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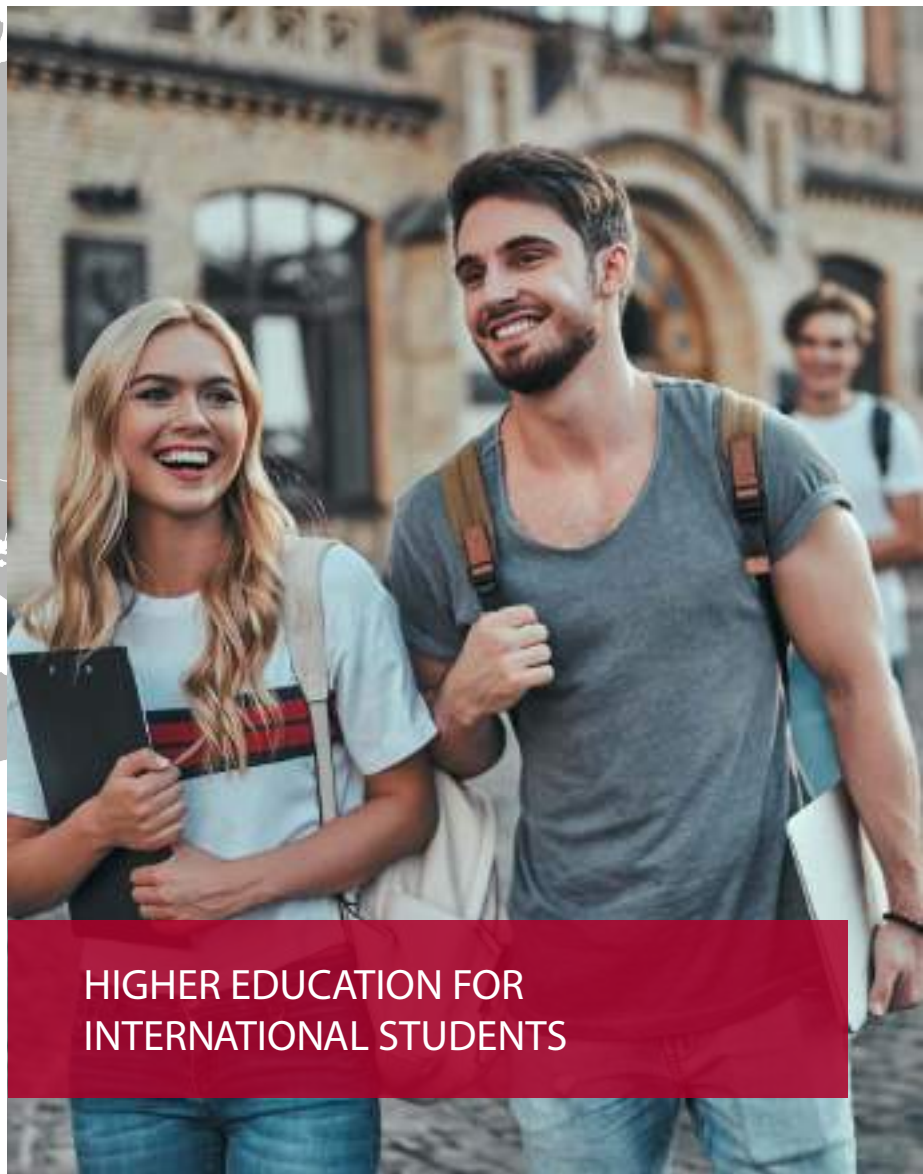


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## HIGHER EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## LATVIAN HIGHER EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN FIGURES



**79 388**  
All students

- International students  
10 764 (14%)
- Degree students  
9495 (~12%)
- Short mobility students  
1269 (~2%)



**29** Higher education institutions (HEIs)

- 16 State-established
- 11 Private
- 2 Branches of foreign HEIs



**19** Colleges

- 12 State-established
- 7 Private

## MAIN STUDY AREAS



Business  
Administration  
& Management



Computer  
Science



Economics  
& Finance



Engineering



Healthcare  
& Medicine



Language  
Studies



Music  
Studies



Natural  
Sciences



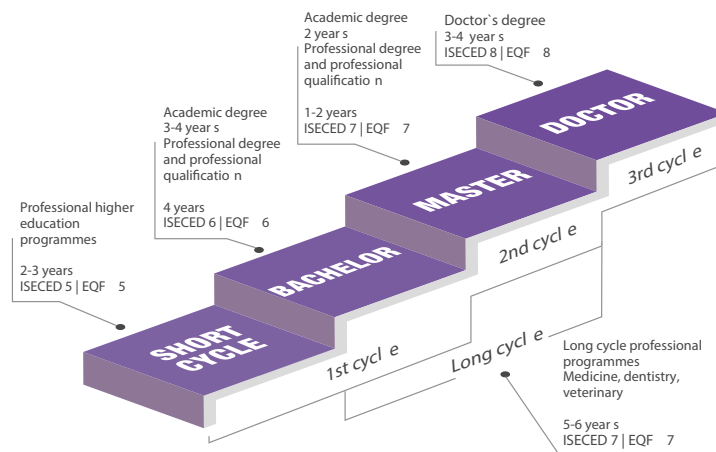
Social  
Sciences



Other study  
areas

## HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN LATVIA

Universities and other higher education institutions offer both academic and professional study programmes.



The Latvian higher education system is a part of the **BOLOGNA PROCESS**, and follows the 3-cycle system:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> cycle includes short cycle programmes and academic or professional Bachelor's degree programmes.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle includes academic or professional Master's degree programmes.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle includes Doctor's degree programmes.

Credit point system is compatible with **ECTS**

1 credit point = 1.5 ECTS = 1 week full-time study workload

1 academic year = 40 Latvian credit points/60 ECTS

Academic bachelor's degree	180–240 ECTS
Professional bachelor's degree	240 ECTS
Academic master's degree	120 ECTS
Professional master's degree	120 ECTS
Long cycle professional programmes	300–360 ECTS

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

### General requirements

- **Previous education** – an attested certificate of secondary education or higher education diploma allowing to pursue the desired studies.
- **Recognition of diploma** – assessed by the Latvian recognition institution the Academic Information Centre (ENIC/NARIC).
- **Sufficient study language proficiency** – mostly English, must be equal or higher than B2 according to the CEFRL levels.

### Institution specific requirements may include:

- Additional entrance tests and exams in specific subjects.
- Assessment of previous marks.
- Online interviews or other requirements set by individual higher education institutions.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- 1 FIND A STUDY PROGRAMME AND A UNIVERSITY**  
Find it at [www.studyinlatvia.lv](http://www.studyinlatvia.lv), check if you qualify, choose the September or February intake and ask if you have questions.
- 2 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**  
Collect all documents, provide translation and digital copies, process your application, and prepare for application payment.
- 3 WAIT FOR RECOGNITION OF YOUR DOCUMENTS**  
University sends documents for verification to an independent institution, wait for recognition of your diploma about 1 month.
- 4 PREPARE FOR EXAMS AND AN INTERVIEW**  
Take an exam, get ready for an online interview, and receive the official letter from university of study place offer.
- 5 RECEIVE A STUDY AGREEMENT AND PAY THE TUITION FEE**  
Receive and sign the study agreement before the arrival if it is necessary for the immigration and pay the tuition fee.
- 6 MANAGE A VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT**  
Get an invitation number for visa or residence permit from the university and apply at the Embassy of Latvia in your country.

! Each university sets its own admission requirements, contact the university

## TUITION FEES

The range is from less than €1,600 per year in certain bachelor's degree programmes (3–4 years of studies) to €15,000 per year for a degree in Dentistry (5 years) to €25,600 for Executive MBA degree.



Healthcare  
& Medicine

€8,000 – €15,000



Business  
Administration  
& Management

€2,000 – €6,000



Engineering

€2,700 – €3,500



Computer  
Science

€1,800 – €3,800

## LATVIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Latvian state scholarships are granted to students, researchers and teaching staff for:

- Degree studies
- Research work
- Participation in summer schools

Nationals of about 40 countries can apply. The annual call for applications is from **1 February to 1 April**.

Please find out more about scholarships at [viaa.gov.lv/scholarships](http://viaa.gov.lv/scholarships)

## ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

International students studying in Latvia may participate in:

- **Study mobility** which enables students to spend an integrated period of study of between 3 months and 12 months in another Erasmus+ programme or partner country.
- **Traineeship mobility** that enables students to spend a period between 2 months and 12 months in an enterprise or organisation in another Erasmus+ programme or partner country.
- **Recent graduate mobility** which enables recent graduates to go on a mobility between 2 to 12 months in another Erasmus+ programme country and must be started and finished during 1 year after graduation.