



Study in Cyprus

We have Right Place for you to Study

Ancient ruins, superb beaches and a vibrant nightlife make Cyprus an idyllic destination for international students

Around 8,000 foreign nationals flock to the Mediterranean's third-largest island every year, attracted by a climate and culture that perfectly complements the excellent academic system.

The student population is diverse, the cost of living reasonable and the crime rate low. So, if you're interested in 300 days of annual sunshine and a challenging postgraduate education, read on...

Benefits of Studying in Cyprus

Studying in another country is NOT simply for language students; whatever subject you are studying, time spent in another country could be of benefit to you.

The most obvious benefits are the chance to really improve your language skills, and the opportunity to get an in depth knowledge and understanding of another country and culture. Time spent abroad can also give you increased confidence and maturity, as you cope with the challenge of living and studying in another culture. These skills are attractive to employers and can give you an edge in the job market.

- Quality education
- Safe, friendly environment at an affordable cost.
- English mainly as the language of instruction
- Pleasant Mediterranean climate
- Location at the crossroad of Europe, Asia and Africa
- Students can develop independence, maturity, an understanding of other cultures
- Preparation of students to work in today's global marketplace.
- Studying in Cyprus is a once-in-a-lifetime experience

Education in Cyprus

Education System in Cyprus

Cyprus recognizes the entry qualifications of other European countries under the European.

Information on the recognition of Cyprus higher-education qualifications in other EU countries can be obtained from the NARIC centers. KY. S.A.T.S (Council for the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications) is the competent authority responsible for the recognition of Titles (or Degrees). It serves the role of the National Recognition Information Center (NARIC) for Cyprus.



Work while you Study

Students in Cyprus are allowed to work part-time (20 hours per week) during the semester and full-time (38 hours per week) during their holiday period. However, any kind of student employment is allowed in specific occupations, which are published by the Ministry of Labour, and after the end of six months of the student's first entry into Cyprus. In case a student is found to be working illegally without being registered at the college he/she will be deported and his/her name will be placed at the immigration stop list.

Also, students studying Hotel Management and Culinary Arts are allowed to work during the summer as part of their practical training.

Academic Year

The academic year begins on 1 September and ends on 31 August. At the University of Cyprus and the Public Schools of Tertiary Education, instruction is offered between September and May and it is divided in two semesters. At the Private Schools of Tertiary Education instruction is offered between October and June and is also divided in two semesters. Some Private Schools of Tertiary Education offer summer courses as well.

Tuition Fees

Fees for students coming from countries other than the EU member states, total EUR 8000 per year. Postgraduate fees have been defined as follows: EUR 200 per credit for the taught stage, EUR 750 per semester during the research stage, and CYP200 per semester during the dissertation stage.

As regards public school of tertiary education, the student tuition fees range from EUR 1700 – 3000 per year. Cypriot students receive a government grant for their tuition and therefore pay no fees. International students, however, pay tuition fees.

Tuition fees for private tertiary education institutions range from EUR 2500 to approximately EUR 7000 per academic year and these are paid by the students. For the Master's level, tuition and fees range from EUR 7500 to EUR 15000.

Accommodation and Living

Accommodation and living expenses for students studying in Nicosia (the capital of Cyprus) and renting a flat (i.e., not living in student residence halls on campus) are about EUR 750, with about half of this amount allocated for rent and the remainder for food, entertainment, and incidental expenses. Expenses are considerably lower in the other towns of Cyprus (Larnaca and Limassol) where tertiary institutions operate, primarily due to lower rents.

All institutions operate student residence facilities on their campuses,. Prospective students are advised to inquire directly with the institutions in which they are interested on whether they provide residence facilities, and what the costs are.



Admission Requirements

Admission Policy

The American College & Alexander College adheres to a policy of non-discrimination in admitting students. Candidates for admission are considered without reference to race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin. American College students come from many parts of the world, bringing with them a diverse range of academic backgrounds, experiences, special interests, talents and cultural heritage.

Medical Examination

All students need to send to the college prove that they are free from HIV, Hepatitis B and C, Syphilis and Tuberculosis. Also, once they arrive in Cyprus, students are examined for HIV, Hepatitis B, Syphilis and Tuberculosis. If a student is found to be HIV-positive and/or positively diagnosed as a Syphilis and/or active-tuberculosis and/or Hepatitis B and C carrier then he/she will be deported from Cyprus.

Admission criteria for Postgraduate programs

Applicants for a postgraduate program of study must fulfill the following admission criteria:

- A Secondary School Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualifications.
- A university degree or equivalent qualifications.

To apply for admission, applicants will be required to submit, beyond other documents, two references using the College reference form. The references should be from people who can comment thoughtfully on the applicant's abilities. This may include current and/or former instructors, employers, and other associates.

Admission criteria for Undergraduate programs

All applicants must have a Secondary (High) School Leaving Certificate (i.e. 12 or 11 years of education depending on the country of origin) or equivalent qualifications.

English language criteria

The language of instruction at the American College & Alexander College is the English language except for the programs offered in Greek language. For programs where English is the language of instruction and for programs where Greek is the language of instruction but students are required to fulfill the English language criteria, students must provide evidence of proficiency in the English language. Any of the following is considered as an acceptable proof:



- A score of at least 500 (Paper-Based Score) or 173 (Computer-Based Score) or 61 (Internet-based Score) on the TOEFL test.
- A grade of “D” or higher in the GCE “O” level / IGCSE English Language examination.
- An average grade of 5.0 in the IELTS examination.

Applicants do not have to fulfil the English language criteria if at least one of the following is true:

- their mother tongue is English;
- they have received their secondary education in countries where English is the native language; or
- they are applying for a program of study which its language of instruction is Greek.

English language placement test

If an applicant fails to provide an acceptable proof of his/her English language proficiency he/she will be required to take the College English Language Placement Test during College registration. Students who fail the English Language standards of the College will be required to take preparatory English language courses only or preparatory English language courses and courses from their program of study.

How to Apply Visa

Visa Application

Nationals of countries where an Embassy / High Commission / Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus is available in residency should submit to the Admission Office of the chosen educational institution the following documents in order to obtain, on their behalf, a preliminary approval for them to be interviewed at the Embassy/ High Commission/ Consulate of the Republic Of Cyprus, in their home country:

Visa Services

- A fully completed application form.
- An application fee of 15-30 Cyprus Pounds (non-refundable).
- Four (4) passport-size photographs.
- Attested (certified true) copies of the student’s academic qualifications.
- Evidence of proficiency in English (if possible)
- A photocopy of their passport. The passport should be valid for at least one (1) year from the date of the student’s arrival.

The Admission Office will communicate details about the interview dates and required documents to candidates in time for the interview. During the visa interview at the Embassy/ High Commission/ Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus,



You will Require

- Original academic qualifications and their attested copies in English or in English translation.
- Their passport which should be valid for at least one (1) year from the date of their arrival to Cyprus
- A recent certificate of good conduct issued by the police of the country of origin or residence. The good conduct certificate should be original and be issued less than six (6) months prior to the beginning of the semester for which the student is applying. The names and titles of the persons issuing and certifying the document should be clearly stated therein. If not in English, official translation must also be presented.
- A recent financial guarantee issued by the student sponsor's bank stating that the specific costs of living and studying in Cyprus (i.e. living expenses and the tuition fees) for one academic year at the educational institution will be met by the sponsor. The name of the sponsor and that of the student should be stated on the guarantee. The bank guarantee should be original and be issued less than six (6) months before the beginning of the semester for which the student is applying. The bank guarantee should include the mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the bank. If not available in English, official translation of the bank guarantee must be also submitted.
- Any other required documents (as advised by the educational institution).

Students must report to the educational institution on the first working day after their arrival in order to register and proceed with the remaining formalities needed for the issue of a temporary residence permit.

International students should register with the District Police Alien Branch within seven days as from the day of arrival in Cyprus. They are also obliged to proceed for medical examinations on the first working day after their arrival, to submit the relevant medical certificates to the District Police Alien Branch within one week from the date of arrival.

Tuition Fees

Please note that the minimum student payment to the college required by the Cyprus government is €3.200. The student will need to prove that he/she has forwarded this amount to the college before he/she gets his/her entry permit (visa).