

# GUIDE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

AT THE SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN BRATISLAVA



#### Dear Friends,

For centuries people have been exploring the world, observing nature and exploiting it through technology and innovations. Parents have transferred their experience, skills and knowledge to young generations with the one aim: better life in the future. Education, especially natural sciences and engineering hand in hand with scientific research, have become an important part of a society development.

The Slovak Republic is a young state. It was formally established only in the year 1993, but the country and the nation have been here, existing within other larger countries for many centuries. Formerly, the country and its people were known as "Upper Hungary", later on as the eastern part of Czechoslovakia. The historical background of engineering and education in this area were traditionally at high level for long time which led to establishment of the Mining Academy in Banská Štiavnica (Chemnitz) in 1762. In today's terminology the academy was one of the very first universities of technology worldwide. The key innovation introduced at the academy was a method of education that would combine theory and practical experiments performed by students themselves. Moreover, the academy was organized in a university style. The experimental chemistry laboratory for students was one of the best equipped laboratories in Europe. The mechanical machines designed and developed there were practically used in the mines. The cleverly built system of water reservoirs is nowadays registered by UNESCO as world heritage. The academy successfully operated for more than 150 years, until the Austro-Hungarian Empire was disintegrated.

Today we, as proud successors of our national heritage, proceed with education at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. It is a modern university offering engineering education and promoting research in natural



sciences, technology, construction, architecture and other related fields. Though it was established in 1937, the Slovak University of Technology follows the 250-year-old tradition in a modern way. Over 17 000 students enjoy their own experimental and project work within their studies. More than 140 000 graduates give the best evidence of the success. All of them are highly ranked professionals with good reputation as well as nice income. Many of them have become top managers or entrepreneurs thank to hard work of both — the students and their professors, academic staff. I am pleased to see that our "academic family" grows every year.

Welcome aboard!



Robert Redhammer Rector

Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

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### 1. A SUCCESSFULLY DISTINCT PROFILE

The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU), the largest and most significant university of technology in the Slovak Republic, is a modern European educational and research institution. It offers university education mainly in technical, technological, technical-economic, technical-information and technical-artistic fields of study. Its activities reach back to the rich old tradition of the Mining Academy in Banská Štiavnica, established by the Empress Maria Theresa in 1762. The STU provides a comprehensive and modern system of university education, research, and cooperation with the world of work through the transfer of knowledge. STU disposes of the widest spectrum of study branches. Since its establishment in 1937, more than 130,000 graduates have completed their education at the university, with the average number of students attending annually being 17,000.

In addition, the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava is considered to be one of the leading academic institutions in Slovakia and Europe, and has received numerous high rankings and awards for its quality of research and teaching.

In the Academic Ranking and Rating Agency (ARRA) in Slovakia, the STU faculties have been regularly awarded the first place rankings. In the overall estimation the faculties belong amongst the best rated faculties in the group of faculties of technology.

In the **Academic Ranking of World Universities**, the STU has been also estimated as successful, being ranked  $101^{st} - 150^{th}$  by subject fields – Computer Science (2012).





In Webometrics Ranking of World's Universities, the STU ranks among the top 500 universities (2012).

The STU graduates are successful in the labour market, not only in Slovakia, but also abroad, and find a broad range of jobs. The STU graduates are in high demand (more than 50% Slovak employers recruit them), and are highest-paid of all university graduates in Slovakia. The unemployment rate of its graduates is the lowest.

In 2012, the STU received the ECTS Label – the most prestigious European certificate awarded in the sphere of tertiary education. Obtaining the ECTS Label indicates to all domestic and foreign students, that the study credit system at the STU fulfils strict European standards and its offered education is fully comparable with that of other countries. All the degree programmes offered at the university, all exams and credits that students gain, are in line with the European credit system and are thus recognized abroad. Obtaining the ECTS Label is a signal of quality for domestic and foreign students.

# FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of faculties	7
Graduates during its existence	140 000
Number of students	17 000
Number of trainees for lifelong learning	4 100
Number of teaching and research staff	1 900
Number of study programmes in the Slovak language	186 (B: 49, M: 67, D: 70)*
Number of study programmes in the English language	104 (B: 15, M: 21, D: 68)*
Number of state research projects	600
Number of international projects	107
Number of industrial contracts	800
	* B: Bachelor, M: Master, D: Doctoral level

#### 2. SCIENCE & RESEARCH

The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava is a research oriented university, cooperating with industry and has strong international links. During its existence, the University has made a significant contribution to the development of scientific knowledge, and the enrichment and application of scientific knowledge for the benefit of mankind.

The University pursues research in all the areas, in which the University education is provided, in the areas of architecture, civil engineering, geodesy, cartography, chemical technologies, food processing, machinery, electrical engineering, electronics, informatics, information and communication technologies, and applied physics, mathematics, economics, and social science as well.

The STU recognizes the great potential of the extension of communication networks supporting the transfer of know-how gained in the University into practice. The objective is to find appropriate ways of commercialising and ensuring economic valorisation for the ideas engendered at the University, and to allow these ideas to contribute to the development of an entrepreneurial environment of sophisticated activities, thereby contributing to increasing the prestige of Slovakia at the same time.

The University has signed more than 800 industrial contracts (Volkswagen, Siemens, IBM, ESET, etc.) and cooperates with 411 partner institutions from around the world.

### 3. STU - FACULTIES AND UNIVERSITY CENTRES

# Faculty of Civil Engineering (SvF)

The graduates of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the STU enjoy a wide range of employment opportunities. They have the skills to prepare, project, organize and manage the building of underground and engineering constructions, water management structures, to carry out and manage work in the fields of geodesy and cartography. They are capable of working in the investment and economic areas, in research or educational and training institutions, computer centres, and are prepared for work in private enterprises, too.

#### www.svf.stuba.sk

Information video: http://www.svf.stuba.sk/en/faculty/videopresentation.html?page\_id=4955

# Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (SiF)

The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the STU has the longest history of teaching in the study fields of mechanical engineering in Slovakia. Its graduates find employment not only in classic mechanical engineering, but also in the automobile industry, electrical engineering, food processing, and chemical industries, civil engineering, energetics, metallurgy, and wherever mechanical engineering equipment is used. Graduates

have achieved significant posts in world-renowned companies such as Volkswagen, Peugeot - Citroën, Siemens, IBM, BMW, Mercedes, and others.

#### www.sjf.stuba.sk

# Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (FEI)

The Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the STU and Information Technology occupies the position as a significant centre in the field of science, research and development for information and telecommunication systems and technologies, electronics and electrical engineering and their application, automated systems and methods of their management, power engineering and nuclear power engineering. The areas of focus correspond to the latest trends and priorities in the European Union and around the world.

#### www.fei.stuba.sk

# Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology (FCHPT)

The Faculty of Chemical and Food
Technology of the STU is a sovereign
leader among the faculties of technology
in Slovakia. It achieves significant
results in the field of education and

research. It is the only faculty which provides tertiary education based on excellence in chemical-engineering and science-theoretical fundamentals, educating engineers for all sectors within the chemical and food industries.

#### www.fchpt.stuba.sk

Information material: http://www.fchpt.stuba.sk/ docs/doc/info\_pre\_uchadzacov/ Informations\_about\_Faculty

# Faculty of Architecture (FA)

The Faculty of Architecture of the STU is the largest educational institution for architects in the Slovak Republic. It provides a broad based vocational training for students, oriented at: creative artistic, project and design activities, as well as research and educational activity in the field of architecture, town-planning, territorial planning and design of proposed dwelling units, civil, industrial and agricultural buildings, objects and their ensembles; at the reconstruction of towns, monument renovation and protection; at proposals for interiors, exhibitions, and in the field of design; at planning and design of landscape creation and large territorial formations, construction and reconstruction of building sites and their parts, for the creation of a human environment.

#### www.fa.stuba.sk



# Faculty of Materials Science and Technology in Trnava (MTF)

The Faculty of Materials Science and Technology of the STU in Trnava is oriented on the education of a university graduate for a broad area of industrial production, including its management, control, automation and safety aspects. The Faculty closely cooperates with the business sphere. In Slovakia, it has a leading position in the field of materials research and production technologies and is also recognised in the European research.

#### www.mtf.stuba.sk

Information video: http://www.mtf.stuba.sk/english/ on-faculty/dvd-about-faculty. html?page\_id=2980

Virtual tour: http://stu-mtf.pano3d.eu/

Information material: http://ds.mtf.stuba.sk/web\_mtf/pdf/ MTF\_2011\_bulletin.pdf

# Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies (FIIT)

The Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies of the STU covers in depth the area of informatics and information technologies in research and education. It is the first faculty in Slovakia with such mission. It has a long tradition in IT in education and research and has achieved many outstanding results.

#### www.fiit.stuba.sk

Annual report 2012: http://www.fiit.stuba.sk/docs/edicna\_ cinnost/vyrocne\_spravy/AR-FIIT-2012.pdf

# Institute of Management (UM)

The Institute of Management of the STU is the pedagogic, research and scientific unit of the Slovak University of Technology. It is providing research and pedagogic in Bratislava activities in the area of management and urban planning,

closely cooperating with other university units, domestic and foreign universities and other scientific and academic institutions. It guarantees the study programmes and specific study courses and education modules that are related to its profile and it takes care of integration of the STU capacities in management and planning study programmes, interdisciplinary study programmes that have the university character.

#### www.um.stuba.sk

http://www.stuba.sk/english/ institutes/management-institute-ofthe-slovak-university-of-technology. html?page\_id=3234

Lifelong Learning Institute; STU Research Centre; Multimedia centre; Computing Centre

Publishing House; Student Houses; Academic Sports Centre

www.stuba.sk

#### 4. STUDY SYSTEM AT THE UNIVERSITY

The University offers study within accredited study programmes, in degree courses leading to Bachelor's, Engineer's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees. The credit system is compatible with the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System under the Bologna Declaration of the ministers of EU countries), enabling the bilateral student mobility in EU countries' universities, as well as within the framework of the broader European and world-wide area. The STU has been an ECTS Label holder since 2012.

The system of education is connected with the prestigious partner universities in the framework of international programmes (Lifelong Learning, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, ...) using modern methods of education, laboratories and practical training. It is aimed at the fields of study that offer stable opportunities for students' employment in the labour market. Teaching takes place in modern classrooms furnished with the top laboratory and programming equipment.

#### THE STUDY SYSTEM OFFERS:

- research opportunities (mainly at Master and PhD. level)
- modern training methods, laboratories, project works
- study programmes in English
- lifelong learning

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Engineer study and Master study 2 – 3 years

2nd level (comprising app. 120 credits)

"inžinier" (abbr. "Ing.") in technical and economic fields of Engineer's programmes

"inžinier architekt" (abbr. "Ing. arch.") in the field of architecture and town planning

"magister umenia" (abbr. "Mgr. art.")

in the field of art

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Doctoral study
3 – 5 years

3<sup>rd</sup> level (comprising app. 180 – 240 credits)

"philosophiae doctor" (abbr. "PhD.")

"artis doctor" (abbr. "ArtD.") in the field of art

1st Degree Bachelor study 3 – 4 years

1st level (comprising app. 180 – 240 credits) "bakalár" (abbr. "Bc.")

# The Engineer's and Master's degree study programme is

focused on the acquirement of theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge based on actual state of science and art and on the development of a creative use of this knowledge at work or in the continuation of the consequent university studies, according to the doctorate study programme.

The studies are completed by a state examination and the defence of a thesis.

The Doctorate degree study programme is focused on the acquirement of knowledge based on the actual state of scientific and artistic knowledge and mostly on the individual contribution of the student to this knowledge, which is a result of a scientific research and individual creative activity in the field of science or technique or an individual theoretical and creative activity in the field of art.

# The Bachelor's degree study programme is focused on the

acquirement of theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge based on actual state of science and art and on the mastering of the use of this knowledge at work or in the continuation of the consequent university studies. The bachelor studies are completed by a state examination and the defence of a thesis. The graduated student of the bachelor studies can continue in the second degree of studies.

### 5. STUDY PROGRAMMES AT THE STU TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

The STU offers university education in English language mainly in: technical, technological, technical-economic, technical-information and in the technical-artistic fields of study. Study programmes are updated for each academic year.















# FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Civil Engineering	Building Engineering	Applied Mathematics
		Applied Mechanics
		Geodesy and Cartography
		Landscaping
		Building Technology
		Theory and Structures of Civil Engineering Works
		Theory and Structures of Buildings
		Theory and Environmental Technology of Buildings
		Water Resources Engineering

# FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Applied Mechanics and Mechatronics	Applied Mechanics	Automation and Control of Machines and Processes
Automation and Informatics of Machines and Processes	Automation and Informatics of Machines and Processes	Transport Technology
Production Processes and Materials		Quality of Production
		Mechatronics
		Metrology
		Process Engineering
		Production Processes and Materials
		Production Machines and Equipment

# • FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Applied Informatics	Applied Informatics	Applied Informatics
Automobile Electronics	Applied Mechatronics	Automation and Control
Electronics	Power Engineering	Power Engineering
Electrical Engineering	Physical Engineering	Electrotechnology and Materials
Industrial Informatics	Cybernetics	Physics of Condensed Matters and Acoustics
Telecommunications	Measurement and Information Technology	Physical Engineering
	Microelectronics	Nuclear Power Engineering
	Radioelectronics	Cybernetics
	Robotics	Measurement Technology
	Telecommunications	Metrology
		Microelectronics
		Radioelectronics
		High Power Electrical Engineering
		Telecommunications
		Electromagnetic Theory
		Applied Mathematics

# FACULTY OF CHEMICAL AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Automation, Information Engineering and Management in Chemistry and Food Industry	Automation and Information Engineering in Chemistry and Food Industry	Analytical Chemistry
Biotechnology and Food Technology	Biotechnology	Inorganic Chemistry
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Inorganic Technologies and Materials
Chemistry, Medical Chemistry and Chemical Materials	Chemical Technologies	Biochemistry
	Environmental Chemistry and Technology	Biotechnology
	Natural and Synthetic Polymers	Chemical Physics
	Technical Chemistry	Chemical Engineering
	Nutrition and Health Protection	Chemistry and Technology of Consumables
		Environmental Chemistry and Technology
		Physical Chemistry
		Macromolecular Chemistry
		Organic Chemistry
		Organic Technology and Technology of Fuels
		Process Control
		Technology of Polymer Materials
		Theoretical and Computer Chemistry

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Architecture and Urban Design	Architecture	Architecture
		Structures in Architecture
		Architectural Heritage Conservation
		Theory of Architecture
		Urban Design and Town Planning

# • FACULTY OF MATERIAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
	Materials Engineering	Process Automation and Informatization
		Integrated Safety
		Materials Engineering
		Industrial Management
		Processing and Application of Non-Metals
		Machine Technologies and Materials
		Production Devices and Systems

# FACULTY OF INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES OF STU

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
		Applied Informatics
		Program Systems

# ● UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMMES — INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR STUDY	MASTER STUDY	DOCTORAL STUDY
Spatial Planning	Spatial Planning	Sectoral and Branch Economics
		Spatial Planning

#### 6. ACADEMIC YEAR

WINTER SEMESTER	September – February	
	Ceremonial opening of the academic year	September
	Instruction period — minimum 12 weeks	September – December
	Examination period – 4 to 6 weeks	January – February
SUMMER SEMESTER	February – July	
	Instruction period — minimum 12 weeks	February — May
	Examination period – 4 to 6 weeks	June – July

#### 7. STUDY-RELATED FEES

Tuition fees and study-related fees for each academic year are stipulated in the Rector's Directive issued for each academic year and are published at the STU webpage: Information for foreign students – Legislation.

#### 8. PREPARATORY MODULAR COURSE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS STUDYING AT THE STU

The course is designed for foreign students who wish to study at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. The modular course will help all those wishing to study, to familiarise themselves with the opportunities and challenges of the study, and to supplement their basic knowledge needed for studying at some of the faculties of STU. The preparatory modular course is carried out through e-learning. The educational programme has been accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic under No. 3182/2010/130/1.

The educational programme consists of eight modules:

- Guide for Foreign Students
- Slovak Language
- English Language
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Environmental Engineering
- Geology
- Basics of Working with PC

#### The study takes place in two cycles:

- A1 Beginners 6 weeks, 171 h/5 M,
- A2 Advanced 6 weeks, 178 h/6 M.

The contents of individual modules consist of selected themes that will be important for pursuing the particular discipline chosen at the faculty of STU. Admission to the course is conditional on completing secondary education with a school-leaving certificate giving access to higher education. Completion of the educational programme increases the chances of successfully negotiating the admission examinations and the subsequent studies at the selected STU faculty.



## FORMS OF EDUCATION

Seminars on thematic areas and themes of study. Classes oriented at acquiring new knowledge and skills. Consultations (personal, written, on-line).

### **EVALUATION**

Continuous assessment, course attendance (seminars, classes) and a final test is an important prerequisite for the overall assessment and successful completion of the course. Course participants who complete each test will gain the "Certificate of education obtained".

The STU organizes **Slovak language courses** for international students lasting 100 hours, or the Slovak language intensive course lasting 240 hours.

### BENEFITS OF COMPLETING THE COURSES

The main aim of this course is to prepare foreign students for the study programmes at selected faculties of the STU and adapt their knowledge obtained during the studies to the conditions of practice.

- The completion of the course for beginners will enable students' transfer to the Bachelor study course without admission interview.
- The successful completion of both courses will enable graduates to gain credits in Mathematics, English language and Physics.

All graduates will gain the necessary vocabulary, ability to communicate in oral and written form, basic professional terminology in the fields of technical study, and professional knowledge and skills needed for successfully mastering their studies.

#### 9. FOREIGN STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS

















 Foreign applicants applying for higher education are required to submit to the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, to the entrusted deputy of the particular faculty or institute, a certificate of completion of secondary education as well as a copy of their passport.

If the applicant has also completed another institution with a higher education qualification following secondary school, the certificate of completion of the above education should be supplied too.

- The basic requirements for admission to a study programme are:
  - in the first cycle, the acquisition of secondary general education or secondary vocational education completed with the secondary school-leaving certificate,
  - in the second cycle, the completion of the study programme of the first cycle,
  - in the third cycle, the completion of the study programme of the second cycle.

Applicants for study at the STU who have graduated from earlier studies abroad must submit a recognized formal qualification issued by a foreign secondary school, or high school.

- Following the submitted documents the STU (faculty or institute) will issue to foreign applicant a "Preliminary Letter of Acceptance" signed by the appropriate Vice-Dean of the Faculty or Director of the Institute.
- 4. After obtaining the acceptance for study, the foreign applicant will apply in his/her own country for a visa giving permission for temporary residence for 90 days, to enable entry into the Slovak Republic territory.

Documents required for applying for temporary residence permit due to studies are the following:

- Letter of admission from the STU Letter of Acceptance.
- Completed application form for permission for temporary residence in Slovakia.
- Acceptance of admission to accommodation, confirmation
  of payment of registration fees, tuition fees, as well as
  prepaid accommodation costs (hostel).
- Health insurance covering the period of stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic.
- Document confirming applicant's identity birth certificate or identity card.
- Criminal Registry extract from the country of his/her origin.
- Travel passport with validity more than 6 months.
- Two colour photographs 3 × 3,5 cm.

The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application. All documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated in a way recognised in Slovakia ("apostille" or "superlegalisation") and if they are in a foreign language, their official translation into Slovak has to be attached.

5. Having obtained the above documents, the foreign applicant will take part in the entrance interview at the faculty/ institute he/she had chosen (the basic subjects being English, Maths and Physics). The entrance examinations are diverse, depending on the field of study and faculty. They may be written and oral, or just written tests. In some fields of study, e.g. the performing arts, aptitude examinations are also conducted.

















- 6. The receiving faculty/institute will prepare the "Nominal list of students", who have passed the entrance examinations and will submit the "List" for approval to the session of the Faculty/Institute Head Office.
- 7. The accepted foreign applicants will receive all necessary documents for their study (student ID card, etc.) from the Student Affairs Office at the Faculty/Institute. The foreign applicant will be sent a definitive Letter of Acceptance.
- 8. Application form, admission procedure deadlines, tuition fees and payments for study – applicants can apply to for studies at the Slovak University of Technology

in Bratislava in two ways: electronically or by sending the filled-in paper application form without entering the electronic application. The application forms, the rules governing tuition fees and details of payment for study, together with admission deadlines are available on the STU web page, as separate documents.

http://www.stuba.sk/english/applicants/admission-procedureapplication-forms-deadlines-fees-contacts.html?page\_id=2020

Foreign applicants who do not meet all the requirements for admission may be required to attend preparatory courses, including Slovak language courses.



# II. About Slovakia

1. GEOGRAPHY

- Area: 49,035 km², the Slovak Republic is situated in Central Europe, sharing borders with Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary.
- Official name: Slovak Republic
- Capital: Bratislava (431,061 inhabitants)
- Date of establishment: 1 January 1993 (after the split up
  of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic).
- Political system: parliamentary democracy. Constitution guarantees equal rights for all citizens regardless of sex, race, colour, language, faith, religion, political affiliation or conviction, national or social origin, nationality or ethnic origin, property, birth or any other status. The President is the Head of State.
- Administrative organisation: 8 higher territorial units, 8 regions, 79 districts, 2,933 municipalities.
- Official language: Slovak
- Currency: euro (since 1 January 2009); 1 euro (1€) = 100 cents (100 c), banknotes issued in 500€, 200€, 100€, 50€, 20€, 10€ and 5€ denominations; coins in 2€ and 1€ and 50 c, 20 c, 10 c, 5 c, 2 c and 1 c denominations.
- Membership in international organisations:
   EU (from 1 May 2004), NATO (from 29 March 2004), UN,
   OECD, OSCE, WHO, INTERPOL, etc.

#### 2. POPULATION

**5.4 million** (of which 51.5% are female)

- Ethnic mix of population: Slovaks (85.8%),
  Hungarians (9.7%), Roma (1.7%), Czechs (0.8%),
  Ruthenians (0.4%), Ukrainians (0.2%), Germans (0.1%),
  others (0.2%), unknown (1.1%).
- Population and their religions: Roman Catholic (68.9%), Evangelical Lutheran of Augsburg Confession (6.9%), Greek Catholic (4.1%), Reformed Christian (2.0%), Orthodox (0.9%), Jews (0.04%), others (4.1%), without denomination (13.0%).

#### 3. WEATHER

- Weather: continental climate with 4 seasons (spring, summer, autumn, winter). Summers are hot; winters are cold, cloudy and humid. The average winter daily temperature is -2°C, but can plummet to -15°C. The average daily, temperature in summer is 21°C, but can be as warm as over 30°C. The coldest month is January; the hottest month is July.
- Time: Slovakia is in the Central European Time Zone (CET) which is 1 hour ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +1) with summer time 2 hours ahead of GMT (GMT +2). Time changes into Summer time in last Sunday in March and in last Sunday in October it changes back to CET or winter time.

#### 4. INFORMATION VIDEO ABOUT SLOVAKIA

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6doVal8N9c



# 5. SLOVAK UNESCO NATURAL AND **CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Places included on the UNESCO list of the world cultural and natural heritage

http://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/sk

- The village of Vlkolínec, with traditional log houses. http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/622
- The Bardejov town conservation reserve. http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/973
- Spišský hrad (castle) and its associated cultural monuments, the largest castle in Central Europe http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/620
- Wooden Churches of the Slovak part of the Carpathian Mountain Area.

http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1273

The area of Slovak Karst (Slovenský kras), the largest karst region in Central Europe.

http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/725

- Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians. http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1133
- The historic town of Banská Štiavnica, where the first technical higher education institution in the world, the Mining and Forestry Academy, was established in 1762 by Empress Maria Theresa.

http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/618

#### 6. SPORTS

The most popular sport in Slovakia is association football (soccer). Internationally, the most successful sport is ice hockey where currently, as of 2012, the country is ranked as the sixth best team in the world by the IIHF World Ranking. In Slovakia there is a wide range of facilities for summer sports. The most popular are cycling, water sports and hiking. Many Slovak rivers are navigable and canoeing is very popular amongst young people. Horse riding is becoming more popular with stables for the public existing in many towns.

Mountaineering, hill-walking, white water rafting, adrenaline sports, and paragliding are just some of the ways to spend a weekend in the mountains. Another very popular activity is camping or renting cottages, and hiking (trekking) in the mountains. For those who prefer green lawns and white sport clothes, there are many opportunities for playing tennis at tennis clubs, at public courts or golf in golf clubs.

Thanks to its mountainous nature, the country offers great opportunities for downhill and cross-country skiing, as well as snowboarding. The mountains enjoy over 80 days of snow per year which often reaches a level of 2,000 m in the "Nízke Tatry" and "Vysoké Tatry". In these high mountain regions, there is snow on the ground for 130 days each year. Ice hockey and ice-skating are very popular sports that can be practised in indoor stadiums, as well as outdoors.

The Lonely Planet ranked Slovakia to be one of the top 10 tourist destinations of 2013

# III. Bratislava and Trnava

#### 1. ABOUT BRATISLAVA

Bratislava is the capital city of the Slovak Republic and the most important tourist destination in Central Europe. It is situated in the south-western part of Slovakia on both banks of the Danube River. Bratislava is located near the Austrian, Hungarian and Czech borders. The nearest European metropolises are Vienna (60 km), Budapest (200 km) and Prague (330 km).

The City of Bratislava is the seat of the President, National Council, and Government of the Slovak Republic and embassies of the foreign countries. Its population is about 450,000 inhabitants. Being the largest Slovak city, it is not only the administrative, business and industrial, but also the cultural, scientific and research centre.

The city offers visitors many historic monuments, museums and cultural events, excellent traditional and international cuisine, and a pleasant atmosphere are fostered by the friendly and welcoming locals.

Big popular music acts play regular concerts in Bratislava, while the Slovak Philharmonic and the Opera and Ballet of the Slovak National Theatre regularly put on world-class performances.

Bratislava offers an excellent life for students, is being the seat of a number of universities. The largest and most significant technical university in Slovakia is the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava.

In Bratislava there is a wide range of facilities for summer and winter sports. The most popular are football, cycling, inline skating, tennis, indoor sports, water sports, hiking, skiing and ice skating.

More information: http://visit.bratislava.sk/en

#### 2. TRANSPORTATION TO BRATISLAVA

## By AIR

There are several ways of flying to the Slovak Republic. You can fly directly to the M. R. Štefánik Airport in Bratislava www.letiskobratislava.sk. The airport is located 30 minutes by bus from the centre of the city.

Many students take advantage of Vienna Airport (www.viennaairport.com), which has many international flights. The airport is located only 45 km from Bratislava. There is direct bus connection from Vienna airport to the Main Bus Station Mlynské Nivy in the downtown area of Bratislava. The bus operates from 8.00 to 23.30 and it takes around 1 hour.

- Bratislava International Airport M. R. Štefánik is located 15 km from Bratislava's Old Town. There are two means of transport into Bratislava city: by taxi and bus.
- International Airport (Austria), thanks to the short distance of Vienna and Bratislava (60 kilometres) it is also possible to use Vienna's Schwechat International Airport (www.viennaairport.com). Just in front of arrival gate at Vienna airport you will find the departure platform for buses leaving for Bratislava (every hour) which terminate at Bratislava's Main Bus Station (Hlavná autobusová stanica) Mlynské Nivy. Also from this Main Bus Station in Bratislava the buses leave every hour to Vienna airport Schwechat.

# By Train

The railroad service in the Slovak Republic is comfortable. The capital Bratislava is connected with the railroad network of all



neighbouring countries (Austria – Vienna, Hungary – Budapest, Poland – Warsaw, Czech Republic – Prague, Ukraine – Kiev). From the Main Train Station in Bratislava, located 5 minutes from the city centre) you can easily reach all the university towns in the Slovak Republic. When taking a taxi from the train station, look for those with the company name listed on the car. For foreign students there are international discounts available for all European countries.

The websites of the Slovak Railways: www.slovakrail.sk or www. zsr.sk provides information on timetables, prices, journey duration and whether you have to switch trains at any point.

Today's public transport services in Bratislava are of a decent quality in terms of coverage and frequency. They consist of tram lines, trolleybus lines and bus lines.

#### 3. STUDENT'S TICKETS OR TRAVEL PASS

Student accepted for study will receive a student ID card. On the basis of the ID card the student can buy one way or multiple/ combined student travel tickets or a student travel pass for a validity of 30 or 90 days.

Student's one way and multiple/combined travel tickets are available from the yellow ticket machines located at the public transport stops, and in some of the newspaper stands. Ticket machines accept coins from the value of 5 cents to EUR 2 only. Immediately after entering the public transport vehicle you have to validate your ticket in stamping machine – the machines lock automatically 30 seconds after departure from the stop.

The student travel pass can be included in the student ID card or it can be issued as a separate card.

Travel tickets and travel passes are issued in special city transport ticket shops. The student travel pass is valid for all buses, trams and trolley buses.

http://imhd.zoznam.sk/ba/public-transport.html

#### 4. ABOUT TRNAVA

Trnava is the seventh largest town in the Slovak Republic with a population of almost 70,000 people, lying in the south-west corner of the country. Three European capitals: Bratislava, Vienna and Budapest lie within a radius of less than 200 km.

Trnava is one of the oldest and most beautiful mediaeval towns in Slovakia. It was the first town to be granted the privileges of a Free Royal Town. In the Middle Ages it ranked among the largest gothic towns in Central Europe. In the sixteenth century, after the Esztergom Archbishopric and Chapter had been transferred to Trnava, it became a centre of religious, social and cultural life in the Hungarian Kingdom. Trnava was in its heyday during the active period of the Trnava University in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Dozens of notable domestic and foreign architects, master-builders, sculptors and painters gave proof of their knowledge and talents in imposing works. For the generation of today, the rich history of the town is a spiritual message and a precious heritage, materialized in the beauty of architectural treasures both sacral and secular. Their styles include gothic, renaissance and baroque, from its early phase until baroque classicism. The skyline of Trnava is dominated by numerous church towers due to which the town received the epithet "Little Rome". Modern Trnava is a regional capital, an economic, political,

and cultural centre of Western Slovakia and a university town. It offers rich opportunities to participate in cultural activities. Every year, the town hosts various cultural events, festivals and important sports fixtures.

#### Places to see

More information: http://www.trnava.sk/en/article/historical-monuments

#### 5. TRANSPORTATION TO TRNAVA

The city of Trnava is the seat of the region and district and from the viewpoint of road and rail transport it has a very convenient position. Although it does not have a direct connection to air and waterway transport, an available airport is in Vienna, that is 95 km (75 min.) away, in Bratislava, that is 50 km (40 min.) away and in Piešťany, 35 km (20 min.) away. Trnava creates an important crossing not only for the national road network, but also for roads of European importance.

The city lies at the crossroads of two roads of international importance; from the Czech Republic to southern Slovakia and from Bratislava to northern Slovakia. The D1 motorway connects the city to Bratislava, Trenčín and Žilina and the R1 expressway connects it to Nitra.



# IV. Formalities, entering and staying in Slovakia, Visa and Residence Permit

## 1. INCOMING FOREIGN STUDENTS IN SLOVAKIA

How to apply for a Slovak visa

- 1. Nationals of the EU/EEA countries and Switzerland do not require an entrance visa to Slovakia, and require only a valid passport or a valid ID card. Within 10 working days upon entering Slovakia they are required to register the commencement, place and anticipated length of their residence with a police office, unless this is reported by the respective ac**commodation provider.** (A form to report residence is available at http://www.minv.sk/?pobyt-cudzinca). In cases of stays exceeding 90 days, citizens must carry out registration of right of residence of a Union citizen within 30 days before the expiry of the 90 day period of residence. Residence based on registration of the citizen's right is considered as a permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic (when leaving after the stay the registration at the permanent place of residence must be cancelled in writing).
- 2. The entrance of aliens from the other countries to the Slovak Republic territory is possible only with a travel document and visa (if required), or a travel document and residence permit. The application for a visa has to be submitted on an official application form at the embassy or consulate of the Slovak Republic abroad. The visa is usually issued for a period of at most 90 days. For a stay of longer than 90 days, it is necessary to apply for a temporary permission to stay.

The application for granting **temporary permission to stay** is completed by the alien on an official application form in person, abroad, at embassies and consulates of the Slovak Republic, or directly in the Slovak Republic at the respective Department of Aliens Police. The permission entitles the alien to reside in the Department of Aliens Police territory during the period for which the permission was granted, namely, for study purposes, for the specific purpose of executing a special activity (lectureship, artistic activity, or a study visit), or, for the purpose of research and development (in case of research mobility). For temporary permission to stay for study purposes, the students must apply for confirmation of study issued by the admitting higher education institution and/or a **Decree on** the granting of a scholarship issued by the National Office of the CEEPUS programme. Scholarship holders who will undertake the work of university teachers during their stay in the Slovak Republic, are recommended to gain from the admitting institution a confirmation of this activity (providing the basis for waiving administration fees paid for submitting the application for temporary residence).

All foreigners from outside the EU and EEA countries and Switzerland are obliged within 3 working days from entering the Slovak Republic territory to register the commencement, place and anticipated length of their residence. The requirement is usually fulfilled by the accommodation provider (student hostel, hotel). In the event of accommodation being provided in other than such accommodation establishments, it is the responsibility of the foreigner to register at the respective Department of Aliens Police.

Documents required for applying for temporary residence permit due to studies are in the part 1.9.

With regard to the conditions of granting a visa and temporary permission to stay in other cases, you are recommended to contact the nearest embassy or consulate of the Slovak Republic. For more details see the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the SR www.foreign.gov.sk (section on Travelling and Consular Info) and the Ministry of the Interior of the SR www.minv.sk (section on Border and Department of Aliens Police – Information for foreigners), or contact the EURAXESS service centre in Slovakia www.euraxess.sk.

# 2. RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION, DIPLOMAS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Slovak Republic has its own legal regulations governing the recognition of educational qualifications awarded abroad. It is also bound by international agreements (especially those of the European Union and European Economic Area) and bilateral agreements to which it has acceded or which it has

concluded with regard to qualifications acquired in another state.

The terms of recognition of diplomas mean recognition of a diploma, issued by a foreign higher education institution or other authorised body according to the regulations of the respective state, as equivalent to a diploma issued by a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic.

#### Recognition of documents verifying completion of a secondary education for academic purposes

When submitting their applications for Bachelor's Studies at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, all applicants who have successfully completed their secondary education abroad shall submit a confirmation/nostrification of the recognition of the equivalence of documents they obtained abroad. This document (confirmation/nostrification) is issued by the relevant District Office in the Slovak Republic, depending on the applicant's residence.

#### Contact to the:

District Office in Bratislava – Section for Education: veronika.rechtova@ksuba.sk, info@ksuba.sk +421 2 492 078 06 District Office in Trnava – Section for Education: eva.huttova@ksutt.sk, ksu@ksutt.sk, +421 33 55 502 03 Link to the District Offices in the Slovak Republic: http://www.minv.sk/?OU\_BA

Applicants who have completed their studies in countries with which the Slovak Republic has an agreement on the mutual recognition of educational documents concluded – the Czech Republic, the Croatian Republic, the Hungarian Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Polish Republic and Romania – will receive a 'confirmation' issued by the relevant District Office.	Applicants who have completed their studies in other countries will receive a 'nostrification' issued by the relevant District Office.
The following shall be attached to an application:	The following shall be attached to an application:
a completed <b>application form</b> available on the web page of the relevant Office	a completed <b>application form</b> available on the web page of the relevant Office
<ul> <li>a verified copy of a document on school completion, a school- leaving examination or a final examination, absolutorium, or a similar examination</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a verified copy of a document on school completion, a school- leaving examination or a final examination, absolutorium, or a similar examination</li> </ul>
The authenticity of signatures and of the school stamp on the original documents shall be verified by an Apostille.  A list of member countries and their relevant offices verifying documents is included in the The Hague Convention.  Applicants from the Czech Republic and Austria do not need Apostilles.	The authenticity of signatures and of the school stamp on the original documents shall be verified by:  Apostille – a list of member countries and their relevant offices verifying documents is included in the The Hague Convention.  Legalisation and superlegalisation – for other applicants – verified by the relevant state authority: the relevant Ministry or notary's office in the respective country (where the education was undertaken) and the embassy of the Slovak Republic in that country.
	<ul> <li>verified list of subjects, including the number of lessons in individual study years (curriculum), if the successful completion of the whole study does not result from the document stated above.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>foreign school's confirmation of the scope of practical schooling if it is a profiling part of education and is not included in the curriculum.</li> </ul>
<b>Official Slovak translation</b> of the document obtained abroad. The translation shall be made by a certified translator. Documents issued in the Czech language need not be translated.	Official Slovak translation of the documents obtained abroad. The translation shall be made by a certified translator.
Protocol on supplementary examinations (only Slovak nationals)	Protocol on supplementary examinations (only Slovak nationals)

<b>Fee Stamp</b> of € 6.50	Fee stamp of € 6.50
Identity paper (ID card, passport)	Identity paper (ID card, passport)
Opinion on the equivalence of the foreign study (recognition of marks)	Opinion on the equivalence of the foreign study (recognition of marks)
The Opinion is issued by:	The Opinion is issued by:
The Ministry of Education, Science,	The Ministry of Education, Science,
Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic	Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic
Centre for Recognition of Diplomas	Centre for Recognition of Diplomas
(Stredisko na uznávanie dokladov o vzdelaní)	(Stredisko na uznávanie dokladov o vzdelaní)
Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
Application-related information:	Application-related information:
in Slovak: http://www.minedu.sk/	in Slovak: http://www.minedu.sk/
ekvivalencia-studia-na-zakladnych-a-strednych-skolach-v-zahranici/	ekvivalencia-studia-na-zakladnych-a-strednych-skolach-v-zahranici/
in English: http://www.minedu.sk/equivalence-of-studies-abroad/	in English: http://www.minedu.sk/equivalence-of-studies-abroad/

### Recognition of diplomas of higher education for academic purposes

When recognizing education diplomas issued by a foreign university, the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava takes into consideration the following legislation:

- Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on amendments and supplements to certain laws (hereinafter referred to as the "Act");
- Decree of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic No. 238/2005 Coll. on Procedures for Recognition of Diplomas on Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Decree").

#### In view of the Act:

- (1) Recognition of an education diploma issued by the higher educational institution located outside of the territory of the Slovak Republic, or by other institution authorised by the legislation of a particular state, is a procedure in which assessment is made whether the conditions for issuing the education diploma which is to be recognized are equivalent to those according to this law. Recognition of education diplomas as the documents of professional qualification for the purpose of pursuing an occupation are subject to special legislation.
- (2) The following institutions shall decide on recognizing education documents:
- a) universities in the Slovak Republic providing courses in equal or similar fields of study to those stated in the submitted education diploma; if the content of the course which the student has finished is only partially equal/similar, the university may order the applicant to sit complementary exams or possibly to make and vindicate a Bachelor, Graduation and Dissertation thesis; universities shall automatically decide on recognizing the education document in line with paragraph 1, if the respective state has an international agreement concluded with the Slovak Republic on mutual recognition and equality of education diplomas, and diplomas stated in the paragraph 1 form its part,
- b) the Ministry, if there is no university in the Slovak Republic providing courses in equal or similar fields of study as stated in the presented diploma.
- (3) The applicant whose educational diploma has been recognized in line with the paragraph 2 is entitled to use the academic title and its abbreviation in the territory of the Slovak Republic in the form as these have been awarded to him/her in line with the domestic legal regulations of the state where the diploma was issued and in the language of that state. If the academic title or its abbreviation were interchangeable with titles awarded on the basis of the Act for which different conditions need to be met in order to obtain the qualification than in the state where the education diploma was issued, the Ministry shall decide on using the appropriate academic title.
- (4) Details on the procedure of recognizing education diplomas for academic purposes shall be stipulated by a public statute on the procedure for recognizing educational diplomas.
- (5) The authenticity of signatures and the school stamp on original copies of the diplomas stated in the paragraph 1 shall be proved by a national body competent for its verification, or by a notary's office of the respective state, with a stamp of the Slovak Embassy of that state, if not otherwise stipulated by the international agreement.
- (6) The decision on the recognition of an educational document includes a statement that the decision is not the document on the recognition of professional qualifications.

#### Recognition of diplomas of higher education for academic purposes

**Before applying** it is necessary to take note of the current list of the accredited study programmes. The higher education institutions can decide on recognition of diplomas issued only in equal or similar fields of study.

#### The required documents:

- 1. Duly completed application for recognizing an education diploma issued by a foreign university;
- 2. **Notary-certified copy of a diploma** or other educational document issued by a foreign university officially translated into the Slovak language (Official Czech translation is also sufficient)\*;
- 3. **Notary-certified copy of a diploma supplement** or a certified copy of an extract from completed subjects and exams passed officially translated into the Slovak language (Official Czech translation is also sufficient)\*;
- 4. The authenticity of signatures and the school stamp on original copies of the education documents shall be certified:
  - Documents obtained in the Czech Republic and in Austria do not need a higher certification (Apostil);
  - Apostil shall be on the educational documents issued in countries, that have signed The Hague Convention on the Cancellation of the Requirement of a Higher Certification of Foreign Public Records. A list of the particular offices authorised for certification in the respective countries is published in The Hague Convention;
  - Legalisation and Super-Legalisation shall be on the documents issued in all other countries. Certification must provide a national body
    competent for verification or a notary's office of the respective state with a stamp of the Slovak Embassy of that state;
- Certificate of fee payment (40 €). The fee is to be paid by a bank transfer or by a Slovak postal money order. The university may require the
  applicant to also submit other documents and information as necessary for assessing the application.

If the diploma is issued in the state that has an international agreement concluded with the Slovak Republic (e.g. the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Romania); then the university shall decide on recognizing the education document automatically (the university may not order the applicant to sit additional exams or to complete and defend a Bachelor, Graduation and Dissertation thesis).

#### Period for taking a decision

30 days from the start of proceedings, or in particularly complicated cases, not later than 60 days.

#### Fee Payment Details

1. For transactions within the Slovak Republic:

Addressee: Slovenska technicka univerzita v Bratislave (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava)

Address: Vazovova 5, 812 43 Bratislava, Slovakia

Account No. 7000084007

Bank code: 8180 Constant symbol: 0308 Variable symbol: 901111

Information for the addressee: sender's surname - recognition

#### 2. For international transactions:

Addressee: Slovenska technicka univerzita v Bratislave (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava)

Address: Vazovova 5, 812 43 Bratislava, Slovakia

Bank connection: Vseobecna uverova banka, a.s., Mlynske Nivy 1, 829 90 Bratislava, Slovakia

SWIFT Code: SUBASKBX

Account Number: 7000084007/8180 IBAN: SK888180000007000084007

Information for the addressee: 901111 and the sender's surname

#### Address:

Department of Education and Student Care / Útvar vzdelávania a starostlivosti o študentov

Rektorat STU

Vazovova 5, 812 43 Bratislava, Slovakia

#### Other Information

More information on education recognition can be found on the web site of the Centre for Recognition of Diplomas of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

<sup>\*</sup>The current list of authorized translators is provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.













#### 3. DUTIES UPON ARRIVAL IN SLOVAKIA

After being granted the temporary permission to stay, the national of the third country must come to Slovakia within 80 days. In addition to meeting the requirements concerning visa and temporary stay, the alien must report each of his/her movements in the territory of Slovakia within 3 working days at the respective Department of Aliens Police of the Slovak Republic. This reporting is usually completed by the accommodation facility (e.g., hotel, hostel or student dormitory, in which the citizen of the third country is accommodated). If the person is accommodated in private accommodation (e.g., in a hired apartment or with his/her friends) he/she must do so in person at the Department of Aliens Police, and he/she must take out health insurance with one of the insurance agencies within 3 working days from obtaining the residence permit.

Moreover, in cases of a temporary stay for business purposes, the alien must report to the Department of Aliens Police the Trade Register (if the registration in the Register is required) within 60 days after obtaining the residence permit.

### 4. CONTACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF ALIENS POLICE IN BRATISLAVA

Oddelenie cudzineckej polície PZ Bratislava Hrobákova 44, Bratislava 851 02, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 9610 36855 +421 9610 36859

#### Working hours:

7:30 - 12:00Monday

Wednesday 7:30 – 12:00, 12:30 – 15:00

7:30 - 12:00Friday

http://www.minv.sk/?information-for-foreigners

#### 5. HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

For foreign students (BA, MA, and PhD students) in Slovakia, the requirement for public health insurance arises on the day of starting the study or scholarship stay, if they do not have permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic any more, and are not insured in another member state of the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation.

Within 30 days at the latest from the date of obtaining the residence permit, the applicants must also submit to the respective Department of Aliens Police in the territory of Slovak Republic the document of health insurance and a medical opinion, not older than 30 days, confirming that the alien does not suffer from any public health threatening diseases. The application for public health insurance shall be submitted to one of the health insurance companies, according to foreign students' own choice.

The medical certificate confirming that he/she does not suffer from any exotic disease threatening public health is issued by the following medical centre in Bratislava, accepted by the Aliens Police: Poliklinika cudzokrajných chorôb (Exotic Diseases Clinic), ZAMA s.r.o., Americké námestie 3, Bratislava, tel.: +421 2 529 25688, Fax: +421 2 529 62732, e-mail: info@cudzokrajne.sk, www.cudzokrajne.sk.

#### Additional Individual Health Insurance

Foreigners who are not duly insured can take out contractual health insurance in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

#### Health insurance providers:

www.vszp.sk

www.dovera.sk (in Slovak only)

http://www.union.sk/health-insurance-for-foreigners

# V. Services for Students

- 7 libraries, on-line access to databases
- 8 student houses
- free Internet
- canteens and cafes
- health care services
- sport facilities

#### 1. LEARNING FACILITIES

The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava has 7 specialised libraries. Each library is located inside a faculty premises and contains literature orientated to the respective faculty study programmes.

Students can enjoy access to scientific databases and electronic information sources there, and also offer a quiet environment for studying.

#### 2. ACCOMMODATION

Students can apply for accommodation in 1-3 bed rooms in the student halls of residence of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. Capacities are limited and so early application is recommended.

1, 2, 3 - bed rooms are arranged independently or into units with more rooms with standard equipment (en-suite shower and toilet, or shared between a corridor) and access to the internet.

Student accommodation is provided on the basis of the official acceptation letter for study.

Prices per bed vary between 70-100 EUR/month.

### Student halls of residence situated in Bratislava

- Mladá Garda, Račianska 103, 831 02 Bratislava 35
- Nikosa Belojanisa, Wilsonova 6, 811 07 Bratislava 1
- Jura Hronca, Bernolákova 1, 811 07 Bratislava 1
- Svoradov, Svoradova 13, 811 03 Bratislava 1
- Mladosť, Staré Grunty 53, 842 47 Bratislava 4
- Dobrovičova, Dobrovičova 14, 811 09 Bratislava 1
- Mýtna, Mýtna 28, 30, 32, 34, 811 07 Bratislava 1

### Student halls of residence situated in Trnava

Miloša Uhra in Trnava, Bottova 23, 917 74 Trnava

In the halls of residence students will find canteens, buffets, health care and sports services.

#### Private accommodation

Students can arrange accommodation for themselves in private flats. Real estate agencies will help in finding suitable private digs. Prices depend on the number of rooms, varying from around 300-800 EUR/month.



#### 3. SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

The halls of residence belonging to the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava were built up as complex centres providing students with all services they need, including sport activities. There is a gym in each hall.



#### Student house Mladá Garda, Bratislava

Račianska 103, 831 02 Bratislava

This hall of residence also offers other services such as a Fitness centre, massage and relax centre, athletic stadium, Judo club, the P. Glesko sports centre with multifunction pitches for tennis, floorball, hockey, mini football, volleyball, basketball, and streetball.

### Faculty of Civil Engineering, Bratislava

Sports centre

Technická 5, 821 04 Bratislava

The sports centre provides tennis courts and beach volleyball courts from May to October.

### Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Bratislava

Námestie slobody 17, 812 31 Bratislava

The sports centre offers a multifunction gym for basketball, floorball, and a sauna.

# Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Bratislava

Ilkovičova 3, 812 19 Bratislava

The sports centre has a gym, swimming pool, climbing wall (block T), and marksmanship club.

# Faculty of Material Sciences and Technology, Trnava

J. Bottu 2, 917 74 Trnava

The sports centre provides a swimming pool, tennis courts, a gym, table tennis tables, a basketball court, football pitch, and sauna.

# VI. Grants and Scholarships

Information on scholarship for international students is provided by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

Students of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava as well as international students can participate in various international programmes.

#### **ERASMUS**

The Erasmus programme enables students either to study at higher education institutions or to realise vocational training in companies situated in the European Union countries.

#### **ERASMUS MUNDUS**

The Erasmus Mundus programme is open for all students interested in study abroad.

#### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic provides scholarships to Slovak and international students for study abroad and for PhD. students for research abroad.

#### **CEEPUS**

(Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies)

The Ceepus programme provides scholarships supporting exchanges of students between Albania, Bosna a Hercegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Monte Negro, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldavia, Poland, Austria, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Serbia, and the University in Prištine, Kosovo.

#### **ACTION AUSTRIA-SLOVAKIA**

The Action Austria-Slovakia programme is the bilateral programme supporting cooperation between Austria and Slovakia in the area of exchange of students, PhD. students, teachers and researchers.

More information about exchange study stay at:

 $http://www.stuba.sk/english/international-activities/exchange-students-1.html?page\_id=1103$ 



# VII. Useful Addresses and Links

#### Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

Vazovova 5, 812 43 Bratislava 1, Slovak Republic

Tel.: + 421 2 57 29 41 11 Fax: + 421 2 57 29 45 37 E-mail: public@stuba.sk

www.stuba.sk

#### Department of International Relations

E-mail: prorektor.zahr@stuba.sk

## Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 2 59 37 41 11 www.minedu.sk www.studyin.sk

#### Slovak Rectors' Conference (SRK)

Konventná 1, 811 02 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 903 23 23 51 Fax: +421 2 54 13 12 38 E-mail: srk@srk.sk www.srk.sk

#### Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV, Presidium)

Štefánikova 49, 814 38 Bratislava 1, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 2 57 51 01 11 Fax: +421 2 57 51 06 08

www.sav.sk

# Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation (SAAIC)

Svoradova 1, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 2 20 92 22 01 Fax: +421 2 20 92 22 09

E-mail: llp@saaic.sk, erasmus@saaic.sk

www.saaic.sk

#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Hlboká cesta 2, 833 36 Bratislava 37, Slovak Republic

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#### Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

Pribinova 2, 812 72 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 2 5094 1111 +421 2 5094 4397

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#### Department of Aliens Police in Bratislava

Oddelenie cudzineckej polície PZ Bratislava Hrobákova 44, 851 02 Bratislava 5, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 9610 36855 +421 9610 36859

http://www.minv.sk/?information-for-foreigners

#### SAIA, n. o. (Slovak Academic Information Agency)

Námestie slobody 23, 812 20 Bratislava 1, Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 2 54 41 14 26, 54 41 14 46

Fax: +421 2 54 41 14 29 E-mail: saia@saia.sk

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