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.

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Academic year 2019/2020

Beginning of studies in Tartu: 17.08.2019
First study session in Tartu: 17.08.2019 – 31.08.2019
Suggested arrival time to Tartu: 16.08.2019
Academic calendar: http://www.ut.ee/en/academic-calendar

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. 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
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/

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 2019/2012 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

Courses
You can register to courses in the online Study Information System. You will receive your username and password for the UT Study Information System by email prior beginning of your studies. Guidelines are also available on 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 Schengen C-visa (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 or C visa or) on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [https://vm.ee/en/applying-visa-schengen-area](https://vm.ee/en/applying-visa-schengen-area). In the case of questions, please contact studentvisasupport@ut.ee.

**Health insurance for non-EU citizens**

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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.

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**
About the city of Tartu – [www.tartu.ee](http://www.tartu.ee)
About Estonia and Estonians – [https://www.visitestonia.com](http://www.visitestonia.com) [www.estonica.org](http://www.estonica.org)
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](http://www.keeleklikk.ee/index.php).

Looking forward to seeing you in Tartu!

Yours sincerely,
Study Abroad Centre
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University of Tartu