



UNIVERSITY OF TARTU

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INTERNATIONAL STUDY GUIDE 2023





WHAT MAKES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HAPPY?





Great quality education

UT is in the TOP 250 of the world's best universities (THE World University Rankings).

Study what you want

You can choose from a wide variety of international degree programmes based on your passion.

Study for less

Modest tuition fees and numerous scholarship opportunities make a high-quality education easily accessible.

Travel the world

International students can enjoy many study abroad opportunities offered by UT.

Be who you want to be

Our graduates find success in careers and graduate schools across the globe.

Comfortable stay and enjoyable life experience

The city of Tartu – where the main campus is located – is known as the student capital of Estonia with over 400 years of student traditions.

Live in a digital country

Estonia has declared internet access a human right, it has a thriving IT start-up culture and has digitally streamlined an unprecedented number of public services for citizens and businesses.

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University of Tartu by numbers

1632

the University of Tartu
was established

14 900

total number of
students

2000

international degree
students

100+

countries

97%

of our international
students would
recommend UT for
studies

GREAT QUALITY EDUCATION

The University of Tartu is the 296th best university in the world (QS World University Rankings). UT ranks among the top universities in the world in several subjects:

151-200	biological sciences, geography
201-220	politics
201-250	English language and literature, linguistics, education and training
251-300	medicine
301-330	modern languages
301-340	law
301-350	computer science and information systems

UT is the 4th best university in the Central and Eastern European and Central Asian region (QS EECA University Rankings).

UT has reached the TOP 1% of the most-cited universities and scientific institutions in 12 fields (Essential Science Indicators).

STUDY WHAT YOU WANT



Bachelor's programmes

	YEARS	€/YEAR	WEB
Business Administration	3	4200	ut.ee/bba
Science and Technology	3	6000	ut.ee/scitech
Medicine	6	13200	ut.ee/medicine

Master's programmes

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Estonian and Finno-Ugric Languages	2	4000	ut.ee/eful
European Languages and Cultures	2	4000	ut.ee/languages
Folkloristics and Applied Heritage Studies	2	4000	ut.ee/folkheritage
Philosophy	2	4000	ut.ee/philosophy
Semiotics	2	4000	ut.ee/semiotics
Sound and Visual Technology Location: Viljandi, Estonia	2	4000	ut.ee/sound

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contemporary Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	2	4200	ut.ee/cames
Digital Administration	1	24500	ut.ee/mda
Educational Technology Location: mostly online	1	4200	ut.ee/edutech
Entrepreneurship in Economic Policymaking	1	4200	ut.ee/economic
Information Technology Law	1	4200	ut.ee/itlaw
Innovation and Technology Management	2	4200	ut.ee/itm
International Law and Human Rights Location: Tallinn, Estonia	2	4200	ut.ee/ilhr
International Relations and Regional Studies	2	4200	ut.ee/irrs
Politics and Governance in the Digital Age	2	4200	ut.ee/governance
Quantitative Economics	2	4200	ut.ee/quant
Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language Location: Narva, Estonia. Language of instruction: Russian	2	4200	ut.ee/teachrus
Wellness and Spa Service Design and Management Location: Pärnu, Estonia	2	4200	ut.ee/wellspa

Master's programmes

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	YEARS	€/YEAR	WEB
Actuarial and Financial Engineering	2	6000	ut.ee/finmath
Applied Measurement Science	2	6000	ut.ee/ams
Bioengineering	2	6000	ut.ee/bioeng
Computer Science	2	6000	ut.ee/compsci
Excellence in Analytical Chemistry Location: Tartu, Estonia + Finland/Sweden/France	2	4500 (programme countries) 9000 (partner countries)	ut.ee/each
Geoinformatics for Urbanised Society	2	6000	ut.ee/gis
Materials Science and Technology	2	6000	ut.ee/matsci
Robotics and Computer Engineering	2	6000	ut.ee/robotics
Software Engineering	2	6000	ut.ee/software
MEDICINE			
Clinical Nutrition	2	5000	ut.ee/clinnutr

PhD programmes

8 programmes in various study fields that include 50 specialties, 4 years, no tuition fee, salary

ut.ee/phd



STUDY FOR LESS

Most international bachelor's and master's programmes offer student places with a tuition waiver. The tuition waiver student places are allocated at the time of admission according to the general admission ranking list.

A tuition waiver student place means that the student does not have to pay the tuition fee if the nominal study load requirement is met. Nominal study load is completed if no more than 6 credits are missing from the 30 ECTS workload per semester. If the student fails to complete sufficient amount of credits per semester, they have to pay for the credits not earned.

There are also programme-specific scholarships available, e.g. IT Academy scholarship (€300/month) for Computer Science and Software Engineering students.

PhD studies

There is no tuition fee for PhD studies. From the 2022/2023 academic year, doctoral student places are mainly offered as state-funded junior research fellow positions with the gross salary of 1550 euros per month.

ut.ee/scholarships

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Great short-term study opportunities at UT open to students worldwide

A semester or year spent abroad as an exchange student is becoming a regular and an exciting part of university studies. UT offers many English language courses to choose from in different disciplines.

Exchange studies at UT

UT has partnership agreements with universities around the world and is a member of various student exchange networks (Erasmus+, ISEP, AEN etc.). Exchange students receive grants provided under these agreements.

Come to UT as a visiting student

All students are welcome to join UT for a semester or academic year as a self-funded visiting student. You should be currently enrolled at a higher education institution anywhere in the world. You are free to design your own study plan and choose courses from different faculties of UT.

ut.ee/semester

Spend your summer in Estonia

Coming to Estonia for a summer programme is the best way to get to know the country, its traditions

and gain new friends from around the world. UT offers a wide selection of interdisciplinary and subject-specific summer programmes in a variety of fields:

- Social sciences (politics, international relations, law, educational technology)
- IT
- Innovation and technology
- Bioinformatics and bioengineering
- Medicine
- Philosophy and semiotics
- Folkloristics and linguistics
- Estonian language

The summer courses are complemented by a diverse cultural programme that offers a range of fun and engaging cultural activities introducing the university, Tartu and Estonia. The cultural programme also gives participants an opportunity to network in a lively environment.

isu.ut.ee



BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE

Our graduates are competitive in the job market at home and abroad. Over 80% of our current international students consider staying in Estonia after graduation.



Anna Selecka

Latvia
Business Administration

The vibe of the university and the cosiness of the city of Tartu is the perfect environment for starting building your life the way you want it to be. Here I learned to prioritise and find my focus. I met people that would be crucial to my career development. My career in Estonia has been a chain reaction, which started at the University of Tartu and keeps leading me to better and better things.



Christopher Martin

Germany
EU-Russia Studies

UT helped me to extend my analytical competencies and taught me to always have an open mind and heart. Qualified teachers and a large number of international students made my overall experience close to perfect. One day I aspire to become a Resident Director in an Eastern European Country for Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung HQ in Berlin. EURUS has certainly prepared me well for that.



Wajid Khilji

Pakistan
Software Engineering

Studying at UT was the most astonishing experience of my life. It pushed my career growth and gave me an opportunity to socialise in a multicultural environment. What I appreciate the most is the diversity in studies, culture, activities, and people. I was inspired to see the faculty members eager to improve and elevate the education standards. It made me achieve what I am today - a CTO in a blockchain company.



Theodore Heiser

USA
Computer Science

I had a ton of attention and guidance from my supervisor. I felt that the work we were doing was really state of the art and meaningful for the field of machine learning. The research work and overall curriculum made me a more competent computer scientist in the industry. I was hired by Google to be a software engineer at their Seattle office, so I definitely feel that this master's programme was worth it.



UNIVERSITY OF TARTU
International Student
Ambassadors

To read stories of our current
students go to the International
Student Ambassadors website

isa.ut.ee





COMFORTABLE STAY AND ENJOYABLE LIFE EXPERIENCE

Campuses

UT is a multi-campus university. While mainly located in Tartu, the university also operates in Tallinn, Narva, Pärnu, and Viljandi. Tartu is famous for its long-standing university traditions and unforgettable spirit of student life. The city is perfect for studies and everything is easily accessible on foot.

tartu.ee

Accommodation

Most international students are accommodated in modern, centrally located residence halls (5 min walk to Tartu's main square, 10 mins to the University main building). The residence halls consist of apartments, each comprising of 2-3 twin bedrooms with a shared kitchen and bathroom.

campus.ee



Cost of Living

Estonia uses the euro as its currency. A student needs approximately €600 per month. A modest budget per month includes (but not limited to):

	€
Accommodation in dormitory	150
Food	300
Lunch daily special in cafes	5-7
Mobile phone	10+
Transportation Tartu local public transport	Youth (under 26) – 12.5 Regular – 18.5
Fitness club per month	10-50

Visas and residence permits

ut.ee/residencepermits

Practical info

ut.ee/gettingstarted

Student Life

During the semester, international students can take part in various events and trips to get to know Estonia. Students can also travel around Europe and make the most of their time while studying at UT. There are a number of student organisations and clubs that enhance on and off-campus social life.



LIVE IN A DIGITAL COUNTRY

Estonia is located on the north-eastern edge of Europe, bordering Finland, Sweden, Latvia, and Russia.

Due to its location in the Baltic Sea Region, the country has a close cultural connection to the Nordic countries.

Estonia is always referred to as being a very small county; however, in fact, it is larger than Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark or Switzerland.

Estonia values independent minds

Our society is not hierarchical and everybody can live up to their own potential.

Clean environment and closeness to nature

Estonia has a lot of untouched nature and a low population density. This is very rare in today's world.

Estonia is a Digital Society

It is the first country in the world to vote online and offer e-residency. 99% of public services are available to citizens as e-services.





Facts about Estonia

Population: 1.3 million

Official language: Estonian, belongs to Finno-Ugric group and is closely related to Finnish

Member of the EU, NATO, Schengen Area, and Eurozone

Known as e-Estonia, the most advanced digital society in the world (Wired)

Home of Skype, Wise and Bolt

According to PISA, a premier global metric for education, the results of Estonian 15-year-olds are the best in Europe.

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