



Visiting Students Pre-Arrival Information

This information should be useful in preparing you for your stay at the University of Malta.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- ❖ *Students are advised to read carefully **ALL** the information for visiting students on the University of Malta's website:
<http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/visitingstudents>*

- ❖ *For General information on the Maltese Islands visit:
<http://www.visitmalta.com/>*

- ❖ *For information on the Malta Public Transport system, visit:
<http://publictransport.com.mt/home?l=1>*

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- ❖ *The University of Malta sets the policy regarding the award of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) for coursework completed as a visiting student.*

- ❖ *The University of Malta reserves the right to withdraw, change or enhance courses in any academic year upon the availability of teaching resources and number of students.*

- ❖ *Visiting students are to seek academic advice before their departure from their home University on the classes they would be advised to register for and on the number of ECTS they need.*

- ❖ *Visiting students are advised to have the details (email and phone number) with them in Malta of their home University's contact academic adviser.*

- ❖ *Visiting students need to be in touch with the prospective host department about study-units' (classes) availability prior to making flight arrangements. Visiting students are advised to have extra classes in mind just in case.*

- ❖ *Visiting students may register for classes from different Faculties and from different years (at undergraduate level), subject to approval of the host department and to no clashes arising between the selected lectures.*

- ❖ *Visiting students will register for study-units/classes once they are in Malta. Registration for study-units will take place during the first two weeks of the semester. Students cannot choose study-units*

which require pre-requisites unless there is written authorization/email from the sending University, and approval from the host department. More information on this will be given on Orientation Day.

- ❖ *Forms in relation to learning agreements or confirmation of programmes at the University of Malta would be normally endorsed after the students would have officially registered at the University of Malta.*
- ❖ *Visiting students are required to register for a minimum of 8 ECTS and a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester.*
- ❖ *Students cannot leave Malta before the end of their official examination period and are requested to hand in any assignments or books before leaving.*

TUITION FEES

Transfer visiting fee-paying students who have been accepted to study at the University of Malta, need to pay a non-returnable deposit before coming to Malta, by the stipulated deadline. The students would then need to pay the remaining amount when they are in Malta, after they would have registered for their study-units.

Transfer visiting fee-paying students are to refer to the tuition fees costs at this website:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/visitingstudents/tuitionfees>

INFORMATION ON VISA/e -RESIDENCE DOCUMENT

- ❖ *Applicants should check with the nearest Maltese Embassy or Consulate whether they require a visa to enter Malta. Applicants may apply for entry visas to Malta from the Maltese, Austrian, Italian or Spanish representation in their country.*
- ❖ *At the time of first arrival, students should be in possession of a return air ticket to their country of origin, or its value in cash/bank draft, together with a bank statement indicating that they have sufficient funds to cover at least one year's tuition fees plus approximately 48 euro per day (17,520 euro/ 1 year), which is calculated to be sufficient for one academic year's accommodation and living expenses.*
- ❖ *The visa that is initially valid for one year. This applies to visas issued by a Maltese Embassy. Visas issued by Austrian, Italian or Spanish representations have a validity of up to 90 days. Following arrival and registration at the University, the students should apply for an e-residence permit.*
- ❖ *Nationals of several countries such as members of the Council of Europe, the USA and most Commonwealth countries, do not require a visa to enter Malta for a stay of less than 3 months. However, if they stay longer than 3 months, they should apply for an e-residence permit. For further information regarding visa and Embassies closest to you, please visit the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website: http://www.foreign.gov.mt](http://www.foreign.gov.mt)*
- ❖ *EU & Non-EU nationals residing in Malta for more than 3 months, must apply for an e-residence permit when they are in Malta, which will allow them to travel throughout the Schengen area while registered with the University of Malta.*

For more information on the procedure of applying for a residence permit visit:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/international/visa>

- ❖ *Non-EU nationals would need bank statements/letters of confirmation from their banks showing that they have the required amount of money to cover their stay in Malta. More information on the e-Residence permit will also be given on Orientation day.*

ACCOMMODATION

- ❖ *Malta offers a variety of accommodation options for students, located around and close to the University Campus, to suit different needs and budgets. Students are free to choose the lodging which suits them best.*
- ❖ *Students coming from partner Universities, whose exchange agreement includes accommodation costs would be staying at the University Residence (<http://universityresidence.com/>) in standard sharing rooms. Should a student wish to upgrade the room, the difference will need to be paid by himself/herself. Moreover, the accommodation period covered by the University of Malta is for the official duration of the accommodation package offered by the University Residence. Students who arrive before/depart after the dates which fall outside the academic package are advised to be well informed of the expenses they will be incurring before coming to Malta.*
- ❖ *Students wishing further information on accommodation at the University Residence, may contact them at: frontdesk@universityresidence.com, tel: 00356- 2143618/21430360*
- ❖ *During the first week of the semester, students staying at the University Residence will be given a free username and password by the University of Malta which can be used at the University Residence. Any students wishing to make use of internet prior to receiving their username and password, can purchase a voucher from the University Residence's reception. Vouchers of 1 hour, 5 hours and 30 days are available.*
- ❖ *The University Residence's reception desk is open 24 hours a day, and can also provide you with a list of doctors that may be contacted in case needed.*
- ❖ *Transfer/Exchange visiting students staying at the University Residence may contact the University Residence via email in order to be provided with a taxi on their arrival. Students are to enquire at the University Residence about the price to be charged for the taxi service. ISEP Direct and ISEP Exchange students do not pay for the taxi service, as this is covered for them by the University of Malta.*
- ❖ *The University Residence requires that students pay a deposit for their kitchen utensils. The deposit will be given back after the students return their utensils clean and undamaged.*

ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS

- ❖ *For a general idea of estimated costs for living in Malta, please visit: <http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/international/livingcosts>*

MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING

- ❖ *In line with the Maltese Legislation, the University of Malta requires all NON-EU International students to undertake medical health tests within **15 days of their arrival in Malta** . Reference is made to L.N. 29 of 2008, Conditions of Admission of Third Country Nationals for the purposes of Studies Regulations 2008.*

- ❖ *Non-EU nationals will be required to undertake Medical testing (Chest-X-Ray) once they are in Malta. The students are to set an appointment during their first days in Malta. The price for this is €35. More information on this will be given on orientation day.*
- ❖ *You will be permitted to enroll with the University of Malta and register for courses only after the International Office receives a medical health clearance certificate. It is insufficient for you to present a medical certificate from your country of residence. **Unless the test is carried out you will not be issued with a residence permit.***

INSURANCE

- ❖ *EU students are reminded to bring their European Health Insurance Card with them. More information on this card can be found at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>*
- ❖ *All students (including EU students) have to be covered by an insurance policy for the duration of their stay for health and other matters (from the day of departure from their own country to the day of return in their own country). Students are to be aware of the conditions they are covered for.*

GETTING IN TOUCH THROUGH FACEBOOK

Prior to coming to Malta, students can get in touch with various entities connected to their stay at the University of Malta:

- ❖ *International Office: <https://www.facebook.com/internationaluniversityofmalta>*

Student Contacts:

- ❖ *University Students' Council: <https://www.facebook.com/ksumalta>*
- ❖ *Erasmus Student Network (includes not only Erasmus students): <https://www.facebook.com/esnmalta>*

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- ❖ *In Malta there are various public holidays on which students will not have lectures. Kindly visit this website to access the dates of these public holidays: http://www.um.edu.mt/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/213806/visitingpublicholidays.pdf*

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- ❖ *In Malta, the number to dial in case of emergency is: 112. This gives you access to the ambulance/fire brigade/police. You are advised to carry this number with you.*

International Office