

# STUDY IN SLOVAKIA GOOD IDEA



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# HIGHER EDUCATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (UNIVERSITIES)

- **Public HEIs** are established by the law and are financed mostly by the government. They are statutory and self-governing institutions. At present, there are **20 public HEIs** (9 traditional universities, 5 universities of technology, 3 HEIs of art and music, 1 university of economics, 1 university of veterinary medicine and pharmacy, and 1 university of agriculture).
- **State HEIs** (3) are military, police and medical schools established by law and governed by state through the corresponding ministries of the government.
- **Private HEIs** (12) need a state approval issued by the Government of the Slovak Republic. They are established and financed by non-governmental institutions or founders.

### ORGANISATION OF STUDY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Slovak HEIs offer study at 3 levels of higher education – bachelor, master and doctoral level. The general prerequisite for admission to HE study at the bachelor level is a secondary school-leaving certificate issued after passing the secondary school-leaving examination taken upon completing 13, exceptionally, 12 years of study. Each HEI decides upon its own conditions for acceptance of candidates. All study programmes offered by HEIs must be accredited by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

Academic year starts in Slovakia on September 1 of the current year and ends on August 31 of the following year; it is usually composed of 2 semesters (winter semester: September – January; summer semester: February – June).

### TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for study programmes offered in foreign languages (other than Slovak language) are set by each HEI separately. Fees vary from 490 € to 12,200 € per one academic year. For the information about such study programmes see the publication "*Study in Slovakia: Study programmes offered in foreign languages*" ([www.saia.sk/en/useful-information/study-programmes-in-foreign-languages](http://www.saia.sk/en/useful-information/study-programmes-in-foreign-languages)). Updated information on fees can be obtained from international relations offices of the respective HEIs/faculties.

However, students studying full-time in Slovakia without exceeding the standard length of study do not pay tuition fees, if they study a programme offered in Slovak language (more information about study programmes offered in Slovak language can be found at [www.portalvs.sk/en/studijne-odbory](http://www.portalvs.sk/en/studijne-odbory)).

### USEFUL LINKS

- [https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/slovakia\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/slovakia_en) – information about study in Slovakia at the Study in Europe portal of the European Commission
- [www.minedu.sk](http://www.minedu.sk) – Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic
- [www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk) – Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- [www.saia.sk/en](http://www.saia.sk/en) – SAIA, n. o. (Slovak Academic Information Agency); useful publications about student life in Slovakia, study programmes offered by Slovak HEIs in foreign languages, administrative duties related to visa and residence permit, etc.
- [www.srk.sk/en/projects/internationalization](http://www.srk.sk/en/projects/internationalization) – Slovak Rectors' Conference (link to the internationalisation website)

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