



UNIVERSITY OF TARTU

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INTERNATIONAL STUDY GUIDE 2020





# WHAT MAKES INTERNATIONAL **STUDENTS** **HAPPY?**







## **Great quality education**

UT is in the TOP 1.2% of the world's best universities (QS 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 is famous for its digital society and having the highest number of startups per capita in Europe. 93% of our international students say that they feel safe living in Estonia.

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## University of Tartu by numbers

# 1632

the University of Tartu  
was established

# 13 000

total number of  
students

# 2200

international  
students

# 100+

countries

# 97%

of our international  
students would recom-  
mend UT for studies

## GREAT QUALITY EDUCATION

The University of Tartu is the 301st best university in the world (QS World University Rankings). UT ranks among the top universities in the world in several subjects:

101-150	politics and international studies
151-200	linguistics, philosophy, geography
251-300	law, modern languages, biological sciences, English language and literature, education
351-400	medicine, 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 11 fields (Essential Science Indicators).

In 2018 UT topped the list of the best research-intensive universities in “New Europe” – the 13 countries that have joined the European Union since 2004 (Times Higher Education).

# STUDY WHAT YOU WANT

## Bachelor's programmes

	YEARS	€/YEAR	WEB
Business Administration	3	3800	ut.ee/bba
Science and Technology	3	5000	ut.ee/scitech
Medicine	6	12000	ut.ee/medicine

## Master's programmes

### HUMANITIES

Folkloristics and Applied Heritage Studies	2	4000	ut.ee/folkheritage
European Languages and Cultures	2	4000	ut.ee/languages
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	3800	ut.ee/comes
Democracy and Governance	2	3800	ut.ee/democracy
Educational Technology	1	3800	ut.ee/edutech
European Union – Russia Studies	2	3800	ut.ee/eurus
Information Technology Law	1	3800	ut.ee/itlaw
Innovation and Technology Management	2	3800	ut.ee/itm
International Law and Human Rights Location: Tallinn, Estonia	2	3800	ut.ee/ilhr
International Relations and Regional Studies	2	3800	ut.ee/irrs
Quantitative Economics	2	3800	ut.ee/quant
Wellness and Spa Service Design and Management Location: Pärnu, Estonia	2	3800	ut.ee/wellspa

## Master's programmes

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	YEARS	€/YEAR	WEB
Actuarial and Financial Engineering	2	5000	ut.ee/finmath
Applied Measurement Science	2	5000	ut.ee/ams
Bioengineering	2	5000	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	5000	ut.ee/gis
Materials Science and Technology	2	5000	ut.ee/matsci
Robotics and Computer Engineering	2	5000	ut.ee/robotics
Software Engineering	2	6000	ut.ee/software

## PhD programmes

Over 30 programmes in  
various study fields 4 years,  
no tuition fee

[ut.ee/phd](https://ut.ee/phd)





# STUDY FOR LESS

Most international bachelor's and master's programmes offer tuition-waiver scholarships for the best applicants based on a ranking list. These scholarships cover the cost of tuition and are allocated at the time of the admission.

There are additional stipends covering living expenses and accommodation:

Dora Plus Grant for master's studies	€350 per month
Ministry of Foreign Affairs scholarships	€400 per month

If you play sports at a professional level, UT Academic Sports Club welcomes you to join them and represent UT in sports competitions. There are scholarships available and they also provide you with a trainer, sports gear and access to the university's sports facilities.

## PhD studies

There is no tuition fee for PhD studies. Full-time students receive a monthly governmental stipend of 660 euros. Additionally, UT pays doctoral students a performance stipend of 400 euros per month.

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

[ut.ee/scholarships](https://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](https://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
- IT
- Law
- Business
- Humanities and Estonian language

Many programmes are organised in cooperation with partner universities and offer the possibility to experience summer school in different countries and cultures.

[isu.ut.ee](https://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 co-siness 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.



**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.



**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.



**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](http://isa.ut.ee)



# COMFORTABLE STAY AND ENJOYABLE LIFE EXPERIENCE

## Campuses

UT's main campus is located in Tartu, the second largest city in Estonia, and every fifth person here is a student. Tartu is famous for its long-standing university traditions and unforgettable spirit of student life. The city is perfect for studies and is easily accessible on foot. The youthful buzz and the wide range of different places and events combine to create the unique spirit of Tartu.

[tartu.ee](https://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](https://campus.ee)





## Cost of Living

Estonia uses the euro as its currency. A student needs approximately €450 per month. A modest budget per month includes (but not limited to):

	€
Accommodation in dormitory	150
Food	200
Lunch daily special in cafes	3-5
Mobile phone	10+
Transportation Tartu local public transport	8
Fitness club per month	35

### Visas and residence permits

[ut.ee/residencepermits](https://ut.ee/residencepermits)

### Practical info

[ut.ee/en/welcome](https://ut.ee/en/welcome)

## 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, Transferwise 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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