

Information for Incoming Exchange Students 2025/26



UNIVERSITY OF TARTU

Name	UNIVERSITY OF TARTU Tartu Ülikool
Website	ut.ee/en
Website for incoming exchange students	ut.ee/en/content/exchange-studies
University in brief	ut.ee/en/content/university-numbers
UT virtual tour	https://virtualtour.ut.ee/
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Information given below applies to students who are nominated as exchange students to the University of Tartu by their home university within inter-university cooperation agreements, SEMP or Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme, to study here for a semester or two.

NOMINATION

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Partner universities must nominate in the SoleMOVE mobility system. You can request credentials by sending an email to: piret.maiste@ut.ee

<p>Nomination deadlines</p>	<p>Autumn semester/academic year:</p> <p>MARCH 31</p> <p>Spring semester:</p> <p>OCTOBER 15</p>
<p>UT's regional colleges in Viljandi, Narva or Pärnu</p>	<p>Please inform students in advance about the location of studies.</p>

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

<p>Application deadlines</p>	<p>Autumn semester/academic year:</p> <p>APRIL 15</p> <p>Spring semester:</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1</p>
<p>Required documents</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official Transcript of Records (in English); 2. Copy of valid ID document (non-EU students: copy of passport); 3. Proof of English language skills (not applicable for native speakers and students of the universities where English is the language of instruction); 4. List of requested courses at UT (form is available at: https://ut.ee/en/exchange-students) OR Learning Agreement (only for SEMP and Erasmus+ ICM students). <p>Required documents must be uploaded to SoleMOVE mobility system.</p>

<p>Access to SoleMOVE mobility system</p>	<p>Credentials and link to the SoleMOVE will be issued to the nominated students. Each nominated student will be contacted with further information and application instructions via email.</p>
<p>Language requirements</p>	<p>English language skills: at least B2 level according to the CEFR. See also: European Levels - Self Assessment Grid.</p> <p>Accepted language tests/certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● an official letter from a language instructor at home university stating the student's language level on CEFR scale; ● TOEFL iBT: at least 75; ● IELTS (academic): at least 5.5 p (no part below 5.5)
<p>Acceptance package</p>	<p>Acceptance package will be sent via SoleMOVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Autumn semester/academic year: by the end of May. ● Spring semester: in the beginning of December.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

AUTUMN SEMESTER: 01.09.2025 - 01.02.2026

ACADEMIC YEAR: 01.09.2025 - 28.06.2026

SPRING SEMESTER: 09.02.2026 - 28.06.2026

Academic calendar	ois2.ut.ee/#/academic-calendar
Lecture period	Usually from the beginning of the semester until the third week of December/end of May
Exam period	Usually from mid-December/mid-May until the end of the semester
Orientation course	<p>Orientation course takes place before the semester starts (in the end of August/in the beginning of February)</p> <p>More information in here: ut.ee/en/orientation-course</p>
Recommended arrival dates	1-2 days before the orientation course starts.
Course catalogue	<p>Link to the Study Information System: https://ois2.ut.ee/#/dashboard</p> <p>Exchange students can choose courses from the Study Information System by setting the criteria in the “detailed search” as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Language of instructions: English - Academic year: 2025/2026 - Semester: autumn/spring - Can be taken by international visiting students: Yes (ticked)
Course selection	Exchange students are free to select courses from different programmes and faculties (from the course catalogue) in order to compile a study plan that best suits their needs. Students are allowed to later change the originally proposed study plan/learning agreement.

<p>UT requirements</p>	<p>At least to the extent of 15 ECTS per semester (except for PhD and traineeship students). One credit point corresponds to 26 hours of studies (lectures, seminars, practice, homework or independent work, assessment of learning outcomes) performed by a student.</p>
<p>Estonian learning opportunities for international students</p>	<p>https://ut.ee/en/content/estonian-learning-opportunities-international-students-incl-doctoral-students</p>
<p>Course registration</p>	<p>Study Information System username/password will be sent by the beginning of the semester. Registration period: during the first two weeks of the semester. NB! Students are NOT automatically registered to courses that they have listed in their study plan/learning agreement.</p>
<p>Grading system and credits</p>	<p>ECTS credits. UT uses both a differentiated and a non-differentiated grading system to assess the academic progress of students. Further information: ut.ee/en/courses-taught-english-and-grading</p>
<p>Transcript of Records</p>	<p>It is issued only by student's request and it is not sent automatically. It is a student's responsibility to contact dean's office at the end of the studies and inform them whether the document should be sent by email or by post. Transcripts can be issued only after all grades and credits are in the Study Information System.</p>
<p>Students who are nominated to one of UT's regional colleges in Viljandi, Narva or Pärnu</p>	<p>Choose courses only from the college you are nominated to, as the distance between Tartu and these colleges are considerable.</p>

Student hostel

Exchange student can apply for the place in the Student hostel (students who stay in Tartu and Viljandi):

<https://www.studenthostel.ee>

Students can apply for housing during these application periods:

Application period for autumn semester:

JUNE 1-10

Application period for spring semester:

JANUARY 2-10

- If the studies start any other time, outside semester, the application deadline is not fixed!
- Please note that we cannot guarantee a place in the student hostel for every exchange student!
- It is **student's responsibility** to apply for the accommodation.
- All short-term students need to pay the **refundable deposit** right after receiving an accommodation offer.

Accommodation at the student hostel is provided ONLY for the fixed period (for the period that is stated in the student's admission letter).

Students who are nominated to one of UT's regional colleges in Narva or Pärnu will get information about accommodation procedure directly from the college coordinator.

<p>Other housing options</p>	<p>More information: ut.ee/en/welcome/housing</p>
<p>Buddies</p>	<p>Buddies are senior international or Estonian students who can provide advice and guidance to short-term exchange students. These are experienced students who know what it is like to come to study in Tartu from another country or who have studied abroad and can offer first hand advice online or in-person about how to get settled and alleviate any worries or concerns students might have about making the transition.</p>
<p>Erasmus Student Network (ESN)</p>	<p>Erasmus Student Network organizes activities for all international students. Further information: esn.ee Every academic year there is also Facebook group created (information will be provided in the admission package).</p>
<p>Special needs</p>	<p>Students with disabilities and special needs should be mentioned as soon as possible (if possible together with nomination). More information: ut.ee/en/content/counselling-students-special-needs</p>
<p>Cost of living</p>	<p>One needs approximately a minimum of 300-400 EUR per month in order to cover basic expenses in addition to housing costs. More information: studyinestonia.ee/living/living-costs</p>
<p>Green and sustainable study abroad experience</p>	<p>The Green Erasmus Portal has been developed to provide students information on how to be sustainable before, during and after their study abroad experience. From the site you will find tips for green travel, sustainable living and different games and tests to challenge you!</p>

<p>Arrival</p>	<p>International students usually arrive at Tartu or Tallinn Airport or Tallinn Harbour. Buses from Tallinn Bus Terminal/Airport to Tartu depart twice an hour on average and the trip takes about 2.5 hours. Transportation is not provided by the Study Abroad Centre and all travel arrangements are student's responsibility. Further information is available at:</p> <p>https://tartuwelcomecentre.ee/basics/living-in-tartu/.</p>
<p>More practical information</p>	<p>https://tartuwelcomecentre.ee/basics/</p>

RESIDENCE ISSUES and HEALTH INSURANCE

<p>EU citizens (including European Economic Area and Swiss Confederation)</p>	<p>EU citizens do not need to apply for visa. EU citizens are allowed to stay in Estonia on the basis of a valid travel document or identity card for the period of up to 3 months. As international students usually stay longer, they must register themselves as citizens of Tartu and apply for an ID-card. This can be done after arrival to Estonia. More information: tartuwelcomecentre.ee/registry-services</p>
<p>Non-EU citizens</p>	<p>All non-EU students require a long-stay (D) visa for their stay in Estonia. Along with the admission package, students will receive information on how to apply for the long-term (D) visa. More information: ut.ee/en/visainfo.</p>

Information about health insurance

Student should not be without any health insurance!

EU students: European Health Insurance Card, see [further information](#).

Non-EU students: For long-term (D) visa it is required to have international travel medical insurance which guarantees payment of any costs related to medical treatment due to illness or injury during the validity of the visa. Students can choose any insurance company that offers suitable coverage.

Further information: www.ut.ee/insurance

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