

Business; Law; Engineering; Social sciences

The University of Deusto is a private Jesuit university with campuses in Bilbao and San Sebastián.

Avenida de las Universidades 24, 48007 Bilbao, Spain

www.deusto.es/en/home

nuevosestudiantes@deusto.es

IE University

Segovia / Madrid / Private university

Business; Law; International relations; Architecture

IE University teaches in Madrid and Segovia.

Calle Cardenal Zúñiga 12, 40003 Segovia, Spain

www.ie.edu/university/

university@ie.edu

Comillas Pontifical University

Madrid / Private Catholic university

Business; Law; Engineering; Humanities

Comillas Pontifical University is organised around specialist centres including ICAI for engineering and ICADE for business and law.

Calle Alberto Aguilera 23, 28015 Madrid, Spain

www.comillas.edu/en/

SPAIN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Mondragon Unibertsitatea
Arrasate-Mondragón / Private university
www.mondragon.edu/

Universidad a Distancia de Madrid
Madrid / Private university
www.udima.es

Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio
Madrid / Private university
www.uax.es/

Universidad Antonio de Nebrija
Madrid / Private university
www.nebrija.com

Universidad Camilo José Cela
Madrid / Private university
www.ucjc.edu

Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir
Valencia / Private university
www.ucv.es

Universidad Católica de Ávila
Ávila / Private university
www.ucavila.es

Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia
Murcia / Private university
www.ucam.edu

Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera
Valencia / Private university
www.uchceu.es

Universidad CEU San Pablo
Madrid / Private university
www.uspceu.com/

Universidad de Alcalá
Alcalá de Henares / Public university
www.uah.es/

Universidad de Alicante
Alicante / Public university
www.ua.es

Universidad de Almería
Almería / Public university
www.ual.es

Universidad de Burgos
Burgos / Public university
www.ubu.es

Universidad de Cantabria
Santander / Public university
www.unican.es

Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha
Ciudad Real / Public university
www.uclm.es

Universidad de Cádiz
Cádiz / Public university
www.uca.es

Universidad de Córdoba
Córdoba / Public university
www.uco.es

Universidad de Extremadura
Badajoz / Public university
www.unex.es

Universidad de Huelva
Huelva / Public university
www.uhu.es

Universidad de Jaén
Jaén / Public university
www.ujaen.es

Universidad de La Laguna
San Cristóbal de La Laguna / Public university
www.ull.es/

Universidad de La Rioja
Logroño / Public university
www.unirioja.es/

Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria / Public university
www.ulpgc.es

Universidad de León
León / Public university
www.unileon.es

Universidad de Murcia
Murcia / Public university
www.um.es

Universidad de Málaga
Málaga / Public university
www.uma.es

Universidad de Oviedo
Oviedo / Public university
www.uniovi.es

Universidad de Valladolid
Valladolid / Public university
www.uva.es

SPAIN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Universidad Europea de Madrid
Madrid / Private university
universidadeuropea.com/

Universidad Europea Miguel de Cervantes
Valladolid / Private university
www.uemc.es

Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
Madrid / Private university
www.ufv.es

Universidad Internacional de Andalucía
Sevilla / Public university
www.unia.es

Universidad Internacional de La Rioja
Logroño / Private university
www.unir.net/

Universidad Internacional de Valencia
Valencia / Private university
www.universidadviu.com/es/

Universidad internacional Menéndez Pelayo
Madrid / Public university
www.uimp.es

Universidad Loyola Andalucía
Córdoba / Private university
www.uloyola.es

Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche
Elche / Public university
www.umh.es/

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
Madrid / Public university
www.uned.es

Universidad Pablo de Olavide
Sevilla / Public university
www.upo.es

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena
Cartagena / Public university
www.upct.es/

Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
Salamanca / Private university
www.upsa.es

Universidad Pública de Navarra
Pamplona / Public university
www.unavarra.es

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
Madrid / Public university
www.urjc.es

Universidad San Jorge
Zaragoza / Private university
www.usj.es

Universidade da Coruña
A Coruña / Public university
www.udc.es

Universidade de Vigo
Vigo / Public university
www.uvigo.es

Universitat Abat Oliba CEU
Barcelona / Private university
www.uaoceu.es/

Universitat de Girona
Girona / Public university
www.udg.es

Universitat de les Illes Balears
Palma de Mallorca / Public university
www.uib.es

Universitat de Lleida
Lleida / Public university
www.udl.es

Universitat de Vic
Vic / Private university
www.uvic.cat/

Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
Barcelona / Private university
www.uic.es/

Universitat Jaume I
Castellón / Public university
www.uji.es

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
Barcelona / Private university
www.uoc.es

Universitat Ramon Llull
Barcelona / Private university
www.url.es

Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Tarragona / Public university
www.urv.cat

STUDY IN HUNGARY

Hungary

English-taught degrees, research cities and competitive scholarship routes



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Hungary offers international programmes in medicine, engineering, computing, business, sciences and the arts. Budapest and regional university cities differ in housing costs and scale. Entry assessments and programme language are determined by the university and the course.

ELTE COMPUTING EXAMPLE / YEAR

EUR 6,400

Approx. US$ 7,270

Two semesters at the published EUR 3,200 semester fee for ELTE's English-taught Computer Science BSc. Application fees and living expenses are additional.

PLANNING SCENARIO / MONTH

HUF 200,000-300,000

Approx. US$ 620-930

Editorial shared-housing scenario. The national calculator lists shared-flat costs of HUF 80,000-140,000 including utilities; food, transport and personal costs complete the budget.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 3-4 years.
Master's: usually 1-2 years.
General medicine: 6 years.

Fields of study

Medicine, engineering, computing, business, agriculture, sciences, music and design.

Academic entry

Relevant school qualifications or prior degrees, language evidence and programme selection establish eligibility. An entrance test or interview may be part of the assessment.

Funding is competitive

Stipendium Hungaricum eligibility depends on the sending partner, degree and available programme. Its living contribution is not a promise to meet every expense.

HUNGARY / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Education, entry and student life

The structure of study, the application route and the practical decisions behind it.

A course-specific choice

English-taught degrees include general academic subjects and professional programmes. Bachelor's and master's routes coexist with undivided degrees, such as medicine. A foundation or preparatory course can develop language or subject knowledge, but progression conditions belong to that programme; it should not be treated as an unconditional degree offer.

Entry tests and interviews

International admission is handled through the chosen university or a scholarship route. Faculties may assess mathematics, biology, chemistry, English or other relevant preparation. Tests can be followed by an interview. There is no single test score that secures admission across all Hungarian institutions and subjects.

A concrete computing example

ELTE's English Computer Science BSc lasts six semesters. The published tuition is EUR 3,200 per semester, plus a separate application fee. Its admission process includes an assessment and interview. The example shows why a family needs the degree length, per-semester fee and admission charges together: a semester price alone is not an annual budget.

Medicine and professional recognition

English-medium medical teaching does not remove the need to communicate with patients during clinical training. The destination programme, clinical exposure, internship and registration route all matter. Indian applicants also need to satisfy the National Medical Commission's foreign-medical-graduate requirements; the medicine chapter explains why admission abroad and eligibility to practise in India are separate decisions.

Budapest or a regional city

The national living-cost calculator distinguishes Budapest from Debrecen, Győr, Miskolc, Pécs and Szeged. Its shared-flat examples range from HUF 80,000 to 140,000 monthly including utilities. The wider monthly scenario in this chapter adds routine living expenditure; a private flat or a high-spending lifestyle changes the total.

How Stipendium Hungaricum works

Applicants select eligible programmes under the arrangements with their sending partner. Partner nomination and host-university assessment are separate parts of the process. Published benefits include tuition support, a stipend, accommodation support and health coverage. The award is competitive, and its financial contributions may not cover the recipient's complete living budget.

From selection to enrolment

An offer can remain conditional on final documents, fee payment or other requirements. Immigration approval, insurance and accommodation arrangements follow their own processes. University orientation and student support help with academic registration and settling in; language learning can also make daily life and professional placements easier.

HUNGARY / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Stipendium Hungaricum

ELIGIBLE DEGREE / NON-DEGREE ROUTES

Support. Published benefits include tuition support, a stipend, accommodation contribution and health coverage.

Eligibility. Available fields and degree levels depend on the sending partner and programme agreement.

Application. Applicants use the scheme's portal and meet sending-partner nomination requirements where applicable.

Conditions. Award contributions do not necessarily cover all living expenses. Future calls set their own dates and terms.

Bilateral State Scholarships

STUDY / RESEARCH / SUMMER COURSES

Support. Support is offered through particular bilateral or country-specific calls.

Eligibility. Nationality, previous study and activity type determine the applicable route.

Application. Applications follow Tempus Public Foundation and any relevant home-country nomination process.

Conditions. Full-degree, partial-study and research opportunities have different conditions; availability is not uniform across countries.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

MASTER'S

Support. Selected joint master's programmes offer competitive scholarships towards participation and living costs.

Eligibility. Applicants normally hold a bachelor's degree or are completing one before the programme begins.

Application. Applications go to the individual consortium, which publishes its own selection process.

Conditions. An award applies to a named joint programme and its mobility plan, not to every master's course in the country.

THE AWARD AND THE BUDGET

Fee reduction

A tuition waiver reduces the university bill. It does not automatically pay rent, insurance or travel.

Maintenance support

A stipend contributes to living costs. Its amount, payment dates and renewal conditions affect the budget.

Remaining contribution

Total costs less confirmed support give the amount still to fund. A pending award is not confirmed income.

HUNGARY / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Eötvös Loránd University

Budapest / University / QS 2027: =595

Computing; Sciences; Humanities; Psychology

A university with programmes in sciences, computing, law, education and humanities, including English-taught degree options.

Egyetem tér 1-3, 1053 Budapest, Hungary

www.elte.hu/

University of Szeged

Szeged / University

Medicine; Sciences; Engineering; Humanities

A broad university with degree programmes across health, science, arts and professional fields.

Dugonics tér 13, 6720 Szeged, Hungary

www.u-szeged.hu/

University of Debrecen

Debrecen / University

Medicine; Engineering; Agriculture; Business

A multi-faculty university with international programmes in health, engineering, business, science and agriculture.

Egyetem tér 1, 4032 Debrecen, Hungary

www.unideb.hu/

University of Pécs

Pécs / University / QS 2027: 791-800

Medicine; Business; Engineering; Arts

A university offering international study across professional, scientific and creative disciplines.

Vasvári Pál utca 4, 7622 Pécs, Hungary

www.pte.hu/

Budapest University of Technology and Economics

Budapest / University / QS 2027: 751-760

Engineering; Architecture; Computing; Economics

A technical university with engineering, architecture, computing and economic programmes, including international study routes.

Műegyetem rakpart 3, 1111 Budapest, Hungary

www.bme.hu/

Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest / University

Business; Economics; Management; Social sciences

A university specialising in business, economics and social sciences, with Hungarian- and English-taught programmes.

Fővám tér 8, 1093 Budapest, Hungary

www.uni-corvinus.hu/

Further study options

Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Gödöllő / multiple campuses / University
www.uni-mate.hu/

Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music
Budapest / Music university
www.lfze.hu/

Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design
Budapest / Art and design university
www.mome.hu/

Semmelweis University
Budapest / Medical university
www.semmelweis.hu/

Széchenyi István University
Győr / University
www.sze.hu/

University of Miskolc
Miskolc / University
www.uni-miskolc.hu/

University of Pannonia
Veszprém / University
www.uni-pannon.hu/

Óbuda University
Budapest / Technical university
www.uni-obuda.hu/

STUDY IN BELGIUM

Belgium

Research universities, applied degrees and a multilingual academic setting



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Belgium offers Dutch- and French-speaking education systems alongside English-taught degrees. Brussels, Leuven, Ghent, Antwerp and the French-speaking university cities provide distinct settings; the teaching language and awarding institution matter more than the country label.

FLANDERS NON-EEA TUITION / YEAR

EUR 5,300-12,000

Approx. US$ 6,020-13,630

Study in Flanders guide for 2026/27, based on 60 credits. Arts and specialist programmes may cost more; French-speaking institutions set separate terms.

FLANDERS STUDENT BUDGET / MONTH

EUR 800-1,000

Approx. US$ 910-1,140

The regional study portal's estimate includes housing and routine living costs. Initial deposits, flights and individual needs can increase the budget.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 3 years.
Master's: usually 1-2 years.
Medicine: normally 6 years before specialisation.

Fields of study

Engineering, biosciences, business, European studies, public health and the arts.

Academic entry

A qualifying school diploma or relevant prior degree, subject preparation and proof of the teaching language establish eligibility.

Two systems, different routes

An academic bachelor's normally leads towards a master's. A professional bachelor's can require a bridging programme before academic postgraduate entry.

BELGIUM / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Education, entry and student life

The structure of study, the application route and the practical decisions behind it.

Academic or professional study

In Flanders, universities offer academic degrees built around theory and research. Universities of applied sciences and arts emphasise professional practice, often including a placement. Most bachelor's degrees carry 180 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System credits; nursing is a notable four-year exception. A professional bachelor's and an academic bachelor's do not always provide the same direct access to a master's.

Language shapes the shortlist

Dutch remains the language of many undergraduate courses in Flanders, while French predominates in the French-speaking system. English-taught options are more numerous at master's level. The language of a university's website does not establish the language of a degree, its examinations or a clinical placement.

Admission and selection

Institutions evaluate foreign diplomas and the preparation required for the chosen programme. Language certificates, mathematics evidence, portfolios or interviews may be requested. Medicine and dentistry have specific entry arrangements; arts programmes may use an artistic admission assessment. There is no single examination that replaces every institution's admission requirements.

The academic year

Most programmes begin in September. Courses commonly run over two semesters, with examination periods and a later resit period. A small number allow a February start. A student changing disciplines may need a preparatory or bridging programme, which changes both the duration and the total cost.

Housing and early expenses

A student room, often called a kot, can involve a deposit and a contract running beyond teaching weeks. Utilities, internet and shared facilities vary by lease. The regional monthly estimate is useful for comparison, but a Brussels private-rental budget can differ from a university residence elsewhere. Deposits require cash before they become recoverable at the end of a tenancy.

From offer to arrival

For students who need a long-stay study visa, admission and immigration are separate processes. Financial evidence, insurance and supporting documents follow the applicable consular requirements. University international offices explain enrolment and local registration. Accommodation, arrival arrangements and access to healthcare belong in the preparation budget.

Choosing a funded place

The Master Mind scheme is tied to participating Flemish institutions and a competitive nomination. French-speaking Belgium has different funding programmes. A fee reduction is distinct from a monthly living allowance; award duration, progression requirements and eligible nationalities determine its actual value.

BELGIUM / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Master Mind Scholarships

MASTER'S

Support. The 2026/27 scheme provides EUR 10,225 per academic year and a tuition waiver. A host may still charge EUR 136.50 at the stated 2026/27 rate.

Eligibility. Outstanding international applicants to participating Flemish master's programmes; detailed academic and language conditions apply.

Application. The host institution selects and nominates candidates.

Conditions. The 2026/27 call has closed; 2027/28 terms are under review. The earlier amount is a reference, not a promised future award.

University research positions

DOCTORAL / RESEARCH

Support. Advertised doctoral positions may provide employment or a funded research appointment.

Eligibility. Applicants need the required degree and a research profile matching the project.

Application. Applications follow the university vacancy and doctoral-school process.

Conditions. Funding attaches to the position and contract; admission to doctoral study alone does not establish a salary.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

MASTER'S

Support. Selected joint master's programmes offer competitive scholarships towards participation and living costs.

Eligibility. Applicants normally hold a bachelor's degree or are completing one before the programme begins.

Application. Applications go to the individual consortium, which publishes its own selection process.

Conditions. An award applies to a named joint programme and its mobility plan, not to every master's course in the country.

THE AWARD AND THE BUDGET

Fee reduction

A tuition waiver reduces the university bill. It does not automatically pay rent, insurance or travel.

Maintenance support

A stipend contributes to living costs. Its amount, payment dates and renewal conditions affect the budget.

Remaining contribution

Total costs less confirmed support give the amount still to fund. A pending award is not confirmed income.

BELGIUM / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

KU Leuven

Leuven / University / QS 2027: 59

Engineering; Business; Humanities; Health sciences

A research university with campuses across Flanders and Brussels.

Oude Markt 13, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

www.kuleuven.be/

Ghent University

Ghent / University

Bioscience; Engineering; Medicine; Social sciences

A research university whose academic faculties span sciences, humanities, engineering and health.

Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

www.ugent.be/

UCLouvain

Louvain-la-Neuve / University

Business; Engineering; Health; Humanities

A French-speaking research university operating across several campuses.

Place de l'Université 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

www.uclouvain.be/

Université libre de Bruxelles

Brussels / University

Sciences; Law; Economics; Public health

A French-speaking university in Brussels with teaching and research across professional, scientific and humanities disciplines.

Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 50, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

www.ulb.be/

University of Antwerp

Antwerp / University

Business; Sciences; Law; Health sciences

A research university with city and suburban campuses.

Prinsstraat 13, 2000 Antwerp, Belgium

www.uantwerpen.be/

Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Brussels / University

Engineering; Business; Social sciences; Sciences

A Dutch-speaking research university in Brussels with English-taught programmes and international research pathways.

Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

www.vub.be/

Further study options

Artevelde University of Applied Sciences
Ghent / Applied sciences
www.artevelde-uas.be/

Hasselt University
Hasselt / University
www.uhasselt.be/

Howest University of Applied Sciences
Bruges / Kortrijk / Applied sciences
www.howest.be/

Karel de Grote University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Antwerp / Applied sciences and arts
www.kdg.be/

Thomas More University of Applied Sciences
Mechelen / multiple campuses / Applied sciences
www.thomasmore.be/

University of Liège
Liège / University
www.uliege.be/

University of Mons
Mons / University
www.umons.ac.be/

University of Namur
Namur / University
www.unamur.be/

STUDY IN DENMARK

Denmark

Research, design and applied learning in a Nordic setting



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Danish higher education combines research universities with professional and artistic institutions. English-taught master's degrees are well established; undergraduate availability depends on the institution and field. Group projects and independent study feature prominently in many programmes.

NON-EU TUITION GUIDE / YEAR

EUR 6,000-16,000

Approx. US$ 6,810-18,170

National study-portal guide, printed October 2025, for fee-paying full-degree students. Published in euros; invoices may use Danish kroner. Specialist programmes can cost more.

PLANNING BUDGET / MONTH

DKK 8,500-13,700

Approx. US$ 1,290-2,080

Rounded total of the national portal's sample monthly categories: housing, food, insurance, books, transport and personal expenses. Initial deposits are additional.

Typical degree length

University bachelor's: usually 3 years. Professional bachelor's: commonly 3-4½ years. Master's duration depends on the programme and intake.

Fields of study

Engineering, energy, life sciences, design, architecture, business and computing.

Academic entry

Foreign qualifications, subject levels and language evidence are assessed for each programme. Specialist courses may require a portfolio or admission assessment.

Fees and student status

EU/EEA and Swiss students generally have different tuition rules from other international applicants. Residence-based exemptions have specific conditions.

DENMARK / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Education, entry and student life

The structure of study, the application route and the practical decisions behind it.

Research and professional degrees

Universities combine disciplinary study with research; university colleges focus on professional practice. Business academies and arts institutions offer other specialised routes. The award title, qualification level and opportunities to progress into a master's matter when comparing these sectors. Similar subject names can lead to different degrees and learning experiences.

Finding a programme in English

English-taught provision is particularly strong in postgraduate study. A university can have many English master's degrees while teaching most of its bachelor's degrees in Danish. Clinical, school-based or other professional placements may require local-language competence even where some academic modules are in English.

Entry requirements and applications

Bachelor's applicants need an accepted upper-secondary qualification and the required subject levels. Programme requirements can specify mathematics and science preparation, as well as English or Danish. Some courses use additional selection criteria. Master's applications are assessed by the institution against the academic content and credits of the previous degree; an unrelated bachelor's does not automatically qualify.

Study duration is changing

Three-year university bachelor's degrees remain a common structure. Denmark is reforming parts of its master's provision, including shorter and work-integrated formats alongside two-year programmes. The published curriculum for the intended intake establishes the duration, workload and structure. A professional bachelor's may also have a different progression route from an academic bachelor's.

How the classroom works

Project work can combine group assignments, presentations and substantial independent reading. At Aalborg University, problem-based learning is a central teaching model. Students need to manage shared deadlines and explain their own contribution. A placement or company project is a learning component with its own assessment; it is not an employment guarantee.

Housing and first-month cash

Rent is only part of the initial outlay. A deposit, prepaid rent, transport and household essentials can make arrival much more expensive than a routine month. The national portal's sample budget includes personal expenditure as well as essentials. Copenhagen housing can be particularly competitive; residence offers and private contracts have different payment terms.

Funding and doctoral study

Government scholarships for eligible non-EU applicants are administered by universities and may cover tuition, living expenses or both. Awards are limited. Doctoral opportunities often follow a vacancy-based recruitment process. Danish student support, called SU, has nationality or equal-status conditions and is not an automatic entitlement for an overseas student.

DENMARK / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Danish government scholarships

SELECTED FULL-DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Support. Universities may award full or partial tuition waivers and/or living grants.

Eligibility. Highly qualified eligible non-EU/EEA applicants; residence and programme conditions apply.

Application. Each university administers its own selection and award process.

Conditions. Places are limited. The tuition and living components may differ between awards.

University doctoral vacancies

DOCTORAL

Support. Funded appointments advertised by universities may combine research training with a salary.

Eligibility. Academic qualifications and research experience must match the project and faculty requirements.

Application. Candidates apply to a specific advertised vacancy.

Conditions. Salary, duration, duties and admission conditions follow the appointment, not a general national scholarship.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

MASTER'S

Support. Selected joint master's programmes offer competitive scholarships towards participation and living costs.

Eligibility. Applicants normally hold a bachelor's degree or are completing one before the programme begins.

Application. Applications go to the individual consortium, which publishes its own selection process.

Conditions. An award applies to a named joint programme and its mobility plan, not to every master's course in the country.

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DENMARK / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Copenhagen

Copenhagen / University / QS 2027: =90

Sciences; Health; Humanities; Social sciences

A research university spanning health, science, humanities, law, theology and social sciences.

Nørregade 10, 1165 Copenhagen K, Denmark

www.ku.dk/

Aarhus University

Aarhus / University

Business; Sciences; Arts; Engineering

A research university offering programmes across humanities, business, health, natural sciences and technical sciences.

Nordre Ringgade 1, 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark

www.au.dk/

Technical University of Denmark

Kongens Lyngby / University

Engineering; Biotechnology; Computing; Energy

A technical university with engineering education and research.

Anker Engelunds Vej 1, 2800 Kongens Lyngby, Denmark

www.dtu.dk/

University of Southern Denmark

Odense / University

Engineering; Business; Health; Sciences

A multi-campus university with research and teaching across engineering, business, health, humanities and science.

Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense M, Denmark

www.sdu.dk/

Aalborg University

Aalborg / University

Engineering; Computing; Social sciences; Health

A university known for problem-based project work alongside disciplinary teaching, with programmes on several Danish campuses.

Fredrik Bajers Vej 7K, 9220 Aalborg East, Denmark

www.aau.dk/

Copenhagen Business School

Frederiksberg / University

Business; Economics; Management; Social sciences

A specialist business university combining management and economics with related social sciences.

Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark

www.cbs.dk/

Further study options

Aarhus School of Architecture
Aarhus / Architecture school
www.aarch.dk/

IT University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen / University
www.itu.dk/

Roskilde University
Roskilde / University
www.ruc.dk/

Royal Danish Academy
Copenhagen / Arts and design academy
www.royaldanishacademy.com/

UCL University College
Odense / Vejle / University college
www.ucl.dk/

University College of Northern Denmark
Aalborg / University college
www.ucn.dk/

University College South Denmark
Haderslev / multiple campuses / University college
www.ucsyd.dk/

VIA University College
Aarhus / multiple campuses / University college
www.via.dk/

STUDY IN AUSTRIA

Austria

Research universities, applied study and specialist arts.



Main building, University of Vienna / Leonhard Lenz / CC0 1.0 / cropped

Austria combines broad public universities with technical, medical, arts and applied-science institutions. German remains important, particularly for undergraduate study. Qualification equivalence, programme language and any selection procedure determine the entry route.

PUBLIC TUITION EXAMPLE / YEAR

EUR 1,453.44

Approx. US$ 1,650

Two semesters at EUR 726.72 for many third-country student-permit holders. Status exemptions apply. The Austrian Students' Union contribution (currently EUR 26.20/semester) is extra.

OEAD GUIDE / MONTH

EUR 1,300

Approx. US$ 1,480

OeAD, Austria's agency for education and internationalisation, gives this approximate guide. City and rent affect the total; travel and initial setup are additional.

Typical degree length

Bachelor’s commonly 3 years; master’s commonly 2. Diploma, professional and continuing-education routes can differ.

Fields of study

Engineering; natural sciences; business; environmental studies; music and arts.

Academic entry

Institutions assess foreign qualifications, subject preparation and language evidence. Some programmes have an examination or audition; residence permission is a separate decision.

Language and preparation

A preparation period adds study time, accommodation and other costs before the degree. Housing deposits and the interval before funding starts affect the initial cash requirement.

AUSTRIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Degrees and admission routes

Identify the institution type, qualification and teaching language before planning an application.

Qualifications and institutional choices

Austria combines public research universities, specialist arts universities, universities of applied sciences, private institutions and university colleges of teacher education. The usual first degree is a bachelor's, commonly three years and at least 180 ECTS credits. A relevant master's commonly adds two years; diploma programmes retain longer integrated structures in some subjects. Doctoral education centres on independent research. Compare the actual award and curriculum, particularly for professional or continuing-education programmes. A course marketed with a familiar degree title may have different entry requirements, duration and professional uses.

Foreign qualifications and applications

Applications go to the chosen institution rather than to OeAD. For undergraduate entry, the institution assesses the secondary qualification and any subject-specific requirements. Master's admission normally requires a relevant first degree, with the previous curriculum considered alongside its level. Prepare certificates, transcripts and required translations or legalisation in the precise form requested. A university of applied sciences may also consider a relevant vocational qualification for bachelor's entry. Programme selection deadlines can precede general enrolment dates, so build the timetable from the course's own current instructions.

Teaching language and preparation

German remains central to Austrian higher education, although English-language options are particularly important at postgraduate level. Requirements are set by each institution and programme. At the University of Vienna, German-taught bachelor's and diploma applicants generally need A2 evidence when applying and C1 for admission to regular study. An approved university preparation programme can help applicants meet prescribed supplementary requirements, but it is not automatic degree admission. English-taught programmes have their own evidence rules; check accepted certificates, minimum results and exemptions before paying for a language examination.

Selection tests and artistic assessment

There is no single entrance examination governing every Austrian degree. Universities may use selection procedures in subjects such as psychology, business or computer science; universities of applied sciences use programme-specific admission processes that may combine documents, tests and interviews. Human medicine at the public medical universities in Vienna, Graz and Innsbruck and at JKU Linz uses MedAT; dentistry has the relevant MedAT route where offered. The test and official preparation materials are in German. Arts institutions assess artistic aptitude, so portfolios, auditions and their registration dates need separate attention.

AUSTRIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Costs and the study experience

Build the budget around the actual programme and city, then plan academic and residence requirements separately.

Tuition and a realistic budget

For many third-country students holding a Residence Permit Student, public-university tuition is generally EUR 726.72 per semester. EU/EEA students and equivalent-status groups normally pay no tuition within the standard duration plus two tolerance semesters; later fees and exemptions follow the applicable rules. All students also pay the compulsory student-union contribution, currently EUR 26.20 per semester. Universities of applied sciences and private providers set different fees. OeAD's current living-cost guide is about EUR 1,300 monthly. Treat these as figures checked in September 2026, not fixed prices for every 2027 intake.

Housing needs its own application

Admission does not normally include an allocated room. Students arrange accommodation through residence providers, shared flats or private rentals, and the appropriate option depends on the teaching location as well as the city. OeAD's guide uses approximately EUR 450-700 monthly for accommodation, with local and contractual variation. Compare furnished and unfurnished offers and identify what the rent includes. Before committing, establish the deposit, booking period, cancellation terms and commute. Budget separately for arrival costs and temporary accommodation if the tenancy begins after travel or an early entrance examination.

Credits assessment and independent work

ECTS credits represent total academic workload, including classes, preparation, assignments and examinations. In Austria one credit corresponds to 25 hours of work; a full-time semester commonly comprises around 30 credits. At the University of Vienna, the grading scale runs from 1, the strongest result, to 5, a failure; 4 is the minimum passing grade. Course and examination registration have their own deadlines, and continuous-assessment seminars may require attendance. Read the curriculum and course catalogue before choosing modules, especially where prerequisites, laboratory places or thesis preparation affect progression.

Recognition and residence are separate

An Austrian admission offer does not itself establish a right to enter, reside or work in the country. Third-country students planning a stay beyond six months generally need the relevant residence permission, supported by financial, accommodation and insurance evidence. EU/EEA applicants follow a different route. Recognition also depends on purpose: entry to further study, professional licensing and an employer's assessment are separate questions. Before choosing a regulated profession, check requirements with the authority where you intend to practise. An accredited programme or a student residence permit does not promise professional registration or permanent settlement.

AUSTRIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

MedAT

Public human-medicine entry at Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck and JKU Linz; dentistry where offered.

Programme-specific medical admission test, with instructions and official preparation material in German. Registration, test location, ranking and applicable allocation rules must be checked for the intended intake.

www.medizinstudieren.at/en/

German language certificates and supplementary examination

German-taught programmes according to the receiving institution.

Accepted certificates and required levels vary. University of Vienna bachelor's and diploma entry illustrates the distinction between A2 at application and C1 for regular admission; an approved preparation route may lead to the prescribed supplementary examination.

studieren.univie.ac.at/en/applying-for-a-programme/language-proficiency/german-language-proficiency

Institutional tests interviews and auditions

Selected university programmes, universities of applied sciences and arts institutions.

Selection may involve a written or oral test, interview, portfolio or artistic audition. There is no single national score accepted as a substitute for every provider's procedure.

studyinaustria.at/en/plan-your-studies/application-and-admission

Working while studying

Under the current rules, a third-country holder of a Residence Permit Student can obtain an employment permit for up to 20 hours weekly without a labour-market test. The employer must obtain the permit before the job starts, including for marginal employment. Do not treat the residence card alone as permission to begin paid work or assume a job will finance the initial move. Eligible graduates can apply for a twelve-month extension to seek work or start a business, subject to the current requirements.

Check recognition for the intended profession

ENIC NARIC Austria provides information and evaluation of foreign higher-education qualifications. Its evaluation for professional purposes helps explain a qualification in the Austrian labour market; it is not itself formal professional recognition. Academic admission decisions remain with the receiving institution, while regulated professions can require a separate process with the competent authority. Students intending to return abroad should also check the Austrian qualification with the destination country's recognition body before enrolling, particularly for clinical, teaching and other licensed occupations.

AUSTRIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

TU Graz High Potentials scholarships

Selected bachelor's and master's entrants at TU Graz

Support. Up to EUR 8,800 for bachelor's students or EUR 17,600 for master's students over up to two years, under the current published scheme.

Eligibility. Strong academic results; applicants from Austria and abroad. Individual sponsor awards specify eligible programmes and additional conditions.

Application. Apply through the relevant bachelor's or master's scholarship procedure. The published winter-2027 windows are 15 October 2026-15 February 2027 for master's and 5 May-7 July 2027 for bachelor's; recheck before applying.

Conditions. Competitive and separate from admission. Maximum amounts cover up to two years, not each year. Formerly called TU Graz 100; older pages quote lower amounts.

ISTA funded PhD employment

Doctoral research at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria

Support. Employment salary, full social-security coverage and research-conference support; no tuition or PhD application fee. Published 2026 gross salaries range from EUR 3,053 to EUR 3,673 monthly, paid 14 times yearly, depending on entry qualification and progress.

Eligibility. Applicants with a relevant science bachelor's or master's degree; international selection assesses research potential and programme fit.

Application. Apply to ISTA's graduate-school call with the specified academic records, statement and references; shortlisted candidates complete the selection process.

Conditions. A salaried doctoral route rather than an undergraduate scholarship. Employment and continued support depend on the programme's conditions and satisfactory progress. Visa and relocation expenses are not covered.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters scholarships

Participating international joint master's programmes with an Austrian study component

Support. Selected scholarships cover participation costs and contribute towards travel, visa costs and living expenses.

Eligibility. Applicants worldwide with a bachelor's degree or recognised equivalent; final-year students must graduate before the programme begins. Subject and language criteria are consortium-specific.

Application. Apply directly to the chosen consortium, using the European Commission catalogue to check the current universities, study locations and scholarship round.

Conditions. Only listed participating programmes qualify. Study normally spans multiple countries; this is not a general scholarship for any Austrian master's. Admission and scholarship selection may have different outcomes.

Ernst Mach Grant for study at an Austrian university of applied sciences

Temporary bachelor's or master's exchange study

Support. Maintenance support for a study stay of four to ten months under the relevant call; check the current grant rate and any travel provisions.

Eligibility. Students enrolled at universities in the call's eligible countries; bachelor's applicants must have completed at least four semesters. The published 2026/27 call sets a maximum age of 35 and requires acceptance by an Austrian UAS as an exchange scholar.

Application. Secure the host institution's support, then submit the OeAD scholarship application with the required academic evidence and recommendations.

Conditions. This is an exchange grant, not funding for a complete Austrian degree. The reviewed 2026/27 application deadline has passed; consult the next published call rather than assuming identical 2027/28 terms.

AUSTRIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Vienna

Vienna / Public university / QS 2027: =140

Humanities; Natural sciences; Law; Social sciences

Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna, Austria

www.univie.ac.at/

TU Wien

Vienna / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Mathematics

Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna, Austria

www.tuwien.at/

BOKU University

Vienna / Public university

Agriculture; Biotechnology; Environmental sciences; Forestry

Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Vienna, Austria

boku.ac.at/

studienservices@boku.ac.at

WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

Vienna / Public university

Business; Economics; Finance; Business law

Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria

www.wu.ac.at/

studienzulassung@wu.ac.at

University of Graz

Graz / Public university

Humanities; Natural sciences; Law; Social sciences

Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, Austria

www.uni-graz.at/

welcome@uni-graz.at

Graz University of Technology

Graz / Public university

Engineering; Computer science; Architecture; Biotechnology

Rechbauerstraße 12, 8010 Graz, Austria

www.tugraz.at/

study@tugraz.at

University of Innsbruck

Innsbruck / Public university

Physics; Computer science; Humanities; Business

Innrain 52, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

www.uibk.ac.at/

studienabteilung@uibk.ac.at

Johannes Kepler University Linz

Linz / Public university

Engineering; Natural sciences; Law; Business

Altenberger Straße 69, 4040 Linz, Austria

www.jku.at/

admission@jku.at

Paris Lodron University of Salzburg

Salzburg / Public university

Humanities; Law; Digital sciences; Natural sciences

Kapitelgasse 4-6, 5020 Salzburg, Austria

www.plus.ac.at/

studium@plus.ac.at

Montanuniversität Leoben

Leoben / Public university

Materials science; Mining; Metallurgy; Energy

Franz Josef-Straße 18, 8700 Leoben, Austria

www.unileoben.ac.at/

ssc@unileoben.ac.at

AUSTRIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Academy of Fine Arts Vienna
Vienna / Public arts university
www.akbild.ac.at/

Central European University
Vienna / Private university
www.ceu.edu/

FH JOANNEUM
Graz / Kapfenberg / Bad Gleichenberg / University of applied sciences
www.fh-joanneum.at/

Hochschule Campus Wien
Vienna / University of applied sciences
www.hcw.ac.at/

IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences
Krems an der Donau / University of applied sciences
www.imc.ac.at/

MCI The Entrepreneurial School
Innsbruck / University of applied sciences
www.mci.edu/

mdw University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna
Vienna / Public arts university
www.mdw.ac.at/

Medical University of Graz
Graz / Public medical university
www.medunigraz.at/en/

Medical University of Innsbruck
Innsbruck / Public medical university
www.i-med.ac.at/

Medical University of Vienna
Vienna / Public medical university
www.meduniwien.ac.at/

Mozarteum University Salzburg
Salzburg / Public arts university
www.moz.ac.at/

Salzburg University of Applied Sciences
Puch / Kuchl / Salzburg / Schwarzach / University of applied sciences
www.fh-salzburg.ac.at/

UAS Technikum Wien
Vienna / University of applied sciences
www.technikum-wien.at/

University for Continuing Education Krems
Krems an der Donau / Public university specialising in continuing education
www.donau-uni.ac.at/

University of Applied Arts Vienna
Vienna / Public arts university
www.dieangewandte.at/

University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria
Wels / Hagenberg / Linz / Steyr / University of applied sciences
www.fh-ooe.at/

University of Arts Linz
Linz / Public arts university
www.kunstuni-linz.at/

University of Klagenfurt
Klagenfurt am Wörthersee / Public university
www.aau.at/

University of Music and Performing Arts Graz
Graz / Oberschützen / Public arts university
www.kug.ac.at/

University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna
Vienna / Public veterinary university
www.vetmeduni.ac.at/

STUDY IN PORTUGAL

Portugal

University and polytechnic routes with distinct international fee schedules



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Portugal combines research universities and practice-oriented polytechnics, with public and private provision. Lisbon, Porto, Coimbra and smaller university cities offer different costs and settings. Portuguese remains important in undergraduate study, while selected programmes are taught in English.

COIMBRA COURSE EXAMPLE / YEAR

EUR 7,000

Approx. US$ 7,950

Published international annual fee for Coimbra's bachelor's in Informatics Engineering. This is a Portuguese-taught course example, not a national or all-subject tariff.

SHARED-HOUSING SCENARIO / MONTH

EUR 700-1,100

Approx. US$ 790-1,250

Editorial planning scenario using national-portal housing, food and transport categories plus personal costs. Private housing in Lisbon or Porto can exceed this allowance.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 3-4 years.
Master's: usually 1½-2 years.
Integrated master's: 5-6 years.

Fields of study

Engineering, computing, business, marine sciences, architecture, tourism and humanities.

Academic entry

International applicants follow the institution's applicable admission route. Prior qualifications, entrance-subject evidence and course language determine eligibility.

International tuition

The lower regulated public tuition figure for national or equivalent students should not be assumed to apply to a new non-EU international applicant.

PORTUGAL / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Education, entry and student life

The structure of study, the application route and the practical decisions behind it.

Universities and polytechnics

Both sectors form part of Portugal's higher-education system. Universities generally emphasise research and academic disciplines; polytechnics emphasise applied and professional study. Public and private institutions exist in both sectors. The national quality-assurance agency, A3ES, evaluates institutions and programmes. The precise accredited course and campus establish what qualification is awarded.

Degrees and progression

A bachelor's normally carries 180-240 credits over three or four years. Master's courses commonly take one and a half to two years, with some shorter exceptions. Certain professional programmes use an integrated five- or six-year master's structure. A technical professional higher course, or TeSP, is a shorter qualification and should not be presented as a bachelor's.

International admission

The international-student regime has specific nationality and residence rules. Institutions organise their own applications, available places and assessment of school qualifications. Subject examinations or accepted equivalent evidence may be required. The relevant public call identifies how foreign examination results are treated and whether additional tests are necessary.

The language of a course

A course page in English is not proof of English delivery. Coimbra's Informatics Engineering bachelor's, for example, lists Portuguese as the teaching language while allowing some assessment in English. Language requirements also affect internships and regulated professions. English-taught master's degrees can provide alternatives for students who already hold a relevant undergraduate qualification.

Understanding the price

International fees are set by the institution and programme. The annual public fee cap applicable to national or equivalent students does not represent the normal international tariff. Medicine, management programmes and other specialist courses may have separate prices. Published instalment arrangements also determine how much cash is needed before enrolment.

Housing and daily life

The national study portal distinguishes university residences, shared rooms and private apartments. A shared room is quoted at EUR 250-650 monthly, while a private apartment can cost substantially more. Food and transport add to the total. The chapter's monthly range is a constructed shared-housing budget; it is not a guaranteed cost for every Portuguese city.

Funding and research

Institutional merit schemes, subject-specific foundations and competitive research calls are distinct funding sources. Erasmus Mundus awards belong to particular joint master's programmes. Doctoral research funding may come through the Foundation for Science and Technology, known as FCT, or a project vacancy. A general study offer does not itself include funding.

PORTUGAL / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

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MASTER'S

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Application. Applications go to the individual consortium, which publishes its own selection process.

Conditions. An award applies to a named joint programme and its mobility plan, not to every master's course in the country.

Camões language and culture support

LANGUAGE / CULTURE / RESEARCH

Support. Selected schemes support Portuguese-language and cultural study or related research.

Eligibility. Eligibility depends on the particular programme and applicant category.

Application. Applications follow Camões' published scholarship announcements.

Conditions. These targeted awards should not be read as funding for any degree in Portugal.

FCT doctoral scholarships

DOCTORAL

Support. Competitive research scholarships support approved doctoral training under the applicable call.

Eligibility. Applicants must satisfy the call's academic, residency and research-plan conditions.

Application. Applications follow the Foundation for Science and Technology's published competition.

Conditions. This is research funding, not a general bachelor's tuition discount. Award terms and selection criteria are call-specific.

THE AWARD AND THE BUDGET

Fee reduction

A tuition waiver reduces the university bill. It does not automatically pay rent, insurance or travel.

Maintenance support

A stipend contributes to living costs. Its amount, payment dates and renewal conditions affect the budget.

Remaining contribution

Total costs less confirmed support give the amount still to fund. A pending award is not confirmed income.

PORTUGAL / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Lisbon

Lisbon / University / QS 2027: =237

Engineering; Sciences; Architecture; Humanities

A large public university formed from multiple schools with separate course catalogues, admission requirements and fee schedules.

Alameda da Universidade, 1649-004 Lisbon, Portugal

www.ulisboa.pt/

University of Porto

Porto / University / QS 2027: =255

Engineering; Business; Health; Arts

A public university organised into faculties across Porto, with undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research routes.

Praça de Gomes Teixeira, 4099-002 Porto, Portugal

www.up.pt/

University of Coimbra

Coimbra / University

Engineering; Law; Medicine; Humanities

A historic public university with programmes across professional fields, science and humanities, including a separate international admission route.

Paço das Escolas, 3004-531 Coimbra, Portugal

www.uc.pt/

NOVA University Lisbon

Lisbon / University

Business; Technology; Public health; Social sciences

A public university whose schools specialise in business, technology, law, health and the social sciences.

Campus de Campolide, 1099-085 Lisbon, Portugal

www.unl.pt/

University of Minho

Braga / Guimarães / University

Engineering; Sciences; Education; Business

A public university with major campuses in Braga and Guimarães and a broad teaching and research portfolio.

Largo do Paço, 4704-320 Braga, Portugal

www.uminho.pt/

University of Aveiro

Aveiro / University

Engineering; Design; Sciences; Education

A public university combining university departments with polytechnic schools and applied research activity.

Campus Universitário de Santiago, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal

www.ua.pt/

Further study options

Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon
Lisbon / University
www.iscte-iul.pt/

Polytechnic of Porto
Porto / Polytechnic
www.ipp.pt/

Polytechnic University of Leiria
Leiria / Polytechnic
www.ipleiria.pt/

Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Lisbon / multiple campuses / Private university
www.ucp.pt/

University of Algarve
Faro / University
www.ualg.pt/

University of Beira Interior
Covilhã / University
www.ubi.pt/

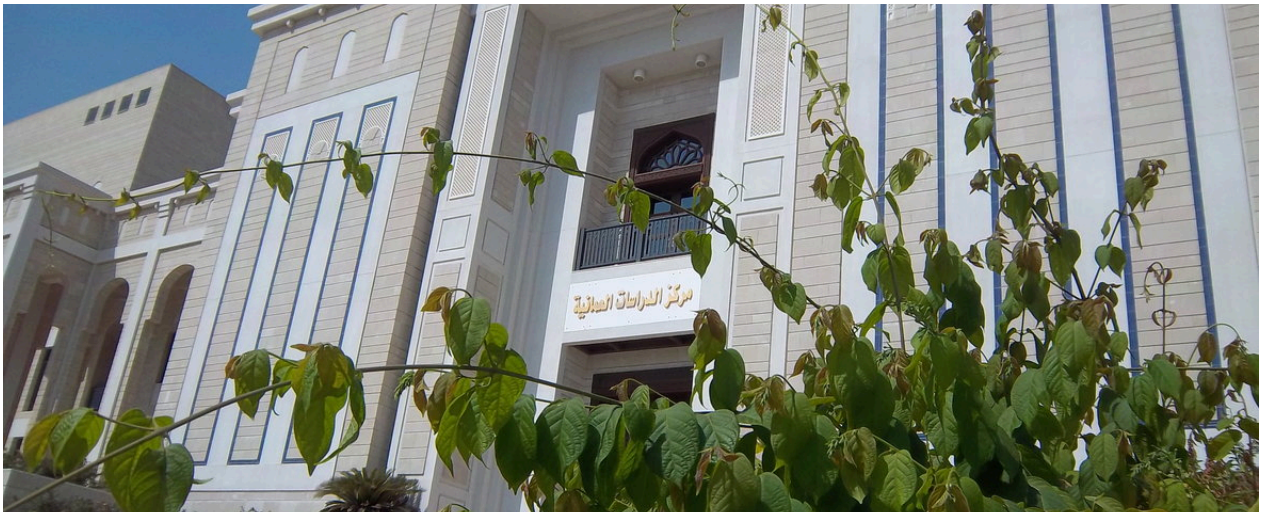
University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro
Vila Real / University
www.utad.pt/

University of Évora
Évora / University
www.uevora.pt/

STUDY IN OMAN

Oman

Public and private higher education, including international awards.



Sultan Qaboos University - Omani Studies Center / Abdullah Al Maani / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Oman's system includes public universities, private universities and colleges, with both locally awarded and internationally affiliated qualifications. Direct degree entry and foundation study are distinct routes. For resident families, commuting or living at home creates a different budget from a residential overseas course.

TUITION / YEAR

OMR 4,100-5,250

≈ US$ 10,660-13,650 / year

International College of Engineering and Management (ICEM) international bachelor's examples across programmes/years. Foundation, where required: OMR 3,500 extra. Omani-national fees follow a different schedule.

LIVING / MONTH

OMR 350-500

≈ US$ 910-1,300 / month

Illustrative shared-accommodation budget. It is not a national statistical average; living with family creates a different accommodation cost.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 4 years
Master's: usually 1-2 years
Foundation: additional, if required

Fields of study

Engineering; business; computing; logistics; health sciences.

Academic entry

Institutions determine direct-entry or foundation placement through academic and language criteria. Tuition schedules may distinguish Omani and international students; holding Oman residence does not itself confer Omani-national fees. Academic admission and the residence arrangement for study are separate matters.

Foundation and degree fees

The International College of Engineering and Management (ICEM) examples represent international bachelor's charges across programmes or years. Its listed foundation programme adds OMR 3,500 where required. A foundation is preparatory study and is additional to the degree period shown.

OMAN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Institutions and Qualifications

Public universities, specialist colleges, partner awards and preparatory study.

Institutional structure

Oman's provision includes public universities, private universities, university colleges and specialist colleges. Sultan Qaboos University combines undergraduate and postgraduate teaching across disciplines, while the University of Technology and Applied Sciences operates through branches in several governorates. Specialist provision includes dentistry, tourism, design, banking and military technology. Oman College of Health Sciences brings together former Ministry of Health educational institutions and offers six undergraduate fields: nursing, pharmacy, medical imaging, medical laboratory sciences, physiotherapy and health information management. Institutional type does not establish eligibility for every applicant category.

Qualifications and partner degrees

The Oman Qualifications Framework describes qualifications through levels and learning outcomes and provides arrangements for listing Omani qualifications and aligning foreign qualifications. Overseas university relationships are a significant feature of college provision. Muscat College offers Scottish Qualifications Authority diplomas and degrees linked to the University of Westminster and Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah. Majan University College offers University of Bedfordshire master's programmes alongside its own Arabic-taught Master of Business Administration. Consequently, the institution delivering teaching and the institution awarding the final qualification can be different organisations.

General foundation programmes

Foundation study develops competencies required before entry to academic degree courses. Muscat College's general foundation programme includes English, mathematics and information technology. Its English exemption provisions recognise specified International English Language Testing System and Test of English as a Foreign Language results; mathematics and information technology have their own requirements. At Modern College of Business and Science, placement results determine English levels and mathematics or computing classes. Strong placement performance can exempt a student from foundation study. A language-test exemption therefore does not necessarily exempt the entire preparatory programme.

School-leaver admission

The Higher Education Admission Center coordinates undergraduate applications for eligible Omani school-leavers through programme preferences and published entry conditions. Programme codes identify distinct courses and funding arrangements; secondary-school subjects and results affect eligibility. The centre also administers designated international cultural and scientific cooperation arrangements, which have separate nationality conditions. Its domestic scholarship route is not an entitlement arising from expatriate residence in Oman. Direct college admission, government allocation and a foreign-country nomination under a cooperation scheme are different procedures, even where they lead to the same institution.

OMAN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Entry, Finance and Student Life

International documents, postgraduate requirements and institution-specific living arrangements.

International academic entry

International applicants enter through institution-specific admission routes as well as designated scholarship arrangements. Modern College of Business and Science publishes a separate international admissions service covering academic documentation, English evidence and visa arrangements. Mazoon College's application form requires international students to obtain a Ministry of Education equalisation letter for their higher-secondary certificate. It records school results, identity documents and available English or computing certificates separately. Academic equivalence establishes the level of a preceding qualification; it does not replace the subject requirements or placement decisions attached to the chosen course.

Postgraduate language requirements

Sultan Qaboos University requires valid academic English-test evidence for postgraduate admission at the score specified by the programme. Its published policy recognises the International English Language Testing System Academic examination and the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language. Candidates whose mother language is English are exempt. A further doctoral exemption can apply when a master's degree satisfying the relevant language requirements was completed within two years of application. The university also describes conditional English-course arrangements for certain admitted candidates, with successful course completion required before programme registration.

Tuition and scholarship components

Funding benefits differ between Omani domestic allocations and institutional international awards. Sultan Qaboos University publishes full postgraduate scholarships and tuition-only scholarships; full awards include monthly allowances of OMR250 for master's students and OMR350 for doctoral students. Recipients undertake specified academic or administrative duties. A'Sharqiyah University's published 2026-27 international undergraduate package covers tuition and OMR80 monthly, but excludes accommodation, meals, travel, visas, books and registration. Oman Dental College states that its tuition fee is the same for domestic and international students. These are institution-specific financial arrangements.

Accommodation and student services

Oman Dental College is a non-residential institution at Al Wattayah in Muscat. Its Student Affairs Registry assists with nearby private hostels and shared apartments, transport information, counselling and settlement administration. The college's public-relations officer assists with student-visa and resident-card formalities. Its international guide identifies Mwasalat buses and taxis as commuting options and describes a Student Advisory Council with annually elected class representatives. These services illustrate the distinction between support in finding accommodation and provision of an institution-owned residence; neither follows automatically from an academic offer.

OMAN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS Academic)

Institution-specific English admission or foundation exemption

Muscat College publishes IELTS 5.5 for exemption from its foundation English component. This is a college rule; it does not establish a national threshold or exemption from mathematics and computing.

ielts.org/

Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based (TOEFL iBT)

Accepted English evidence at specified institutions

Muscat College's foundation page publishes 46 on the 0-120 scale for English-component exemption. This published score is not a threshold for every Omani degree, and separate foundation components remain subject to their own rules.

www.ets.org/toefl.html

College English placement examination

Modern College of Business and Science foundation placement

The college's examination assigns students to English levels 1-3; sufficient performance can support exemption from foundation classes. This is an institutional placement process, not an Oman-wide entrance examination.

www.mcbs.edu.om/placement-tests/

Mathematics placement examination

Modern College of Business and Science foundation mathematics

Published passing marks are 24/40 for MATH 10 and MATH 20/21. The Arabic-programme MATH 12 threshold is 20/40. These scores determine college course placement or exemption.

www.mcbs.edu.om/placement-tests/

Information technology placement examination

Modern College of Business and Science foundation computing

The college publishes 24/40 for COSC10 and 12/20 for Arabic-programme COSC12. Mathematics and computing placement tests permit at most three attempts per course; later attempts have a published OMR 20 fee.

www.mcbs.edu.om/placement-tests/

IELTS Academic / TOEFL iBT for postgraduate study

Sultan Qaboos University postgraduate programmes

The required score is programme-specific. Native English speakers are exempt; a qualifying recent master's degree can support a doctoral exemption. Published conditional language-course provisions apply to specified admitted candidates, not every international applicant.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Universities, branches and partner awards

Oman's higher education institutions include public universities, private universities, university colleges and specialist colleges. The University of Technology and Applied Sciences operates through a national branch network, while institutions such as Oman Tourism College concentrate on a specific professional field. Private colleges can deliver their own approved qualifications and degrees awarded through overseas university partnerships. Majan University College, for example, offers University of Bedfordshire master's programmes alongside its own Arabic-taught MBA. The Ministry's Study in Oman directory identifies institutions and describes the quality-assurance system.

OMAN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Sultan Qaboos University postgraduate scholarships

Master's and PhD

Support. Full awards combine tuition exemption and a monthly allowance; tuition-only awards also exist. Published full-award allowances are OMR250 for master's and OMR350 for PhD.

Eligibility. Omani and non-Omani applicants with unconditional admission, full-time study and required academic standing; master's applicants normally need at least 3.0/4.0.

Application. Eligible students with unconditional admission enter automatic college nomination; a separate scholarship application is not required.

Conditions. Recipients undertake up to ten hours of academic or administrative work weekly on full awards, or five hours on tuition-only awards. The separate international master's allocation excludes Oman residents, application fees and bridging courses.

Omani Cultural and Scientific Cooperation Scholarship - Pakistan allocation

Undergraduate

Support. The 2026-27 allocation covered tuition, one return flight annually and OMR200 monthly without institutional accommodation, or OMR140 monthly when accommodation was provided.

Eligibility. Pakistani/AJK nationals living outside Oman, aged at most 21, with 2025-26 HSSC/equivalent results of at least 75%, a valid USAT score and medical fitness.

Application. HEC Pakistan administered online applications and nominations for two places under the 2026-27 allocation.

Conditions. Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, medical laboratory sciences and education were excluded. The published allocation covered nongovernment Omani institutions; its application period closed on 16 July 2026.

A'Sharqiyah University International Undergraduate Scholarships

Bachelor's

Support. Published 2026-27 offer: full tuition for the programme duration and OMR80 monthly; the OMR210 registration fee is payable by the student.

Eligibility. International applicants with an eligible school qualification, at least 70% and medical fitness. Priority goes to higher grades and certificates obtained abroad; continuation requires CGPA 2.7. IELTS above 5 permits foundation-year exemption for non-native English speakers.

Application. The university receives scholarship applications directly from candidates.

Conditions. Agency and third-party applications are excluded. Flights, visa costs, books, housing, meals and the registration fee remain outside the published 2026-27 package.

HEAC internal scholarship routes for Omani school-leavers

Undergraduate

Support. Government-funded study places in eligible domestic institutions; tuition and any allowances follow the specific programme code and award terms.

Eligibility. Eligible Omani applicants meeting the current General Education Diploma or equivalent, subject, age and programme conditions.

Application. HEAC allocates places through its coordinated undergraduate admission system and ranked programme preferences.

Conditions. Restricted to eligible Omani applicants. Expatriate residence in Oman does not confer entitlement to these domestic scholarship places.

OMAN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Sultan Qaboos University

Muscat / Public university / QS 2027: 306

Engineering; Medicine; Science; Agriculture

P.O. Box 50, P.C. 123, Al Khoud, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

www.squ.edu.om/

A'Sharqiyah University

Ibra / Private university

Business; Engineering; Applied sciences; Humanities

P.O. Box 42, Postal Code 400, Ibra, Sultanate of Oman

www.asu.edu.om/

info@asu.edu.om

University of Technology and Applied Sciences

Muscat / Public university with multiple branches

Engineering; Computing; Business; Applied sciences

P.O. Box 74, Al Khuwair, Muscat 133, Sultanate of Oman

www.utas.edu.om/

University of Buraimi

Al Buraimi / Private university

Engineering; Business; Nursing; Law

University of Buraimi, Al Buraimi, Sultanate of Oman

www.uob.edu.om/

callcenter@uob.edu.om

National University of Science and Technology

Muscat / Private university with multiple campuses

Medicine; Engineering; Pharmacy; Maritime studies

P.O. Box 620, P.C. 130, Azaiba, Bousher, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

nu.edu.om/

German University of Technology in Oman

Halban / Private university / QS 2027: 1201-1400

Engineering; Geosciences; Computing; Architecture

Halban, near Southern Expressway; postal: P.O. Box 1816, Athaibah P.C. 130, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

www.gutech.edu.om/

Sohar University

Sohar / Private university

Business; Computing; Engineering; Education

P.O. Box 44, P.C. 311, Sohar, Sultanate of Oman

www.su.edu.om/

suinfo@su.edu.om

Muscat University

Muscat / Private university

Engineering; Business; Logistics; Finance

Building 2089, Al Ghubra North, P.O. Box 550, P.C. 130, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

muscatuniversity.edu.om/

University of Nizwa

Nizwa / Private university

Arts and sciences; Engineering; Business; Pharmacy

Nizwa Campus, P.O. Box 33, P.C. 616, Nizwa, Sultanate of Oman

www.unizwa.edu.om/

Middle East College

Muscat / Private college

Engineering; Computing; Business; Logistics

Knowledge Oasis Muscat, Al Rusayl, P.O. Box 79, Postal Code 124, Sultanate of Oman

mec.edu.om/

admissions@mec.edu.om

Dhofar University

Salalah / Private university

Arts; Applied sciences; Business; Engineering

P.O. Box 2509, Postal Code 211, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman

www.du.edu.om/

Majan University College

Muscat / Private university college

Business; Computing; English language; Accounting

Way 2621, Building 1986, Muscat-Mutrah; P.O. Box 710, P.C. 112, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman

majancollege.edu.om/

OMAN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Modern College of Business and Science

Muscat / Private college

Business; Computing; Economics; Aviation management

Bawshar Street, Way 273, Building 259, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

www.mcbs.edu.om/
admission@mcbs.edu.om

Gulf College

Muscat / Private college

Business; Computing; Cybersecurity; Management

Mabela, Muscat; postal: P.O. Box 885, Postal Code 133, Al Khuwair, Sultanate of Oman

gulfcollege.edu.om/

Muscat College

Muscat / Private college

Business; Computing; Accounting; Management

P.O. Box 2910, Ruwi, Postal Code 112, Sultanate of Oman

muscatcollege.edu.om/

College of Banking and Financial Studies

Muscat / Specialist higher education college

Banking; Finance; Accounting; Business

Bushar, Muscat; P.O. Box 3122, Postal Code 112, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman

cbfs.edu.om/
info@cbfs.edu.om

Scientific College of Design

Muscat / Private specialist college

Graphic design; Interior design; Fashion design; Animation

Airport Heights, Matar Street, P.O. Box 1656, P.C. 114, Matrah, Sultanate of Oman

scd.edu.om/
info@scd.edu.om

Oman Tourism College

Muscat / Specialist higher education college

Tourism; Hospitality; Events; Culinary arts

Airport Heights, Muscat; P.O. Box 2008, C.P.O., Postal Code 111, Seeb, Sultanate of Oman

www.otc.edu.om/
office@otc.edu.om

International College of Engineering and Management

Muscat / Private specialist college

Fire safety; Mechanical engineering; Facilities management; Construction management

P.O. Box 2511, C.P.O. Seeb, Postal Code 111, Sultanate of Oman

www.icem.edu.om/

Arab Open University, Oman

Muscat / Nonprofit university branch

Business; Computing; English language

Building 994, Way 92, Al Maabilah, Seeb, Muscat; P.O. Box 1596, P.C. 130, Sultanate of Oman

www.aou.edu.om/
info@aou.edu.om

Further study options

Al Buraimi University College
Al Buraimi / Private university college
buc.edu.om/

Al-Zahra College for Women
Muscat / Private women's college
www.zcw.edu.om/

Bayan College
Halban / Private college
bayancollege.edu.om/

College of Sharia Sciences
Muscat / Public specialist college
css.edu.om/

Global College of Engineering and Technology
Muscat / Private college
gcet.edu.om/en/

Mazoon College
Muscat / Private college
mazcol.edu.om/OM/

Military Technological College
Muscat / Public military college
www.mtc.edu.om/

National College of Automotive Technology
Muscat / Private specialist college
ncat.edu.om/

Oman College of Health Sciences
Muscat and regional branches / Public specialist university college
www.ochs.edu.om/

Oman College of Management and Technology
Halban / Private college
www.ocmt.edu.om/

Oman Dental College
Muscat / Private specialist college
www.odc.edu.om/

STUDY IN SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia

Public universities, private institutions and graduate research.

Saudi Arabia's higher-education system includes public universities, private institutions and specialised graduate provision. International places can be self-funded or supported through a defined scholarship route. Award coverage, teaching language and entry conditions attach to the particular programme and applicant category.



King Saud University - Entrance gate, Riyadh / Dr. Basil Al Bayati / CC0 / cropped

Academic entry

Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) offers English-medium undergraduate study; its law curriculum includes English and Arabic. Direct freshman entry or preparatory study depends on academic and English evidence. The fee example uses its 2026/27 international bachelor's schedule including 15% non-Saudi VAT.

TUITION / YEAR

SAR 69,000-74,750

≈ US$ 18,400-19,930 / year

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University (PMU), 2026/27 international bachelor's example, including 15% non-Saudi VAT. Two semesters; programme differences and additional charges apply.

LIVING / MONTH

SAR 2,500

≈ US$ 670 / month

Illustrative Dhahran allowance: SAR 1,500 shared rent plus SAR 1,000 daily costs. Not a PMU quote; funded campus arrangements differ.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: usually 4 years
Master's: 1-2 years
Medicine (PMU): 6 years + 1-year internship

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; sciences; Arabic studies.

Self-funded and funded places

A self-funded place carries the institution's applicable tuition and other charges. A scholarship can cover specified fees, accommodation, insurance, travel or a stipend, in different combinations. Financial support belongs to the stated award; international-student status alone does not establish full funding.

SAUDI ARABIA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Universities and Study Routes

Public and private provision, degree levels and distinct domestic and international selection.

Public and private provision

The Ministry of Education's directory identifies public universities across the Kingdom, including regional institutions in Jazan, Tabuk, Najran, Ha'il and the Northern Borders. Private provision includes comprehensive universities and specialist institutions. Dar Al Uloom University, University of Business and Technology and Riyadh Elm University illustrate different private academic profiles. Arab Open University operates a Saudi branch with national recognition and an academic relationship with the United Kingdom's Open University. Public or private ownership does not, by itself, specify an international applicant's admission category or financial entitlement.

Degree and subject provision

Saudi institutions offer undergraduate and postgraduate study through different academic models. King Abdullah University of Science and Technology is a graduate research university offering Master of Science and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with integrated master's-doctoral pathways in selected disciplines. King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences has its main campus in Riyadh and branches in Jeddah and Al-Ahsa. Private Al Mustaqbal University includes dentistry, engineering and computing, and administrative and humanities provision. The available subject range and degree level therefore depend on the institution.

Aptitude and achievement routes

Qudurat, the General Aptitude Test, and Tahsili, the achievement examination, serve different purposes: aptitude assessment concerns reasoning, while achievement assessment concerns school learning. Universities combine scores according to their own published routes. King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals currently weights its primary route equally between Qudurat and its own achievement test. Its secondary route for remaining vacancies uses 50% Qudurat, 40% Tahsili and 10% school performance. These are two university-specific combinations, not a national formula applying to every undergraduate or international application.

International applicant categories

The Ministry of Education distinguishes internal scholarships for legally resident non-Saudis from external scholarships for non-Saudis arriving from abroad. Its public-university scholarship guidance excludes health and medical specialities from that specified route; this is not a description of every private or paid programme. Separate institutional pathways also exist. King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals accepts local and international candidates through an SAT route that does not require Qudurat or Tahsili, but does require qualified applicants to pass the university's mathematics test. Nationality and application route remain material distinctions.

SAUDI ARABIA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Funding and Student Residence

Graduate evidence, scholarship components, educational visas and residential campus services.

Graduate academic evidence

KAUST requires a relevant bachelor's degree for master's entry and a relevant master's degree for direct doctoral entry. Its minimum grade-point average is 3.0/4.0. Applications include academic records, a statement of purpose, a curriculum vitae and three referees. English is the teaching language. English-test exemption requires a qualifying degree completed physically in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand, or at KAUST. English-medium letters and degrees completed at offshore branches do not independently establish exemption. Transcripts submitted in another language require a certified English translation.

Funding and fee categories

The Study in Saudi platform separates full scholarships, partial scholarships and paid study programmes. The Ministry's guidance describes partial support as potentially limited to a place or a place plus housing. KAUST's fellowship provides tuition and bench fees, a stipend, base accommodation, health insurance and relocation support, with restrictions where external sponsorship applies. King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals separately publishes postgraduate scholarship arrangements. These named packages are not evidence that every Saudi degree is free, or that an offer to a foreign applicant necessarily includes maintenance funding.

Educational visa categories

The official Study in Saudi platform describes a short-term educational visa for programmes of up to six months, extendable for a further six months, and a long-term visa valid for one year and renewable annually. Applicants must be at least sixteen and hold admission from a licensed, accredited institution, with financial evidence or a guarantee. The long-term category also requires medical documentation, insurance and evidence of the teaching language, except for Arabic-language study. Applicants under eighteen require the specified consent documentation. Academic admission and visa eligibility remain separate requirements.

Residential study and services

KAUST guarantees university-managed campus housing for admitted students. Furnished student accommodation is concentrated around the Harbour area near academic buildings and Discovery Square. Single students usually receive a room in shared accommodation; housing configurations depend on availability and student circumstances. The university's campus services include a health centre, pharmacy, shops, sports facilities, counselling and career support. It also operates buses to Jeddah. This is a defined residential-campus model at Thuwal, rather than an accommodation guarantee made by the wider Saudi university sector or every scholarship scheme.

SAUDI ARABIA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

General Aptitude Test (GAT / Qudurat)

Specified undergraduate admission routes

Measures aptitude and reasoning. KFUPM's primary route gives Qudurat 50% weight alongside its institutional achievement test. It is not required in the university's separate SAT route for local and international candidates.

www.etec.gov.sa/en/eservices-catalogue/individual

Academic Achievement Test (Tahsili)

Specified school-leaver admission routes

Assesses school-subject achievement. KFUPM's secondary vacancies route weights Tahsili at 40%, alongside 50% Qudurat and 10% school performance. This route-specific formula does not establish a requirement for all expatriate or overseas applicants.

www.etec.gov.sa/en/eservices-catalogue/individual

KFUPM Achievement Test

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals primary undergraduate route

The university's own achievement test contributes 50% of the primary-route selection score. It is distinct from national Tahsili and from the mathematics examination used in KFUPM's SAT route.

apply.kfupm.edu.sa/early-admissions/

SAT (College Board)

KFUPM's local and international SAT admission route

Minimum published score: 1350. Qudurat and Tahsili are not required in this route. Qualified candidates must pass the university mathematics test and may be interviewed; the minimum SAT score does not guarantee admission.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

Standardized Test of English Proficiency (STEP)

English evidence for accepting institutions and routes

KFUPM publishes STEP 65 or an accepted equivalent for its primary and secondary routes. Its primary-route policy excludes the SAT and Olympiad tracks from this stated English-score requirement. STEP is not a universal international-admission condition.

www.etec.gov.sa/en/eservices-catalogue/individual

International English Language Testing System / Test of English as a Foreign Language (IELTS / TOEFL)

KAUST graduate English-language evidence

Published standard: IELTS 7 overall, 6.5 per section, or TOEFL iBT 5 overall, 4.5 per section on the new scale. Defined degree-location exemptions and conditional arrangements for Saudi nationals and doctoral students apply; these are KAUST rules.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Postgraduate General Aptitude Test / Graduate Record Examination (PGAT / GRE)

Institution-specific postgraduate selection

KAUST accepts either score as optional supporting evidence and recognises five-year score validity. Neither is compulsory for its application. Other universities determine their own postgraduate test requirements.

www.etec.gov.sa/en/eservices-catalogue/individual
www.ets.org/gre.html

SAUDI ARABIA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Study in Saudi - international scholarship routes

Undergraduate and postgraduate, depending on the university and call

Support. The portal distinguishes full scholarships, partial scholarships and paid study. Full awards include university-provided benefits such as tuition, accommodation, healthcare and travel under the relevant scheme.

Eligibility. Non-Saudi applicants: external scholarships are for applicants abroad; internal routes are for eligible legal residents. Nationality, age, academic and programme conditions vary.

Application. Applications are processed through the official Study in Saudi portal for the selected institution, programme and funding category.

Conditions. Paid-study admission carries no scholarship entitlement. Internal awards require lawful Saudi residence; external awards serve applicants abroad. The Ministry's international scholarship route excludes health and medical specialisations.

KFUPM graduate scholarship

Full-time research MS and PhD

Support. Full tuition support with a monthly stipend and benefits including furnished accommodation, medical care and eligible international travel.

Eligibility. Distinguished full-time graduate applicants meeting KFUPM's scholarship admission requirements, including eligible international students.

Application. Scholarship selection forms part of admission to an eligible full-time research graduate programme.

Conditions. Self-sponsored thesis degrees and professional master's routes have separate fee arrangements. The direct-entry PhD lasts five years, while the published full scholarship covers its first four years.

KAUST Fellowship

Research master's, MS/PhD and PhD

Support. Full tuition and bench fees; an annual stipend of US$20,000 for MS students or US$25,000-30,000 for PhD students; base housing, health insurance and relocation support.

Eligibility. Admitted eligible graduate students, including international applicants, in KAUST science and engineering programmes; externally sponsored arrangements can differ.

Application. Eligible graduate admission includes consideration for the KAUST Fellowship.

Conditions. External sponsorship can affect eligibility. Housing upgrades incur extra charges. Relocation support covers the initial move and return after graduation, rather than annual holiday travel.

Prince Sultan University scholarships

Undergraduate

Support. Competitive tuition awards of 25%, 50% or 100% in specified categories; some full-award recipients may also receive SAR 1,500 monthly.

Eligibility. Saudi and non-Saudi applicants qualify in specified categories, with different weighted-score thresholds. A PSU student ID is required for scholarship application.

Application. Applications are submitted through the university scholarship system after admission registration.

Conditions. The cited guide covers 2026-27. Some categories are restricted to Saudi nationals; the SAR1,500 stipend is attached to designated full-award categories and is not universal.

SAUDI ARABIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

King Saud University

Riyadh / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Business; Science

A public university in Riyadh providing undergraduate, postgraduate and research education.

King Saud University, Riyadh 11451, Saudi Arabia

ksu.edu.sa/

King Faisal University

Al Ahsa / Public university

Agriculture; Veterinary medicine; Business; Engineering

A public university based in Al Ahsa with undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

P.O. Box 400, Al Ahsa 31982, Saudi Arabia

www.kfu.edu.sa/
reg.service@kfu.edu.sa

King Abdulaziz University

Jeddah / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Business; Science

A public university in Jeddah with undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

P.O. Box 80200, Jeddah 21589, Saudi Arabia

www.kau.edu.sa/
cic@kau.edu.sa

King Khalid University

Abha / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Computing; Business

A public university serving the Asir region, with Al-Faraa among its principal campus locations.

Al-Faraa University Campus, Abha, Saudi Arabia

www.kku.edu.sa/

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals

Dhahran / Public university / QS 2027: 63

Engineering; Computing; Science; Business

A public university in Dhahran specialising in science, engineering and technology.

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran 31261, Saudi Arabia

www.kfupm.edu.sa/

Qassim University

Buraydah / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Agriculture; Business

A public university in the Qassim region with its main institutional address in Buraydah.

Al-Jamea District, Buraydah; P.O. Box 52571, Al-Qassim, Saudi Arabia

www.qu.edu.sa/
info@qu.edu.sa

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

Thuwal / Graduate research university

Engineering; Computing; Bioscience; Environmental science

A residential graduate research university in Thuwal on the Red Sea coast.

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal 23955-6900, Saudi Arabia

www.kaust.edu.sa/

Umm Al-Qura University

Makkah / Public university

Islamic studies; Arabic; Engineering; Medicine

A public university based in Makkah, with Al-Abidiyyah among its teaching locations.

Al-Abidiyyah Campus, Makkah, Saudi Arabia

uqu.edu.sa/

Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University

Dammam / Public university

Medicine; Dentistry; Engineering; Business

A public university in the Eastern Province providing undergraduate and postgraduate education.

P.O. Box 1982, Dammam 31441, Saudi Arabia

www.iau.edu.sa/

Taibah University

Madinah / Public university

Medicine; Science; Engineering; Business

A public university based in Madinah with colleges and teaching locations across its wider regional network.

Prince Nayef Road, Madinah 42353, Saudi Arabia

www.taibahu.edu.sa/
tawasul@taibahu.edu.sa

SAUDI ARABIA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University

Riyadh / Public women's university

Health sciences; Computing; Business; Education

Building 7808, King Khalid International Airport, Unit 1, Riyadh 13412-3230, Saudi Arabia

pnu.edu.sa/

info@pnu.edu.sa

Effat University

Jeddah / Private nonprofit university

Business; Engineering; Architecture; Humanities

P.O. Box 34689, Jeddah 21478, Saudi Arabia

www.effatuniversity.edu.sa/

Admissions@effatuniversity.edu.sa

King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences

Riyadh / Public specialist university

Medicine; Nursing; Pharmacy; Dentistry

P.O. Box 3660, Riyadh 11481, Saudi Arabia

www.ksau-hs.edu.sa/

Dar Al-Hekma University

Jeddah / Private nonprofit university

Business; Law; Design; Computing

6702 Prince Majed, Al Faiha, Unit 2, Jeddah 22246-4872, Saudi Arabia

www.dah.edu.sa/

Islamic University of Madinah

Madinah / Public university

Islamic studies; Arabic; Science; Engineering

Islamic University, P.O. Box 170, Madinah, Saudi Arabia

iu.edu.sa/

Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University

Al Khobar / Private university

Engineering; Computing; Business; Law

P.O. Box 1664, Al Khobar 31952, Saudi Arabia

www.pmu.edu.sa/

enrollment@pmu.edu.sa

Prince Sultan University

Riyadh / Private nonprofit university

Business; Computing; Engineering; Architecture

P.O. Box 66833, Rafha Street, Riyadh 11586, Saudi Arabia

www.psu.edu.sa/

Al Yamamah University

Riyadh / Private university

Business; Engineering; Architecture; Computing

King Fahad Branch Road, Al Qirawan, Riyadh 13451; P.O. Box 45180, Riyadh 11512, Saudi Arabia

yu.edu.sa/

admissions@yu.edu.sa

Alfaisal University

Riyadh / Private nonprofit university

Medicine; Engineering; Business; Pharmacy

P.O. Box 50927, Riyadh 11533, Saudi Arabia

www.alfaisal.edu/

Prince Musaid bin Abdulrahman University (formerly Saudi Electronic University)

Riyadh / Public university using blended learning

Business; Computing; Health sciences; Humanities

Abu Bakr Al Siddiq Road, intersection with Prince Mohammed bin Salman Road, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

seu.edu.sa/

SAUDI ARABIA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Al Mustaqbal University
Buraydah / Private university
uom.edu.sa/

Al-Baha University
Al Baha / Public university
bu.edu.sa/

Almaarefa University
Diriyah, Riyadh / Private university
www.um.edu.sa/

Arab Open University, Saudi Arabia
Riyadh and regional centres / Private open university
www.arabou.edu.sa/

Dar Al Uloom University
Riyadh / Private university
dau.edu.sa/en/

Fahad Bin Sultan University
Tabuk / Private university
fbsu.edu.sa/

Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University
Riyadh / Public university
imamu.edu.sa/

Jazan University
Jazan / Public university
www.jazanu.edu.sa/

Jouf University
Sakaka / Public university
www.ju.edu.sa/

Majmaah University
Al Majmaah / Public university
www.mu.edu.sa/

Najran University
Najran / Public university
www.nu.edu.sa/

Northern Border University
Arar / Public university
www.nbu.edu.sa/

Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University
Al Kharj / Public university
www.psau.edu.sa/

Riyadh Elm University
Riyadh / Private university
riyadh.edu.sa/

Shaqra University
Shaqra / Public university
www.su.edu.sa/

Sulaiman Al Rajhi University
Al Bukayriyah / Private university
sr.edu.sa/site/

Taif University
Taif / Public university
www.tu.edu.sa/

University of Bisha
Bisha / Public university
www.ub.edu.sa/

University of Business and Technology
Jeddah / Private university
www.ubt.edu.sa/

University of Hafr Al Batin
Hafr Al Batin / Public university
www.uhb.edu.sa/

University of Ha'il
Ha'il / Public university
www.uoh.edu.sa/

University of Jeddah
Jeddah / Public university
www.uj.edu.sa/

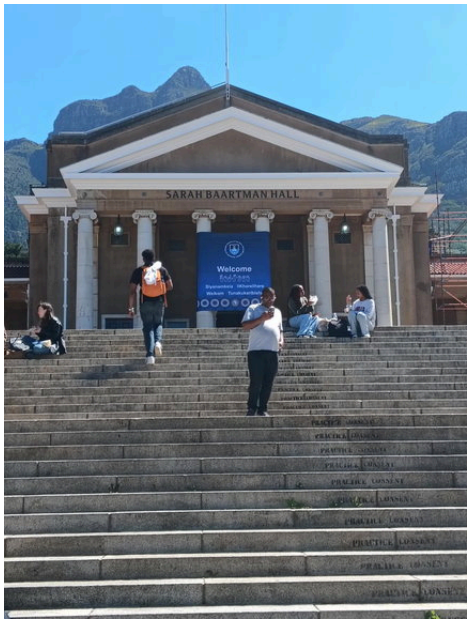
University of Tabuk
Tabuk / Public university
www.ut.edu.sa/

STUDY IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa

Research and professional study across a varied public university system.

South Africa has research-intensive universities, comprehensive institutions and universities of technology. Applicant category and programme affect international fees. The qualification, campus and practical living arrangements are therefore central to the comparison.



Sarah Baartman Hall, University of Cape Town / Gogontsi / CC0 1.0 / cropped

Academic entry

Foreign school qualifications may require Matriculation Board exemption. Faculty grades, subjects, English evidence and National Benchmark Tests vary. Postgraduate routes can require honours-level preparation and qualifications evaluation.

UWC FACULTY EXAMPLES / YEAR

ZAR 88,503-102,906

Approx. US$ 5,400-6,280

University of the Western Cape's 2026 overseas-international undergraduate examples: arts/education through science. Not a national range; registration, residence and other charges are separate.

JOHANNESBURG GUIDE / MONTH

ZAR 8,000-15,000

Approx. US$ 490-920

Wits international-student guide for Johannesburg, before tuition. Other cities, accommodation choices and initial costs differ.

Typical degree length

General bachelor’s commonly 3 years; many professional degrees 4 years or longer. Honours often adds 1 year; master’s duration varies.

Fields of study

Engineering; health sciences; business; environmental science; humanities; social sciences.

The complete financial offer

Fee categories differ for South African, regional and other applicants. Housing, transport and medical cover are separate costs; scholarship citizenship restrictions and payment dates affect available funding.

SOUTH AFRICA / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and entry routes

Check the institution, qualification level and school-certificate route before comparing offers.

Understanding the university landscape

South Africa's 26 public universities include institutions with research-oriented, comprehensive and technology-focused provision. Universities South Africa maintains a current member directory linking to each institution. Private higher education is a separate part of the system and requires its own registration and programme checks; a provider's trading name alone is not sufficient evidence. Match the institution, qualification and delivery site against official records. For regulated occupations, ask the relevant professional council whether the specific programme satisfies its academic requirements and what further registration, practical training or examinations may be required.

Bachelor's honours and postgraduate study

The revised Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework was gazetted on 3 July 2026. It retains distinctions between general and professional bachelor's qualifications, bachelor honours, postgraduate diplomas, master's and doctoral study. A general bachelor's commonly takes three years, while professional routes can be longer. An honours degree normally follows a relevant bachelor's and develops advanced subject knowledge and research preparation. Master's admission therefore often requires honours, a relevant postgraduate diploma or an appropriate professional bachelor's at the required level. A three-year overseas degree should not be assumed to provide direct master's entry.

Foreign school certificates and admission

Applicants with international school qualifications should check the Universities South Africa Matriculation Board's exemption requirements for first-degree study. The Board assesses the relevant qualification and subject combination; complete and conditional exemptions serve different routes. An exemption establishes an academic entry condition but does not guarantee a university place. The faculty may impose higher grades, particular subjects, selection exercises or capacity limits. Keep the exemption application distinct from the university application, and ask the institution which documents must be available at application, offer and registration stages. Do not substitute a general credential evaluation without checking.

Language evidence and the NBT

English is widely used in higher education, but the exact language requirements and teaching arrangements belong to the institution and programme. Universities may require recognised English-language evidence where prior study does not meet an exemption. The National Benchmark Tests assess academic and quantitative literacy, with a separate mathematics test used for relevant routes. Their role varies between institutions and faculties: they can inform selection or placement, and are not a universal examination for every international applicant. Check the current prospectus before booking, including which components, test mode and submission deadline apply.

SOUTH AFRICA / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Planning a sustainable study year

Fee category, accommodation and academic support can materially change the cost and experience.

Tuition depends on the applicant category

There is no single national international-student tuition rate. Ask the university for a quotation covering the exact qualification, selected modules and applicant category. Wits, for example, distinguishes SADC students, other international undergraduates and postgraduate students; its current structure applies different tuition and international-registration charges. Residence and medical cover are additional expenses. Check how much must clear before registration, whether a sponsorship letter is accepted, and the rules for cancellation or deferred entry. An initial payment is not necessarily the total annual fee, and published institutional examples should not be transferred to another university.

Housing transport and day-to-day costs

Wits advises international students to budget approximately ZAR 8,000-15,000 monthly for living expenses in Johannesburg, depending on accommodation and lifestyle. This is a local planning guide, not a national price guarantee. Compare university residences with vetted private housing and check whether meals, electricity, internet and holiday occupancy are included. The commute matters as much as the advertised rent: confirm campus transport, evening arrangements and the university's local safety advice. Budget separately for deposits, medical cover, books, data and travel home, and keep a reserve for expenses due before scholarship payments arrive.

Coursework research and academic recognition

A programme may combine lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, placements and independent assignments, while research degrees require an appropriate project and supervisory arrangements. Read the faculty handbook for assessment, progression and attendance rules, and establish what academic support is available early. Foreign qualifications may need a SAQA evaluation when required by the receiving institution or another authority. SAQA's comparison does not replace the university's admission decision or a professional council's licensing conditions. Keep official transcripts, course descriptions and evidence of practical training, particularly when planning postgraduate study or professional recognition in another country.

Study permission and employment

International students should obtain the immigration permission appropriate to their circumstances and named institution before travelling to begin study. University admission alone is insufficient. Official requirements include financial and health-cover evidence, with the precise checklist supplied by the relevant South African mission and university international office. Government guidance limits part-time work by study-visa holders to no more than 20 hours weekly; confirm the applicable conditions before accepting employment. Do not base essential tuition or living costs on finding a job. Changing institution, extending a course or remaining after graduation may require a separate immigration process.

SOUTH AFRICA / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

National Benchmark Tests

Applicants to programmes and faculties that require the NBT.

Academic and Quantitative Literacy is one assessment; Mathematics is a separate assessment for relevant study routes. Universities determine how results inform selection or placement. Test registration is separate from applying for a university place.

www.nbt.ac.za/

Programme selection and practical assessment

Selected professional, creative or capacity-limited programmes.

Portfolios, auditions, interviews or additional selection can apply according to the faculty prospectus. Matriculation exemption establishes an entry condition; it is not a competitive selection result or a guarantee of admission.

usaf.ac.za/facilitating-entry-to-sa-universities/

English-language proficiency evidence

Applicants who do not satisfy their institution's language exemption.

Use the exact accepted test, minimum score, validity period and exemption policy published by the university. An English-medium school or degree may be considered, but should not be assumed to waive the requirement everywhere.

ielts.org/
www.ets.org/toefl.html

Use the revised qualifications framework

The Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework published on 3 July 2026 replaces the 2013 framework. Its implementation section says the fundamental structure of most qualifications is retained, but the 240-credit diploma is delisted and discontinued. Applicants considering a diploma or progression pathway should ask the provider which registered qualification and transition arrangements apply to the intended intake. An older prospectus can describe a route that is no longer open to new entrants; check the current qualification record and university regulations before committing.

Distance study requires a different plan

The University of South Africa uses open distance e-learning, with limited face-to-face contact and substantial responsibility placed on students to plan their work. Its online student platform is central to study. A distance qualification should therefore be assessed differently from a residential campus offer: confirm reliable internet access, assessment arrangements, any practical attendance and the support available across time zones. Apply to the particular qualification and verify any professional requirements. The university name alone does not indicate that a course involves relocation or daily campus teaching.

SOUTH AFRICA / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship

One-year honours or two-year master's

Support. Tuition and registration plus defined allowances for study materials, accommodation, meals, medical aid and personal costs; specified international travel support.

Eligibility. Citizens of African countries, normally aged 19-29 in the application year, with excellent undergraduate results and leadership potential.

Application. Apply through the Foundation's process and separately secure admission to a recognised South African higher education institution.

Conditions. Leadership-development participation is compulsory. University application fees, SAQA evaluation and visa costs are excluded. The Foundation's call identifies the entry cohort and application period.

DSTI-NRF postgraduate student funding

Master's and doctoral study under the annual call

Support. Full Cost of Study or Partial Cost of Study awards under the published category rules; international students are considered only within the restricted partial-cost allocation.

Eligibility. The 2027 call gives a minimum previous-degree result of 65%; citizenship, age, degree and award-specific conditions must also be met.

Application. Use the NRF application system and the host university's postgraduate funding office; internal deadlines may be earlier than the national deadline.

Conditions. Full-cost funding is limited to qualifying South African citizens and permanent residents. International funding is highly limited and partial, so admission must not be treated as a funding commitment.

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UCT

First bachelor's and eligible taught postgraduate qualifications

Support. Comprehensive scholarship and academic, mentoring and leadership support, subject to the programme's award conditions.

Eligibility. The published 2027 call admits African citizens, including South Africans, with academic talent, financial barriers and community-service and leadership potential.

Application. Submit both the UCT academic application and the separate Scholars Program application; scholarship selection requires a university offer.

Conditions. The 2027 call excludes part-time study, research-only master's and PhDs. Undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship dates differ and do not extend the university's own admission deadline.

SOUTH AFRICA / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

University of Cape Town

Cape Town / Public university / QS 2027: 184

Commerce; Engineering; Health sciences; Humanities

Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701, Cape Town, South Africa

uct.ac.za/

admissions@uct.ac.za

University of KwaZulu-Natal

Durban / Pietermaritzburg / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Health sciences; Humanities

Private Bag X54001, Durban 4000, South Africa

ukzn.ac.za/

University of the Witwatersrand

Johannesburg / Public university

Engineering; Health sciences; Humanities; Commerce

1 Jan Smuts Avenue, Braamfontein 2000, Johannesburg, South Africa

www.wits.ac.za/

Rhodes University

Makhanda / Public university

Humanities; Journalism; Pharmacy; Science

PO Box 94, Makhanda 6140, Eastern Cape, South Africa

www.ru.ac.za/

Stellenbosch University

Stellenbosch / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Medicine; Business

Private Bag X1, Stellenbosch 7599, South Africa

www.su.ac.za/en

University of the Western Cape

Bellville / Cape Town / Public university

Dentistry; Community health; Law; Natural sciences

Private Bag X17, Bellville 7535, South Africa

www.uwc.ac.za/

University of Pretoria

Pretoria / Public university

Engineering; Veterinary science; Law; Agriculture

Private Bag X20, Hatfield 0028, Pretoria, South Africa

www.up.ac.za/

Nelson Mandela University

Gqeberha / George / Public university

Ocean sciences; Engineering; Business; Health sciences

PO Box 77000, Nelson Mandela University, Gqeberha 6031, South Africa

www.mandela.ac.za/

info@mandela.ac.za

University of Johannesburg

Johannesburg / Public university

Business; Engineering; Design; Health sciences

PO Box 524, Auckland Park 2006, Johannesburg, South Africa

www.uj.ac.za/

North-West University

Mahikeng / Potchefstroom / Vanderbijlpark / Public university

Education; Engineering; Health sciences; Business

Private Bag X1290, Potchefstroom 2520, South Africa

www.nwu.ac.za/

studies@nwu.ac.za

SOUTH AFRICA / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Cape Town / Bellville / Wellington / Public university of technology
www.cput.ac.za/

Central University of Technology
Bloemfontein / Welkom / Public university of technology
www.cut.ac.za/

Durban University of Technology
Durban / Pietermaritzburg / Public university of technology
www.dut.ac.za/

Mangosuthu University of Technology
Umlazi / Durban / Public university of technology
www.mut.ac.za/

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
Ga-Rankuwa / Public health-sciences university
www.smu.ac.za/

Sol Plaatje University
Kimberley / Public university
www.spu.ac.za/

Tshwane University of Technology
Pretoria / multiple campuses / Public university of technology
www.tut.ac.za/

University of Fort Hare
Alice / East London / Public university
www.ufh.ac.za/

University of Limpopo
Mankweng / Public university
www.ul.ac.za/

University of Mpumalanga
Mbombela / Siyabuswa / Public university
www.ump.ac.za/

University of South Africa
Pretoria / distance education / Public distance university
www.unisa.ac.za/

University of the Free State
Bloemfontein / Qwaqwa / Public university
www.ufs.ac.za/

University of Venda
Thohoyandou / Public university
www.univen.ac.za/

University of Zululand
KwaDlangezwa / Richards Bay / Public university
www.unizulu.ac.za/

Vaal University of Technology
Vanderbijlpark / Public university of technology
www.vut.ac.za/

Walter Sisulu University
Mthatha / Buffalo City / Butterworth / Komani / Public university
www.wsu.ac.za/en/

SOUTH AFRICA / INSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE

Universities South Africa public university directory

Covers all 26 public universities. This sector directory is not the private-provider register; private institutions and professional programme recognition require separate DHET, CHE and professional-council checks.

usaf.ac.za/prospective-students/

A directory entry identifies an institution. Admission is determined by the selected programme and the applicant's qualifications.

STUDY IN TÜRKIYE

Türkiye

State and foundation universities with language-specific routes.



Koç University - Main plaza and student union / Jorge1767 / Public domain / cropped

Türkiye has state universities and non-profit foundation universities. Programmes are offered in Turkish and other languages, including English. A preparatory language year can precede degree study. International selection may use accepted school qualifications, examinations or both, under the university's published criteria.

TUITION / YEAR

TRY 117,600

≈ US$ 2,400 / year

METU Ankara engineering, 2026/27: US$2,400/year, payable in TRY under university rules. TRY shown is a planning conversion.

LIVING / MONTH

TRY 20,000-35,000

≈ US$ 410-710 / month

METU Ankara June 2026 shared-flat example. Campus-dormitory living is separately estimated at TRY 12,000-18,000/month.

Typical degree length

Bachelor's: 4 years
Master's: usually 1-2 years
Medicine: 6 years

Fields of study

Engineering; computing; business; medicine; humanities.

Academic entry

Middle East Technical University (METU) accepts specified school-qualification and examination routes, including SAT and TR-YÖS. TR-YÖS is the Examination for International Students. METU requires English evidence or preparation; IELTS tests taken from 24 December 2022 are not accepted for its English exemption.

Preparatory language study

A language-preparation year has its own teaching, assessment and progression requirements. Its tuition and living period can be additional to the degree. Government or university scholarships may specify separate benefits and duration during preparation and during the academic programme.

TÜRKIYE / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Institutions and degree routes

State and foundation universities offer Turkish- and English-language routes, with separate international admissions arrangements.

About 360,000

International students hosted by Türkiye, from 198 countries; Council of Higher Education president statement. Rounded headcount, not an annual intake. Reporting period: November 2025 statement.

State and foundation institutions

Türkiye's Council of Higher Education, known as YÖK, coordinates the national higher-education system. The principal ownership categories are state universities and foundation universities established through non-profit foundations. The latter are often described internationally as private universities, but their statutory category is a foundation institution. Both appear in the Council's official Study in Türkiye directory. Universities may contain faculties, graduate schools, vocational schools and specialist institutes. A university's institutional recognition does not make every qualification an English-taught programme or remove professional licensing requirements.

Duration and qualification levels

Associate degrees normally take two years; bachelor's degrees normally take four. Medicine takes six years, while dentistry and pharmacy normally take five. Postgraduate routes include master's degrees and doctorates, with thesis and non-thesis master's structures serving different purposes. A preparatory language year can increase the total time spent at university without changing the nominal length of the academic degree. International admission to a four-year English-taught bachelor's can therefore be followed by language preparation before the student begins first-year departmental modules.

How subject choice can be organised

Turkish institutions include comprehensive universities, technical universities, health-focused providers and fine-arts institutions. Some organise undergraduate study around direct admission to a department; others allow subject choice after a common academic foundation. Sabancı University's Foundations Development Programme, for example, introduces common university courses before students complete their chosen degree structure. Such flexibility is an institutional curriculum feature, not a national transfer entitlement. Engineering, management, social science and design programmes can therefore have different first-year structures even when their eventual degree duration is the same.

English preparation is a separate stage

Middle East Technical University teaches in English, but it does not require an English-proficiency score merely to submit an undergraduate application. At registration, an admitted student without acceptable proficiency evidence can take the university's English examination. A student who does not meet the required standard attends the preparatory class. The university's published policy no longer accepts IELTS examinations taken from 24 December 2022 onward. Acceptance of an English test at another Turkish university therefore does not establish acceptance at Middle East Technical University.

TÜRKIYE / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Selection, tuition and funding

International tests are only one part of selection; fee schedules distinguish the university, subject and year of entry.

International selection is institution-specific

The Examination for Foreign Students for Higher Education in Türkiye, known as TR-YÖS, is administered by ÖSYM, the national assessment, selection and placement centre. Universities determine how it fits their international admissions. Middle East Technical University accepts specified national or international qualifications and publishes minimum application criteria; an eligible score establishes the right to apply rather than a guaranteed place. Its accepted entrance-examination results have a two-year validity rule, while school-diploma qualifications are treated differently. Programme capacity and the institution's selection decision remain relevant after minimum eligibility is met.

A public-university fee example

Middle East Technical University's 2026-27 schedule charges newer international-quota entrants USD 1,200 per semester for engineering, architecture and specified science degrees. Two regular semesters therefore total USD 2,400. The corresponding rate for listed economics, administrative-science, education and selected humanities or social-science programmes is USD 800 per semester. Payment is made in Turkish lira under the university's stated conversion and minimum-fee rules. These figures apply to the named entry category and campuses; foundation-university prices and joint programmes follow separate schedules.

Ankara living costs: rent is included

Middle East Technical University's June 2026 guidance estimates TRY 20,000-35,000 a month for an Ankara student sharing an apartment with a moderate lifestyle. The estimate includes accommodation. Its separate basic-expenses estimate, excluding accommodation, is TRY 8,000-15,000 monthly. These figures must not be added together as if they represented independent costs. The same guidance quotes a student bus or metro pass at TRY 400-600 per month and identifies the campus shuttle as free. Istanbul accommodation and private dormitories can follow substantially different price patterns.

Scholarship coverage has defined conditions

Türkiye Scholarships combines university placement with financial support that can include tuition, accommodation, health insurance, a Turkish-language course and a stipend, subject to the programme's rules. University awards have different structures. Bilkent offers international applicants tuition waivers in 20-percentage-point increments from 20% to 100%; a limited number of full-waiver recipients may also receive accommodation support. Continuing the tuition award requires the prescribed course load and at least a 2.00 annual grade-point average on a four-point scale. Accommodation scholarships have a higher continuation threshold.

TÜRKIYE / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

TR-YÖS

International undergraduate admission at accepting universities

Examination for Foreign Students for Higher Education in Türkiye, administered nationally by ÖSYM. Institutions decide acceptance and selection criteria; the score does not itself allocate a university place.

www.osym.gov.tr/SinavGrubu/Index/13

SAT or accepted school examinations

Institution-specific alternative entry evidence

Middle East Technical University lists accepted international and national qualifications. A qualifying result permits application; minimum scores do not guarantee admission.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

TOEFL / PTE Academic

English-medium programmes that accept these tests

Test of English as a Foreign Language and Pearson Test of English Academic provide language evidence. Middle East Technical University applies its own equivalence rules; recent IELTS tests are not accepted there.

www.ets.org/toefl.html
www.pearsonpte.com/

University English proficiency examination

Admitted students needing language clearance

Middle East Technical University offers its own examination before departmental study. Failure to meet the required standard leads to English preparation under its published rules.

iso.metu.edu.tr/en/english-proficiency

TYS Turkish proficiency examination

Turkish-language evidence where accepted

Türkçe Yeterlik Sınavı is administered by Yunus Emre Institute and awards B2 or C1 proficiency certification. University acceptance and the required level are programme-specific.

www.tys.yee.org.tr/

Institutions and qualifications

Türkiye's higher education system includes state universities and nonprofit foundation institutions. The Council of Higher Education, YÖK, coordinates the system and maintains the institutional directory. Universities may contain faculties, graduate institutes, vocational schools, conservatories and research centres. Associate degrees normally take two years; bachelor's degrees generally take four, with longer structures in several professional fields. Graduate institutes administer master's and doctoral education. The national qualifications framework distinguishes academic, vocational and artistic qualifications, linking degree levels to learning outcomes and student workload.

TÜRKIYE / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

Türkiye Scholarships: full-time programmes

Associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate

Support. Placement, tuition, accommodation, health insurance, Turkish preparation and approved flights. Published monthly stipends: TL6,500 undergraduate, TL9,500 master's and TL13,000 doctorate.

Eligibility. Minimum achievement: 70% undergraduate, 75% graduate, 90% medicine/dentistry/pharmacy. Age limits: under 21 undergraduate, 30 master's and 35 doctorate.

Application. Online application through the Türkiye Scholarships Application System, including academic records and programme preferences.

Conditions. Competitive. Current/former Turkish citizens and students already enrolled in Türkiye at the same level are ineligible. Graduate health-science programmes are excluded.

Sabancı international undergraduate admission scholarships

Undergraduate

Support. Partial or full tuition waiver for four undergraduate years and one English-preparation year. Dormitory funding is a separate award.

Eligibility. International applicants assessed on grades, examination results, references, interviews and documented academic accomplishments. No fixed score guarantees a scholarship percentage.

Application. Automatic assessment during admission; the admission letter also communicates the scholarship decision.

Conditions. Competitive selection despite automatic assessment. The standard award covers tuition only; disciplinary penalties can change scholarship status.

Bilkent scholarships for international students

Undergraduate

Support. Tuition waivers of 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% or 100%; limited accommodation awards for full-waiver recipients. Maximum: four preparatory semesters and ten undergraduate semesters.

Eligibility. International applicants assessed on school grades, examination scores and programme choices. Current or former Turkish citizenship excludes eligibility.

Application. Financial-assistance request within the international admission application, with supporting academic evidence.

Conditions. Tuition renewal requires the minimum curriculum load and annual GPA 2.00/4.00; accommodation requires 2.50. Attendance and disciplinary conditions apply. Later Turkish citizenship ends eligibility.

Sabancı graduate full scholarships

Academic master's and doctoral programmes

Support. Published 2026/27 full package: tuition waiver, dormitory, insurance and monthly stipend of TL43,500 for ten master's months; TL67,500 for twelve doctoral months, rising to TL75,000 after qualification.

Eligibility. Graduate applicants selected on academic merit by the programme admission jury and relevant graduate-school board.

Application. Scholarship assessment forms part of the graduate application and admission evaluation.

Conditions. Competitive packages. Professional graduate programmes are excluded from this academic funding scheme; project and Distinguished Science and Technology awards use separate stipend scales.

TÜRKIYE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Middle East Technical University (METU)

Ankara / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Natural sciences; Economics

Üniversiteler Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı No:1, 06800 Çankaya, Ankara, Türkiye

www.metu.edu.tr/

Istanbul University

Istanbul / Public university

Medicine; Law; Economics; Humanities

Rectorate, Beyazıt Campus, 34452 Beyazıt, Fatih, Istanbul, Türkiye

www.istanbul.edu.tr/

Istanbul Technical University

Istanbul / Public university

Engineering; Architecture; Computing; Maritime studies

Ayazağa Campus, Rectorate Building, 34467 Maslak, Istanbul, Türkiye

www.itu.edu.tr/

Ege University

Izmir / Public university

Medicine; Engineering; Agriculture; Science

Rectorate, Gençlik Caddesi No:12, 35040 Bornova, Izmir, Türkiye

ege.edu.tr/

Boğaziçi University

Istanbul / Public university

Engineering; Economics; Education; Arts and sciences

34342 Bebek, Istanbul, Türkiye

bogazici.edu.tr/

Dokuz Eylül University

Izmir / Public university

Engineering; Business; Medicine; Fine arts

Rectorate, Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No:144, 35210 Alsancak, Izmir, Türkiye

www.deu.edu.tr/

Ankara University

Ankara / Public university

Law; Political science; Medicine; Agriculture

Rectorate, Dögol Caddesi, 06100 Beşevler, Ankara, Türkiye

www.ankara.edu.tr/

Anadolu University

Eskişehir / Public university

Communication; Fine arts; Business; Education

Yunus Emre Campus, 26210 Tepebaşı, Eskişehir, Türkiye

www.anadolu.edu.tr/

Hacettepe University

Ankara / Public university

Medicine; Dentistry; Engineering; Social sciences

Hacettepe University Rectorate, Sıhhiye, Ankara, Türkiye

www.hacettepe.edu.tr/

Atatürk University

Erzurum / Public university

Medicine; Agriculture; Engineering; Education

Rectorate, 25240 Yakutiye, Erzurum, Türkiye

atauni.edu.tr/

TÜRKIYE / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Karadeniz Technical University

Trabzon / Public university

Engineering; Forestry; Architecture; Medicine

Karadeniz Technical University, 61080 Trabzon, Türkiye

www.ktu.edu.tr/

İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University

Ankara / Foundation university

Engineering; Business; Economics; Art and design

Bilkent University, 06800 Bilkent, Ankara, Türkiye

w3.bilkent.edu.tr/

Gazi University

Ankara / Public university

Education; Engineering; Medicine; Health sciences

Rectorate, Emniyet Mahallesi, Bandırma Caddesi No:6/1, 06560 Yenimahalle, Ankara, Türkiye

gazi.edu.tr/

Koç University

Istanbul / Foundation university

Engineering; Business; Social sciences; Medicine

Rumelifeneri Yolu, 34450 Sarıyer, Istanbul, Türkiye

www.ku.edu.tr/

study@ku.edu.tr

Akdeniz University

Antalya / Public university

Medicine; Tourism; Engineering; Agriculture

Pınarbaşı Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Boulevard, 07070 Campus, Konyaaltı, Antalya, Türkiye

www.akdeniz.edu.tr/

Sabancı University

Istanbul / Foundation university

Engineering; Natural sciences; Social sciences; Management

Orta Mahalle, Üniversite Caddesi No:27, Tuzla, 34956 Istanbul, Türkiye

www.sabanciuniv.edu/

Selçuk University

Konya / Public university

Agriculture; Veterinary medicine; Engineering; Business

Alaeddin Keykubat Campus, Akademi Mahallesi, Yeni İstanbul Caddesi No:369, 42130 Selçuklu, Konya, Türkiye

selcuk.edu.tr/

Özyeğin University

Istanbul / Foundation university

Business; Engineering; Architecture; Aviation

Çekmeköy Campus, Nişantepe District, Orman Street, 34794 Çekmeköy, Istanbul, Türkiye

www.ozyegin.edu.tr/

Çukurova University

Adana / Public university

Agriculture; Engineering; Medicine; Business

Balcali Campus, Rectorate, 01250 Sarıçam, Adana, Türkiye

www.cu.edu.tr/

Bahçeşehir University

Istanbul / Foundation university

Engineering; Architecture; Communication; Business

Yıldız, Çırağan Street, 34349 Beşiktaş, Istanbul, Türkiye

bau.edu.tr/

TÜRKIYE / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Afyon Kocatepe University
Afyonkarahisar / State university
www.aku.edu.tr

Atılım University
Ankara / Foundation university
www.atilim.edu.tr

Aydın Adnan Menderes University
Aydın / State university
www.adu.edu.tr

Balıkesir University
Balıkesir / State university
www.balikesir.edu.tr/

Başkent University
Ankara / Foundation university
www.baskent.edu.tr/tr/

Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University
Bolu / State university
www.ibu.edu.tr

Bursa Uludağ University
Bursa / State university
uludag.edu.tr/

Doğuş University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.dogus.edu.tr/

Erciyes University
Kayseri / State university
www.erciyes.edu.tr/

Eskişehir Osmangazi University
Eskişehir / State university
www.ogu.edu.tr

Fırat University
Elazığ / State university
www.firat.edu.tr

Galatasaray University
İstanbul / State university
www.gsu.edu.tr

Gaziantep University
Gaziantep / State university
www.gantep.edu.tr

Gebze Technical University
Gebze / State university
www.gtu.edu.tr

Haliç University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.halic.edu.tr

Harran University
Şanlıurfa / State university
harran.edu.tr

Hatay Mustafa Kemal University
Hatay / State university
www.mku.edu.tr

Istanbul Beykent University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.beykent.edu.tr/

Istanbul Bilgi University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.bilgi.edu.tr/

Istanbul Kültür University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.iku.edu.tr

Istanbul Okan University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.okan.edu.tr/

Işık University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.isikun.edu.tr/

İnönü University
Malatya / State university
inonu.edu.tr

İzmir Institute of Technology
İzmir / State university
iyte.edu.tr/

İzmir University of Economics
İzmir / Foundation university
www.ieu.edu.tr/tr

Kadir Has University
İstanbul / Foundation university
international.khas.edu.tr/

Kafkas University
Kars / State university
www.kafkas.edu.tr

Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University
Kahramanmaraş / State university
www.ksu.edu.tr

Kocaeli University
Kocaeli / State university
www.kocaeli.edu.tr

Kütahya Dumlupınar University
Kütahya / State university
www.dpu.edu.tr/

Kırıkkale University
Kırıkkale / State university
www.kku.edu.tr

Maltepe University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.maltepe.edu.tr

Manisa Celal Bayar University
Manisa / State university
mcbu.edu.tr/

Marmara University
İstanbul / State university
www.marmara.edu.tr/

Mersin University
Mersin / State university
www.mersin.edu.tr/

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University
İstanbul / State university
www.msgsu.edu.tr

Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University
Muğla / State university
www.mu.edu.tr

Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University
Niğde / State university
www.ohu.edu.tr

Ondokuz Mayıs University
Samsun / State university
www.omu.edu.tr/

Pamukkale University
Denizli / State university
www.pau.edu.tr

Sakarya University
Sakarya / State university
www.sakarya.edu.tr

Sivas Cumhuriyet University
Sivas / State university
www.cumhuriyet.edu.tr

Süleyman Demirel University
Isparta / State university
w3.sdu.edu.tr/

TOBB University of Economics and Technology
Ankara / Foundation university
www.etu.edu.tr/tr

Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University
Tokat / State university
www.gop.edu.tr

Trakya University
Edirne / State university
www.trakya.edu.tr

Ufuk University
Ankara / Foundation university
www.ufuk.edu.tr/

Van Yüzüncü Yıl University
Van / State university
www.yyu.edu.tr

Yaşar University
İzmir / Foundation university
www.yasar.edu.tr/

Yeditepe University
İstanbul / Foundation university
www.yeditepe.edu.tr/en

Yıldız Technical University
İstanbul / State university
www.yildiz.edu.tr

Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University
Zonguldak / State university
w3.beun.edu.tr/

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University
Çanakkale / State university
www.comu.edu.tr/

Çankaya University
Ankara / Foundation university
www.cankaya.edu.tr

Çağ University
Mersin / Foundation university
www.cag.edu.tr/

STUDY IN TAJIKISTAN

Tajikistan

National universities and transnational residential education.



Avicenna Tajik State Medical University / Foteh Rahimov / Public domain / cropped

Tajikistan's institutions include comprehensive and specialist universities. The University of Central Asia (UCA) operates an English-language residential campus in Khorog, with Global Economics and Earth & Environmental Sciences. This book's named budget example concerns that non-medical route.

UCA KHOROG TUITION / YEAR

TJS 46,180

≈ US$ 5,000 / year

Non-medical UCA Khorog 2026/27 example, before aid: published US$5,000/year. TJS is a planning conversion.

UCA KHOROG RESIDENCE / ACADEMIC YEAR

US$ 3,000

Published academic-year package, before aid

UCA Khorog 2026/27 residential bundle. The published package does not establish year-round housing. Add personal spending, travel and holiday arrangements.

Typical degree length

UCA Khorog bachelor's: 5 years
(includes 1 preparatory year)
General medicine at Avicenna: 6 years

Fields of study

Medicine; engineering; business; regional studies.

Academic entry

UCA's five-year structure includes one preparatory year followed by degree study. Selection combines application documents, an admissions test or accepted SAT route, further assessment or interview and a separate financial-assistance stage. The residential bundle is priced by academic year.

The Khorog budget example

UCA's published 2026/27 pre-aid figures are US$5,000 annual tuition and a US$3,000 academic-year residential bundle. The residential charge is presented in its quoted period; it is not a market rent or complete living-cost estimate. Personal expenditure, travel and holidays remain separate.

TAJIKISTAN / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Tajikistan's study pathways

State universities and specialist institutes dominate the directory, alongside distinctive international provision. Language and admissions arrangements differ across institutions.

Institutions and qualification routes

Tajikistan's higher education provision includes comprehensive state universities and specialist institutions in medicine, engineering, agriculture, education, economics and culture. Bachelor's, specialist and postgraduate routes can have different entry and completion requirements. Tajik National University's published rules distinguish undergraduate or specialist admission from master's and doctoral applications. The qualification named on the offer and the institution's authority to deliver it establish what the student is enrolling to complete. The ministry's higher-education directory is a starting point, while individual universities provide the programme and admission detail needed for a final decision.

Subjects and regional choices

Dushanbe contains many national and specialist institutions, but Khujand, Bokhtar, Kulob, Dangara and Khorog provide additional regional options. The faculty and teaching site determine access to laboratories, clinical facilities and practical training for professional subjects. The University of Central Asia offers a distinct residential, English-medium undergraduate environment at Khorog; its wider programme portfolio is divided across campuses in different countries. Campus allocation determines which major is delivered locally and which requires study elsewhere. An international institution's overall programme catalogue therefore extends beyond the courses available at its Tajikistan site.

Teaching language and preparation

Tajik and Russian remain important study languages, while selected programmes recruit through English-medium routes. Avicenna Tajik State Medical University explicitly lists General Medicine in Tajik, Russian and English. Examinations, textbooks, practical work and patient contact may involve different language demands from the language used on an international admissions page. Preparatory study may be appropriate where language or academic foundations need strengthening. At UCA, the normal five-year undergraduate sequence begins with preparation in English, mathematics and science, followed by the degree curriculum.

Domestic and foreign admission routes

The National Testing Center administers centralised entrance examinations for participating domestic routes. Foreign applicants may instead enter through agreements, allocated places or direct contractual admission under institutional rules. Tajik National University publishes a distinct foreign-student procedure and requires the educational background appropriate to the chosen level. The applicable route depends on nationality, earlier qualifications and the basis on which the institution recruits the applicant. Government-funded quotas and ordinary tuition-paying places can follow different processes, so a general announcement may not describe the international route you need.

TAJIKISTAN / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Admission and student life

Study contracts establish fees and academic terms. Accommodation, preparatory study and professional recognition add further dimensions to the offer.

Documents and academic screening

Application documentation includes the school certificate or previous degree, detailed academic record and translations specified by the receiving university. Published TNU rules require recognition of foreign educational documents and distinguish the evidence needed for undergraduate, transfer and postgraduate admission. Institutions may assess applicants through interviews, subject checks or preparatory-course results. UCA uses its own admissions test or an accepted SAT route, followed by further selection stages. Original-document rules remain institutional requirements even when an intermediary assists with submission, and the university's decision depends on the accepted evidence.

Fees and genuine financial support

The full cost comprises tuition, accommodation, required insurance or medical documentation, any preparatory study and other compulsory institutional charges. Study contracts determine whether charges are fixed or reviewed annually, alongside the applicable withdrawal and refund conditions. Government agreements may provide funded places, while UCA has a separate financial-aid model involving scholarships, grants and interest-free loans. Aid is not necessarily an unconditional cash scholarship. The offer's actual coverage and any repayment obligations distinguish financial aid from a fully funded scholarship without repayment.

Accommodation and arrival planning

Campus accommodation should be confirmed in writing. TNU's published accommodation guidance offers residence-hall places to international students on a contractual basis when vacancies are available, so admission does not itself guarantee a room. UCA's residential model presents a different arrangement that should be costed using its own offer. International offices coordinate information on arrival registration, the relevant visa process, health documentation and available local support. Meals, transport, bedding, separately charged heating or utilities and travel to the actual campus add to first-year expenditure.

Professional outcomes and support

For medicine and other professional careers, recognition in the intended employment country depends on conditions such as clinical hours, internship structure, language and licensing examinations. Institutional recognition alone does not answer those questions. Practical-placement arrangements and designated international support services are therefore substantive parts of the academic offer. The signed study contract, official payment receipts and programme description provide the clearest record of the agreed academic and financial terms. This is especially useful when comparing a direct university offer with a recruitment package that combines tuition, travel, accommodation and additional services.

TAJIKISTAN / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Centralised entrance examinations (CEE)

Participating domestic admission routes

The National Testing Center operates subject-group examinations. Foreign contractual or agreement-based applicants must confirm applicability with their institution; CEE is not automatically required of every foreign student.

www.ntc.tj/ru/

Creative / specialist entrance assessments

Specialities designated for additional testing

Some routes include creative or specialist components beyond general testing. The National Testing Center's speciality rules identify the relevant components, supplemented by institutional selection requirements.

ntc.tj/images/Downloads/13_disciplini-CVE.pdf

UCA Admissions Test

University of Central Asia undergraduate applicants

The current Stage 2 test assesses English and mathematics at designated testing locations. It belongs to UCA's selection process, not the national university system.

admissions.ucentralasia.org/apply/stage-2/

SAT alternative at UCA

Applicants using UCA's accepted SAT route

UCA accepts SAT evidence through its published procedure. Its published score, reporting and deadline rules govern eligibility; further application stages still apply.

satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

University interview / preparatory-course assessment

Foreign applicants under institutional rules

TNU describes foreign admission procedures and use of preparatory-course completion results. The receiving faculty determines the applicable academic and language assessment.

tnu.tj/index.php/en/international-students/

Institutional and regional structure

Tajikistan's higher education landscape includes multidisciplinary state universities, specialist institutions and interstate universities. Dushanbe contains national, medical, technical, pedagogical, agricultural and economic institutions. Khujand and Kulob provide regional university centres, while UCA's Khorog campus concentrates on global economics and earth and environmental sciences. Russian-Tajik (Slavonic) University operates as an interstate institution with Russian and Tajik participation. The Ministry of Education and Science publishes the national institution list; individual universities organise programmes through faculties, departments and associated research or teaching units.

TAJIKISTAN / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

University of Central Asia: need-based financial aid

Undergraduate: School of Arts and Sciences

Support. Individual support toward tuition and residential charges through scholarships, grants and student loans. The published baseline lists US$5,000 tuition and US$3,000 residential costs annually before further aid.

Eligibility. Admitted students whose household income, expenditure, assets and liabilities establish financial need under UCA's assessment.

Application. Financial-aid application with supporting household documents after academic selection; separate forms cover founding-country and other international applicants.

Conditions. Amounts are individually assessed. The 2026/27 international package includes repayable loans requiring two guarantors, one a parent or guardian; aid is not necessarily wholly grant-funded.

Russian-Tajik (Slavonic) University: Russian state-funded places

Bachelor's, specialist and master's places within the allocation

Support. Tuition-funded admission places financed from the Russian state budget; programme allocations are agreed with Tajikistan's education authorities.

Eligibility. Russian and Tajik citizens competing within the authorised allocation and satisfying the relevant degree-entry requirements.

Application. RTSU admission commission; first-year entry through the National Testing Center route also includes a university Russian-language assessment.

Conditions. Competitive budget-place admission, distinct from fee-paying contract admission. The cited allocation rules do not specify a complete living-cost scholarship package.

University of Central Asia: full merit scholarships

Undergraduate: School of Arts and Sciences

Support. Full scholarships credited through the university financial-aid package; grants and scholarships are not disbursed as cash to students.

Eligibility. Citizens of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan or Kazakhstan with exceptional entrance-test performance, qualifying national Olympiad results or an ORT gold certificate, plus successful internal admission stages.

Application. UCA admission application, internal assessments and documentary evidence of any qualifying competition or test distinction.

Conditions. Competitive merit route with restricted citizenship. The cited admissions pages describe the 2026 cycle; their full-award criteria are distinct from individually assessed need-based aid.

Tajik National University: bilateral and state-quota route

Degree programmes included in the government allocation

Support. Study places allocated through international agreements or a state order. Published admission rules do not specify a standard stipend, travel payment or accommodation subsidy.

Eligibility. Foreign applicants covered by an applicable agreement or allocated place, with recognised prior qualifications and the required ministry referral.

Application. Nomination/referral through the relevant education authorities, followed by TNU's foreign-student admission process.

Conditions. Conditional allocation route, not a universal scholarship competition. Separate direct contracts require tuition payment; an allocated place does not establish a uniform financial benefit.

TAJIKISTAN / UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

Universities and institutions

Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Tajik National University

Dushanbe / Public university

Law; Natural sciences; Economics; Languages

17 Rudaki Avenue, Dushanbe 734025, Tajikistan

tnu.tj/
info@tnu.tj

Technological University of Tajikistan

Dushanbe / Public technological university

Engineering technology; Design; Information technology; Economics

63/3 N. Karaboev Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

tut.tj/

Avicenna Tajik State Medical University

Dushanbe / Public medical university

Medicine; Paediatrics; Dentistry; Pharmacy

29-31 Sino Street, Sino District, Dushanbe 734003, Tajikistan

www.tajmedun.tj/
info@tajmedun.tj

Tajik State University of Finance and Economics

Dushanbe / Public university

Finance; Accounting; Economics; Management

64/14 Nakhimov Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

www.tgfeu.tj/
info@tgfeu.tj

Tajik Technical University named after Academician M. S. Osimi

Dushanbe / Public technical university

Engineering; Energy; Transport; Architecture

10 Academicians Rajabov Avenue, Dushanbe 734042, Tajikistan

web.ttu.tj/
info@ttu.tj

Russian-Tajik (Slavonic) University

Dushanbe / Interstate public university (Russia-Tajikistan)

Economics; Law; Natural sciences; Languages

30 M. Tursun-zade Street, Dushanbe 734025, Tajikistan

rtsu.tj/

Tajik State Pedagogical University named after Sadriddin Aini

Dushanbe / Public pedagogical university

Education; Languages; Mathematics; Sciences

121 Rudaki Avenue, Dushanbe 734003, Tajikistan

www.tgpu.tj/

Khujand State University named after Academician Bobojon Gafurov

Khujand / Public university

Education; Languages; Natural sciences; History

1 Mavlonbekov Passage, Khujand 735700, Tajikistan

www.hgu.tj/
rector@hgu.tj

Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshoh Shotemur

Dushanbe / Public agrarian university

Agronomy; Veterinary medicine; Land management; Agricultural engineering

146 Rudaki Avenue, Dushanbe 734003, Tajikistan

www.tajagroun.tj/

Kulob State University named after Abuabdulloh Rudaki

Kulob / Public university

Education; Languages; Natural sciences; Economics

16 S. Safarov Street, Kulob 735360, Tajikistan

www.kgu.tj/
info@kgu.tj

Tajik State University of Commerce

Dushanbe / Public university

Economics; Commerce; Management; International economic relations

1/2 Dehoti Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

www.tguk.tj/

University of Central Asia - Khorog Campus

Khorog / Private nonprofit international treaty university

Global economics; Earth sciences; Environmental sciences

155 Qimatsho Imatshoev Street, Khorog, GBAO 736000, Tajikistan

ucentralasia.org/
admissions@ucentralasia.org

TAJIKISTAN / ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Further study options

Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Bokhtar State University named after Nosiri Khusrav
Bokhtar / Public university
btsu.tj/

Dangara State University
Dangara / Public university
www.dsu.tj/

International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship of Tajikistan
Dushanbe / Public university
iutet.tj/

Khorog State University named after Moyonsho Nazarshoev
Khorog / Public university
khogu.tj/

Polytechnic Institute of Tajik Technical University in Khujand
Khujand / Public university institute
polytech.tj/

State Institute of Fine Arts and Design of Tajikistan
Dushanbe / Public higher-education institute
ddstdt.tj/

Tajik International University of Foreign Languages named after Sotim Ulughzoda
Dushanbe / Public university
dbz.tj/

Tajik National Conservatory named after Talabkhuja Sattorov
Dushanbe / Public conservatory
www.konservatoriya.tj/

Tajik State Institute of Culture and Arts named after Mirzo Tursunzoda
Dushanbe / Public higher-education institute
ddst.tj/

Tajik State University of Law, Business and Politics
Khujand / Public university
www.tsulbp.tj/

TAJIKISTAN / INSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE

Ministry of Education and Science: Higher professional education institutions

Official national institution list. Cross-check current addresses and programmes on the institution's own website; inclusion does not establish overseas professional recognition. These 12 entries are selected.

maorif.tj/hpe-institutions

A directory entry identifies an institution. Admission is determined by the selected programme and the applicant's qualifications.

STUDY IN BRAZIL

Brazil

Broad research options with Portuguese at the centre.

Brazil has federal and state public universities alongside private institutions, often with several teaching campuses. Portuguese is central to many degree routes. The specific qualification and admission pathway distinguish undergraduate, research and specialist study.



Clock Tower and Rectory, University of São Paulo / Photograph by Mike Peel (www.mikepeel.net) / CC BY-SA 4.0 / cropped

Academic entry

Routes include the vestibular, Enem/Sisu, programme-level postgraduate selection and eligible international schemes. Foreign-document and Portuguese requirements belong to the selected admission route.

PUBLIC DEGREE TUITION / YEAR

BRL 0 on eligible public routes

Approx. US$ 0

Public undergraduate and stricto sensu research routes commonly have no tuition. Private programmes and fee-charging specialisations differ; other course and personal costs remain.

SAO PAULO HOUSING ONLY / MONTH

BRL 2,150–2,750

Approx. US$ 410–530

FEA-USP's 2026 accommodation example: shared / single. This is housing, not a full living budget. Food, transport, personal spending and other charges remain outside the range.

Typical degree length

Many bachelor's programmes take 4-6 years; master's commonly 2. Technology, teacher-education and specialised programmes differ.

Fields of study

Engineering; agriculture; environmental sciences; health; business; humanities.

A place is not a living stipend

PEC-G, Brazil's international undergraduate cooperation programme, offers eligible students tuition-free places. Living funding is a separate question; grant eligibility and payment dates follow the actual award terms.

BRAZIL / EDUCATION AND ENTRY

Qualifications and entry routes

Portuguese proficiency, the award type and the admission pathway determine the practical shortlist.

The undergraduate award matters

Brazilian undergraduate education includes bacharelado, licenciatura and higher-technology degrees. A bacharelado prepares students across an academic or professional field; a licenciatura is directed towards teacher education for basic education. Higher-technology programmes concentrate on specialised professional areas and are higher-education qualifications, not simply secondary vocational courses. Many bachelor's programmes last four to six years, depending on the field, while other structures differ. Confirm the exact qualification, workload and professional purpose. A similar English translation does not establish that two Brazilian awards have identical preparation or recognition outcomes.

Choose the correct admission pathway

Universities use different routes for full-degree entry, including their own vestibular examinations, selection using Enem results and specific international programmes. Sisu allocates participating public institutions' places using Enem scores; it is a selection system rather than a separate examination. Its 2026 rules accept qualifying results from the preceding three Enem editions. International applicants should check documentary and examination eligibility directly with the institution. PEC-G is a separate cooperation route for eligible partner-country applicants. An exchange nomination from a home university is another process and does not automatically admit someone to a complete degree.

Portuguese and language evidence

Portuguese preparation is important for lectures, assessment and daily administration. Some universities offer selected courses in other languages, but an English webpage or exchange catalogue does not establish an entirely English-taught degree. Celpe-Bras is the Brazilian government's Portuguese-proficiency certificate and assesses integrated communication through written and oral components. Whether it is required, and at what stage, depends on the admission route and programme. PEC-PLE provides a prescribed Portuguese-preparation pathway linked to eligible PEC-G selection; completing a language course alone is not the same as meeting the programme's certification condition.

Research degrees and specialisations

Brazil distinguishes stricto sensu postgraduate degrees, including mestrado and doutorado, from lato sensu specialisations. A specialisation commonly marketed as an MBA leads to a certificate; it should not automatically be treated as equivalent to a research master's diploma. Research programmes publish their own selection notices, which may consider academic records, research interests, language evidence and a proposed supervisor. A completed first degree is the starting qualification, but admission is not guaranteed by degree possession alone. Check recognised master's and doctoral programmes through CAPES's Sucupira system and read the individual programme's current notice.

BRAZIL / STUDENT LIFE AND PLANNING

Budget and academic planning

A tuition-free route still requires a funded move, the right teaching location and a workable study plan.

Tuition is only part of the cost

Public undergraduate and stricto sensu routes commonly operate without tuition, including for admitted international students. USP's computer-science graduate guidance, for example, states that its degrees are free of tuition for Brazilian and foreign students. This does not make every course at a public institution free: continuing-education specialisations can charge fees, and private universities have their own tuition schedules. Separate tuition from application charges, documents, travel, insurance, housing and living expenses. A place under PEC-G provides tuition-free study, but it should not be budgeted as an automatic maintenance scholarship.

Use a campus specific living budget

Living costs vary considerably by city, neighbourhood and accommodation arrangement, so a national headline range can mislead. As one current example, FEA-USP's 2026 exchange fact sheet lists nearby residence accommodation at about BRL 2,150 monthly for shared housing and BRL 2,750 for a single option. These are São Paulo housing figures, not total living costs or national prices. Add food, transport, utilities where excluded, insurance and initial deposits. Ask the host office about current accommodation options and eligibility, then check the commute to the actual teaching campus before signing.

Attendance assessment and course planning

Brazilian institutions publish their own grading, attendance and credit rules; a familiar numerical scale does not establish the same passing threshold everywhere. UFSC undergraduate guidance uses a zero-to-ten scale, with at least 6.0 and 75% attendance required to pass. FEA-USP's undergraduate guide instead specifies at least 5.0 and 70% attendance. Course registration can be capacity-limited, and research postgraduate work may involve substantial reading and writing beyond class time. Exchange students should agree credit recognition with their home institution and avoid assuming a universal conversion between Brazilian credits and ECTS.

Recognition and immigration checks

Use the official e-MEC database to check the institution and undergraduate course, including the location and applicable authorising acts. Master's and doctoral recognition is checked through CAPES and Sucupira. Professional practice can involve additional requirements, including formal handling of a prior foreign qualification through the relevant recognition process. Immigration is separate: establish the appropriate visa or residence route with the Brazilian authorities for your nationality and activity. Study-visa holders must complete the required Federal Police registration after arrival. A university offer or scholarship does not itself grant residence, professional licensing or a permanent immigration outcome.

BRAZIL / ADMISSION

Entry tests and application notes

Programme-specific assessments, with official websites for further reading.

Enem and Sisu

Programmes using Enem scores, including places offered through Sisu.

Enem is the examination; Sisu is the selection system. For 2026, qualifying scores from Enem 2023, 2024 or 2025 can be used under the published rules. Check future notices rather than carrying the same calendar forward.

www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/perguntas-frequentes/sisu/notas-do-enem/quem-nao-fez-o-enem

Vestibular and institutional selection

Universities and programmes with their own admission procedures.

Institution-specific entrance examinations and selection notices can operate alongside national-score routes. Applicants must check the provider's current route, subjects, registration documents and any additional aptitude assessment.

www.fuvest.br/vestibular-da-usp/2/

Celpe-Bras

Applicants whose programme or cooperation route requires Portuguese certification.

Government Portuguese-proficiency examination with written and oral components. Required certification level, exemptions and submission timing depend on the receiving programme and selection route.

www.gov.br/inep/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/perguntas-frequentes/celpe-bras

Exchange and full degree status

An international cooperation agreement can support a temporary study period without creating a route to a complete Brazilian qualification. Exchange applicants normally work through their home institution and the host mobility office, while degree applicants follow the university or government programme's admission procedure. The office that issues an exchange acceptance letter may not decide full-degree admission. Establish the intended status before collecting documents, selecting modules or assuming tuition treatment, and ask how the resulting study will be recorded on a transcript.

Cash flow before a grant begins

Treat an expected grant as uncertain until the formal award and payment arrangements are confirmed. Tuition-free admission and maintenance assistance solve different budget questions. For a family-funded plan, identify who will cover travel, deposits, insurance and the first months while local administrative arrangements are completed. PROMISAES is a targeted contribution rather than a complete budget; PEC-PG has its own benefit package. Keep a contingency reserve and confirm the host institution's practical arrival instructions before committing to non-refundable travel.

BRAZIL / SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding routes

Published award terms retain their stated intake or reference period.

PEC-G tuition-free undergraduate places

Eligible full undergraduate programmes at participating Brazilian institutions

Support. A tuition-free degree place; living costs and travel need separate financing.

Eligibility. Partner-country citizens residing abroad who meet nationality, age, secondary-school and Portuguese conditions; Brazilian-nationality and family-nationality exclusions apply.

Application. Apply through the responsible Brazilian diplomatic post under the current PEC-G/PEC-PLE notice.

Conditions. Not an automatic maintenance scholarship. Financial-responsibility evidence is required. The scheme anticipates return home after graduation; verify the current call before assuming a 2027 place.

PEC-PG postgraduate scholarships

Full master's, full doctorate and doctoral research-mobility places under the relevant call

Support. The reviewed CAPES call for 2026 starts provides BRL 2,100 monthly for master's or BRL 3,100 for doctorate, plus BRL 400 monthly health-insurance assistance; the programme also lists return travel from Brazil funded by MRE.

Eligibility. Applicants from participating countries meeting the call's nationality, residence, academic and programme-selection requirements. Brazilian-nationality restrictions and host-programme acceptance conditions apply.

Application. Choose from the published participating places and complete the CAPES application and host-institution selection under the current notice.

Conditions. Competitive. These are the reviewed 2025 call's benefits for 2026 entry, not a confirmed 2027 award schedule. Language evidence, allowed funding combinations, duration and return obligations must be checked in the applicable call.

PROMISAES maintenance assistance

PEC-G undergraduates already enrolled at participating federal institutions

Support. Published support of BRL 622 per month, subject to the institution's call. A 2026 UFCG round confirms this rate for a defined six-month award period.

Eligibility. Eligible PEC-G students at participating federal institutions; academic performance, socioeconomic need, regular immigration status and local call conditions affect selection.

Application. Apply to the host federal university's PROMISAES selection process, supplying the evidence requested in its published notice.

Conditions. Limited maintenance assistance, not full living-cost coverage. Availability and duration are local and budget-dependent; the cited 2026 UFCG application round has closed. It is not an admission scholarship open to every international applicant.

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Location • fields • address • website • selected QS 2027 overall ranks

Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

São Paulo / multiple cities in São Paulo state / Public state university / QS 2027: 133

Engineering; Medicine; Humanities; Natural sciences

Rua da Reitoria, 374, Cidade Universitária, São Paulo, SP 05508-220, Brazil

www.usp.br/

Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)

Campinas / Limeira / Piracicaba / Public state university

Engineering; Computing; Biomedical sciences; Humanities

International Office, Rua Josué de Castro, 120, Cidade Universitária, Campinas, SP 13083-861, Brazil

www.unicamp.br/
derime@unicamp.br

Universidade Estadual Paulista (Unesp)

Multiple cities in São Paulo state / Public state university

Agriculture; Veterinary medicine; Engineering; Humanities

Rua Quirino de Andrade, 215, Centro, São Paulo, SP 01049-010, Brazil

www.unesp.br/

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)

Rio de Janeiro / Macaé / Duque de Caxias / Public federal university

Engineering; Health sciences; Natural sciences; Humanities

Rua Antônio Barros de Castro, 119, Cidade Universitária, Rio de Janeiro, RJ 21941-853, Brazil

ufrj.br/
sgri@internacional.ufrj.br

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG)

Belo Horizonte / Montes Claros / Public federal university

Engineering; Health sciences; Humanities; Arts

Avenida Antônio Carlos, 6627, Pampulha, Belo Horizonte, MG 31270-901, Brazil

www.ufmg.br/
intercambios@dri.ufmg.br

Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

Florianópolis / four other Santa Catarina cities / Public federal university

Engineering; Health sciences; Humanities; Agriculture

Campus Universitário Reitor João David Ferreira Lima, Trindade, Florianópolis, SC 88040-900, Brazil

ufsc.br/

Universidade de Brasília (UnB)

Brasília and other Federal District locations / Public federal university

Engineering; Health sciences; International relations; Natural sciences

International Affairs Office, Campus Universitário Darcy Ribeiro, Reitoria, Asa Norte, Brasília, DF 70910-900, Brazil

www.unb.br/
intweb@unb.br

Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR)

Curitiba / multiple Paraná locations / Public federal university

Engineering; Law; Health sciences; Environmental sciences

International Relations Office, Rua Dr. Faivre, 405, 2nd floor, Curitiba, PR 80060-140, Brazil

ufpr.br/
internacional@ufpr.br

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

Rio de Janeiro / Private Catholic university

Engineering; Economics; Computer science; Design

Rua Marquês de São Vicente, 225, Gávea, Rio de Janeiro, RJ 22453-900, Brazil

www.puc-rio.br/
incoming@puc-rio.br

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)

Porto Alegre / Private non-profit community Catholic university

Business; Law; Technology; Health sciences

Avenida Ipiranga, 6681, Partenon, Porto Alegre, RS 90619-900, Brazil

portal.pucrs.br/
internacional@pucrs.br

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Additional institutions / location, institution type and official website

Universidade Estadual de Londrina
Londrina / Public state university
portal.uel.br/

Universidade Estadual de Maringá
Maringá / Public state university
www.uem.br/

Universidade Federal da Bahia
Salvador / Public federal university
ufba.br/

Universidade Federal de Campina Grande
Campina Grande / Public federal university
www.gov.br/ufcg/pt-br

Universidade Federal de Goiás
Goiânia / Public federal university
ufg.br/

Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora
Juiz de Fora / Public federal university
www2.ufjf.br/ufjf/

Universidade Federal de Lavras
Lavras / Public federal university
ufla.br/

Universidade Federal de Pelotas
Pelotas / Public federal university
portal.ufpel.edu.br/

Universidade Federal de Pernambuco
Recife / Public federal university
www.ufpe.br/

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www.ufsm.br/

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www.ufscar.br/

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ufu.br/

Universidade Federal de Viçosa
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www.ufv.br/

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www.ufc.br/pt

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www.ufes.br/

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PLAIN-LANGUAGE GLOSSARY

Know the terms in the offer

A short reference for the language used in applications, funding and study planning.

APS

Academic Evaluation Centre. For relevant applicants to Germany, it verifies academic documents; an APS certificate does not itself grant university admission.

VPD

Vorprüfungsdokumentation: a preliminary review document issued by uni-assist for universities that use this route. It is not an admission offer.

ECTS

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. Credits describe study workload; a full-time academic year commonly carries 60 ECTS.

Foundation / Studienkolleg

Preparation before a degree. Studienkolleg is a German preparatory route with an assessment; progression depends on the route and results.

Conditional offer

An offer that requires specified conditions to be met, such as final grades, language scores or verified documents.

CAS

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies. A UK student sponsor issues this reference for an eligible Student visa application.

Cost of attendance

A university's estimate of tuition, fees and living-related costs for a stated period. Check what is included and whether it covers the full year.

Proof of funds

Evidence that required financial resources are available. A blocked account is one particular arrangement, not a universal requirement.

Merit / need-based aid

Merit awards assess achievement or other stated criteria. Need-based aid considers financial circumstances under the provider's rules.

Tuition waiver / stipend

A waiver reduces an eligible fee. A stipend is a payment for living or other defined costs. They cannot always be used interchangeably.

Apostille / legalisation

Ways to authenticate specified public documents for use abroad. The required process depends on the issuing and receiving authorities.

Professional registration

Permission from the relevant regulator to practise a regulated profession. It can require more than completing an academic qualification.

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About this edition

Editorial scope, dates and identification of institutions

Edition and coverage

Edition 2027 / Revision 15, issued 5 October 2026. Coverage: 35 destinations, 571 featured institutions, 1,131 further listings and 132 funding routes. This is a selected international directory covering public, private, specialist and applied institutions.

Order and rankings

Country order is editorial: major Indian study destinations and priority markets appear early. It is not a quality ranking. QS means Quacquarelli Symonds. Selected overall QS World University Rankings 2027 appear beside institutions. Equals signs denote tied ranks; ranges denote bands. An unlabelled entry has no rank assigned in this edition.

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Base research: 30 September 2026; additions: 1 October. Revisions 14-15 checked selected policies, institution records and funding routes on 5 October. This is not a fresh check of every institution or award. Fees, statistics and scholarship examples retain their stated year; Edition 2027 does not make every value a confirmed 2027 quotation.

Costs and currency

Tuition is normally annual and living costs monthly; exceptions state the period. US-dollar equivalents use 29-30 September 2026 rates, rounded for planning. Bank margins and transfer charges affect payments. Worked budgets are examples. Visa funding minima may be below actual spending.

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Notes

Record course details, questions and decisions that affect your shortlist.

DIGITAL COMPANION / FIND AND COMPARE

From a university listing to a shortlist

Use the linked directory to move from a promising institution to a course that fits your preparation, budget and plans.

Start with the course

A university listing provides an entry point, not a complete prospectus. Its subject fields identify areas of provision; they do not establish that every specialism, study level or teaching language is available. The next useful record is the exact programme: award, campus, mode, duration, curriculum and entry requirements. A shortlist built at this level is easier to compare than a collection of university names.

Compare course structure | Course comparison worksheet

What the entry establishes

Institution type describes the provider's structure. The address identifies a location, which may differ from the campus teaching a particular course. A listed email is a published contact, not necessarily a dedicated admissions channel. The official website leads to the institution's own information. Programme accreditation and professional recognition require a closer reading, especially where the intended career is regulated.

Institution index A–Z

Rankings need a label

Selected entries show overall QS World University Rankings 2027 positions. QS, or Quacquarelli Symonds, is the organisation publishing that ranking. The edition, overall or subject category, tied position and rank band all affect interpretation. A missing rank in this directory does not establish that an institution is unranked. Curriculum, access requirements and the student's aims remain central to the choice.

How rankings are presented

Follow the evidence to its owner

University pages govern programme and fee details. Immigration authorities publish entry and residence rules; professional regulators determine routes into licensed practice. Scholarship providers set award conditions. The links in this book make those sources easier to reach, but a retrieved page may describe an earlier intake. The relevant call or fee schedule needs to match the intended start date.

A reference that can be corrected

Edition 2027 identifies this publication; it does not make every cited figure a confirmed 2027 offer. Publication notes record research and currency dates. Selected high-impact rules were checked again on 5 October 2026; this was not a fresh verification of every institutional listing. Corrections can be sent with the institution, page and official source to inspire@viaglowbal.com.

Via Glowbal | Publication and corrections

DIGITAL COMPANION / GERMANY AND ITALY

Two destinations, different entry routes

School qualifications, subject preparation and programme selection determine the path. Policy notes checked 5 October 2026.

Germany: identify the qualification route

Germany's familiar "13 years" description is not a universal instruction to add a school year. For the specified Indian Class XII routes from winter 2026/27, guidance from the Academic Evaluation Centre (APS) India requires at least 70% overall. Class XII with APS can support a subject-restricted Studienkolleg route. One successfully completed academic year of a regular bachelor's at a recognised institution may instead support direct entry in the previous or a closely related field. Recognition establishes eligibility; competitive admission follows the university's rules.

APS undergraduate notices | DAAD bachelor's pathways

Preparation and the application file

A Studienkolleg commonly lasts two semesters and usually requires German, even before an English-taught degree. Its Feststellungsprüfung assesses progression. APS verifies relevant academic records; a uni-assist VPD records a preliminary qualification assessment where the university requires it. Neither document replaces the university application. Language evidence, subject requirements and the institution's submission route belong in the same application plan.

Documents and verification

The dMAT update

From summer 2027, the digital Master Test (dMAT) applies to selected APS India master's applicants with previous degrees in engineering, specified commerce-related subjects, or business and management. Transitional and programme exemptions apply. APS determines mixed-field cases; standalone computing degrees are not automatically included. A low result does not automatically mean rejection. The APS notice explains classification and transitional conditions.

APS dMAT rules and exemptions

Italy: read the programme's admission call

A course's teaching language and admissions category determine the relevant route. Since November 2025, CEnT-S has replaced English TOLC-E, English TOLC-I and English TOLC-F for selected programmes. It does not replace all TOLC tests or prove English-language proficiency. The university's call identifies the accepted test, ranking procedure, documents and application period.

CISIA CEnT-S

Medicine follows its own selection

The Italian-language open-semester system does not remove the English-language medical entrance route. Public English-taught Medicine and Surgery uses IMAT in the 2026/27 cycle, including Messina; private institutions publish their own procedures. The next cycle's annual call determines places and dates. Course language also matters during clinical training and professional registration.

Messina IMAT information | Official 2026/27 IMAT portal

Germany chapter | Italy chapter

DIGITAL COMPANION / STUDENT IMMIGRATION

The application date can change the rule

UK, Canada and Australia: selected conditions checked 5 October 2026. The relevant rule depends on the route and individual circumstances.

United Kingdom: funds and the Graduate route

Student visa maintenance evidence is £1,529 a month in London or £1,171 outside London, for up to nine months, plus applicable course fees. These are evidence thresholds, not quotations for a complete year's living costs. The normal holding-period rules also affect when an application can be made. For eligible Graduate visa applicants, the period is two years if applying by 31 December 2026 and 18 months from 1 January 2027. Doctoral graduates retain three years. The Graduate application date, rather than the degree start date, determines the period.

UK financial evidence | UK Graduate visa

Canada: budget for the correct household

Outside Quebec, applications from 1 September 2026 require CAN$23,448 for one person's first-year living expenses, excluding tuition and transport. Accompanying family increases the requirement; Quebec has separate provisions. A multi-year study plan also needs an explanation of funding for the remaining period. Housing costs and the actual city budget can exceed the immigration minimum.

Canada proof of financial support

Canada: programme and work eligibility

From January 2026, degree-granting master's and doctoral applicants at public designated learning institutions are exempt from the federal provincial or territorial attestation-letter requirement. Quebec's own requirements still apply. Eligible off-campus work is limited to 24 hours weekly during regular terms. Post-graduation work-permit eligibility depends on programme and individual conditions: a provider's designated status alone is insufficient. Neither permitted work nor potential graduate employment is confirmed income for the study budget.

Canada attestation-letter rules | Off-campus work | Post-graduation work eligibility

Australia: new applications and family

Rules effective 2 October 2026 restrict further Student visa applications lodged inside Australia and the inclusion of dependants. Onshore applications and accompanying family require an applicable exemption. Family members cannot be added later as subsequent entrants. Existing visas remain valid; earlier applications follow the rules at lodgement. The Home Affairs guidance explains the exemptions and transitional cases.

Australia Student visa changes | United Kingdom chapter | Canada chapter | Australia chapter

Australia: changing education providers

A temporary education rule extends the transfer-restriction period for non-school international students to the first 12 months of the principal course, subject to exceptions. The six-month period resumes on 1 July 2027. School students remain under the six-month rule. Permission to transfer provider does not itself secure another visa.

Australia provider-transfer rules

DIGITAL COMPANION / SCHOLARSHIP DECISIONS

The value of a scholarship

The headline amount matters only alongside eligibility, covered costs, payment timing and the conditions for keeping the award.

Citizenship and residence both matter

Residence in Oman does not make every nationality-based award available on the same terms. Chevening applicants for an official development assistance (ODA) country award must also live in an ODA-eligible country. Commonwealth Master's eligibility includes permanent residence in an eligible Commonwealth country. These are programme-specific rules. Citizenship, present residence, permanent residence and fee status should each be matched to the wording of the relevant award.

Chevening eligibility | Commonwealth Master's Scholarships

Separate support by the cost it pays

A tuition waiver reduces the fee bill. A stipend supplies money on a payment schedule. Accommodation support may provide a room, a reservation or a cash allowance; those arrangements have different values. Research funds may reimburse eligible project costs rather than support everyday spending. A practical comparison records the amount allocated to tuition, living, travel, insurance and research, then identifies the costs still payable by the family.

Payment timing can create a gap

The published 2026 Paris-Saclay scheme provides €10,000 per academic year, paid September-June, with up to €900 in annual travel and visa support. Specified periods abroad or external internships reduce payments. The example shows why an annual award cannot be treated as cash available before departure. Deposits, flights and initial accommodation may fall due before the first instalment.

Paris-Saclay scholarship terms

Place the applications in order

Some awards require school nomination; others require a course application, institutional nomination or a confirmed offer before scholarship consideration. The Lester B. Pearson route begins with school nomination, then Toronto admission and a separate scholarship application. A later scholarship deadline does not extend the earlier academic deadline. A single calendar should record the dependency between those submissions.

Toronto Pearson application sequence

Compare renewal and the remaining bill

An award may cover the first year only, require academic progress or exclude a preparation year. A tuition waiver can still leave a compulsory host fee: Master Mind's published 2026/27 terms permit a small institutional charge. The comparison should show support year by year, the renewal condition and the unfunded balance. Until a written award is issued, the baseline budget should remain affordable without it.

Master Mind terms | Funding reference | Whole-course budgeting

DIGITAL COMPANION / FINANCIAL PLANNING

Follow the money across the whole degree

This fictional three-year scenario demonstrates the method. All amounts are US dollars; none is a country or university price quotation.

Build the recurring annual cost

Assume tuition of US$12,000 a year, compulsory academic charges of US$500, living costs of US$900 a month and travel of US$800 a year. Twelve months of living therefore cost US$10,800. The recurring annual total is US$24,100. One-time arrival and setup costs of US$1,800 raise the first year to US$25,900. The example assumes no scholarship, tuition increase, preparation year or earnings from work.

Extend the calculation beyond year one

Across three years, tuition totals US$36,000; living US$32,400; academic charges US$1,500; travel US$2,400; and initial setup US$1,800. The subtotal is US$74,100. A 10% planning reserve adds US$7,410, producing US$81,510. Allocated by year, that is US$28,490 in year one and US$26,510 in each later year. A longer degree or a required preparation year adds another period of costs.

Stress-test the assumption

If tuition rises by 5% annually, the tuition sequence becomes US$12,000, US$12,600 and US$13,230. Keeping all other assumptions unchanged raises the subtotal to US$75,930. With the same 10% reserve method, the total becomes US$83,523. This is a sensitivity exercise, not a forecast. It shows how a modest annual change can alter the whole-course commitment.

Cash needed is not always final expenditure

A refundable housing deposit can increase money needed before travel even if it is returned later. A blocked account holds money released for living costs; adding both its full balance and the living expenses it pays would duplicate the same money. Tuition deposits normally contribute to the fee bill under the institution's terms. Their refund conditions determine the financial exposure if plans change.

Track dates, currencies and transfers

A cash-flow schedule places deposits, tuition instalments, rent and scholarship receipts in the months when they occur. The directory's converted figures use 29-30 September 2026 rates; this dollar-only example uses no currency conversion. Real transfers also depend on provider rates, conversion margins and charges. A family paying from OMR or INR needs a current payment quote and enough accessible funds for the next obligation, even when annual resources appear sufficient.

Budget definitions | Italy, Germany and UK examples | Comparison worksheet

DIGITAL COMPANION / PLANNING A PROFESSIONAL ROUTE

From school to professional practice

A suitable degree develops knowledge and skills while keeping the required academic and professional routes open.

Grades 9–10: keep the right subjects open

Early planning connects interests with the subjects needed for likely fields. Mathematics, sciences, languages and creative practice can affect later eligibility. Projects, reading and conversations with practitioners help students test an interest before selecting a stream. Counselling can organise that evidence and identify alternatives; one aptitude score should not decide a career.

School planning and counselling

Grade 11: prepare for the relevant assessment

The course determines the test. JEE Main serves specified Indian engineering routes; UCAT is used by participating medical programmes. Law applicants may encounter CLAT or LNAT, depending on the destination and institution. A preparation calendar should accommodate school work, test registration, portfolios and language evidence. IELTS, TOEFL and PTE acceptance depends on the institution's stated version and score requirements.

JEE Main UCAT CLAT LNAT

Grade 12: applications and examinations run together

Many applications begin before final school results. Where accepted, school transcripts and predicted grades support an application, with final results supplied later. References, admissions tests and scholarship files can have earlier deadlines than board examinations. A conditional offer records what must still be achieved. After results, the calendar shifts to completing conditions, accepting the place and arranging funding, accommodation and student status.

For medicine, establish the return pathway early

Indian citizens and Overseas Citizens of India planning a primary medical qualification abroad must qualify the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG); the National Medical Commission (NMC) states a three-year validity for this purpose. For students covered by the 2021 foreign-graduate rules, the required medical study, separate same-institution internship, host-country licensing conditions and Indian registration route all matter. A university's admission offer or directory listing does not establish compliance. The medicine reference explains the training and registration requirements in more detail.

NEET-UG NMC guidance
Foreign medical qualifications

Apply the same logic to other professions

Law, architecture, nursing, pharmacy, teaching and clinical psychology can require recognised training, practical experience, examinations or registration beyond the initial degree. The intended country of work helps determine which route is relevant. Course accreditation, supervised practice and clinical or professional language deserve attention before enrolment, especially when a qualification will be taken across borders.

Science and health pathways
Business, law and creative practice IELTS TOEFL PTE

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