



Academia de Studii Economice din Moldova

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

**ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES OF MOLDOVA
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Pre-arrival and orientation information

This pre-arrival and orientation guide has been produced for students who are coming to study at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova from outside the Republic of Moldova. It provides practical guidance on coming to live and study in Moldova from an international student perspective and information on some of the University's central support services. Its intention is to complement other sources of guidance you are likely to receive as part of your induction. We are working on making your stay the most remarkable experience!

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1. TRAVELLING TO CHISINAU

Pretty much all roads in Moldova lead to its wine-and-food loving capital. While the city's origins date back six centuries to 1420, much of Chisinau was levelled in WWII and a tragic earthquake that struck in 1940. The Soviets rebuilt it into what you see today: grandiose Stalinist architecture mixed with gloriously brutal modernism from the later Soviet period and a smattering of pre-WWII edifices. Chisinau is a city of parks where retirees play chess in the shade of old-growth trees, of street festivals, and of sidewalk cafes where you can have a beverage and watch the world go by. A dozen superb wineries are within a 90-minute drive of Chisinau, and the super-central location puts the entire country within a day trip.

1.1 Getting to Moldova

Republic of Moldova is a landlocked country. You can get to Moldova by plane, landing in the International Airport of Chisinau, or by over ground transport. There are banks, currency exchange points and shops in the territory of the airport. Free Wi-Fi is also available.

1.2 Getting to Chisinau

Moldova International Airport is located next to the capital of the country - Chisinau. The best way to get to Chisinau from airport is Airport Mini-buss (public transportation) between the airport and the city. This bus takes you in 30 to 40 minutes to the center of the city. The mini-buss departs every 15 minutes. Single ticket costs 3 leis (0,15 EUR). You can also use taxi to get to Chisinau. In order to call the cab, you can use special stands, installed inside in the airport which easily helps you getting the cab. Average prices for the taxi are 100 lei (5,11 EUR).

2. ACCOMMODATION

ASEM provides dormitories for international students at request. Monthly accommodation payment is around 35 EUR. There is a canteen and cafeteria on the university campus where students can eat at reduced prices.

2.1 Accommodation Scams

An increasing number of accommodation to rent scams appear on the internet. These look highly credible - some have genuine addresses with realistic photos of a room - but regrettably the room or property is not actually available to rent, does not belong to the advertiser and should never have been listed. The advice is not to sign up for accommodation, especially for a room, via a website, unless you are very certain that it is genuine. You are welcome to contact the Service to check and to seek advice before you hand over any money.

3. UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND MIGRATION OFFICE PROCEDURES

3.1 General Information

<i>Academic Calendar</i>	1st term: September - January 2nd term: January - June
<i>Examination Periods</i>	1st term: December-January 2nd term: May-June
<i>Recommended arrival dates</i>	Late August

Orientation sessions for incoming students YES

Application deadlines Pre-academic preparatory courses – 5th February
Bachelor level – 10th August
Master level – 15th August
Doctorate level – 1st October

Language Certificate requirements YES
Recommended Level: B2-C1-C2

3.2 Language Requirements

3.3 Admission Procedure

- Following the submission of the set of documents the Office for International Relations (IRO) shall obtain from the Ministry of Education of Republic of Moldova the Acceptance Letter to studies for each candidate individually;
- Based on the received acceptance to studies, the IRO will submit the documents to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum, in order to obtain the Invitation to studies;
- Having received the Invitation sent by the IRO the candidate will apply for visa in one of the Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Moldova abroad;
- Having received the visa, the candidate must send a copy of visa and round trip ticket to the IRO;
- At arrival in the Republic of Moldova the candidate must submit all the documents previously sent by email in original with all required legalizations.

IMPORTANT: *Police Certificate (validity 3 months) and Diploma must have an APOSTILLE, bank certificate (validity 5 days).*

3.4 Set of Documents

- Completed Application form for AESM admission;
- Certified copy of National Passport, with the period of validity not less than a year and a half (1 year & 6 months);
- Certified copy of the Diploma of the latest graduated program that gives the right to be admitted to the next study level and Transcript of Records; Diploma must have an Apostille.
- Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education of the country that issued the document of education should include:
 - confirmation of Diploma authenticity;
 - study period which preceded the issue of Diploma;
 - academic and professional value of Diploma;
 - description of marking system;
- To be admitted for Doctorate (PhD) Degree is also necessary to submit Bachelor Degree Diploma and Master Degree Diploma and Transcript of records for both programs and Curriculum Vitae.
- Bank Certificate stating the availability of necessary amount for the duration of studies (the certificate must contain the amount for tuition fees, staying documents, health assurance, accommodation and subsistence). The amount in the Bank Certificate must not be less than 2700 Euro; The amount should be stated in Euro or USD (validity of Certificate – 5 days);
- Police Certificate issued by the state of residency with Apostille (validity 3 months);
- Payment confirmation of Application fee – 100 Euro;
- For minor candidates: Notary declaration from both parents regarding the permission to receive staying documents on the territory of RM and copies of passports of both parents or copy of death certificate.

NOTE: *The above mentioned set of documents must be translated into one of the following languages: Romanian, Russian, English, or French (notary translation).*

International students will bear all the expenses related to their living, board expenses, academic materials, local transportation, student health insurance, medical care expenses, personal expenses, orientation fees, and passport and visa application fees.

More information you can find on the site <https://ase.md/en/>

Legalization procedure of foreign citizens' temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova

1. The foreign students must submit the following set of documents to the International Relations Office of ASEM:

- Application form for legalization (filled at the IRO);
- National Passport and copy of the following copies
 - main page (with personal data and photo);
 - the page with entrance stamp (proving the date and stamp of border crossing) and long stay visa (for candidates that have a visa)
- Diploma of the latest graduated program that gives the right to be admitted to the next study level and Transcript of Records; Diploma must have an Apostille.
- Accommodation Proof (home owner's agreement drafted by notary or the accommodation order in ASEM dormitory);
- Police certificate from home country with Apostille (validity 3 months);
- Blood Group Certificate;
- International Medical Insurance for 1 year;
- Bank Certificate stating the availability of necessary amount for the duration of studies (the certificate must contain the amount for tuition fees, staying documents, medical insurance, accommodation and other possible expenses on of the amount necessary for tuition fee, health assurance, accommodation and subsistence). The amount in the Bank Certificate must not be less than 2700 Euro; The amount should be stated in Euro or USD (validity of Certificate - 10 days)
- 6 photos size 3x4;

NOTE: *The above mentioned set of documents must be translated in one of the following languages: Romanian, Russian, English, or French (notary translation).*

2. In order to obtain the Temporary Residence Right, the candidate must pay the State Tax at Postal Office of RM (based on the payment voucher from the Bureau of Migration and Asylum) 180 MDL and 159 MDL (in case of urgency).

3. Having obtained the Temporary Residence Right the student can apply for Temporary Residence Permit http://www.registru.md/ir_ic/ for the duration of studies.

4. TRAVELLING AROUND CHISINAU

4.1 Cycling

It is important to remember:

- We drive on the right-hand side of the road in Moldova.
- You cannot cycle on the pavement unless it is specifically marked for dual use.
- Wear a helmet.
- You need lights on your bike as it is a legal requirement at night - white for the front and red for the back.
- A good lock is advisable as bike theft is common.
- A bell and mudguards can be useful.
- Be respectful to others and do not cycle in pedestrian areas or on pavements, which is illegal unless they are designated cycle paths.

4.2 Bus & Route taxi

Buses, trolleybuses and Route taxi (3 lei) crisscross the city in dizzying fashion from about 5.30 am until 10.30 pm. Tickets are sold on board.

Figuring it all out is not for the faint of heart, but a few handy routes are worth learning (see www.fest.md/en/map for full route maps).

- Trolleybus 30 wings its way down Str 31 August 1989 then veers onto B-dul Ștefan cel Mare and continues all the way to the airport.

- Trolleybuses 1, 5, and 8 connect the train station with the centre via main drag B-dul Ștefan cel Mare, passing within a block of the Central Bus Station.
- Trolleybus 9 connects the North and South bus stations via Str Ismail and Șoseaua Hîncești, passing within a block of the Central Bus Station.
- Trolleybus 17 connects South Bus Station with the train station.
- Bus 11 goes to the centre from the South Bus Station.

4.3 Car & Motorcycle

Hiring a car is a good way to get around. Moldova's highways are in great shape, although rural roads still present some challenges. The major rental agencies have booths at the airport. Several local companies prominently advertise cheaper rates around town, but be careful of these guys.

4.4 Taxi

Taxis ordered by phone or via a ride-hailing app (try Yandex taxi or iTaxi) cost just 30 lei to 50 lei for trips around the centre. Call 14 222, 14 428, 14 008, or 14 499. Taxi-stand drivers are pricier and may occasionally try to rip you off, so agree on a price before you get in the car.

4.5 Walking

This is, of course, the cheapest option and as Chisinau is relatively small many students choose to walk around the city.

5. OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

The opening of a personal bank account in Moldova is quite simple and requires only a few documents, among which identification papers and proof of residential address in the country. There are banks which allow for the opening of the account to be completed online. Personal bank accounts can be open in just a few days, during which the paperwork is submitted and approved and then a debit card is issued to the account owner. It is useful to know that a person can also ask for a credit card.

6. HEALTHCARE

6.1 Medical Insurance

Upon arrival, international students must submit medical insurance to the International Relations Office. The medical insurance must be made for the period not less than one year. It is recommended to get medical insurance upon arrival to the Republic of Moldova in one of the local providers. If you decide to obtain insurance back home, make sure it is indicated the global destination.

IMPORTANT! *For international students it is mandatory to have a medical insurance while travelling to the Republic of Moldova. Upon the Arrival and after obtaining the student status, according to the law of the Republic of Moldova it is mandatory to purchase the National Health Insurance Policy.*

7. WORKING IN MOLDOVA

The students are allowed to work part time on the territory of Republic of Moldova.

8. LIVING IN MOLDOVA AND CHISINAU

8.1 Living Cost

The currency used in the Republic of Moldova is Moldovan leu (MDL).

You can see the average costs of living in Chisinau using the following link: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Chisinau>

8.2 National holidays

There are nine public holidays in the Republic of Moldova known as 'National Holidays' when offices, banks, and many shops will be closed and public transport will be more limited. During the National Holidays, the students of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova have free day and are exempted from the lessons. The announcement is made by the administration and academic staff of the University.

8.3 Safety

For the safety of international students, it is advisable:

- to keep your passport (and visa) in a safe place.
- not to carry around large amounts of cash. You can use your bank card to pay for things.
- in an emergency call 112 free from any phone. This connects to the police, fire brigade or ambulance service.
- to comply with the law of the Republic of Moldova;
- smoking is prohibited in all closed public spaces, in open public spaces, in the territories related to medical-sanitary institutions, at workplaces, in the territories related to educational institutions, in the means of public transport, under the roof of public transport stations, in private means of transport for minors, in amusement parks and playgrounds for children, on stadiums, arenas, in markets and other public spaces open during public or other kind of public events;
- Consumption and trafficking of drugs is strictly prohibited on the territory of the Republic of Moldova;
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in the public spaces;
- the use of plastic bags is prohibited on the territory of the Republic of Moldova;

8.4 Contents Insurance

The Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova does NOT offer insurance policy which covers personal possessions. Along with those in private accommodation, you should consider taking out insurance to cover loss of personal property. It may be cheaper to take out insurance in your home country before travelling to the Moldova. Alternatively, there are a number of companies in the Moldova that offer specialist insurance for international students. It is advisable to research into a range of offers and ensure you fully understand what is covered by the policy.

8.5 Electricity

The voltage of mains electricity in Moldova is 220v. Electrical equipment rated at 210v or 220v will function normally. Equipment rated below or above may function, but it is advisable to check with the manufacturer before using it in Moldova. The standard plug in Moldova is a Type C model (Standard European Plug). Converters and adapters for the electrical equipment used in continental the Americas are widely available.

8.6 Internet

Internet in Moldova is one of the fastest and cheapest in the world. The overall infrastructure is well developed which allows many users to experience good quality services throughout the country in a relatively low price.

- Cable: Moldtelecom and SunCommunications are the national telecommunications companies providing their services in countrywide. The cost of contact varies on the speed and package chosen.
- Wi-Fi:
 - Orange has the largest metropolitan Wi-Fi network in the country. Coverage area includes mass transit areas and bus stops in many large towns and cities. Network access is limited to Orange subscribers only.

- Most of the restaurants, Coffee shops, Shopping malls and other public spaces offer the possibility to connect to wi-fi.
- Mobile: All the mobile carrier in the country (Orange, Moldcell and Unite) offers mobile Internet access via 3G/HSPA and LTE networks with download speeds up to 42 Mbit/s for HSDPA and 300 Mbit/s for LTE. Coverage area includes most of the country with HSDPA, LTE coverage is limited to large towns and cities.

8.7 Mobile Phones

The mobile telephone market of Moldova is divided between three GSM carriers - Orange Moldova, Moldcell and Unité. The companies offer the variety of plans. The numbers may be purchased in the specialized stores that are located in all regions of the city. The pre-paid number may be purchased in the supermarkets of the newspaper booth.

8.8 Supermarkets

In Moldova there are big retail markets, as "Metro", "Green Hills Market", "Fidesco", "Fourchette" "Linella" and "Supermarket № 1" that are located in each region of the city depending on the location.

8.9 Markets

The biggest market, called "Piata Centrala" located in the downtown of Chisinau on Tighina str. offers a big variety of food products and clothing at reasonable price.

8.10 Shopping centres and places to eat

The major shopping areas in Chisinau are:

- Shopping MallDova is the largest shopping center in in town. The large-scale shopping complex occupies a huge four-story building, within the walls of which are shops of famous brands, as well as restaurants and cafes of different specializations.
- Sun City Shopping Center. It is located in a lively central area of Chisinau, near popular shopping streets and entertainment facilities.
- Zity Mall located 5 minutes from the downtown.

Chisinau offers a variety of cuisines, depending on the location and the budget. Please see the following link: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g3578885-Chisinau_District.html

8.11 Cinemas, theatres and music

Chisinau has two major multiplex cinemas: "Cinema Patria" located in downtown Chisinau and "Patria Multiplex" located at the shopping malldova centre 10 minutes away from downtown. For more information you can follow the following link: <https://patria.md/cinemas>

The main theatres of Chisinau are "National Theater Mihai Eminescu", "Luceafarul", "Satiricus" "I.L. Caragiale", "the Theater of Eugene Ionescu", and the "Ginta Latina Theater" are all places where you can enjoy theater classics staged by Moldovan directors. On the portal iticket.md you can see all the upcoming performances and concerts.

8.12 Museums

Chisinau has many museums, most of which are free to enter. Please visit the following link in order to see all the museums:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g294456-Activities-c49-Chisinau_Chisinau_District.html

9. HOMESICKNESS

The decision to study at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova brings the opportunity to make new friends, to expand your academic knowledge, and to change your existing view of the world. But in common with any major transition, it also brings challenges. Feeling homesick can be one of them, even if you've already lived abroad. It is one of the emotional states that can be a part of what is known as culture shock.

Homesickness is a common experience for international students- and for many Moldovan students who have left home for the first time. It can affect people in different forms: e.g. coming in waves, or slowly building up over time. Sometimes it seems more like a physical illness, e.g. feeling tired, unwell, or lacking in energy. It can appear when you're not expecting it- for example, when things have gone well. The trigger in this case can be having no one really close or special with whom to share the experience.

Symptoms of homesickness can include:

- Feeling down-hearted, tearful or anxious
- Feeling lost or lonely
- Longing and grief for your former life
- Being unable to stop contacting people at home
- Being absent-minded, or finding it difficult to concentrate
- Feeling unwell
- Brooding on the past

Common triggers may include:

- When the 'honeymoon period' has worn off, i.e. Moldova no longer seems wonderful or exciting
- When you have doubts about your decision to study here
- When the demands of your course have become more real, and your self - confidence is affected
- If the local culture feels confusing, unwelcoming, or just too different
- If you miss a major celebration, holiday or important event that is happening at home
- When a crisis occurs and your parents, friends or partner aren't there to provide help and support
- If friends leave Moldova, or if you spend long periods of time here when others have gone back home

There may be other causes, depending on your particular circumstances. But the most important thing to remember is that homesickness is normal. Be patient with yourself as you adjust. Try to accept that feeling comfortable in Moldova will take some time. It helps if you can encourage yourself, and if you can remember that you are not alone in feeling this way.

Things you can do to cope with homesickness:

• **Leave your room**

It can be tempting to seek the security of your own space, but don't hide in your room for too long. Reach out to others. Invite people for a cup of tea or coffee, or for a meal. Go into town, for a walk by the river, or see a film. Don't be afraid to talk about your experience of homesickness, but try to stay positive.

• Consider how much time you spend in contact with the people back home:

If you keep in touch infrequently, you'll miss the support that you crave from the people who are important to you. But if you rely on them too much, you may risk becoming overly-dependent. Try to strike a reasonable balance to get the best of both worlds, with the aim of developing a new sense of your own independence.

• **Do something**

Meeting up with others from your own culture can be an antidote to loneliness, and an essential source of comfort. But it's equally important to leave your comfort zone from time to time. The opportunities in Moldova are many and varied- get involved, and get busy! Join a student society, play a sport, volunteer, try a new type of food. Attend one of the many performances, lectures, and events that regularly take place across the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova.

• Find a way to process your experiences

Many international students post blogs, keep journals, take photographs, or find other mediums to help them get through times of homesickness and culture shock. A photo journal or blog can become a way of documenting your life at Moldova, sharing with others what you experienced, what you've learned, and how you faced up to any obstacles along the journey.

• If it doesn't get any easier

If you continue to feel very upset and lonely, or nothing seems to make a difference, consider talking things over in confidence with one of the counsellors at the International relations Office of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova.

10. UNIVERSITY SERVICES

10.1 International Student Office

The International Student Office provides specialist support to international students at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. If you have any questions about the information provided in this guide or you have a query related to coming to live and study at ASEM has not been included, email international@ase.md. This office also provides a visa advice service and has responsibility for ensuring institutional student immigration compliance.

10.2 Counselling and Support

Erasmus Student Network Chisinau is a non-profit organization which offers confidential help and support to international students and incoming students. Counselling can help with homesickness and adjusting to a new culture, as well as other common student difficulties including anxiety, stress, low mood, and academic concerns. Many personal, relationship or identity problems can be helped through counselling, e.g. family difficulties, bereavement, issues with self-esteem and confidence, or dealing with difficult dilemmas and decisions. You can find more information on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/esnchisinaucs/>

10.3 The Language Centre

The Language Training Center of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova promotes improvement of the language competence of Romanian and other foreign languages at the general and vocational level of communication according to the Common European Framework of Reference by organizing different courses. At present there are courses of Romanian, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Spanish. The Language Training Centre intends also to teach Swedish, Norwegian, Turkish, Chinese. Instruction is performed by certified professionals.

10.4 Scientific Library

The Scientific Library of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova has four reading rooms, the Loan Office, References room, Restoration Laboratory of Publications, Multimedia Centre equipped with computers, where all the students can find the largest collection of the economic publication in the country

10.5 Careers Service

Priority for Career Guidance Center of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova are the activities regarding the career guidance of students, covering two main areas: career guidance in finding a job and career guidance in starting and developing a business. More information can be found on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/cmpe.ase.md/>

10.6 ASEM Sport Complex

ASEM Sports Complex meets the European standards, being endowed with modern equipment and six sports halls (for sport games, table tennis, wrestling, dance and gymnastics), two outdoor sports fields (for handball and basketball), classrooms and offices for teachers. Republican sports competitions and matches of Moldova's championships in volleyball, basketball, badminton and aerobics are held at the premises of ASEM Sports Complex.

10.7 Canteen

The Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova has two canteens located in two different buildings of the university that offer a delicious and nutritious meals at a relatively low price.

11. STUDENTS UNIONS

11.1 Students Senate

Student Senate is a forum representing the interests of students, analysing, debating and solving problems in the academic community of ASEM. The main objectives of the Student Senate are Effective organization of student life; Development of partnerships between students and ASEM administration; Settlement of disputes and social problems of students and providing advisory support in solving daily issues; Promotion of a civic and participatory spirit among students; Collaboration with non-governmental organizations that support the students' efforts; Coordination of students' activities within ASEM.

11.2 Union Council of ASEM Bachelor and Master Students

The Union Council is a primary trade union organization of higher education, vocational and scientific institutions. It is considered the primary trade union organization responsible for level 2 and is constituted separately or by employees, Bachelor and Master students.

The Union Council is an elective union body of the institution and coordinated by a superior trade union body. Different associations of student union organizations can be founded within the union, with the ultimate approval of the Executive Board of the General Union Council and the agreement of the administration in order to coordinate student organizations' activities. The Union Council of ASEM Bachelor and Master students is a non-profitable entity open for collaboration with student organizations, independent from public authorities, political parties, public associations, etc.

12. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

According to the provisions of the Law no. 200 of July 16, 2010 concerning the foreigner's regime in the Republic of Moldova, visa is granted to foreigners by diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Moldova abroad and electronic visa (short stay type C) by Directorate for consular affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova.

In order to facilitate the issue of short stay visas, type C, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova launched the eVisa electronic portal, which can be accessed 24/7 at address evisa.gov.md. E-visa is an easiest way to get a visa for the purpose of short stay, without visiting Moldovan embassies or consular offices.

All you need to do is to complete the online application form, attach to it the mandatory scanned documents' package and pay with your credit/debit card. After receiving your visa through e-mail, print it out and bring it along when you travel to the Republic of Moldova. The e-Visa is the equivalent of the traditional visa and shall not be inserted in the passport.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Law no. 200 of July 16, 2010 concerning the foreigner's regime in the Republic of Moldova, the types of visas granted by the Republic of Moldova are the following:

The airport transit visa (type A) allows the access into and stay in the international airport transit area in the Republic of Moldova until boarding the plane to the country of destination;

The transit visa (type B) allows access on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, for the purpose of transit to the destination country, for a duration of at the most 5 days;

The short-stay visa (type C) allows entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for a certain period of time, for an uninterrupted stay or several stays, whose duration should not exceed 90 days within any period of 180 days preceding each day of stay in the Republic of Moldova, for the following purposes: official mission, tourism, business, private visit, transportation, participation in sports activities, as well as cultural, scientific or academic events. The right of stay granted by the visa allows for its prolongation following an official request addressed to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova provided that the right of stay is less than 90 days, so that the duration of the total stay should not exceed 90 days during 6 months from the arrival in the country. The prolongation of the visa can take place for the same purpose it has been initially granted.

The long-stay visa (type D) allows the entry and stay of aliens on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for a period of 90 days at the most, within any period of 180 days preceding each day of stay in the Republic of Moldova, for the following purposes: economic activities, professional activities, commercial activities (such as investment), religious or humanitarian activities, work, studying, family reunification, as well as research. This type of visa allows the right to submit for a permanent resident permit following an official request addressed to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

12.1 Long Stay Visa Requirements And Supporting Documents (Type D)

Study (D/AS) – the visa can be issued to the third-country nationals who are to enter the Republic of Moldova for pre-university, university or post-university studies, as the case may be, or for getting academic degrees in state or private education institutions accredited according to the law.

- Application Form (download);
- Travel document (passport) issued in the past 10 years, valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended date of leaving the territory of the Republic of Moldova (in the case of minors - additionally the birth certificate and the passport of the legal representative);
- A recent mat, colour photo 35mm x 45mm;
- Confirmation of approval to studies from the educational institution;
- Travel medical insurance valid on the territory of the Republic of Moldova (minimum cover 30.000 euro);
- Proof of real means of payment for studies and maintenance in the amount established, except for foreign scholars of the Republic of Moldova (in the latter case, proof of holding a scholarship in Moldova) and those participating in student exchange programs;
- Invitation issued by the Bureau for Migration and Asylum or, the resident's permit or valid Visa issued by one member state of the European Union or of States Parties to the Schengen Agreement (except Transit Visa).
- Consent of parents or guardian regarding the stay for studies in Moldova, if the foreigner is a minor.
- Judicial record, translated into Romanian or English;
- Consular fee – 80 euro.
- In case of a foreigner's participation in a student exchange program, in addition to the above documents shall be presented: copy of the agreement between educational institutions that organize the program and the commitment of maintenance and accommodation (download);

More information you can find on this site <https://mfa.gov.md/en/content/types-visas-requirements>

13. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

13.1 Enrolment to Course & Registration

Check your Letter of Pre-Acceptance package and follow instructions on course registration.

For exchange students, your Faculty Exchange Coordinator will contact you regarding your preferences.

Each course is assessed by the appropriate academic department which checks your academic record on your official transcript to see if you are qualified to take the course. Your Faculty Exchange Coordinator will communicate directly with you regarding enrolment for your courses.

13.2 Course Descriptions

A description of courses is contained in the Academic Calendar; to find yours, please refer to the following website:

- www.international.ase.md
- www.ase.md/en

Academic Calendars contain all possible courses, some of which may not be offered during your period of study.

13.3 Course Timetables/Schedules

The Timetable or Schedule lists the courses which will be offered in both terms (fall and winter) of the academic year.

You will find this information in the University's on-line registration system.

13.4 Course Types

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova is offering higher education according to the Bologna Process.

14. PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

14.1. Health

- Obtain an International Medical Insurance;
- If you receive on-going medical treatment and / or medication, obtain a letter from the doctor in your home country (in English) with the details as it may be useful for your new doctor. Check whether you can take your medication on your flight and through customs.

14.2. Finances

- Consider how much money to bring to Moldova (and whether your home country restricts the amount of cash that can be taken out of the country);
- Ensure you have sufficient money in cash / credit card to cover your expenses until you have opened a bank account.
- Establish whether your current bankcard, if applicable, can be used in Moldova and whether your bank can provide any advice about transferring money to Moldova;
- Ensure you have an amount of 2.000,00 EUR on the bank account opened in Moldova, that will serve as a proof of living;

14.3. Transportation

- Plan your onward journey to Moldova, Chisinau;
- Consider baggage restrictions on your flight;
- Check any restrictions on goods that can be brought into Moldova;
- Consider travel insurance.

14.4. Preparing to study

- Review course handbooks
- Review University information packs
- Look at the online orientation and induction information: www.international.ase.md

14.5. Living in Moldova

- Consider whether you need an adaptor for any electrical equipment you intend on bringing to Moldova
- Consider the Moldovan Climate;
- Consider the accommodation possibilities offered;
- Bring passport photos - you'll need them for various things in the first weeks.