

Welcome Guide

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Rector's Foreword

Welcome to the University of Belgrade! I invite you to learn more about the academic community of the University of Belgrade and the opportunities we provide to prepare you for global challenges. This publication offers relevant and useful information about our University and variety of academic programs. I am certain that we are able to meet your expectations.

The University of Belgrade, the biggest and oldest university in Serbia, is a comprehensive, research-oriented university dedicated to academic excellence. The University of Belgrade is positioned among the top 400 universities in the world by the Academic Ranking of World Universities, also known as 'Shanghai Rankings'. The University is ranked in 28 of the 55 available Subject Rankings. Our academic excellence is closely linked to our third mission and our commitment to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our position in South-Eastern Europe, at the crossroads of all four sides of the globe, represents an ideal venue for acquiring an excellent education and enjoying the vibrant city of Belgrade. The University of Belgrade offers a broad spectrum of study programs covering all areas of engineering, natural sciences, medical sciences, social sciences and humanities. Our students of today are the well-qualified professionals of tomorrow. Become acquainted with

our curricula and find the one that suits you best. During your studies and professional development, you will experience our cultural diversity, tradition and warm hospitality. The friends you make in Belgrade will be there for you long after you have completed your education.

The University, with its 31 faculties, 11 research institutes, auxiliary services, friendly teaching and administrative staff are readily available to support you during your studies. The one-hundred thousand strong student body of the University of Belgrade has entrusted us with their education and training to meet the challenges of this century.

I hope that you will join us.

Prof. Ivanka Popović, PhD



Academic Excellence

Located at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube rivers and just few hundred kilometers away from Venice, Vienna, Budapest, Ljubljana, Zagreb and Sarajevo, the geographical position of Belgrade is an excellent spot for young people to gain high-quality university education while living in a modern and dynamic European metropolis.

Geographical proximity to prestigious university centers of the neighboring countries has additionally motivated the University of Belgrade to strive for excellence in science and education, which has also been reflected in its constantly improving place at global ranking lists of the world's best universities.

For several years in a row, the University of Belgrade has held high placement at global academic ranking lists.

In 2018, the University of Belgrade has been ranked among top 400 universities in the world at possibly the most prestigious global ranking list published by Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as Shanghai Ranking. Shanghai Ranking places the University of Belgrade among the three best-ranked universities from the East and South-East Europe.

In Serbia, it stands out as the university that educates the highest number of professionals in a wide variety of fields of study, while its international success continuously strengthens its position of the leading higher education institution in the region.

All study programs have been harmonized with the principles of the Bologna Declaration, with the aim to make the University of Belgrade a part of the

Common European Education Area with an emphasis on mobility of students and staff.

Foreign students can choose between two possibilities: they can choose one among the 71 study programs in the English language, or they can enroll in intensive Serbian language course at the UB - Faculty of Philology – Center for Serbian as a Foreign Language, and after they successfully complete it, they can choose any study program (from among 426 of them), offered at 31 different faculties of the University of Belgrade.



University of Belgrade

At a Glance

More than

200

years of tradition

Ranked between **301** and **400**

world's best universities

(ARWU aka **Shanghai List**, 2018)

71

study programs
taught in English
and French

426

182

study
programs

99

master

94

undergraduate

42

doctoral

9

professional
specializations

integrated
master

31

faculties

13

university
centers

11

endowments

11

research
institutes

7

funds to support
the best students

100 000

students

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200+ Erasmus+ KA1 Projects

250+ bilateral agreements with universities around the globe

3869 papers in 2016 on SCI, SSCI and AHCI lists

5 000 academic and research staff

3 500 000 University Library's volumes

Host of the **2020 European Universities Games** (EUSA)

Host of the **25th Summer Universiade**

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Centers

Information Center www.bg.ac.rs

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The Joint Japan-Serbia Center for the Promotion of Science and Technology www.center.bg.ac.rs

Center for Career Development www.razvojkarijere.bg.ac.rs

Center for Technology Transfer www.ctt.bg.ac.rs

Center for Strategic Management www.bg.ac.rs

Center for Students with Disabilities www.bg.ac.rs

Center for Quality Assurance www.bg.ac.rs

Center for Lifelong Learning www.bg.ac.rs

Center for E-learning and

Distance Education www.bg.ac.rs

Sports Center www.bg.ac.rs

Institutes

Institute of Electrical Engineering “Nikola Tesla”

Dr. Dragan Kovačević | www.ieent.org

Institute for Biological Research “Siniša Stanković”

Dr. Mirjana Mihailović | www.ibiss.bg.ac.rs

Institute for Medical Research

Dr. Diana Bugarski | www.imi.bg.ac.rs

Institute of Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering

Prof. Dr. Jelena Begović | www.imgge.bg.ac.rs

Institute of Nuclear Sciences “Vinča”

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Institute for the Application of Nuclear Energy

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Institute of Physics

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Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory

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Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy

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Institute “Mihajlo Pupin”

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Institute for Multidisciplinary Research

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Library

University Library “Svetozar Marković”

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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

Courses For Visiting Students

Depending on the type of their mobility, visiting students may either choose courses from a specific study area, if so stipulated by the agreement, or may be eligible to take any course offered at the specific host faculty of the University of Belgrade, provided that they meet the mandatory requirements (necessary preknowledge, 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.

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	91	100
9	exceptionally good	81	90
8	very good	71	80
7	good	61	70
6	sufficient	51	60
5	fail	0	50

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 English.

Become a Student of the University of Belgrade

Foreign 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 choose 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**, 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. 8).

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

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

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,

higher education degrees:

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

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 200 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

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 finan-

cial 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



Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation

University of Belgrade maintains close and active cooperation with many European and world-wide universities through more than 250 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

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).



About Belgrade

Belgrade is an exceptionally vibrant and outspoken city. Its history dates back to the 6th millennium BC, when the Vinča Culture, one of the most important prehistoric cultures of Europe, evolved with its epicenter within Belgrade's area. Many cultures and tribes left their mark in its long and turbulent history: Thraco-Dacians, Celts, Romans, Byzantines, Slavs, Ottomans, Austro-Hungarians, have all shaped today's capital of Serbia into one of the most diverse and interesting cities of South-East Europe. Even one of the first Buddhist temples in Europe was built in Belgrade. A walk through the city's center would bring quick shifts of architectural and emotional settings – from a monumental medieval fortress or a 16th century Ottoman mosque, through elegant Habsburg buildings and the Sveti Sava temple – one of the largest Eastern Orthodox Churches in the world, to the Palace of Serbia - the monumental example of the 20th century Yugoslav modernism, or shiny contemporary business buildings. An instant cross-culture and time-travel experience.

With its population of 1,23 million in the urban area, Belgrade is the capital of Serbia and the largest city in the Western Balkans. It is located at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube rivers, at the very border of the Pannonian Plain and the Balkans – the city's favorite spot for watching stunning sunsets.

Recent years have seen a significant increase in Belgrade's expat community, ranging from students to business and industry professionals, making much of the city's content inclusive for English-speaking visitors with various cultural backgrounds.

In many ways Belgrade appeals mostly to young people who easily become an integral part of its vibrant pace and atmosphere.

We invite you to make the journey through Belgrade's unique magic the time of your life and to gain invaluable life and academic experience at the University of Belgrade.

Culture and Entertainment

Belgrade is probably best known for its vibrant nightlife. From traditional music and cuisine in the **bohemian street of Skadarlija**, to partying until the sun comes up at one of the many **river-boat clubs and bars** – the famous *splavovi* – or indoor clubs with local and international DJs or live performances, the city will offer an unforgettable experience even to the most demanding clubbers. Besides that, Belgrade will surprise you with numerous concerts, festivals and cultural events throughout the year.

Some of the best-known local festivals and events are **BITEF** (Belgrade International Theatre Festival), **BELEF** (Belgrade Summer Festival – takes place at various locations and includes concerts and theatre plays and performances), **October Salon** (international festival of visual and applied contemporary art), **Museum Night** (famous international event that takes place in over 120 cities worldwide), **Dev9t** (contemporary art festival with numerous exhibitions, performances and concerts, held in sum-



mer in an old brickwork factory), **Mikser Festival** (regional festival of creativity and innovation), **Belgrade Dance Festival** (annual contemporary dance festival), **Belgrade Marathon** (that also features half marathon and fun run for the public).

Numerous music and film festivals in Belgrade offer high quality programs throughout the year. Here are some traditional ones you can start with: **BEMUS** (the oldest classical music festival in Serbia), **Belgrade Jazz Festival** (annual representation of finest local and international jazz artists), **Belgrade Beer Fest** (wide range of foreign and domestic beer brands and a lineup of numerous famous international and local performers).

For many Belgradians the end of each winter is pre-booked for the city's favorite film festival – the **FEST**. Starting from low budget films from across the world to spectacular blockbusters – visitors enjoy high-quality selection of the best new releases, accompanied by an additional program segment featuring all time films of previous decades. Other popular film festivals in Belgrade include **BELDOCS** (international documentary film festival), **Auteur Film Festival** (annual festival of authors' films, intended for broader audiences), **Under-**

water Film Festival (international films and photographs from underwater world), **Nitrate Film Festival** (ranked in the top three archival festivals in the world, and hosted by the world-famous Yugoslav Film Archive), and many others.

Variety of galleries and museums will introduce you to Serbian contemporary and traditional art and heritage: **Nikola Tesla Museum**, **Zepter Museum**, **National Museum**, **Museum of Applied Art**, **Belgrade City Museum**, **The Auto Museum**, **Ethnographic Museum**, **Historical Museum of Serbia**, **Museum of Yugoslav Film Archive**, **Gallery of Frescoes**, **Museum of Yugoslav History**, etc.

Once in Belgrade, you can take some time to travel around Serbia and explore other cities. To name but a few must-visit events outside of Belgrade: globally acclaimed, award-winning music festival **EXIT** held within the walls of the Petrovaradin Fortress in the city of Novi Sad; international jazz festival **NIŠVILLE** held within the Ancient Fortress of the city of Niš in south-east Serbia, or **GUČA** – the largest trumpet festival in the world with domestic and international brass bands held annually in the small town of Guča in western Serbia.

Entering the Country and Temporary Stay Permit

Foreign citizens are required to register their residence in Serbia with the local police station within 24 hours of their arrival. A hotel, hostel or student dormitory will automatically complete it on your behalf. If you are staying at private housing, you should visit the police station with your landlord in order to register your residence. Erasmus Student Network (ESN) can help incoming students with this procedure.

All information on regulations and procedures regarding visas and the authorization of temporary stay of foreigners in Serbia are available online on the website of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia: www.mup.gov.rs

Entry Visa

There are many holders of foreign passports who do not need an entry visa for Serbia. However, to make sure whether you require an entry visa for Serbia, please contact the nearest diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia in your country of residence.

Even though nationals of some countries (not everyone) may enter the Republic of Serbia with their ID cards only, international students and staff are required to have with themselves their valid passports to be able to obtain mandatory authorization of temporary stay, and therefore you are strongly recommended to use it when entering the country as well.

Information on general visa requirements and on general entry requirements can be found at the website of the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia: www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/entering-serbia-requirements

Visa applications should be submitted to the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia abroad. Also, if you have any questions or concerns regarding entering the RS or your temporary stay as student/staff, we strongly recommend you contact the nearest diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia for help. Please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia to see the list of Serbian embassies around the world: www.mfa.gov.rs/en

Temporary Stay

As an academic exchange visitor, you will need to obtain your authorization of temporary stay (residence permit) for legal stay in the Republic of Serbia during your mobility.

For all stays of 90 days or more, the **authorization of temporary stay is mandatory**.

By visiting the website of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia: www.mup.gov.rs (Information for Foreigners), you can find the general list of required documents, as well as specific documents required for obtaining the authorization of temporary stay for academic purposes.

Accommodation

The two most common types of accommodation used by foreign students and visitors to the University of Belgrade are renting a room at the Students' Centre Belgrade (student dormitory or one of their two hostels), or renting private housing.

Students' Centre Belgrade

Student **dormitories** in Belgrade are run and managed by the Students' Centre Belgrade (www.sc.rs). Within their offer they also have **two hostels** available for individuals or groups.

Important: Students' Centre Belgrade is an independent institution. Therefore, accommodation in all of their facilities is independently arranged by visitors themselves, directly with the management of the dormitory and the hostels.

Student Dormitory

"Rifat Burdžević" Student Dormitory was built in 1948. One part of the capacity is designated for accommodating foreign students. Owing to international exchange of students which functions on the principles of reciprocity, each year this hall is occupied by students mostly from Western Europe, Asia and North America. All rooms for foreign students are of the 1st category, with the characteristics of a small apartment. This hall of residence can accommodate 367 students in single, double and triple bedrooms of the 2nd category.

Important: Under few specific types of cooperation, the University of Belgrade is able to offer complimentary accommodation in the Student Dormitory "Rifat Burdžević", with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Devel-

opment of the Republic of Serbia and of the Students' Centre Belgrade. The free-of-charge accommodation can be provided for incoming exchange students on the basis of an Agreement of Cooperation between the student's home institution and the University of Belgrade following the principle of reciprocity.

Hostels

Quarters "Kralj Aleksandar I" – For Teaching Mobility Staff
Available for foreign professors and lecturers, participants of the international science and research projects, seminars, conferences etc.

Hostel „Studentski grad" – For Student Mobility
Hostel „Studentski grad" is situated at Student town in New Belgrade and it offers accommodation in completely renovated and modern-equipped rooms with 39 beds. It is opened during the whole year and it is suitable for both individual and group visits. The Hostel offers accommodation in single, double and three bedded rooms with private bathroom and tea kitchen.

Rented Accommodation

Visitors can rent their own accommodation. The University of Belgrade does not mediate in renting private accommodation, but there are numerous online resources for finding accommodation. Also, you may wish to contact the Erasmus Students Network Belgrade (belupgrade.esn.rs) and ask for their help in finding suitable accommodation. They can also help you get in touch with peers from all over the world, so you can consider sharing accommodation.

Cost of Living

Please note that all costs listed in here are **approximate** estimates only and are intended to help foreign visitors plan their financial resources.

We estimate that students and visitors need an average of €400-600 per month per person to cover their accommodation costs, health insurance, costs of utilities, meals, city transportation, some necessary personal expenses and incidentals.

Actual expenditures can significantly vary depending on individual spending habits, and, of course, whether one plans to live alone or with flat mates.

Instruction materials and textbooks are not included, as each faculty of the University of Belgrade has its own required literature, and the prices therefore vary. Please see more under the “Cost of studying” section of this publication.

Accommodation and Utilities

Prices of the housing in a student dormitory vary depending on the number of persons sharing the room, with all utilities included. Please note that the number of available rooms and beds is highly limited. This accommodation type is recommended for short-term stays and prices should be checked directly with the student dormitory right before the planned visit.

Rented accommodation: Again, prices depend on the size, location and the condition of the rented flat. However, approximate price of a shared flat (e.g. 2 people) in the urban city area would be €250-300 + utilities (€100-150).

There are many hostels in Belgrade offering accommodation to foreign visitors at budget prices. This type of accommodation is usually preferred for short-term stays. Visitors who chose this type of accommodation for long-term stays should discuss the availability and possible discounts directly with the chosen hostel.

City Transportation

- Monthly transportation student pass: €15
- Regular single-ride ticket: €0.7
- Prices for foreign citizens:
 - Monthly pass - €25
 - 15-day pass - €15
 - 365-days pass - €275

Please visit the official website of the public transportation ticket provider: www2.busplus.rs

Personal Incidentals

Personal care products, laundry and house cleaning products, and other: €20

Health Insurance

Monthly health insurance for foreign students: €66

National Health Insurance Fund:
<http://www.eng.rfzo.rs/>

Important: Health insurance for foreign students and scholars is mandatory. However, candidates should check whether the health insurance has been provided according to the specific type of cooperation under which the mobility is arranged.

Cost of Studying

Cost of studying depends on the specific status a foreign student has at the University of Belgrade.

Holders of the scholarship of the Government of the Republic of Serbia do not pay tuition fees, they are granted free accommodation, free health insurance as well as discount prices in the student cafeteria.

In cases of most bilateral agreements, as well as some international mobility programs (e.g., Erasmus+, CEEPUS), there is also tuition fee waiver for incoming exchange students.

Students, who independently enroll at the University of Belgrade, have to pay for the following (unless otherwise agreed and/or provided by the foreign visitor's status):

Tuition Fees

The University of Belgrade is comprised of 31 Member Faculty, organized in 4 groups: social sciences and humanities, medical sciences, sciences and mathematics and technology and engineering sciences.

Criteria for enrollment, as well as tuition fees vary from one faculty to another. In-detail information on recognition of foreign higher education documents preceding the actual enrollment procedure can be found at bg.ac.rs/en/education/recognition.php Tuition fees can be found on the web sites of the respective faculties - members of the University of Belgrade at: www.bg.ac.rs/en/members/faculties/faculties.php



Textbooks And Instruction Materials

The type and the volume of required literature varies significantly, and therefore it would be best to contact the faculty of interest and check the prices of literature per each year. However, our approximate estimate is between €100-300 per student per year (depending on the Faculty and the study level).

Arriving in Belgrade

Belgrade is well connected to other European cities. Visitors can choose between different means of transportation.

Transport From the International Airport “Nikola Tesla”

Belgrade International Airport “Nikola Tesla” is located 18 km from the city center. There are a few travel options when traveling between Belgrade airport “Nikola Tesla” and the city center.

Mini bus A1 - Runs every 20 minutes. The terminus is at Slavija Square (Trg Slavija). A ticket can be purchased from the bus driver at the price of approximately 2,5 EUR (in dinars).

GSP bus 72 – Runs every 30 minutes. The terminus is at Zeleni venac. A ticket can be purchased at a kiosk or from the bus driver at the price of approximately 1,3 EUR (in dinars). You will find the bus stop just outside the departures terminal (ground level).

You may also take a **taxi** to your destination. Please make sure to order yourself a taxi at the Taxi Info stand at the airport. One of the stands is exactly in front of the exit door of the International Arrivals hall. You will immediately get a receipt, and you will pay at the end of the ride. Please be careful about independently taking among the many taxies waiting in front of the airport, as you might be overcharged.

Additional information is available at the official webpage of “Nikola Tesla” International Airport at:

www.beg.aero/en/strana/8811/

Transport by Car

Serbia is bordered by Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to the west, Albania and Macedonia to the south, Bulgaria and Romania to the east, and Hungary to the north.

If you decide to come to Serbia by car, make sure you check the accessibility and the condition of roads at: www.amss.org.rs
Please have in mind that your **GPS** may not have all the updated information on current road conditions and accessibility.

Transport By Bus Or Train

Both main bus station and the main train station are located in the city’s center. Please visit their websites or the website of your local bus or train station to see if your city is connected to Belgrade by bus or train.

Serbian Railways: www.zeleznicesrbije.com

Belgrade Bus Station: www.bas.rs

Erasmus Student Network



ESN BelUPgrade is our devoted and reliable partner in supporting and helping foreign and exchange students in Belgrade.

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the biggest student association in Europe. It was born on the 16th October 1989 and legally registered in 1990 for supporting and developing student exchange. We are present in more than 800 Higher Education Institutions from 39 countries.

The network is constantly developing and expanding on three levels: local, national, and international. We have around 15,000 active members that are in many sections supported by so called buddies mainly taking care of international students. Thus, ESN involves around 34,000 young people offering its services to around 200,000 international students every year.

ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels, and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad (“internationalisation at home”).

The story of ESN Serbia began in 2006 with the founding of the first section, ESN Belgrade. Although the city of Belgrade created an ESN section in 2006, the section was revived and officially registered in 2013 under an empowering name symbolizing growth and development – ESN BelUPgrade. A few brave individuals who shared common goals were united in their willingness to make this section strong and recognizable.

Today, ESN BelUPgrade has 50 members who do their best to help exchange students as well as to promote mobility and to show traditional Serbian hospitality.

Besides section in Belgrade, ESN Serbia includes sections in Novi Sad and Niš.

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office.belupgrade@esn.rs
Twitter: ESN BelUPgrade @ESN_BelUPgrade
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ESNBelUPgrade

Serbian Language

If you wonder what Serbian is like, you should know that it belongs to South Slavic group of Indo-European languages, having many fascinating grammatical categories. It is one of the very few standard languages in the world that uses complete synchronic digraphia, equally using two alphabets – Cyrillic and Latin. The Serbian Cyrillic alphabet was created in 1814 by Serbian linguist Vuk Stefanović Karadžić, on purely phonemic principles.

On the Internet you can find various websites and online resources for learning Serbian, or just for picking up its main phrases. However, if you are interested in it and wish to ensure you learn it well, we recommend the **UB Centre for Serbian as a Foreign Language**.

The Centre for Serbian as a Foreign Language, at the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, has been offering intensive courses of the Serbian language for international learners since 1986. Apart from regular one-year intensive course, the Centre also offers intensive three-week summer course and 12-week online beginners' course. In the regular and

summer course, classes are held five days a week (three academic hours per day) and the course is divided into three levels – beginner, intermediate, and advanced, since many students already know some Serbian. Lecturers are our acknowledged teachers, native speakers of the Serbian language, who graduated from the Faculty of Philology. Centre for Serbian as a Foreign Language is also an examination Centre – three times a year (June, September, and January) you can take an exam and get a certificate in Serbian as a foreign language, on one of all six CEFR levels.

The Centre also offers an online 12-weeks beginner's course.

Learning a new language is best in its natural environment; our classroom will guide you through your real life language experience in Belgrade and Serbia.

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English

Yes.
No.
Please.
I am sorry!
Thank you!
Thank you very much!
Here you are (polite).
Here you are.
Good morning.
Good afternoon.
Good evening.
Good night.
Hello!
Goodbye.
What is your name?
My name is...
How are you? (polite)
How are you?
Fine thanks, and you?
I understand (Serbian).
I don't understand (Serbian).
Do you speak English?
How much does it cost?
Where is ...?
I need a doctor.
Cheers!
Here is my phone number
I love you

Serbian

Da.
Ne.
Molim.
Izvinite!
Hvala!
Hvala lepo!
Izvolite.
Izvoli.
Dobro jutro.
Dobar dan.
Dobro večer.
Laku noć.
Zdravo!
Doviđenja.
Kako se zovete?
Zovem se...
Kako ste?
Kako si?
Dobro hvala, a vi/ti?
Razumem (srpski).
Ne razumem (srpski).
Govorite li engleski?
Koliko košta?
Gde se nalazi...?
Potreban mi je doktor.
Živeli!
Ovo je moj broj
Volim te

Other Useful Information

The official currency of the Republic of Serbia is the dinar (RSD). In circulation there are:

- Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dinars
- Notes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 200, 1000 and 5000 dinars

Please see the official website of the National Bank of Serbia for accurate information on the official exchange rate for EUR according to the Central Bank on a specific date:

www.nbs.rs/internet/english/scripts/ondate.html

Foreign currency can be exchanged in all banks and post offices, as well as in the many authorized exchange offices (in Serbian: „Menjačnica“).

Climate: Belgrade has a humid continental climate, with distinct four seasons, including hot summers and cold winters. Monthly averages range from 1.4 °C (34.5 °F) in January to 23.0 °C (73.4 °F) in July, with an annual mean of 12.5 °C (54.5 °F).

Time zone: CET / UTC +1

Electricity: 220-240 V, primary socket type: Europlug, Schuko

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Police 192

Fire Department 193

Ambulance 194

Emergency Medical Centre
2 Pasterova Street, 011/3618444

www.kcs.ac.rs

The official website of the City of Belgrade:

www.beograd.rs

Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia:

www.hidmet.gov.rs

To read more about Belgrade, its history, culture, tourist offer, please see the Belgrade Guide In Your Pocket:

www.inyourpocket.com/data/download/belgrade.pdf

To plan your leisure time in Belgrade and Serbia, we recommend you visit the following websites:

The Cultural Centre of Belgrade: www.kcb.org.rs

City of Belgrade – Official: www.beograd.rs/en/

Tourist Organization of Belgrade: www.tob.rs

National Tourism Organisation of Serbia: www.serbia.travel

Still in Belgrade Magazine: www.stillinbelgrade.com

Belgrade City Guide: www.belgrademyway.com

Websites on living in Belgrade (in English):

www.belgradian.com

livinginbelgrade.com

www.expatsrbia.com

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