

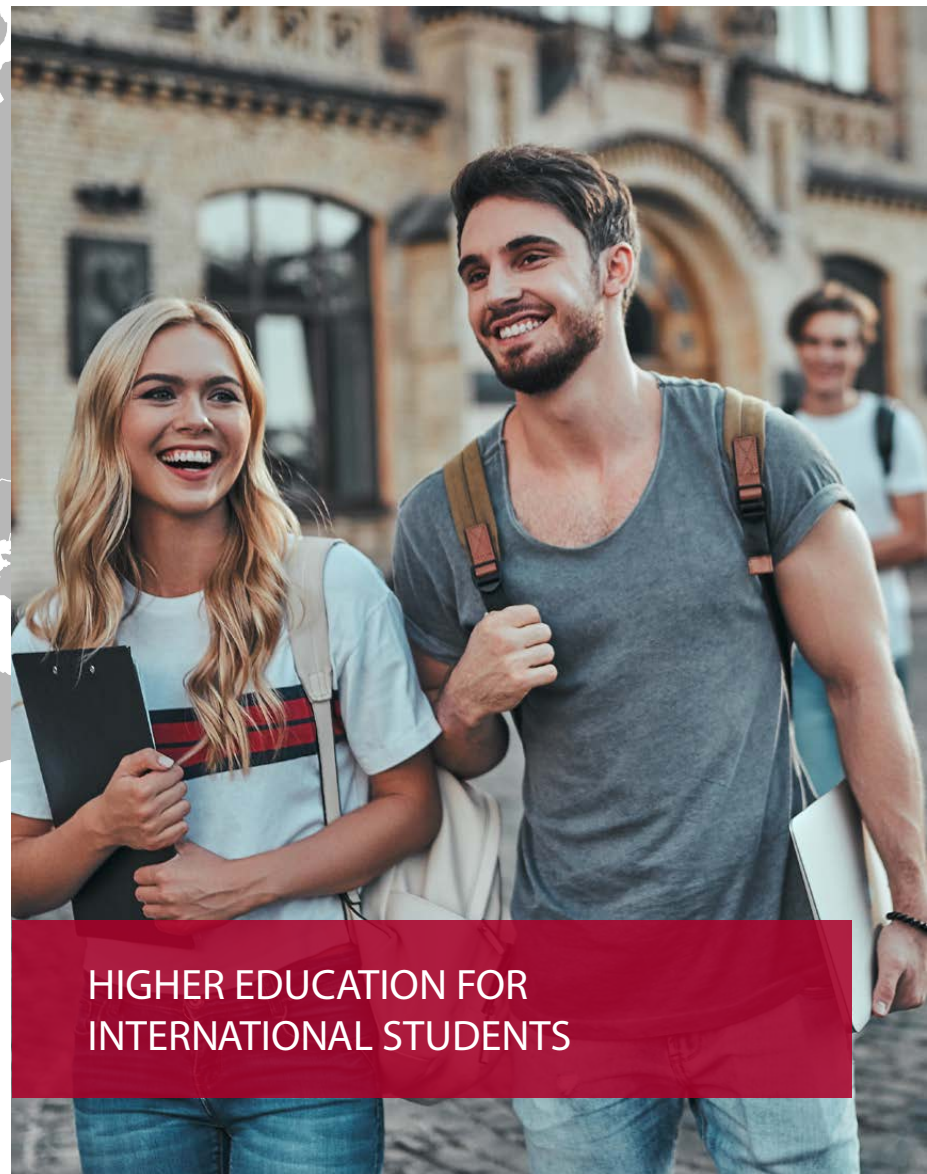


- A national guide to higher education in Latvia for international students.
- A public national body, managed by the State Education Development Agency of Latvia in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science.



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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



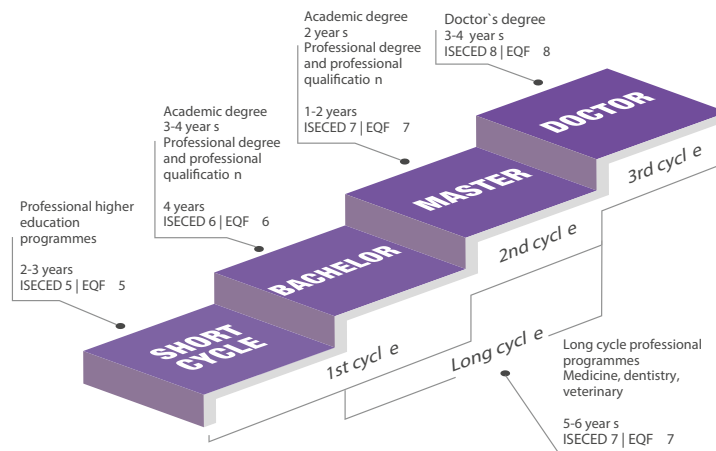
Social Sciences



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 1st cycle includes short cycle programmes and academic or professional Bachelor's degree programmes.
- The 2nd cycle includes academic or professional Master's degree programmes.
- The 3rd 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, 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

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.