Dear degree-seeking students,
This information sheet summarizes the most relevant aspects needed for getting started at the University of Tartu. The same information, though in a different format, is also provided at the university's website on www.ut.ee/en/welcome. Please let us know if any questions arise from the content below.

**Contacts for admissions and documents’ submission**

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## Academic year 2018/2019

**Beginning of studies in Tartu:** 18.08.2018  
**First study session in Tartu:** 18.08.2018 – 01.09.2018  
**Suggested arrival time to Tartu:** 16.08.2018  

### Getting to Tartu

Tartu is located in southern Estonia and can be reached by bus, train, or plane from a variety of cities across Europe. Students frequently fly into the Tallinn or Riga airports and take a bus directly to Tartu. Tartu can also be reached by plane directly from Helsinki. However, there are numerous other options, which are detailed here: [https://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/arrival-estonia](https://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/arrival-estonia). **NB!** Students, not the University of Tartu, are responsible for arranging their own transport to Tartu!

### Housing in Tartu

Applying for a place in the UT’s dormitory is student’s responsibility. Application period is 1-10 June. Please see detailed information on [www.ut.ee/en/welcome/housing](http://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/housing)  
The housing option that suits you best, in terms of a study period in Tartu, is titled: **Starting in Tartu - accommodation for short period**

However, if you would like to find accommodation somewhere else, feel free to check other options in Tartu on [www.visittartu.com/en/accommodation/](http://www.visittartu.com/en/accommodation/)

### Cost of tuition

Full-time students studying in tuition-based spots in English-taught programmes must pay the tuition fee each semester. Tuition fees and credit point prices for English-taught programmes in 2018/2019 are listed [here](#).  
If you have a **tuition-waiver scholarship** for an English-taught programme, you do not have to pay the tuition fee so long as you complete the required volume of the curriculum: 30 ECTS per semester and 60 ECTS per academic year. A full-time student will have to start to pay the tuition fee if the student is more than 6 ECTS short of the prescribed volume at the start of the next semester (i.e., 24 ECTS in the first semester, 54 ECTS in the second semester, etc.). Starting from the second semester, you will have to pay tuition fee for each credit point exceeding the permitted threshold of missing credit points (6 ECTS) in previous semesters. For details as how many credits one needs to take every semester, please see [https://www.ut.ee/en/admissions/when-will-i-have-pay-tuition-fee](https://www.ut.ee/en/admissions/when-will-i-have-pay-tuition-fee)

### Courses

You can register to courses in the online **Study Information System** during the first two weeks of the semester. You will receive your username and password for the UT Study Information System by email at the end of August. Information on how to register for courses will be given during the orientation course. Guidelines are also available on [www.ut.ee/en/studies/study-regulations/examinations-and-passfail-evaluations](http://www.ut.ee/en/studies/study-regulations/examinations-and-passfail-evaluations).
**Entering Estonia**

**EU citizens** have the right to stay in Estonia based on a valid travel document or identity card for the period of up to three months. The students staying longer than three months need to register themselves as citizens of Tartu within three months from the date of entering Estonia in order to obtain the right of temporary residence. The registration process and the documents required for registration are listed here: [www.ut.ee/en/welcome/eu-citizens-right-residence](http://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/eu-citizens-right-residence)

After the registration, the right of permanent residence is granted for a period of five years. All EU citizens also need to have an Estonian ID code, which will be given upon registering residency in Estonia.

**Health Insurance for EU citizens**

International students studying in Estonia are not covered by the Estonian Health Insurance Fund (*Haigekassa*), unless they are full-time PhD students, employed in Estonia or have the right of permanent residence or a long-term residence permit. Thus, you need to ensure that you have some other health insurance for your period of study in Estonia.

If you have valid health insurance in your home country during your studies in Estonia, you can apply for the EU health insurance card (EHIC) or substitute certificate of an EU health insurance card (form E128). You should apply for that from the social service authorities in your home country before coming to Estonia. For further information, see [www.ut.ee/en/welcome/health-insurance-0](http://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/health-insurance-0)

**Non-EU citizens**

The students without EU/EEA or Swiss citizenship and coming for a short study period can enter Estonia using either a visa-free access or C (short-term) visa. Please see the relevant information on [www.ut.ee/en/welcome/non-eu-citizens-residence-permits-and-visas](http://www.ut.ee/en/welcome/non-eu-citizens-residence-permits-and-visas) and find the correct information sections (visa free entering and C visa).

In the case of questions, please contact [studentvisasupport@ut.ee](mailto:studentvisasupport@ut.ee)

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**Student-to-student services**

**Tutors** are the UT students who help newly arrived students adapt into academic environment at the University of Tartu. International students are divided into small groups and each group has a tutor. Please feel free to contact your tutor once you have heard from him/her. If you have not received any message from your tutor by the middle of July, please contact [study@ut.ee](mailto:study@ut.ee).

In addition, there is **International Student Ambassadors (ISA)** network at UT. ISA includes international degree students who represent the university abroad and the UT international student community in Estonia. Follow them here: [https://www.facebook.com/utambassadors](https://www.facebook.com/utambassadors)

Moreover, there is **Erasmus Student Network (ESN)** who supports all international students studying at UT by offering various socializing activities. All the announcements about their weekly events can be followed on their Facebook page (TBA).

All of these groups have different functions. Learn more about them [here](#).
After arriving to Tartu
Upon arrival to the university, all international students must bring the original documents of their previous education level to the Admissions office (the same set of documents you submitted with your application). This is not required if the same set of documents was sent directly by the higher education institution from which you graduated.

Useful links
Welcome web for international students – www.ut.ee/en/welcome
Study Information – www.ut.ee/en/prospective-students/study-related-information
About the city of Tartu – www.tartu.ee
Learning some Estonian before coming to Estonia may make your arrival and first days in Estonia more enjoyable. One way to learn the basics of the Estonian language is to take the free online course on www.keeleklikk.ee/index.php.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tartu!

Yours sincerely,
Study Abroad Centre
Office of Academic Affairs
University of Tartu