

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE LEGALIZING STAY PROCESS DURING YOUR STUDIES FOR NON – EU CITIZENS, (ALSO VISA-FREE MOVEMENT COUNTRIES CITIZENS*):

Due to the program specifics including mobility between Partner countries, please read carefully the very important information below so that you will be aware of the process and additional costs that might occur during your studies. Not following recommended guides might cause a lot of formal problems connected with your legal status during your stay in the countries involved in the program.

I YEAR: Once you're accepted you should apply for a **student visa for Poland** and for a **student visa for the Czech Republic in your home country**.

Jagiellonian University, POLAND – I semester

BEFORE ARRIVAL to POLAND

If you are a **non-EU citizen and you need a visa** to arrive in Poland, you are supposed to get a **national student visa type D** (more information in the Practical info) which will be issued most likely for 1 year (the Schengen visa is not enough). We will provide you with a visa invitation letter.

For more information, please contact on e-mail address: v4@uj.edu.pl

For applying for the visa, you may use <https://secure.e-konsulat.gov.pl/> and arrange an appointment. You may need to wait for more than a month or two for the date of your appointment, so it is better to do it really early. The standard time of receiving the visa is from 2 weeks to more than a month if all the documents are verified. The cost of a national visa to Poland is 80€.

Masaryk University, CZECH REPUBLIC – II semester

BEFORE ARRIVAL to the CZECH REPUBLIC

You should apply for a Czech visa, while you still in your home country. Issuing a Czech visa takes around 3 months, so that's why you should take care of it already.

Detailed information about a visa application to Czechia you may find on the university website: <https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/visa-information#list-of>

The signed application form must be accompanied by the rest of the above-mentioned mandatory documents and handed personally to the appropriate embassy/consulate or its representative in your home country. The Czech embassies accept only originals of the documents and a certified translation into the Czech language is required. Visa to the Czech Republic may cost around 100€. Also, keep in mind that at some embassies waiting time can be a few weeks for an available date to submit the visa application.

For more information regarding the Czech visa please contact Mgr. Klára Němečková.
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Please note: With the increased workload at the Ministry of Interior, we can expect a delay in processing visa applications. The standard processing time is 60 days from the submission of the visa

application, but we know that the whole process is often longer, especially if students must first make an appointment which can take 2-3 months. Submission of the visa application can be made only during the appointment at the embassy/consulate (few may allow applications to be mailed in, but this is not the norm). All originals of necessary documents in the Czech language (or officially translated to the Czech language, e.g., bank statement) must be no older than 60 days when they are submitted.

YEAR: Once you have positively completed the requirements for the I year of studies and you're accepted to be a student for the 2nd year, you must go back to your home country and apply for a student visa for Hungary.

Additional info:

Prices of accommodation: 180– 250 EUR per month depending on the dormitory choice.

Useful links:

<https://www.skm.muni.cz/media/3390744/cenik-kolejne-22-23cz.pdf>

<https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/student-life/life-in-brno>

<https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/student-life/incoming-student-checklist>

University of Pecs, HUNGARY– III semester

Hungarian visa can only be obtained from the Hungarian consulates listed here:

<https://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/hu-missions-abroad>

Remember that you can apply for a student visa just for 30 days, to stay for a whole semester you need to apply for a residence permit in Hungary.

Detailed information about the process you will find here:

<https://international.pte.hu/admission/prepare-your-stay/visa>

For more details please contact schmidt.andrea@pte.hu (head of the study program in Pécs) or foreign.humanities@pte.hu International Coordinator, Office of International Relations.

Matej Bel University, SLOVAKIA – IV semester

The students who are citizens of one of the EU member countries need to register at the Foreign Police Office upon their arrival.

Each student from a non-EU¹ country should possess a Schengen or National visa and Temporary Residence Permit.

¹ Non-EU country – all countries except of 27 countries of EU and Island, Norway, Lichtenstein, and Switzerland

There are two possibilities for how to apply for the residence permit:

1. A foreign student must submit the application for a residence permit in person, abroad, at the representative office of the Slovak Republic in the country, that issued his/her passport, or at such office in the country of his/her permanent residence. (If there is no representative office of the Slovak Republic, he/she must submit the application at a foreign mission determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic).

A foreign student need enclose to the application:

- copy of a travel document - passport, valid for at least 3 months after the completion of the study period in the host country,
- a document on the purpose of stay (Letter of Acceptance issued by the University upon request),
- criminal records from a country of origin and all countries the student stayed in last 2 years for a longer period than 90 days,
- a document on the provision of accommodation, health insurance, and financial coverage of residence for a period of one year,
- 2 photographs (3 x 3,5 cm) showing his/her current visage.

The foreign police office decides on the application for granting a permit for a temporary stay within 90 days following the submission of the application (the first day is the day of the acceptance of the application at the Police Office). The foreign police office may renew or cancel the permit for a temporary stay, or it just expires according to the Act.

The temporary residence permit is bound to one purpose. If a foreign student intends to carry out a different activity than the one the temporary permit was granted for, he/she must submit a new application for a temporary stay.

2. In case a foreign student holds a residence permit in one of the EU member states, there is no need to apply for a residence permit in Slovakia, however, a Ministry of Interior needs to be notified by the University at least 30 days prior to arrival. For this process student needs to submit the following documents:
 - copy of the residence permit card in an EU member state,
 - copy of a travel document – passport, valid for at least 3 months after the completion of the study period in the host country,
 - a document on the purpose of stay (Letter of Acceptance issued by the University upon request),
 - a document on financial coverage (bank statement or confirmation of scholarship) for the period of stay.

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