



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS
UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE



Dear students,

We welcome you with great joy and thank you for choosing the largest and the oldest state-funded university in our country, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, which is the foundation and pillar of the educational system, scientific work and cultural development of North Macedonia.

As the most diverse university in the country, as well, UKIM is the main research performer and the biggest teaching and scientific center in the country. Over 30.000 students are part of the teaching and educational process in all three cycles of studies.

You are now a part of the University's respected academic community and I hope that your stay here in Skopje brings you new experiences and fulfills you on personal level, as much as offering you great academic achievements.

The University develops and ensures the creation of highly educated profiles in all areas, and if you needed a new challenge and excitement, then this is the right place for you. With this guide, which is intended especially for the beginning of your stay here in Skopje, we will offer you insights of what to expect of our University and the city of Skopje.

With our help, you will discover many great places in the city capital, such as The Old Bazaar, Matka Canyon, The Fortress of Kale and you will be delighted by the sight of many Churches and Mosques. You will also learn about important services that our University has to offer for your future education. Helpful resources such as E-library, Scientific Journals, Open Access Publications and The Career Center are all on your disposal. We will offer you help with the most basic and necessary things to make you feel at home and make your stay in Skopje easier.

Every new beginning is challenging and even though you come from different parts of the world, you are a part of our big academic family now, and I truly hope that your stay here will bring back some of the best memories of your life.

Welcome to Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje!

Rector,
Prof. Biljana Angelova Ph.D.

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The Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje is the first state University in the Republic of North Macedonia, founded in 1949, initially with three faculties.

At the moment, the University represents a functional community of 23 faculties, 5 research institutes, 4 public scientific institutions - associate members, 1 associate member - other higher education institution and 7 associate members - other organizations.

Its activities are stipulated by the Law on Higher Education and the Statute of the University.

VISION of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje is to grow into a university of high international reputation in the field of education and science, as a respectable member of the family of European universities.

The Ss. Cyril and Methodius University's mission is to be:

- an autonomous, higher educational institution which provides teaching, scholar and applied activities in technical, natural sciences and mathematics, bio-technical, artistic, medical and social sciences;
- a university dedicated to the cherishing as well as international recognition of the traditional features and values of the people of the Republic of North Macedonia (the Macedonian language, history, literature and culture) and at the same time to the nurturing of the cultural values of the other ethnic communities in the Republic of North Macedonia;
- a university open to all students on the basis of equality and their academic results regardless of their ideological, political, cultural and social origin;
- a university that coordinates its academic offer to the needs of the social surrounding, and has continuously dynamic relation towards it;
- a university that creates stimulative environment for its employees, providing them a progress of their abilities in order to accomplish its mission;
- a university which develops long-life and continuing education;
- a university determined to achieve the European norms and standards in all spheres of its activities.



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The Ss. Cyril and Methodius University develops study programmes in all scientific fields – natural sciences and mathematics, technical and technological sciences, medical sciences and health, biotechnical sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts. Except for the faculties, the research work, also is carried out in the independent research institutes as an integral part of the University.



Lectures at the University are organized on 4 campuses.

Image for University Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, specifically, can be presented through the following figures:

- a total of 207 study programmes from the first cycle of studies (undergraduate programmes),
- a total of 338 study programmes from second cycle of studies (master’s),
- a total of 79 study programmes from the third cycle of studies (doctoral programmes),

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Number of enrolled students for 2023-2024

first cycle of studies	22779
second cycle of studies (master's)	3602
third cycle of studies (doctoral programmes)	830

Nowadays, The University has produced around 134,600 graduated high-professional staff (with obtained Bachelor degree); 13,800 candidates obtained Master's and Specialist's degree and around 4,000 candidates obtained the doctoral degree in all teaching and scientific fields.

The overall activities of the University also include sport, artistic, informative, recreational and other activities organized within many associations, clubs etc.



FOREIGN STUDENTS

1. Foreign nationals are enrolled in special enrolment quotas for foreign nationals and the conditions for enrolment are given in the Competition.
2. Tuition for foreign nationals in the 2024/2025 school year is given in the Competition.

Application of candidates

The electronic application is from 1-7 of June, on the e-mail st.student@ukim.edu.mk

When applying, the candidates submit copy of:

- Application form ([Form A1](#));

For candidates to enroll in first cycle studies

- Original diploma for completed secondary education (certified with an apostille stamp, that is, a stamp from the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs for countries that are not members of the Hague Convention);
- Original certificates for each completed year in secondary education;
- Original birth certificate
- Original citizenship certificate;

For candidates to enroll in second cycle studies

- Original diploma for completed higher education (certified with an apostille stamp, that is, a stamp from the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs for countries that are not members of the Hague Convention);
- Original diploma for completed secondary education (certified with an apostille stamp, that is, a stamp from the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs for countries that are not members of the Hague Convention);
- Original birth certificate
- Original citizenship certificate;

The application is from 20-28 of June, at the Rectorate of the University.

When applying, the candidates submit:

- Originals of the documents mentioned above
- Annual health insurance from your own state
- three photos (two photos with dimensions 3.5x4.5 and one with dimensions 2x3);
- the payment of 400EUR for an intermediary for nostrification of documents in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia ([law office or notary office](#) - if engaged)

Registration of candidates

The registration process is carried out at the faculties, in the end of September. When registering, the candidates submit:

- Nostirification of the previously finished education - document issued by Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia
- index, student identification and application forms that students receive at the Faculties
- receipt of tuition payment for the semester
- receipt for the payment of 750 MKD for informative, informational, cultural and sports activities (IKSA) of the students of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje



*** A law office/notary office can mediate for:**

- for nostrification of documents in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia
- registration process
- payments for IKSA and tuition fees for the semester
- housing and accomodation for students.

Procedure for nostrification of documents in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia

I. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR NOSTRIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY FINISHED EDUCATION

- Original diploma for completed secondary education (certified with an apostille stamp, i.e. a stamp from the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs for countries that are not members of the Hague Convention)
- Two photocopies of the original diploma (one copy notarized);
- Two copies of the diploma translated by an authorized court translator in the Republic of North Macedonia (one copy notarized);
- Original certificates for each completed year in secondary education;
- Two photocopies of each original certificate (one of which needs to be notarized);
- Two copies of each certificate translated by an authorized court translator in the Republic of North Macedonia (one copy needs to be notarized).

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. A Request to Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia
2. Original birth certificate and two photocopies;
3. Original citizenship certificate and two photocopies;
4. Original birth certificate and two photocopies (for persons who were not born in the Republic of North Macedonia)
 - Two copies of the birth certificate translated by an authorized court translator in the Republic of North Macedonia (one copy notarized);
5. Original citizenship certificate and two photocopies (for persons who were not born in the Republic of North Macedonia)
 - Two copies of the citizenship certificate translated by an authorized court translator in the Republic of North Macedonia (one copy needs to be notarized).



OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING LEGAL STATUS IN MACEDONIA

According to the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of North Macedonia, temporary residence is granted to a foreigner who intends to stay in the Republic of North Macedonia for the purpose of schooling, studying or learning the language in which the teaching is conducted, and the request for approval of temporary residence is submitted to the Ministry of Interior. Temporary residence for the purpose of education or study is approved for a period of up to one year and it can be extended.

The request for approval of a temporary stay in the Republic of North Macedonia, as an accompanying document to the request for the issuance of a visa for the regulation of long-term stay (visa D).

1. Regulating temporary stay

The procedure for the request for approval of a temporary stay in the Republic of North Macedonia, as an accompanying document to the request for the issuance of a visa for the regulation of long-term stay (visa D):

- A temporary residence permit will be issued on the basis of a request from a foreigner who intends to stay in the Republic of Macedonia.
- The request for a temporary residence permit is submitted by the foreigner to the diplomatic and consular office of the Republic of Macedonia abroad.
- The applicant for a temporary residence permit is obliged to contact the competent authority in person for a conversation.
- The request must specify the purpose and circumstances of the intended stay in the Republic of Macedonia which must not change during the procedure.
- By requesting a temporary residence permit, the foreigner is obliged to submit a valid and recognised travel document or a certified transcript



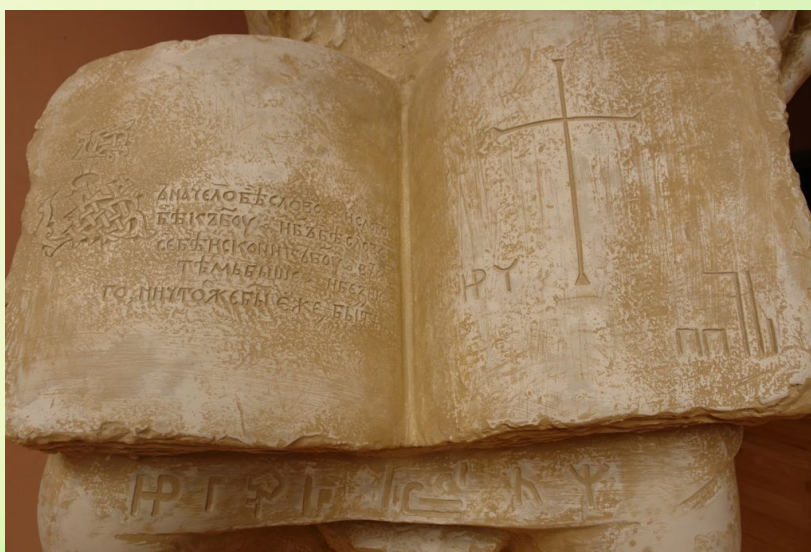
of which is at least three months longer

- from the time provided for stay in the Republic of Macedonia and evidence that the conditions for issuing a temporary residence permit have been met.

2. Check-in

After enrolment, the faculty issued the student with confirmation that he was enrolled in the appropriate study program.

With this confirmation, and by contract for rented apartment/secured accommodation, the student applies to the Interior Ministry – (the building at MTV, first floor – stay of foreigners).



Organised teaching for the study of Macedonian language

For candidates of foreign nationals enrolled in the study programmes of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University classes can be organised in Skopje to study Macedonian language.

Classes are organised for a six-month intensive course in the winter and summer semester and are implemented according to a special programme prepared for this purpose. During classes, a continuous examination of the knowledge of listener candidates is carried out.

After successfully completing preparatory teaching and passing the final test, candidates receive a certificate of successful macedonian language test as a foreign language issued by the Centre for Testing and Certification of Macedonian as Foreign/ Second Language (CETIS MAK) at the Faculty of Philology «Blazé Koneski».

Detailed information is contained in a separate statement published by CETIS MAK at the Faculty of Philology «Blazé Koneski». The announcement is also available on the website of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University.

Organised teaching for the study of English language

For candidates of foreign nationals enrolled in the English study programmes of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University classes can be organised in Skopje to study English language.

Detailed information is contained in a separate statement published by the Faculty of Philology «Blazé Koneski». The announcement is also available on the website of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University.

Study programs

The official competition for enrolling foreign students in the first cycle of studies is published on the main website of the University, and the direct link to it is: https://www.ukim.edu.mk/en_content.php?meni=175&glavno=73

- Study programs in the first cycle of studies in English and the tuition fee for each study program:

FACULTIES	Tuition (in euros)
STUDY PROGRAMS	
<u>Faculty of Law „Iustinianus Primus”</u> (Blvd. Goce Delchev No. 9B)	
Political Studies -6 semesters	2000 euros
<u>Faculty of Information Sciences and Computer Engineering</u> (str. “Ruger Boskovic“ no. 16)	
Software Engineering and Information Systems in English - 6 or 8 semesters *	2000 euros
<u>Faculty of Medicine</u> (str. “50 Division” No. 6)	
General Medicine in English (12 semesters)	5000 euros
<u>Faculty of Dentistry</u> (str. “Mother Teresa” No. 43)	
Dental Medicine (in English) (12 semesters)	5000 euros
<u>Faculty of Veterinary Medicine</u> (str. Lazar Pop-Trajkov 5-7)	
Veterinary medicine in English (integrated studies of I and II cycle) (11 semesters)	3000 euros

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The official competition for enrolling foreign students in the second cycle of studies is published on the main website of the University, and the direct link to it is: https://www.ukim.edu.mk/en_content.php?meni=176&glavno=73

- Study programs students in the second cycle of studies in English and the tuition fee for each study program:

FACULTIES	Tuition (in euros)
STUDY PROGRAMS	
<u>Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies</u>	
(str. "Ruger Boskovic" no. 18)	
Data Science in Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies	2250 euros
Energy Efficiency, Environment and Sustainable Development	2250 euros
Dedicated Embedded Computer Systems and Internet of Things	2250 euros
<u>Faculty of Information Sciences and Computer Engineering</u>	
(str. "Ruger Boskovic" no. 16)	
One-year master studies	1800 euros
Data Science in Computer Science and Engineering	
Security, cryptography and coding	
Internet Technologies and Cyber Security	
IT Management	
Two-year master studies	2500 euros
Security, cryptography and coding	
<u>Faculty of Mechanical Engineering</u>	
(str. "Ruger Boskovic" no. 18)	
One-year master studies	4000 euros
Lean Management	
Virtual Manufacturing Engineering	
Modeling and Stimulation of Plastic Deformation Technologies and Processes	

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FACULTIES	Tuition (in euros)
Sustainable Energy and Environment	
<u>Faculty of Law „Iustinianus Primus”</u> (Blvd. Goce Delchev No. 9B)	
Applied and Comparative Politics	2000 euros
International relations, Diplomacy and European Integration	2000 euros
<u>Faculty of Economics</u> (Blvd. Goce Delchev No. 9B)	
Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Strategic Human Resource Management	3750 euros

The official competition for enrolling foreign students in third cycle studies – doctoral studies is published on the main website of the University, and the direct link to it is: https://www.ukim.edu.mk/en_content.php?meni=244&glavno=80



UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The facilities that the University offers to both domestic and international students are: a Student polyclinic, and a library at each of the faculties, in addition to the central library.



Student polyclinic

All students enrolled for the first time in the first year of the 2024/2025 school year (freshmen) should report for mandatory systematic examination in the period at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University Polyclinic - Skopje, located in the student dorm "Kuzman Josephovski -Pitu", Blvd. Metropolitan Theodosius Gologanov No. 58.

Systematic examination includes: general medical examination, dental examination and laboratory.

Systematic review is a mandatory condition for certification of the 2023/24 winter semester.

Foreign students should have valid Annual health insurance.

LIBRARIES

Each faculty has its own well-equipped library and its own reading room.

The National and University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski" collects, processes, protects and preserves the country's cultural heritage for future generations. By constructing and developing the national library information system, digitizing the cultural heritage of its collections, and preparing a national bibliography provides in situ and distance access, especially for ones doing research work, and also for all who aspire to enrich their knowledge and personal development.

The library provides support and information sources and services to higher education, research activity and the lifelong learning process. Independently or in cooperation with other domestic and foreign libraries and information centers, it provides its users quality refer-



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ral and bibliographic services, access to foreign and data bases in order to meet their needs in education, research activity, culture, and social life.

By continuous education of the library staff, following of the modern library and information streaming and active participation in the developments in the field of librarianship internationally, to promote and develop library and information sciences on national level.

For more information see: (nubsk.edu.mk)

ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

International students can stay in hostels or they can opt for private rental accommodation.

Hostels are not as affordable as halls of residence/dormitories, however, for those international students who have not rented an apartment prior to their arrival in Skopje, staying at a hostel while looking for a room/flat/house to rent is highly recommended. There are many hostels in or near the city centre and their prices range from 7 to 15 Euros per bed per night.

Since the University has 4 campuses around the city, in order to choose the hostel close to your faculty, it is best to consult sites such as www.hostels.com or www.booking.com.

Although more expensive, private accommodation is the most convenient yet affordable solution for the majority of students. The rent for a studio is between 80 and 120 Euros per month, whereas a bigger flat may cost between 130 and 200 Euros. The rent does not include utilities (heating, electricity, cable TV, the Internet, water, garbage disposal, etc.), which range from 50 to 150 EUR per month, depending primarily on the size of the flat, the type of heating and the number of occupants).

You can purchase a meal plan and have one, two or three meals a day in one of the student canteens. Each faculty has a student canteen. Meals are available to all students, including foreign citizens.

SIGHTS

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

The Republic of North Macedonia is situated in the central part of the Balkan Peninsula, with an area of 25,713 square kilometres bordering on Serbia to the north, Kosovo to the north-west, Greece to the south, Bulgaria to the east and Albania to the west. Due to such a geographic location, the Republic of North Macedonia is and has been an important crossroads of many different civilisations, religions and cultures throughout history.

According to the last census in the Republic of North Macedonia live around two million people.

Skopje, the capital of the Republic of North Macedonia, is the biggest political, economical, educational and cultural centre. North Macedonia is predominantly a mountainous country with a great number of exceptional natural treasures and beauties. In North Macedonia there are 34 peaks rising to over 2,000 metres and rich in vege-

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tation. The mountains and mountain ranges are hatched by many valleys and plains. The influences of the Mediterranean and the Continental Climate positively affect the high fertility of the cultivated land and the development of cattle breeding as well as the development of both winter and summer tourism. North Macedonia is a country of lakes of extraordinary natural beauty that offer favourable conditions for the development of tourism. In its southern part there are three large tectonic lakes: Ohrid, Prespa and Dojran. Their outstanding natural environment and numerous recreation facilities make them recognised tourist centres. On its territory there are 15 reservoirs and 25 glacial lakes situated in the highest parts of mountain massifs formed during the Ice Age. The winter sport centres: Popova [apka, Bistra-Mavrovo, Krushevo, Pelister, Ponikva and Golak, with their picturesque terrains suitable for winter sports, are very famous.

North Macedonia has a very extensive and ancient cultural heritage. Because of the great number of archaeological sites dating from the antique times, North Macedonia has every right to be called - a magical land of archaeology. North Macedonia also has a significant number of monasteries and churches that are masterpieces of the ancient constructors, icon painters, fresco painters and wood carvers. The monasteries of St. John of Bigor, - near Gostivar; Marko's Monastery; St. Panteleimon - near Skopje; the Monastery of Lesnovo, St. Nahum of Ohrid - near Ohrid; St. Sofia, Ohrid, and the churches of the Holy Salvation, Skopje; St. George the Archangel, the village of Kurbinovo, are only some of the numerous monasteries and churches. The Ottoman Empire has also left its marks on this territory with a great number of mosques, baths and market. places. Here, in North Macedonia, there is a tradition of the preservation of Macedonian folklore, which is very rich and diverse and reflects the spirit and the way of life of the people of North Macedonia.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? THESE ARE GOOD PLACES TO START!

[Useful websites - North Macedonia Timeless \(macedonia-timeless.com\)](http://macedonia-timeless.com)



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SKOPJE ([Skopje - Wikipedia](#))

Skopje, the capital of the Republic of North Macedonia, has a population of less than a million. It is in the central part of the Balkan Peninsula, and it is an important crossroads on routes to the Aegean and Adriatic seas. The Vardar, the longest river in North Macedonia with a course of water current over 400 kilometres, flows through Skopje.

In ancient times, Skopje, then known under the name of Skupi, was the chief town that later fell under Roman control. In 518 it was completely destroyed by a severe earthquake. With the coming of the Slavs in 695, the city experienced a significant growth and gained its present name of Skopje. In the 10th century, it became a part of Samoil's Empire and an important centre of transport and trade. Until the 15th century, and the Ottoman conquest, it changed its masters several times.

After the Second World War, Skopje developed rapidly and gained the physiognomy of a modern metropolis. But this accelerated development was interrupted by the catastrophic earthquake of July 26th, 1963. Thanks to the solidarity of the former Yugoslav republics and the international community as well, Skopje grew again into an important economic, political, educational and cultural centre.



Skopje, as a centre of culture, education and science, is the home of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, numerous cultural institutions, museums, libraries, etc.

In Skopje there is a large number of important cultural and historical monuments such as the Kale fortress, the Stone Bridge, the Daut Pasha Hammam, the Church of the Holy Salvation, the Old Bazaar, the archaeological site of Skupi with its ancient theatre, the monasteries of St. Panteleimon, St. Nikita, St. Andrew, Marko's Monastery, etc.

CLIMATE

Mild climate is characterized by moderately hot summers and moderately cold winters as well as significant annual rainfall.

The most precise weather forecast for Skopje can be found at the Hydrometeorological Service website [УХМР – Управа за хидрометеоролошки работи \(uhmr.gov.mk\)](http://uhmr.gov.mk)