

Practical Information for Exchange Students

Financial matters

Exchange students do not pay tuition fees

If you are an Erasmus or bilateral exchange program student from a foreign partner educational institution with which we have an exchange agreement, you do not have to pay tuition fees. Erasmus exchange students can apply for an Erasmus scholarship at their home institution.

Household Expenses

Household expenses differ from individual to individual, however in the table below several examples will guide you form monthly budget (Prices are indicated for the capital - Tbilisi).

1 Euro = 3.6034 Georgial Lari (GEL; as for August 2020; to check exchange rates, please visit [InforEuro](#))

Spending	Costs
Housing/rent: Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	700 - 1300 GEL /month
Food and daily expenses:	400 - 500 GEL /month
Calls from cell phone: 1 min. of Prepaid Mobile Tariff Local (No Discounts or Plans)	0.21 GEL/minute in GE
Call to the Europe	0.88 GEL /minute in the EU
Bus/metro ticket: One-way Ticket (BUS, METRO)	0.50 GEL/ per ride

More information can be found on:

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Tbilisi>

<https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/tbilisi>

Housing

At the moment, GIPA has no hall of residence or dormitory. Students are responsible to arrange accommodation themselves, and are free to make their own arrangements. However, GIPA's International Relations and Development Department will assist foreign students and staff in finding appropriate accommodation in Tbilisi.

To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of options and places to start your search for your perfect flat:

<https://www.myhome.ge/en/>

<https://gancxadebebi.ge/en>

<https://place.ge/en>

[Airbnb Tbilisi](#)

Visa

Depending on your nationality, you may or may not require a visa to study in Georgia. Please contact the [Georgian embassy/consulate in your home country](#) or enquire at the [Website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia](#) for further information regarding residency rules before your arrival.

Citizens and persons permanently residing in the countries listed [here](#) may enter and stay in Georgia without a visa. Please, note that citizens of Member States of the European Union may enter Georgia with a travel document, as well as with an identity card issued by a Member State of the European Union. The identity card shall contain the name, surname, date of birth and a photo of the person. The maximum period of stay without visa for EU Member States citizens is one full year.

Insurance

When preparing for your stay in Tbilisi, it is very important to ensure that you will have sufficient healthcare insurance during your stay. GIPA highly recommends that you contact your own health insurance company before travelling to Georgia, and find out exactly what you need to do to be properly insured against medical expenses in Georgia.

Alternatively, you can sign a student contract with a Georgian health insurance provider after arriving in Tbilisi. In this case, please make sure you have personal travel insurance from your home country to bridge the period until the Georgian health insurance becomes effective.

Useful links:

<http://www.visitgeorgia.ge>

<http://info-tbilisi.com>