

EKA

**INFORMATION
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**Academic year
2025/2026**

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Nomination & application

First the student should contact their home university international coordinator who needs to nominate the student by email to incoming@artun.ee, including the following nomination details:

- First and last name
- Date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy)
- Gender
- Citizenship
- Email
- Field of study at home university
- Desired field of study at our university (BA or MA) and 2nd choice if applicable
- Current term
- Desired exchange term (fall/spring/whole year)

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINE:

May 1 (for fall term and the whole academic year)

October 15 (for spring term)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Online application form (accessible one month before the deadline on our website: mobility.artun.ee)
- 2) Portfolio: Upload images of your recent work or project examples. Include a portfolio link (Google Docs or similar, accessible without login) in the application form. Additional documents can be linked in the form or emailed to incoming@artun.ee
- 3) Motivation letter
- 4) Transcript of Records in English
- 5) Copy of your Passport or ID Card
- 6) A document photo in .jpg format, required for EKA's door card

More information about exchange studies at EKA on our website: mobility.artun.ee

Application documents may be included in the online form (web link) or sent as PDF files to incoming@artun.ee

NOTE: Due to small study groups, the EKA reserves the right to choose incoming students based on portfolio and motivation letter.

The International Office will notify the applicants about acceptance/denial within a month.

Study programmes

Most of the departments accept exchange students, even though the language of tuition is officially Estonian. There are also several MA programmes available fully in English. In addition, we offer theoretical and practical electives in English. The list of courses is confirmed before the beginning of the term. More information about courses is available on our website: [Study plan](#)

All programme descriptions: [EKA curricula](#)

Faculty of Architecture

- Architecture and Urban Design (integrated BA+MA)
- Interior Architecture (BA, MA)
- Urban Studies (MA; eng, theoretical programme)

Faculty of Design

- Fashion Design (BA)
- Textile Design (BA)
- Accessory Design (BA)
- Glass (BA)
- Ceramics (BA)
- Jewellery and Blacksmithing (BA, MA)
- Graphic Design (BA, MA)**
- Product Design (BA)
- Interaction Design (MA, ENG)
- Circular Design (MA)**

****Note:** Graphic Design MA and Circular Design MA accept applications only for fall term

Faculty of Fine Arts

- Animation (MA, eng)*
- Contemporary Art (MA; eng)
- Fine Art/Painting (BA)
- Fine Art/Graphic art (BA)
- Fine Art/Installation & sculpture (BA)
- Photography (BA)
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****Note:** Animation MA program accepts applications only for the fall term.

Faculty of Art and Culture

- Art History and Visual Culture (BA, MA)*
- Cultural Heritage and Conservation (BA, MA)

***Note:** theoretical programmes are conducted in Estonian language. It's possible to apply if you aim to carry out individual research project.

Doctoral School of EKA*

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Art and Design
- Art History and Visual Culture
- Cultural Heritage and Conservation

***Note:** acceptance is based on your individual research plan.

Academic calendar

Academic calendar can be found on our website: [Academic Calendar 2025/2026](#)

Official duration: 25.08.2025 – 23.08.2026

Fall semester: 25.08.2025 – 25.01.2026

Spring semester: 26.01.2026 – 23.08.2026

Fall semester:

11.08.2025 – Estonian language and culture course for international students
27.08.2025

25.08.2025 The beginning of the fall semester

01.09.2025 The beginning of the studies in the fall semester

20.10.2025 – Specialty Elective Week (no regular classes)
24.10.2025

15.12.2025 – Specialty evaluations week
19.12.2025

24.12.2025 – Winter break
04.01.2026

12.01.2026 – Specialty Elective Weeks (no regular classes)
23.01.2026

25.01.2026 The end of the fall semester

Spring semester:

26.01.2026 The beginning of the spring semester

02.02.2026 The beginning of the studies in the spring semester

23.03.2026 – Specialty Elective Week (no regular classes)
27.03.2026

18.05.2026 – Specialty evaluations week
22.05.2026

12.06.2026 The end of the spring semester studies

Grading system

Estonian Academy of Arts operates in ECTS system. Grading is in the scale A–F (“A” – Excellent to “F” – Insufficient) or Pass/Fail.

NB! Please note that most of the practical courses and electives in English are assessed as Pass/Fail and it cannot be changed individually for students who need grades (A–F).

After completed exchange, within one month after the official end of the term the student receives a digital Transcript of Records including ECTS credits. If a paper copy is needed, please email the respective postal address to incoming@artun.ee.

For the study period confirmation, please contact our International Office by email to incoming@artun.ee



Practical information

ACCOMMODATION

Exchange students have an option to decide their place of accommodation in EKA. It can be either staying in EKA's dormitory or renting a private room or flat.

EKA shares a dormitory together with the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre. The dormitory is called Muusa Majutus and it is conveniently located right in the city centre, Kuhlbarasi street 1. Their website is yhikas.eamt.ee.

It is common among international students to share bigger flats in the city centre. Rental prices in the centre may be a bit more expensive but one can cut costs and time on transportation. Splitting the rent among friends may offer an opportunity to find great accommodation at an affordable price.



VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

EU citizens don't need a residence permit for studying, but they are obliged to register their place of living in Tallinn if staying longer than 3 months. As an exchange student of EKA, the condition is met by you and therefore you are kindly asked to visit one of the city's Administration Offices (listed [HERE](#) on the right side) upon your arrival in Tallinn.

In addition, each exchange student has to apply for an Estonian ID-card within one month from obtaining the temporary right of residence. It can be done at one of the Police and Border Guard Board service offices (more [HERE](#)).

PS

As a resident of Tallinn, who has an Estonian ID-card, you are eligible to use public transportation for free in Tallinn.

Non-EU students, who come to study in EKA for 1-2 semesters, need to apply for a long-stay(D) visa: [Requirements for D-visa](#)

Please wait for the official acceptance letter before submitting your application at the nearest foreign representation of the Republic of Estonia. The list of Estonian representations can be found from [HERE](#) and it can take up to 10-30 days to process the visa application.

PS

The acceptance letter from EKA is one of the requirements for applying for the long-stay (D) visa.

After your arrival in Estonia, you can start your studies right away. No other registration for a legal stay is requested, which means the students with D-visa can not apply for an ID card.

HEALTHCARE

Medical help in Estonia is considered to be of high standard and it contains two types of health care systems: public and private. The public is provided by Estonian Health Insurance Fund, which normally stays out of reach for exchange students, unless being employed by the time spent in Estonia. Thus, exchange students are kindly advised to buy proper (travel) health insurance for the period of their studies in EKA. Even if they are EU/EEA citizens and hold a valid European Health Insurance Card, not all medical services are free of charge (covers only emergency cases) and additional health insurance is still widely recommended.



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