

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FAQ

Everything you need to know about applying, studying, and living in Plovdiv - organized for future students.

Admission

How do I apply for the Master's programmes offered in English?

You can apply for Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Pharmacy in three simple steps:

1. Read the admission requirements carefully and make sure you meet them.
2. Choose an entry test date, register for the test, and contact Entry_tests@mu-plovdiv.bg.
3. Submit all required application documents as early as possible and do not wait until the deadline. If you already have your high school diploma before the entry test, prepare and submit your documents before or immediately after the test. If you receive your diploma after the entry test, submit the documents as soon as you obtain by the official application deadline.

Useful link here:

<https://mu-plovdiv.bg/en/admission-info/>

[Admission guide for students in the English degree programs \(application based on a secondary school diploma\) – academic year 2026/2027](#)

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How do I apply for the Bachelor's programme offered in English?

For Nursing, admission is also possible on the basis of documents. The admission score is based on the marks in Biology, Chemistry, and English in the secondary school diploma. Useful link here: detailed information from Section 6 of the Admission Guide.

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The final competition score for the specialty “Nursing” has two alternatives as follows: • the sum of the tripled mark from the Biology entry test, the tripled mark from the Chemistry entry test and the mark from English Language Diagnostic Test; • the sum of the tripled mark from Biology, Chemistry and English language from the secondary/high school diploma. In formation of the final competition score in both above-mentioned alternatives, the applicant participates in the ranking list with the higher score. The maximum score is 42.00 and the minimum is 21.00.

What is NACID?

NACID is the National Centre for Information and Documentation. It is the institution responsible for the recognition of secondary and higher education completed in foreign educational institutions. Your application process includes verification of your secondary school diploma and credentials by NACID. More information: NACID. <https://nacid.bg/bg/>

I am a non-EU applicant. What is the procedure?

Step 1: Medical University of Plovdiv reviews your application package, including the Certificate of Equivalency issued by NACID. If you meet the admission requirements, the University submits your documents to the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science for approval.

Step 2: After the Ministry of Education issues the certificate required for the visa application, the University will contact you so that you can collect it from the Office of Admissions. You can then apply for a Bulgarian type D study visa at the Bulgarian Consulate in your country, or in the nearest country where there is a Bulgarian consular service.

Is there an age requirement for applicants?

There is no age requirement. Applicants must have completed secondary education and hold a valid secondary school diploma.

Are there admission tests for EU and non-EU applicants?

Yes. Applicants must sit entrance exams in Biology, Chemistry, and English if English is not their native language. Applicants from countries where English is not an official language should provide an English language certificate at B2 level or higher. Useful link here: entry test preparation information.

https://mu-plovdiv.bg/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Chemistry_Admission_Tests.pdf

https://mu-plovdiv.bg/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Biology_Entrance_Exam_Questions.pdf

Does the University offer a one-year preparatory course?

Yes. Medical University of Plovdiv offers a one-year preparatory course. Since the 2024/2025 academic year, students who successfully pass all exams at the Department of Languages and Specialised Training and present the certificate for successful completion can continue directly in the specialty they placed first in their application.

The course includes English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Latin. There are two semesters. For the 2026/2027 cycle, non-EU applicants can enroll no later than 11 September 2026, and EU applicants can enroll by the end of September. Classes begin on 1 October 2026 and end on 15 July 2027. Useful link here: <https://mu-plovdiv.bg/en/faculties/departments-and-specialized-training/>

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 11 September. Useful link here:
https://mu-plovdiv.bg/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SpravocnikAEO_2026_EN_print_compressed.pdf

Where can I get my documents legalized?

If your country is a party to the Hague Convention, your documents must carry an apostille issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or another authorized institution in your country. You can check more information here: [HCCH Apostille information](#) and [Apostille information portal](#).

If your country is not a member of the Hague Convention, the documents must be legalized by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in your country, and the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria. All apostilles and seals must be original.

Where can I get my documents translated into Bulgarian?

Documents with apostille stamps must be translated into Bulgarian either by a consular or diplomatic official in the country where the document is issued, or by a translation agency authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria. You may also contact translation offices in Bulgaria, including many in Plovdiv. Important official information: [Bulgarian MFA legalization guidance](#).

Life at MU-Plovdiv

What makes MU-Plovdiv unique?

MU-Plovdiv is a state university accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency. Founded in 1945, it has educated students from more than 65 countries. Clinical training takes place in six university hospitals with advanced diagnostic, treatment, research, and teaching facilities. The academic staff combines strong professional expertise, scientific achievement, and teaching experience.

Is the diploma recognized abroad?

Yes. Since 2007, diploma issued by Medical University of Plovdiv is recognized in all member states of the European Union and the European Economic Area.

Do I need to know Bulgarian before I arrive?

No. You will study Bulgarian during the first two years of the programme, so there is no requirement to know Bulgarian before arrival. Learning basic Bulgarian in advance can still be very helpful for daily life and for communication during practical training.

Are there hostels at the University?

Yes. The University offers student hostels with comfortable double rooms, en-suite facilities, and internet access. The hostel cost is about 80 EUR per month for accommodation and utility bills only. There are also canteens on the University campus, in the Faculty of Dental Medicine, in the Medical College, and in the student hostels.

What student services are available?

The University Information and Welcome Center supports newly admitted international students with orientation and adaptation to life in Bulgaria and to the University's academic rules. It also works with student organizations, international student associations, and the Bulgarian Student Council, and it organizes open days throughout the year. Useful link here: Fresher's Guide.

<https://publisher.mu-plovdiv.bg/wp-content/uploads/published-online/student-freshers-guide/2024/student-freshers-guide.html#p=1>

What sports activities are available?

The University offers indoor and outdoor sports facilities for tennis, basketball, volleyball, and football. Students can also take part in annual tournaments in tennis, football, aerobics, table tennis, and volleyball, as well as national and international sporting events.

Is there a Career Development Center?

Yes. The Career Development Center supports students and alumni in planning and building successful careers.

What services does the library offer?

The University Library includes one main library and four branch libraries with more than 182,000 library units. More than 8,000 of these are online journals and books from licensed resources used for both online and in-person learning. Wireless internet and access to subscription-based educational platforms and research databases are provided free of charge to library users.

What if I still have questions?

Admissions Office contact details are here, including active email addresses, so students can reach the team directly.

Admission office

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For entry tests registration information:

E-mail: entry_tests@mu-plovdiv.bg

Life in Bulgaria

How good is the Internet in Bulgaria?

Bulgaria is known for fast and reliable internet, which is helpful for both study and daily life.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes there are Merit-Based Scholarships International students who are citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) are eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships. The scholarship is awarded for a period of five months each semester. Applicants must have successfully passed all examinations required by the curriculum since the beginning of their studies by the time of application and have a GPA higher than 4.00 for the previous two semesters. All eligible students participate in a unified ranking based on academic achievement. Scholarships are awarded to the highest-ranking candidates. The total number of recipients depends on the funds allocated for the respective semester.

<https://mu-plovdiv.bg/en/undergraduate/scholarships/>

What is the climate like in Bulgaria?

Bulgaria has a temperate continental climate with clear seasonal changes. The country offers great natural variety, from mountains and valleys to plains and the Black Sea coast. Average temperatures are around 0 C in January and around 30 C in July.

What is the city of Plovdiv like?

Plovdiv is the second-largest city in Bulgaria and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. It has a rich history, many cultural attractions, and a lively student atmosphere thanks to its nine universities. It is widely considered a safe and welcoming place to live and study.

How far is the city from an airport?

Plovdiv Airport operates flights to and from the United Kingdom and Italy. Sofia International Airport, about one and a half hours away, offers many more international connections. Plovdiv is also well connected to the rest of Bulgaria by bus and train.

What is the national currency?

The national currency is the euro (EUR).

What is the approximate cost of living in Bulgaria?

The approximate cost of living is around 1,300 EUR per month, including accommodation in a private apartment and daily living expenses.