

STUDENT LIFE

During the semester, international students are invited to various events and trips to introduce them to Estonia and Estonians, travel around Europe and make the most of their time while being a student at the University of Tartu.

- ESN Tartu focuses its full attention on international students in Tartu and organizes events every week, including national evenings, movie nights, jam sessions, cruises, trips to all around Estonia and abroad, pool parties, theatre nights and farewell parties.

More info: esn.ee/tartu

- AIESEC is a global youth organization that develops young people through a series of programmes (team member experiences, internal leadership programmes) and engages students and graduates in international volunteering and internship programmes.
- Student Days in Spring and Autumn – festivals filled with over 200 events especially for students. It is possible to fly across or paddle on the river Emajõgi, sing and dance during the night, visit all the fraternities and sororities during the Walpurgis Night, etc. Many international UT graduates return to Tartu for these legendary weeks.
- Over 50 guest lectures by international speakers organized by the University.
- Throughout the year Tartu offers a wide variety of cultural events such as Black Night Film Festival, Tartu Love Film Festival, Hanseatic Days, Night of Museums, and Scientists' Night etc. All these events are designed to help the citizens of Tartu and visitors capture the Spirit of Tartu.
- Tartu's convenient location makes it possible to travel around Europe: after non-EU students receive their Residence Permit for Study they can travel freely to any country within the Schengen area.



ESTONIA

- Located on the north-eastern edge of Europe, bordering Finland, Sweden, Latvia and Russia;
- Population: 1.3 million;
- Official language Estonian is closely related to Finnish;
- Strongly influenced by Nordic tastes and traditions;
- Member of the EU, NATO and Schengen Area, the latter makes it easy to travel throughout Europe;
- The first country in the world to introduce online political voting;
- Homeland of Skype, Kazaa and Transferwise;
- Estonia ranks number two out of nearly 200 countries in adult literacy at 99.8%.

studyinestonia.ee

visitestonia.com

estonia.eu

visittartu.com

WHY UNIVERSITY OF TARTU?

- **The oldest and most prestigious university in Estonia:** founded in 1632, UT is ranked in the TOP 3% of the world's best universities (THE World University Rankings 2013-2014) and in the TOP 10 of Eastern European universities (Interfax 2013);
- **The biggest university in Estonia** with 16 000 students in 9 faculties and 4 colleges located in four cities;
- **Great career prospectives:** 83% of UT Master's graduates work as top specialists or managers;
- **International community:** 1000 international students from over 70 countries;
- **Exchange opportunities** offered by partner universities in more than 25 countries and student exchange programmes e.g. ISEP and Erasmus+;
- **Safe, modern and innovative study environment:** international students are 90% satisfied with their experience in Estonia (ISB 2011).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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ut.ee/ask

/ tartuuniversity /



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

Most international students are accommodated in modern, centrally located residence halls (5 min walk to Tartu's main square, 10 min to the University main building). The residence halls consist of apartments, each comprising 2-3 twin bedrooms with a shared kitchen and bathroom. Bedrooms include essential furniture and blankets. Kitchens are equipped with a refrigerator and a stove. Students need to have their own pillows, bed linen, cookware and utensils. Students will receive information about the housing application once admitted. A place in a twin room costs about 120 EUR/month.

Available at the residence hall:

- Internet connection
- Laundry facilities

More info:
campus.ee

Flats can be rented in the city for around 200 EUR/month:
kv.ee
city24.ee

COST OF LIVING

Estonia uses the euro as its currency. A student's modest budget per month includes:

- Accommodation: 120 EUR (dorm)
- Food: 200-250 EUR (daily lunch specials at cafes in faculties and city center 2-4 EUR)
- Transportation: 8.63 EUR (local public transport)
- Mobile phone: 10 EUR
- Sports: 20 EUR (amateur sport) or 35 EUR (fitness club)
- Entertainment: 50 EUR (theatre tickets 10 EUR, movie tickets 4,5 EUR, nightclub tickets are usually for free for students)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

University of Tartu Library is the oldest, biggest and most comprehensive research library in Estonia, with a collection of more than 4 million items and up to 60 000 users. Books and materials not owned by the University of Tartu Library may be requested from other local or international libraries, including the British Library and Library of Congress.

- Interlibrary and international book loans available
- Free access to online research databases (JSTOR, EBSCO, etc.)
- Events for students, including Night Library when the library stays open until 1 am during exam sessions
- Free Wireless Internet access and computer labs

More info:
utlib.ee

SPORT

University of Tartu owns an Academic Sports Club where a wide range of sports activities and trainings are coordinated on amateur and professional levels, including aerobics, badminton, basketball, football, karate, tennis and many more. The sports hall contains indoor stadium, courts, gyms and a fitness center.

More info:
tysk.ee

Other sports facilities in Tartu include swimming pools, open football fields, ice-skating rinks, fitness clubs, tennis courts and many more.

VISAS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS

All non-EU students coming to Estonia for more than 3 months need a Residence Permit for Study. Residence Permits are only issued to full-time students. Admitted Master's and PhD level students can apply for a Residence Permit for Study after arrival in Estonia, but in most cases, need to first apply for a visa to enter Estonia and then can apply for the Residence Permit in Estonia. Citizens of certain countries can enter Estonia without a visa and thus also apply for the Residence Permit for Study after arrival in Estonia.

All other admitted students need to apply for a Residence Permit for Study at the Estonian Embassy or Consulate nearest to them a few months before coming to Estonia.

More info:
ut.ee/residencepermits
vm.ee
politsei.ee

HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Estonian health care system is very well established and medical care is available for all international students. EU/EEA citizens are entitled to the same social welfare benefits in Estonia as residents of Estonia, and should obtain an EU health insurance card prior to arrival in Estonia. For non EU/EEA citizens there are very specific requirements for health insurance.

More info:
ut.ee/insurance

WORKING IN ESTONIA

EU citizens holding a Right of Residence in Estonia can work without a separate Work Permit.

Non-EU citizens with a Residence Permit for Study can work on the condition that their employment does not interfere with their studies: the Residence Permit is cancelled if the student fails to study full time (complete at least 75% of the curriculum). It is possible to extend the Residence Permit for Study for six months after graduation to look for a job in Estonia.

A student on academic leave needs to apply for Residence Permit to Work.

Usually at least a basic level of Estonian is required to get a job in Estonia.

ORIENTATION COURSE

UT offers an orientation course to all new international students in the beginning of each semester. It is designed to help international students to meet each other and learn more about the University and Tartu. The course also includes introduction to the University's study system and tours around the study buildings and library. Local student-tutors help international students to explore and discover more about Tartu and its academic and social life.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADORS

International Student Ambassadors are current international students of UT who share their stories of studying and living in Tartu. Prospective students can contact International Student Ambassadors to ask them about the student life in Tartu.

More info:
ut.ee/ambassadors