

AUCA OSUN Student Mobility Fact Sheet

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OSUN Student Mobility Application	https://osun.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.Home

Program Information

Application Procedure	Once students have completed the OSUN Student Mobility application and have been nominated for an OSUN Mobility exchange semester, they should apply to AUCA. Nominated students should fill out the online application form that can be found here: https://applyonline.auca.kg
Institution Application Requirements	Application Form (Will be emailed to you by AUCA) Official Transcript of records (PDF) Medical Certificate Student Visa Application Course Registration Four passport style pictures (3cm x 4cm white background) (JPG)
Acceptance to AUCA	Upon acceptance, AUCA will issue an acceptance letter or letter of invitation.
Orientation Meeting	Accepted student committed to attending AUCA must participate in a Zoom orientation.
Course Enrollment	Students should complete the OSUN Student Mobility Learning Agreement and have approval from their home institution for their planned courses.
Course Registration	Students must send an email to the International Student Office Director, umetalieva_a@auca.kg indicating the courses they would like to take for the semester.
Registration Dates	Registration occurs over one week each semester; notification will be provided ahead of time via email.
Course Eligibility	Students can choose from most of the courses offered as long as prerequisites are fulfilled where applicable.
Semester Dates	Fall Semester: August – December Spring Semester: January – May The academic semester has 16 – 18 weeks of instruction.

Undergraduate Course Load	Students should follow the minimum requirement for full-time status according to their home university and should not exceed 18 credits per semester.
Graduate Course Load	Students should follow the minimum requirement for full-time status according to their home university and should not exceed 18 credits per semester.
Historic Course Catalog	https://www.auca.kg/en/coursesch/
Method of Instruction	The class format is based on lectures, readings, class participation and self-study. Students are expected to attend all lectures, to complete all course-related assignments and readings, and to sit exams and/or submit a final paper in order to receive a course grade.
Academic Coordinators For Semester Exchange Students	The AUCA International Student Coordinators serve as the academic advisors for incoming exchange students.
Credits	Following the Decree from Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Education, AUCA uses European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System- ECTS.

Accommodations

Housing	OSUN Undergraduate exchange students will have accommodations on campus in apartments secured with the help of AUCA. OSUN Graduate Exchange students are encouraged to make their own arrangements but can solicit the help of the international office.
Student Orientation	OSUN Mobility Exchange students are required to attend an orientation on campus two or three days prior to the start of the semester.
Airport Transport	A designated student guide can pick students up at the airport. Please provide arrival information in advance.
Cost of Living	Estimated to be \$400 per month. The average monthly cost for an apartment is \$250-\$400
Health Insurance	Students participating in an OSUN exchange must have an international travel and health insurance. OSUN will purchase GeoBlue health insurance for incoming students at AUCA.
Disability Accommodation	AUCA has support services available for students with special needs including counseling, medical personnel, academic advising, tutoring and international student office staff to help. The campus also provides the facilities to meet other special needs.

VISA Information

VISA	All international students should start their visa application to the Kyrgyz Republic no later than 30 days prior to their arrival. AUCA provides letters of support for all students who require it. A foreign individual may enter the Kyrgyz Republic (KR) using a passport with a valid Kyrgyz visa. Kyrgyzstan has non-visa regime agreements with some countries.
Nationalities Not Requiring a Visa to enter	Although citizens of non-visa regime countries do not need visas to enter the Kyrgyz Republic, they will be required to register with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (See Registration above.) To study, they have to obtain a Kyrgyz visa in their home country or at Manas International Airport in Bishkek. Non-visa regime countries include: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cuba, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia (up to one month), Moldova, Mongolia (up to three months), North Korea, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey (up to one month), Vietnam, Ukraine (up to three months).
Nationalities that require a visa but do not need to provide a visa support letter.	Once an international student has been admitted to AUCA, the student has to apply for a "student" visa. Do not apply for tourist, private or religious types of visas, since these types cannot be extended or changed to a student visa. Here is a list of countries that may receive "student" visas up to one month without a visa-support letter at the Consular Point in Manas International Airport in Bishkek: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal,

	Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden. Switzerland, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Turkey.
Visa Support Letters	<p>Citizens of all other countries that are not mentioned above require a visa-support letter to receive a Kyrgyz visa. AUCA can provide a visa-support letter for you. In order to study or work at AUCA, be sure to apply for a "student" or "business" visa. Do not apply for tourist, private or religious types of visas as these visas cannot be extended. Please note, it takes six weeks to process a visa-support letter for citizens of Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and Iran. For all other countries, the procedure takes about two weeks. AUCA will process a visa-support letter for you at your request. Please e-mail the following information to umetalieva_a@auca.kg: passport information (name, date of birth, passport number, date of issue -- via fax; scanned copy; or e-mail), private information (family status, education, profession, guarantor), contact information (e-mail address and telephone number), requested starting date for the visa, and Kyrgyz embassy or consulate where you will apply for the visa.</p> <p>The cost of processing visa support letters is: \$20 USD for citizens of Asian countries, Canada, and the USA, \$15 USD for EU citizens and \$10 for citizens of CIS countries. There is an additional cost of \$7 to have your visa support letter sent to Manas International Airport.</p> <p>After you provide the necessary information and fees, you will receive a number that corresponds to your visa-support letter. Use this number when you apply for your visa.</p>
Visa Support	<p>AUCA provides visa support to full-time students (24 or more credits per semester).</p> <p>Please be advised that students should begin the visa application procedure 30 days in advance of their arrival in the Kyrgyz Republic. For support, contact the Director of the International Office, Aselia Umetalieva, umetalieva_a@auca.kg .</p>

Additional Information

About Bishkek	https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g293948-Bishkek-Vacations.html
About Kyrgyzstan	https://tourism.gov.kg/2021/01/26/the-department-of-tourism-under-the-ministry-of-culture-information-and-tourism-of-the-kyrgyz-republic-recommends-to-all-citizens-to-pay-special-attention-to-their-safety-and-health-in-winter-time/