



BALTIC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

LATVIAN REPUBLIC



FACT SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR
2026/2027

Erasmus code/PIC Number: LV RIGA28, PIC number 948816365

4, Valeria Seile Street, Riga, LV-1003, Latvia

Website: <https://bsa.edu.lv/en/>

Name of the institution	Baltic International Academy	
Address	4, Valeria Seile Street Riga, LV-1003, Latvia	
Erasmus code/ PIC number	LV RIGA28, PIC number 948816365	
University website	https://bsa.edu.lv/en/	
Website for incoming students	https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/international/exchange-under-cooperation-and-bilateral-agreements/560-incoming-exchange.html	
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Language of instruction	English, Latvian The language of instruction depends on the study year, programme and academic cycle (BA, BSc, MA, MSc).	
Required language skills	See https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/admission/english-language-requirements-for-applicants.html . Accepted English proficiency certificates: – IELTS Academic (minimum overall score 5.5 or Level B2, minimum 5.5 in each sub-score); – TOEFL iBT (minimum overall score 75, minimum 18 in each sub-score); – TOEFL PBT (minimum overall score 540); – TOEFL CBT (minimum overall score 205); – Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE, minimum overall score 160); – Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE, minimum overall score 180; a total score of 160 is a pass, but the confirmed level is B2, which is lower than the expected C1); – Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE, minimum overall score 180); – European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages (ECL, minimum Level B2); – Duolingo English Test (minimum score 100). The Home Institution is responsible for verifying the student's language proficiency. Written evidence is required only if the student joins an exchange programme without an international language certificate. In these cases, the Home Institution must provide official written confirmation of the student's English proficiency.	

Academic Calendar	Autumn Semester: September 1, 2026 – February 1, 2027		
	September 7 – September 11		Autumn International Freshers’ Orientation Week
	September 14		First day of classes for all undergraduate students
	September 18		First day of classes for all postgraduate students
	October 9		Registration deadline for international freshers
	December 22		Last day of classes
	January 4 – January 30		Winter Exam Session
	February 1 – February 6		Winter Break
	Spring Semester: February 8, 2027 – June 30, 2027		
	February 8 – February 12		Spring International Freshers’ Orientation Week
	February 15		First day of classes for all undergraduate students
	February 12		First day of classes for all postgraduate students
	March 12		Registration deadline for international freshers
	May 30		Last day of classes
May 31 – June 30		Summer Exam Session	
July 1 – August 31		Summer Break	
Nomination and application deadlines ¹		I Semester 2026/27 (September–January)	II Semester 2026/27 (February–July)
	Nomination	June 12	November 13
	Application	July 17	December 11
National and Public holidays	Autumn Semester: November 16 – Baltic International Academy’s 33rd anniversary celebration November 18 – Independence Day of the Republic of Latvia December 24 – January 4 – Christmas Holidays and New Year’s Eve and Day		
	Spring Semester: March 26 – 29 – Easter Holidays May 1 – 4 – Labour Day and Independence Restoration Day June 23 – 24 – Midsummer Celebrations (Līgo Day and Jāņi)		
Study information / Classes timetable	We will email international and exchange students the study programme curriculum and class schedules before classes begin, allowing students to plan ahead and be fully prepared. This information will also be available in each student's account on the My BIA platform at https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/studies/lecture-schedule.html .		
Course selection	Students should choose courses based on the curriculum they receive and discuss their choices with representatives of the international departments and study programmes at both the Home and Host Universities. When selecting courses, students should consider their preferences and the possibility of credit transfer after completing the exchange programme or their studies.		
Welcome on arrival	The International Affairs Department staff will welcome international students by assisting with registration and accommodation at a student hotel, providing information about the Academy, Riga and Latvia, and organising campus and city tours.		

¹ Deadline depends on mutual agreement with Partner University.

Welcome and Orientation Weeks	The International Affairs Department organises Orientation Weeks for all international full-time and exchange students one week before classes begin. Students receive detailed emails with the schedule and information two weeks in advance. Participation in Orientation Week is mandatory for all international students. The programme is designed to help international students integrate into the Academy’s study environment and provides essential support and guidance on practical and academic matters, including: - Practical information (visas and temporary residence permits, identity cards and student cards, internal rules and regulations, emergency services and health insurance, money and banking services, internet and mobile phones, accommodation, public transport, food and markets, leisure activities, etc.); - Academic issues (study schedule, Moodle system and individual accounts, study organisation, meetings with programme directors, etc.).		
Language courses	International students may attend additional language courses at the Academy for an extra fee. After completing a course, they may obtain an international language proficiency certificate for an additional fee.		
Grading system	Grade	Grade Definition	Correspondence with ECTS grades
	10	Outstanding	A
	9	Excellent	A
	8	Very good	B
	7	Good	C
	6	Almost good	D
	5	Satisfactory	E
	4	Almost satisfactory - last positive grade	E/FX
	3-1	Unsatisfactory	FAIL
Visa support	The Academy's Visa Department assists international students with applying for student visas or temporary residence permits. It issues official invitation letters and assists with obtaining registration numbers at the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs. International students should visit the websites of the Latvian Consular Departments in their Home Countries to book appointments, access visa application forms, and review the required documents before beginning the visa process.		
Cost of living in Riga (Monthly expenses: meals, accommodation, etc.)	Accommodation costs depend on the amenities offered and room occupancy: – basic amenities – around 300–350 euros/month; – better living conditions – 400–500 euros/month; – a private flat – approx. 20–30 euros/m2. Meal expenses vary, but average around 2.5–3 euros per lunch and about 10 euros per day. Public transport: A student's monthly card for all transport types (except trains) costs 16 euros. Students may buy a 16-euro monthly pass at Riga Satiksme Service centres by presenting a valid ISIC card and proof of their student status. International students can use a Code Pass purchased and downloaded through a mobile app, or a Time Pass for travel within 90 minutes. A 90-minute pass costs 1.50 euros, and a one-day pass costs 5 euros.		

	Find information on pass types, prices, terms, purchasing, interactive maps, and schedules on the Riga Satiksme website by scanning this QR code.  Personal expenses, including entertainment, are estimated at 150–200 euros. Utilities and services are estimated at about 100 euros. Find more details in the “Practical Information” section on our official website: https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/international/practical-information.html.
Accommodation	There are several options for international students arriving in Riga, including dormitories, student hotels, hostels, or renting a room or a flat. Among these, the Baltic International Academy offers the following student hotels: • Hotel “DUCK REPUBLIK” • Hotel “PRIMA” • Hotel “TOMO” • Apartments “SHED Co-living Riga” • Hotel “Mavadi” Students may also rent a furnished room or flat for the mid- to long-term on the Spotahome platform. For further details about accommodation, visit https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/admission/accommodations.html.
Health insurance	International students must have valid health insurance covering health services in Latvia. Proof is required for visa applications. Please note: Latvian Consular Departments will not accept insurance policies that lack the required information or do not meet specified standards. The absence of valid health insurance may result in refusal of entry into Latvia. For further information, please visit https://bsa.edu.lv/index.php/en/international/practical-information/448-health-insurance-for-incoming-and-outgoing-students-academic-and-administrative-staff.html.