



LATVIA



OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS



There are a number of state and private higher education establishments - universities and universities of applied sciences - offering study programmes to international students, generally taught in English.

<http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/universities>

For Latvian speakers, information on higher education options can be found in the National Database of Learning Opportunities www.niid.lv. A detailed tutorial in Latvian on using the database can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lwGOcNVxtM>

For a list of higher education providers click here:
http://niid.lv/niid_search?qy=&ct=&tg=&level_1=7&v=prov

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE



http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/niid_search?qy=&level_1=12
(Degree Level)

http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/niid_search?qy=&level_1=13
Masters Level)

APPLICATION PROCESS



The application process is outlined in 7 steps here:
<http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/admission>

INSTITUTION TYPE



A list of state and private higher education institutions can be accessed here:

<http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/universities>

The accreditation body for higher education in Latvia explains types of higher education institutions and programmes:
<https://www.aika.lv/en/for-students/choosing-institution-of-higher-education-study-programme/>

FEE INFORMATION



The cost of studies depends on the institution and the programme being followed.

The range is from less than €1,600 per year in certain bachelor's degree programmes (3-4 years of studies) to €15,000 per year for a degree in Dentistry (5 years).

Typical tuition fees per year in popular study areas are approximately:

- Health Care & Medicine: €8,000 – €15,000
- Business Administration & Management: €2,000 – €6,000
- Engineering: €2,700 – €3,500
- Computer Science: €1,800 – €3,800

http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/tuition_fees

All higher education institutions in Latvia charge fees for students – Latvian, EU or other. For courses where the language of tuition is Latvian some state-subsidised places are available, based on marks received by the student. The Latvian government offers scholarships to nationals of countries with which Latvia has bi-lateral agreements. Ireland is not among them. Information on the scholarships is here: http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/scholarships_studies

EU and EEA students can avail of a state guaranteed study loan for covering tuition fees: <https://www.swedbank.lv/private/credit/loans/study>. It is also possible to access a student loan which offers an amount not exceeding 80% of the national minimum wage in Latvia to help cover daily expenses: <https://www.swedbank.lv/private/credit/loans/study>

IMPORTANT DATES



Before applying students need to find a study programme and institution and check the admission requirements. Students should directly address the chosen university. Each university sets their own admission requirements. Please visit university's website to find out about application and exams in detail.

Autumn intake usually starts in March and is open until July or August with studies starting in September.

If you are still studying in the last semester and have not received a diploma yet, you can apply with provisional results from your school. You have to submit provisional certificate officially signed and stamped by the school/university. **It is only applicable if the university in Latvia agrees to accept you with a provisional certificate/document.**

<http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/admission>

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



See: <http://www.aic.lv/portal/en/arvalstu-diplomu-atzisana/academic-recognition-of-foreign-qualifications>

The following may be required:

- Subject specific criteria/ grades
- Interview
- Entrance exam in certain subjects

Each university sets their own admission requirements, based on a general framework regulated by the Cabinet of Ministers.

The admission requirements and deadlines will vary between institutions and courses of study.

The general criteria for Latvian students applying to university include centralized exams in Latvian, maths and a foreign language. For courses with a particular subject focus, centralized exam results would be required in that subject as well. Since foreign students do not take Latvian centralized exams, universities establish specific enrolment criteria foreign students that are submitted to the Higher Education Council for approval. Since this is done course by course, there are no general criteria. For foreign students the only issue regulated by the Cabinet of Ministers is knowledge of the language of instruction at a level of at least B2 according to the European Language Portfolio.

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES



General information: <http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/>

Website providing information on the content of qualifications available in Latvia:

<https://eplatforma.aika.lv/index.php?r=site%2Fprogram%2Flist>

For a more detailed insight, a google translation of the Cabinet regulations on admission to higher education in Latvia can be found here:

<https://translate.google.lv/translate?hl=en&tab=rT&sl=lv&tl=en&u=https%3A%2F%2Fliikumi.lv%2Fta%2Ffid%2F146637-noteikumi-par-prasibam-kriterijem-un-kartibu-uznemsanai-studiju-programmas>