



# BALTIJAS STARPTAUTISKĀ AKADĒMIJA

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## International Exchange Programme 2012/2013

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### Basic Information

Baltic International Academy (BIA) is the biggest non-governmental institution of higher education in the Baltic states and Eastern Europe established in 1992. The number of academy students today amounts to 5703, including more than 450 foreign students from 22 countries worldwide. More than 15 000 graduates of BIA work in 15 countries worldwide.

BIA offers lectures and master classes carried out by 300 staff lecturers, 100 of whom are doctors of sciences and professors.

### Language Requirements

Students must have a solid command of the English language if studies at BIA are to be successful. The knowledge of Russian or Latvian is needed if the student wishes to take subjects in these languages.

### Application Procedure

Documents for incoming ERASMUS students:

- Foreign Exchange Student Application Form;
- Photocopy of passport;
- Learning agreement;
- 2 passport-size photos (2x3 cm);

Accommodation should be reserved in advance, at least 1 month before arrival. Certain dates of arrival and departure should be indicated. The date of ERASMUS student's arrival to BIA should be agreed with the ERASMUS coordinator.

All the documents should be sent by post to:

<p><b>Ms. Viktorija Petlak</b> <b>Baltijas Starptautiskā akadēmija (Baltic International Academy)</b> <b>Lomonosova iela 4</b> <b>LV-1003 Riga</b> <b>LATVIA</b></p>
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and scanned copies of the documents to the e-mail: [erasmus@bsa.edu.lv](mailto:erasmus@bsa.edu.lv)

Students must have a valid passport during their stay in Latvia. For any information concerning residence permits, please contact the Embassy of Latvia in your country.

Moreover, students should inform the ERASMUS coordinator if they need a residence permit or any other kind of documents for their legal stay in Latvia.

### **Deadline for Application for Erasmus Incoming Students**

Autumn semester, whole year – April 30<sup>th</sup>

Spring semester – November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Academic Calendar**

- 3 September – start of the academic year
- 21 December – end of lectures for the autumn semester
- 24 December – 4 January – Christmas holidays
- 7 January – 1 February – exam period for the autumn semester
- 4 February – start of lectures for the spring semester
- 31 May – end of lectures for the spring semester
- 3 June – 28 June – exam period for the spring semester
- 1 July – 20 August – summer holidays

### **Courses**

The list of programmes and their detailed descriptions are available online at:

<http://bsa.edu.lv/lang/eng/erasmus.html>.

### **Exams**

Students pass exams at the end of the semester to get credit for the courses they have taken at BIA. Exams generally last 60-90 minutes. Professors are allotted up to six weeks to register their exam results. Therefore, it may take up to two months for students to receive their transcript.

### **Grading and Credit Point System**

The explanation of the ECTS grade transcript can be found on each student's transcript of records. Please note that students only get credits for the exams which they have passed. Just attending the lectures is not sufficient to receive any credits!

<b>Latvian grade</b>	10	9	8, 7	6	5	4	3, 2, 1
<b>ECTS grade</b>	A+	A	B	C	D	E	F

### **Language Courses**

Language courses of Russian and Latvian for incoming students are available on request in advance – work in groups or individually. After finishing them every student gets a certificate of completion.

More information about the BIA Russian Language School is available online at:

[www.rls.bsa.edu.lv](http://www.rls.bsa.edu.lv)

### **Accommodation**

Housing is provided by a partner student hostel “Prima”, located on the neighbouring street, Rēznas iela. The room should be booked by contacting Prima directly on the e-mail [prima@lu.lv](mailto:prima@lu.lv). Their informational pages (location, prices, etc): <http://www.visitlatvia.lv/en/hostel/prima>, <http://www.viss.lv/en/?p=151040>.

Prices may vary depending on accommodation quality. Renting a flat could cost starting from 100 EUR/month per person when sharing a flat.

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