

# Become a Student of the University of Belgrade

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## Studying at the University of Belgrade

**F**oreign citizens become students at the University of Belgrade by:

- Enrolling in degree studies
- Exchange and mobility opportunities for visiting students

### Degree Studies

Degree seeking foreign candidates who wish to become students of the University of Belgrade must first hold a valid certificate on previously completed cycle of education that proves the eligibility of a candidate to apply for undergraduate, master or doctoral studies at the University of Belgrade. If all other general and specific requirements are met, and upon successful enrollment (e.g. successfully passed entrance exam), a foreign citizen becomes student of the **entire study cycle** at the University of Belgrade.

At the first cycle of higher education studies at the University of Belgrade prospective students can chose between *academic*

and *vocational* studies, that is, between *master* and *specialist* studies at the second cycle, respectively.

At the third cycle of higher education studies, prospective students of the University of Belgrade can enroll in *doctoral academic studies*. The University of Belgrade does not have vocational doctorates as a part of its academic offer.

Foreign students can also transfer from a higher education institution abroad to the University of Belgrade within the same cycle of education.

For each listed option, **general enrollment requirements** for foreign citizens are the same as for the citizens of the Republic of Serbia. The University of Belgrade announces the call for enrollment on its website [www.bg.ac.rs](http://www.bg.ac.rs), usually in May each year. The call contains information on eligibility criteria for certain study level and other enrollment requirements for all candidates.



Foreign citizens pay tuition fees for non-nationals. Since the University of Belgrade has 31 faculties, please note that tuition fees, as well as specific criteria for enrollment, vary from one faculty to another, and must be looked up at the official website of the preferred faculty of the University of Belgrade (p. 12).

**Specific enrollment requirements** of foreign degree seeking candidates are as follows:

- to submit the proof that their previously completed education has been recognized by a competent authority of the Republic of Serbia\*
- to submit a proof of health insurance for the academic year in question;
- to be fluent in the Serbian language, or in the language of instruction at the chosen study program

\*The procedure of recognizing high-school degrees is done by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, while higher education degrees are recognized by the University of Belgrade – Office for Education and Research.

#### **Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Documents for the Purpose of Further Education**

In order to enroll in the University of Belgrade, evaluation of a foreign study program and recognition of foreign higher education documents are needed.

Evaluation of a foreign study program is a procedure of assessing the type and level of knowledge acquired and skills achieved in a study program or in a part of a study program organized by a foreign higher education institution.

Recognition of foreign higher education documents for the purpose of further education is a procedure, the completion of which grants the document holder the right to continue education at the University of Belgrade, at an accredited study program.

#### **Recognition of foreign education documents for the purpose of enrollment in the 1st study cycle**

For the purpose of enrollment in the first year of degree seeking undergraduate studies, candidates should submit a request for the purpose of further education to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development at:  
[www.mpn.gov.rs/enicnarc-srbija](http://www.mpn.gov.rs/enicnarc-srbija)

#### **Recognition of foreign higher education documents for the purpose of further education and of enrollment in the 2nd and 3rd study cycle**

The procedure of recognition for the purpose of further education entails the evaluation of a foreign study program, or a part of a study program, and establishes the candidate's right to further continue the education at the same level of study or to enroll in an adequate study program at the next level. In-detail information on recognition and procedural requirements for



the purpose of further education can be found at the official website of the University of Belgrade – Office for Education and Research:  
[bg.ac.rs/en/education/recognition.php](http://bg.ac.rs/en/education/recognition.php)

#### **Full Degree Seeking – Short Summary**

1. Find a preferred study program at the University of Belgrade (in Serbian or English language)
2. Get in touch with the competent authority in order to have your previously acquired education diploma recognized and validated (high-school degrees: [www.mpn.gov.rs/enicnarc-srbija](http://www.mpn.gov.rs/enicnarc-srbija), higher education degrees: [bg.ac.rs/en/education/recognition.php](http://bg.ac.rs/en/education/recognition.php))
3. Check the call for enrollment at the website of the University of Belgrade (month of May), and make sure you meet: deadlines and general enrollment requirements and specific enrollment requirements for foreign citizens
4. Apply for admission at the specific faculty of the University of Belgrade that carries out your chosen study program and pass the entrance exam (if any).

#### **Mobility & Exchange Opportunities for Visiting Students And Staff**

Student mobility and exchange implies attending a part of study program (one or two semesters) at a foreign university. It can be organized at both undergraduate and (post)graduate levels.

Visiting students receive a diploma from their home university, with a supplement to confirm that they have spent a certain part of their studies at the University of Belgrade. All the exams that visiting students have successfully passed during their mobility at the University of Belgrade are stated in the transcript of records, issued by the University of Belgrade at the end of their mobility.

Exchange students can spend one or two semesters at the University of Belgrade. Certain exchange programs offer a possibility for short-term stays.

**Important:** Prospective exchange students should first get all the key information and requirements from their home university. Furthermore, specific requirements and procedures of different exchange types and programs must be carefully examined.

The University of Belgrade offers mobility for foreign students and staff throughout several programs. For updated information on currently running offers and available options, please check the webpage of the International Relations Office of the University of Belgrade at [www.bg.ac.rs](http://www.bg.ac.rs)

#### Erasmus+ program

Erasmus+ is a successor-program of several EU programs that took place in the period from 2007 to 2013. Within the Erasmus+ program (set to last until 2020), the University of Belgrade has established successful cooperation with more than 100 European universities, and this number increases every day.

Information on Erasmus+ activities of the University of Belgrade, including information on partner universities, scholarships, open calls and application procedures, can

be found at university's online platform for internationalization and mobility: MobiON - [mobion.bg.ac.rs](http://mobion.bg.ac.rs)

**Important:** All potential applicants must use this platform in order to apply for mobility and should note that those applications received or sent in any way other than through "MobiOn" will not be accepted. All incoming candidates must previously be officially nominated by their home universities.

#### CEEPUS program

*Central European Exchange Program for University Studies* is an academic exchange program for students and professors from Central and Eastern Europe. The scholarship includes a tuition fee waiver, accommodation, food and financial funds. The amount of funds depends on the country. Foreign students apply for the program online, exclusively. Before applying, they should consult their National Coordinator for CEEPUS in their home country.

Member universities from the CEE and contact details can be found at the official website of the program: [ceepus.info](http://ceepus.info)

#### Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation

University of Belgrade maintains close and active cooperation with many European and world-wide universities through more than 200 bilateral agreements in force that offer foreign students and scholars an opportunity to study or research and teach at the University of Belgrade. If you are interested in whether your university has a bilateral agreement with the University of Belgrade, please check the updated list at the webpage of the UB – International Relations Office or send us an email inquiry. The nominations for this mobility type are sent directly from the IRO of the foreign university to the IRO of the University of Belgrade via email.

Students, who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program at another university, should have completed at least one full year of studies by the time of application for exchange.

#### Inter-state agreements and scholarships of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

Each year, the mobility of many foreign incoming students and staff at the University of Belgrade is supported by the Government of the Republic of Serbia,

based on international agreements signed between the Republic of Serbia and foreign countries.

Information on this type of open calls, deadlines and requirements is usually distributed by Serbian diplomatic missions and embassies in foreign countries to the competent authorities in their host countries (i.e. ministries of education, etc.). Therefore, we suggest you contact the Ministry of Education (or other competent institution) in your home country or the nearest diplomatic mission of the Republic of Serbia in your home country. Websites and contact details of diplomatic-consular missions of the Republic of Serbia across the world can be found at the official website of the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [www.mfa.gov.rs](http://www.mfa.gov.rs)

#### Free Movers

You can study at the University of Belgrade for a maximum of one academic year without participating in a specific exchange/mobility program and even if your home university does not have an official exchange agreement with the UB.

Free movers must be eligible and fulfill the necessary prerequisites for the

study program they wish to attend at the University of Belgrade. They must fulfill language requirements of the chosen study program. Their home university must officially confirm that their planned mobility stay at the University of Belgrade will be accepted as an official part of their degree program.

Free movers must sign the mobility agreement and the learning agreement; this type of mobility does not lead to obtaining a degree from the University of Belgrade, only the transcript of records listing all successfully passed exams.

Free movers are strongly recommended to contact their home university's competent office and the specific faculty of the University of Belgrade they wish to attend, to get information on tuition fees and **specific requirements** for this type of mobility.

## Opportunities for Academic and Administrative Staff

Similar to students, teaching and administrative staff can also take part in mobility programs. The main difference from student exchange is the duration of mobility, which mostly lasts from 5 days up to two months, depending on the type of the chosen mobility.

The reasons for mobility can be numerous, but the most common ones are work on joint projects, improvement of teaching through the exchange of experience and good practice, holding lectures, enhancing cooperation, learning from good practice, etc.

Teaching and administrative staff can take part in exchange on the grounds of bilateral cooperation agreements or projects which foster student and staff mobility (ERASMUS+ and CEEPUS).



# Academic Information

The academic year consists of two semesters and exam terms that take place at the end of each semester. Exam terms are organized in accordance with the annual plan of exams of a higher education institution. Exam schedule is made at the beginning of each academic year.

## Academic Term: SEMESTER

STUDY TERM	START MONTH *	END MONTH *	EXAM PERIOD *
Fall Semester	October	December	January - February
Summer Semester	March	May	June - September

\* Exact start/end dates may vary among specific UB faculties

## Grading Scale

Students' success in the exams is reflected by grades from 5 (fail) to 10 (excellent). Student can achieve maximum of 100 points.

Grades	Classification	Number of Points	
		From	To
10	excellent (odličan/одличан)	91	100
9	exceptionally good (izuzetno dobar/изузетно добар)	81	90
8	very good (vrlo dobar/врло добар)	71	80
7	good (dobar/добар)	61	70
6	sufficient (dovoljan/довољан)	51	60
5	fail (nije položio/није положио)	0	50

## Courses For Visiting Students

Depending on the type of mobility, visiting students may either chose courses from a specific study area, if so stipulated by the agreement, or may be eligible to take any course at the specific host faculty of the University of Belgrade that is open to its students, provided that they meet the mandatory requirements (necessary pre-knowledge, knowledge of the language of instruction, etc.).

The University of Belgrade does not guarantee that visiting students will be able to enroll in any specific course until the very time of registration, and we therefore encourage students to have a wide selection of courses ready at the time of registration, as well as to get in touch with the specific faculty of

the University of Belgrade to seek for more information on the curriculum.

Visiting Students may not enroll in any faculty of the University of Belgrade without the previous nomination of their home university and without official consent of the authorities of the specific UB faculty in question.

## Language Of Instruction

The official language of instruction is Serbian. However, there are numerous accredited curricula in the English language and few in other European languages. The list of study programs in foreign languages can be found in the section "Study programs in foreign languages" of this publication (p. 38).