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Tallinn University
Academic Year 2011/2012
www.tlu.ee/exchange

Why Tallinn University/Tallinn?

Tallinn University lives up to the highest European standards, having a wide range of activities, open lectures and after-classes in varied scientific fields and research (Jelizawieta | Poland | academic year 2007/2008).

Tallinn is the most central place in Eastern-Northern Europe (it is easy to travel to Helsinki, Riga, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Moscow). I decided to have my ERASMUS here because I am interested in knowing a new and so different country than mine, with a different culture and a really different language. Tallinn University is an institute of culture with a high level of knowledge and that offers a lot of opportunities for studying many different subjects in totally different areas (Nicola | Italy | academic year 2009/2010).

Atmosphere at Tallinn University was great and friendly- we had a meeting with Rector, Erasmus Student Network and International Club where organizing for us a lot of events (Iwona | Poland | academic year 2008/2009).

Before coming I was a little bit worried how I will communicate with people in Estonia, in what language, but fortunately it was so easy - every second person speaks English, many speak Russian also. Tallinn is a mixture of everything one may need - history, attractions, nightlife, new and old parts of the city, seaside, parks, cultural life, mixture also of different cultures - Estonians, Russians and many others.... So I can say that even the cold weather cannot stop me to come back there! Also I can say that living in Tallinn is not very expensive (Veselina | Bulgaria | academic year 2008/2009).

When I think of Tallinn the word "modern" comes to my mind – Tallinn is the city where Skype was invented, where you can find many modern buildings, use your "Estonian ID card" to use copy machines, access the university library, public transport etc. Very good free Wifi internet connection in the university buildings, as well as in cafes, trains and buses – it made life so easy and comfortable (Tomasz | Poland | 2007/2008 academic year).

Tallinn University (www.tlu.ee/eng) is public institution of higher education. Its main strengths lie in the fields of humanities and social sciences, but it also has a strong and constantly growing component of natural and exact sciences, as well as a notable tradition of teacher training and educational research. Tallinn University is the third largest university in Estonia, consisting of 20 institutes and 5 colleges. It has over 9500 students, during the academic year 2009/2010 there were 330 international students (158 exchange and 172 degree students) from 54 countries. Exchange students came mostly from Turkey, Czech Republic, Poland, France.

Campus

Most of the buildings of Tallinn University are located in the city centre, in close proximity to Tallinn's medieval old town, the presidential palace and the museums of the classicistic Kadriorg park. The central campus on Narva Road/Uus-Sadama Street houses most of the institutes, with residences for students and visiting researchers only a short walk away on Karu Street. Additionally, there are university buildings in the old town (Institute of History, Institute of Fine Arts), in Tondi (Institute of Health Sciences and Sports), Mustamäe (Baltic Film and Media School and Law School) and Lasnamäe (Centre for Continuing Education). The Academic Library is situated on Rävala Avenue between "Estonia" opera house and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please see the **city map**

How to apply?

Application deadlines: June 1 for Autumn Semester and November 1 for Spring Semester

Required documents: www.tlu.ee/exchange

- Online application form
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of Credits (translated into English). Transcript of Credits is a certified list of all the courses and exams you have completed at the home university.
- Copy of the identification document (passport, ID)
- Certificate of language proficiency*

* Not applicable for native speakers and students of the universities where English or Russian is the language of instruction.

How to prove language proficiency:

- Language skills in English or Russian or Estonian are listed on the Transcript of Credits; or
- Submit Tallinn University Language Certificate (signed and stamped by your home university); or
- Language Certificate from your home university; or
- Submit the copy of the English language test score (TOEFL, IELTS, etc)

Language skills of Bachelor level students have to correspond to level B1 (minimum). Language skills of Master and PhD level students have to correspond to level B2 (minimum). Students selected to study at the Tallinn University should be able to follow university lectures in English or Russian or Estonian, participate in seminar discussions and understand written material in their field. In addition, most courses also require writing essays and research papers.

Fill in the online application form and send the rest of the documents by post to:

International Relations Office
Tallinn University
Narva Road 25
10120 Tallinn
Estonia

Fill in the online application for accommodation if you require accommodation at Tallinn University dormitory (address: Karu Street 17, 10120 Tallinn, Estonia): www.tlu.ee/housing

Academic Calendar and Orientation

The Academic Year: September 1- June 30 Autumn semester: September 1-January 31
Spring semester: February 1-June 30

The Orientation for International Students is arranged at the beginning of September and February. The course will give you a good opportunity to obtain a lot of information, which will help you make your studies in Tallinn University successful and pleasant. At the orientation you will also meet other international students. www.tlu.ee/orientation

Courses in English:

Special programs designed for exchange students (www.tlu.ee/courses):

International Relations
Practical Estonian and Estonian Culture
Russian Language and Culture
Social Psychology and Social Influence
Social Work and Social Policy in Estonia
Intercultural Projects

Courses from degree programs in English can be chosen as well (www.tlu.ee/studies):

Media (BA)
Liberal Arts in Humanities/Social Sciences (BA)
Anthropology (MA)
Digital Library Learning (MA)
European Studies: Europeanization of governance and politics (MA)
Film Arts (MA)
Interactive Media and Knowledge Environments (MA)
International Relations (MA)

Courses in Russian are offered by the Catherine College and Institute of Slavonic Languages and Cultures (www.tlu.ee/courses).

Language Courses:

Tallinn University Language Centre offers language courses for twelve foreign languages. You can choose between: English, German, Greek, Russian, Swedish, Dutch, Latvian, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Italian, French, Spanish. Centre conducts the following international language exams: IELTS, Cambridge ESOL, DELE, PLIDA, DITALS. More information and registration: E-mail: keelekeskus@tlu.ee, Tel: +372 6409 126

During your studies you can follow Estonian and Russian Language and culture courses based on English. Chinese language classes are held at Confucius Institute.

Before your studies at Tallinn University you can follow **EILC Estonian language courses**

Sports: You can enjoy the following activities (can be followed as elective subjects and you will get credits for them): Aerobics, Track and field, Floorball, Gym, Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Karate, Ice-skating.

Practicalities (www.tlu.ee/practical)

- From January 1, 2011 Estonia will join the euro zone.
- The cost of living in Tallinn on average is 300 – 400 EUR per month, not including accommodation.
- Accommodation: prices range from 105 EUR (dormitory) to 300 – 400 EUR in private flats.
- Tallinn University dormitory is in 3 minutes walk from the main campus. Rent in double room is 105 EUR per person: www.tlu.ee/housing
- Tutors and Pick-up. Tutors are students who help international students to settle in to the academic environment

at Tallinn University and Tallinn in general. You will be met at your arrival in Tallinn.

- Residence Permits. Residence permit for study is required if an international student is going to stay in Estonia for more than three months. Citizens of EU/EEA member countries can apply for the right for residence in Estonia. Citizens of **Non EU/EEA** can see more information
- Health Care: EU/EEA citizens are entitled to the same social welfare benefits in Estonia as the residents of Estonia. Students coming from the EU/EEA countries should obtain an European health insurance card from the social service authorities in their home country before departure. Students from Non-EU/EEA countries have to obtain private health insurance.
- Student Organizations: **Erasmus Student Network** and **International Club** organize social events (movie nights, monthly parties, trips to various places in Estonia and abroad, museum and theatre visits,...) and support all international students while they are studying at Tallinn University.
- Tallinn University Academic Library: <http://www.tlulib.ee/>
- Tallinn: <http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/>
- Estonia: <http://estonia.eu/>

Departmental Erasmus Coordinators by institutes/colleges

Every student has his/her own home institute/college and each institute/college has it's own Departmental Erasmus coordinator who will help you with your studies here at Tallinn University (selecting courses, signing your learning agreement etc). You can also ask for help from other departmental coordinators.

Estonian Institute of Humanities (EHI): Ms. Triin Kallas | triink@ehi.ee | Room: M – 322 | Tel. +372 6199 555

Institute of Estonian Language and Culture: Ms. Siiri Soidro | siiri.soidro@tlu.ee | Room: S-549 | Tel. +372 6409 308

Institute of Slavonic Languages and Cultures: Ms. Natalia Tshuikina | natalia.tshuikina@tlu.ee | Room: S-310 or S-334 (secretary) | Tel. +372 6409 332

Institute of Germanic and Romance Languages and Cultures: Ms. Aigi Heero | Aigi.heero@tlu.ee | Room: S-555 | Tel. +372 640 9324

Institute of Educational Sciences: Ms. Heidi Paju | heidi.paju@tlu.ee | Room: M-423 | Tel.+372 6199 703

Institute of Health Sciences and Sports: Ms. Reeda Tuula | Reeda.tuula@tlu.ee | Address: Tondi Street 55, Room: To-218 | Tel. +3726996 555

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Institute of International and Social Studies: Ms. Ivika Nõukas | ivika.noukas@tlu.ee | Room: M-608 |Tel. +372 6409 446

Baltic Film and Media School (BFM): Ms. Maia Sule | maiasule@tlu.ee | Address: Sütiste Road 21, Room: 249 | Tel. +372 62 68 110

Institute of History: Ms. Maris Peters | maris.peters@tlu.ee | Address: Rütli Street 8, Room: 116A | Tel.+372 6444 038

Catherine's College: Ms. Jelena Malõgina | jelena.malogina@tlu.ee | Room: T-215 | Tel. +372 6409 333

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