

Study in Latvia

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Latvia offers internationally recognised European qualifications, English-taught programmes and comparatively affordable tuition and living expenses. As a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area, it is an attractive option for students seeking education in Business, Engineering, IT, Medicine and Logistics.

AT A GLANCE

Quick Facts

TUITION FEES

€2,800 – €8,000 / year (medicine
€10,000 – €15,000)

LIVING COST

€450 – €700 / month

TEACHING LANGUAGE

English, Latvian

INTAKES

September (February at selected
universities)

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Up to 20 hours per week for
bachelor's students, more freely
at master's and doctoral level

WHY LATVIA

Why Study in Latvia?

- ✓ Internationally recognised European qualifications
- ✓ English-taught bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes
- ✓ Affordable living costs compared with many European destinations
- ✓ Strong programmes in IT, Engineering, Business and Medicine
- ✓ Opportunities for eligible students to work during their studies
- ✓ Scholarships for applicants from participating countries
- ✓ Safe and multicultural study environment
- ✓ European Union and Schengen Area membership
- ✓ Developing technology, logistics and financial-services sectors
- ✓ Convenient access to other European countries

COSTS

Tuition & Living Cost

Fees depend on the institution, programme and study level. The official Latvian study portal states that fees range from below €1,600 per year for certain bachelor's courses to around €15,000 per year for Dentistry. Some executive business programmes can cost considerably more. Typical planning ranges are:

PROGRAMME AREA	APPROXIMATE ANNUAL TUITION
Humanities and social sciences	€2,800 – €6,000
Business and management	€3,000 – €8,000
Engineering and IT	€3,000 – €7,000
Medicine and Dentistry	Approximately €10,000 – €15,000
Executive business programmes	Can exceed €20,000

Many institutions charge a non-refundable application fee of approximately €150, although the amount varies and some universities do not charge one. Students should also check registration, laboratory and qualification-recognition fees.

WHAT YOU NEED

Entry Requirements

Each university manages its own admissions process.

Bachelor's programmes

Applicants normally need:

- ✓ Recognised secondary-school certificate
- ✓ Academic transcripts
- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Proof of English-language proficiency
- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Motivation letter
- ✓ Application-fee payment
- ✓ Online interview or entrance examination, where required

Master's programmes

Applicants generally need:

- ✓ Relevant bachelor's degree
- ✓ Complete academic transcript
- ✓ CV and motivation letter
- ✓ Proof of English proficiency
- ✓ Academic or professional references, where required
- ✓ Portfolio or entrance examination for selected courses

Medical and Dentistry programmes generally require satisfactory grades in Biology and Chemistry and may include an entrance test or interview.

LANGUAGE

Language Requirement

English-taught programmes commonly require approximately B2-level English. Universities may accept IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge qualifications, previous education in English or their own language assessment.

VISA ROUTE

Student Visa Process

EU, EEA and Swiss nationals do not need a student visa but must register their residence when staying in Latvia for an extended period.

Non-EU/EEA students generally require:

- ✓ A long-stay Type D visa, when applicable; and
- ✓ A temporary residence permit for studies

Common supporting documents include:

- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Accommodation confirmation
- ✓ University study agreement or admission confirmation
- ✓ Valid health insurance
- ✓ Approved university invitation
- ✓ Police-clearance certificate, where required
- ✓ Proof of tuition payment
- ✓ Legalised educational documents
- ✓ Evidence of sufficient funds
- ✓ Passport photographs or biometric information

The university's international office usually coordinates the invitation and guides the student through the process. Requirements depend on nationality and intended duration of stay.

WHAT TO STUDY

Popular Courses

Computer Science and Information Technology

Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

Engineering and Telecommunications

Business, Finance and Management

Medicine and Dentistry

Nursing and Public Health

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Aviation and Transport

Architecture and Design

International Relations

Popular Universities

Well-known institutions among international applicants include:

- University of Latvia
- Riga Technical University
- Rīga Stradiņš University
- Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies
- Stockholm School of Economics in Riga
- Turība University
- RISEBA University of Applied Sciences
- Transport and Telecommunication Institute
- BA School of Business and Finance
- Daugavpils University
- Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences
- Art Academy of Latvia

Medicine and Dentistry applicants frequently consider Rīga Stradiņš University and the University of Latvia. Engineering and technology applicants commonly consider Riga Technical University.

Ready to study in Latvia?

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