



FOREIGN CITIZENS ADMISSION

Application Procedure

Eligible for application and training are foreign citizens having a secondary school diploma giving them the right to continue their education in higher education institutions in the country of acquired secondary education.

Candidates could apply in different subjects and forms of study.

1. Applications under the conditions and the order for Bulgarian citizens' admission

A foreign citizen could apply for education under the conditions and the order for Bulgarian citizens' admission if:

- he/she has a statute of a permanent resident on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- he/she has a statute of a refugee;
- he/she is a citizen of a member-state of the European Union or the European Economic Area.

Conditions of Application:

1. Applicants must have completed their secondary education and have diplomas giving them the right to continue their education in the country of acquired secondary education.
2. Applicants must have application grades in their secondary education diplomas according to the desired subjects in higher education. If there is a case of absence of such an examination mark, the applicant must provide a certificate for such an exam taken in a Bulgarian school pointed by the Bulgarian Ministry of education and science.
3. Applicants must have no contra-indicated cases for the training and the profession that they are applying to.

Documents:

1. A set of Application Documents (Forms of the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development)
 2. Secondary Education Diploma – the original and a copy
- * The graduates of non-Bulgarian schools must provide a certificate from the Bulgarian Ministry of education and science for the acknowledgement of this secondary education with marks calculated according to the six point system.
3. A document verifying that the tax for participation in the application competition was paid.

2. Foreign Citizens' Admission

All foreign citizens (excluding above-cited categories) applying for education in University of Agribusiness and Rural Development are admitted according to documents presented and they pay annual fees as for foreign citizens.

Conditions of Application:

1. Minimum average grades of disciplines forming the application rates can not be under 62 % of the maximum value according to the evaluation system in the country of acquired secondary education.
2. Applicants must have no contra-indicated cases for the training and the profession that they are applying to.

Documents:

1. Application Form with short biographical data and desired subjects for further education filled in;
2. Copy of the secondary education diploma and the annex with the grades – for applicants for a full period of study;
3. Certificate issued by a competent body stating that the applicant has the right to continue his/her education in higher education institutions in the country of the acquired secondary education;
4. Transcript of Records – when applying for a partial period of study;
5. Copy of a higher education diploma – if available (*when applying in Master Degree Programs*);
6. Bulgarian Language Certificate issued by a Bulgarian higher education institution – for applicants who have passed a Bulgarian language and specialized preparatory course. Those applicants who have command of Bulgarian and have the correspondent certificate are admitted to education without entering the first preparatory year of studying Bulgarian language.
7. Medical Certificate issued no more than a month prior to the application date and authenticated by the competent bodies in the country of origin;
8. Copy of Citizenship's Documents – for applicants having dual citizenship and the one is Bulgarian;
9. Four copies of photographs;
10. Xerox Copy of the Identity Documents (cards or passports) stating the applicant's names in Latin letters.
11. Declaration for the applicant's financial security covering the period of his/her education.

Documents # 2, 3, 4 and 5 must be legalized, translated and authenticated in accordance to the international agreements between the Republic of Bulgaria and the country of issue. In case of absence of such an agreement, documents must comply with the common procedure of legalizations, translations and authentications of documents.

Documents must be delivered to the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development using one of the following options:

- Personally;
- Registered Letters to the address of the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development;
- Authorized persons of University of Agribusiness and Rural Development on the territory of the applicant's country or on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.



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Final Application Date: 1 October

University of Agribusiness and Rural Development takes a decision and approves the applicants till 1 November

Note:

The documents of the approved applicants are sent to the Ministry of education and science according to the procedure of issuing long-term visas (Type "D").

The Ministry issues the Certificates for candidate-students' admission for education in the Republic of Bulgaria and notifies the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Migration Direction for those cases.

Such a Certificate is valid only for the academic year which it was issued to.

Bulgarian Language Training

University of Agribusiness and Rural Development provides a preparatory Bulgarian language course specially designated for admitted foreign applicants.

The language and specialized language training both has duration of one academic year.

The language course finishes with both written and oral examination conducted by a commission.

Applicants who have command of Bulgarian language could pass the exams without entering the preparatory course.

The specialized language training finishes with exams in all disciplines according to the curriculum.

University of Agribusiness and Rural Development issues a Certificate to those who have passed all the exams successfully.

Graduation

Training in every one subject according to the curricula of the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development finishes with a final state exam.

Graduated students gain Bachelor and Master education and qualification degree according to the Higher Education Act of the Republic of Bulgaria, and receive a higher education diploma along with European Diploma Supplement according to the European Qualification Framework for mobility encouragement and life-long learning.

Standard Length of Study:

8 semesters (Bachelor)

2, 3, 4 or 5 semesters (Master)



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Bulgarian Higher Education System

Higher Education System stands for education following the secondary education's completion and it consists of the following degrees:

1. Bachelor Education and Qualification Degree

According the correspondent curricula and acquired credit points there are two options:

- a) *no less than 180 credit points and no less than three-year length of study– “Professional Bachelor in...”;*
- b) *no less than 240 credit points and no less than four-year length of study– “Bachelor”;*

2. Master Education and Qualification Degree with the following options:

- a) *no less than 300 credit points according the curriculum and no less than five-year length of study;*
- b) *no less than 120 credit points following acquiring a Bachelor Degree according to point 1, letter “a”;*
- e) *no less than 60 credit points following acquiring a Bachelor Degree according to point 1, letter “b”.*

The education in the Bachelor Degree according to paragraph 1, point 1 provides broad-spectrum training or specialized professional training in professional fields and subjects.

The education in Master Degree provides profound and fundamental training coupled with specializing in a concrete subject.

The education in the Ph.D. Degree is conducted according to the scientific subjects.