

VIET NAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HO CHI MINH CITY

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

# FACT SHEET ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025



## ABOUT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City

	City	
ABOUT		CONTACT
	International University –	
	Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City	
	Established: 2003	International University -
<u> </u>		Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh
1 -	Type: the first public English-speaking University in Vietnam	City
•	Campus: Thu Duc City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Address: Quarter 6, Linh Trung Ward, Thu Duc
-	Schools & Departments: 11	City, Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam
•	Students: 10,283	Phone: +84 (028) 37244270 Ext: 3220
•	Study levels: Undergraduate and Graduate degrees	Website: https://hcmiu.edu.vn/
•	Fields of Study: 23 Undergraduate and 15 Graduate programs	
	Faculty members: 226 in total, with 107 PhDs, 47 Associate	Center for International Mobility (CIM)
	sors, 05 Professors, and 67 Masters	Office of External and Public Relations
•	Staff: 301	International University, Room A2.604
•	Academic Calendar:	Address: Quarter 6, Linh Trung Ward, Thu Duc
-	Semester I (Fall Semester): September - January	City, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
-	Semester II (Spring Semester): February - June	Phone: +84 (028) 37244270 Ext 3617
-	Semester III (Summer Semester): July - August	Website: https://cim.hcmiu.edu.vn/
•	Quality Assurance and Accreditation:	
<b>✓</b>	Institutional Accreditation:	Ms. DINH, Kim Phung
*	National Accreditation by Ministry of Education and Training	Deputy Head, Office of External Public
_	r) (2016);	Relations
	External Assessment by ASEAN University Network Quality	Head, Center for International Mobility
	ince (AUN-QA) (2019)	dkphung@hcmiu.edu.vn
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<b>√</b>	ABET Accreditation:	❖ Ms. LE, Huynh Bao Tram
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering (2018),	Inbound Coordinator for Exchange
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (2018)	Program
✓	MOET Quality Accreditation	Ihbtram@hcmiu.edu.vn
*	Master of Public Management (2020)	motrame nema.eda.vii
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Food Technology (2023)	❖ Ms. NGUYEN, Bao Han
✓	CBSP (ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND	Outbound Coordinator for Exchange
PROGI	•	Program
*	Bachelor of Business Administration (2023)	nbhan@hcmiu.edu.vn
✓	ASIIN (the Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in	manane manua.caa.vii
Engine	eering, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Mathematics)	
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Food Technology (2023)	
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology (2023)	
*	Bachelor of Science in Data Science (2023)	
*	Bachelor of Engineering in Control Engineering and Automation	
(2023)		
✓	ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance at Program	
Level:		
1.	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (2009, 2017)	
2.	Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (2011, 2017)	
3.	Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (2012, 2017)	

- 4. Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (2013)
  5. Bachelor of Engineering in Industrial and Systems Engineering (2015)
  6. Bachelor of Engineering in Riemadical Engineering (2015)
  - 6. Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering (2015)
  - 7. Bachelor of Engineering in Food Technology (2017)
  - 8. Master of Science in Biotechnology (2016)
  - 9. Master of Engineering in Industrial Systems Engineering (2016)
  - 10. Bachelor of Food Technology (2017)
  - 11. Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Banking (2018)
  - 12. Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering (2018)
  - 13. Master of Business Administration (2019)

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS**

SCHOOLS	DEPARTMENTS
1. Business	1. Physics
2. Computer Science and Engineering	2. Mathematics
3. Electrical Engineering	
4. Biotechnology	
5. Industrial Engineering and Management	
6. Biomedical Engineering	
7. Electrical Engineering	
8. Economics, Finance and Accounting	
9. Chemical and Environmental Engineering	
10. Civil Engineering and Management	

#### **TRAINING LEVELS**

	BACHELOR LEVEL		MASTER LEVEL		PH.D LEVEL
1.	Business Administration	1.	<b>Business Administration</b>	1.	<b>Business Administration</b>
2.	Finance & Banking	2.	Biotechnology	2.	Biotechnology
3.	Control Engineering & Automation	3.	Information Technology Management	3.	Biomedical Engineering
4.	Biomedical Engineering	4.	Electrical Engineering	4.	Public Management (Vietnamese only)
5.	Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering	5.	Biomedical Engineering	5. Ma	Industrial Engineering & anagement
6.	Information Technology	6.	Food Technology		
7.	Industrial & Systems Engineering	7.	Public Management (Vietnamese only)		

8. Logistics and Supply Chain	8. Industrial & Systems
Management	Engineering
9. Civil Engineering	9. Logistic and Supply Chain
	Management
10. Space Engineering	10. Electronics Engineering
11. Environmental Engineering	
12. Biotechnology	
13. Accounting	
14. Food Technology	
15. Applied Mathematics	
16. Chemical Engineering	
17. Chemistry	
18. English Linguistics	
19. Data Science	
20. Construction Management	
21. Computer Science	
22. Economics (Data Analysis in	
Economics)	
23. Applied Statistics	

#### **OVERVIEW OF IU STUDENT EXCHANGE and STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

#### **IU STUDENTS EXCHANGE and STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS (IU-SEaSAP)**

#### 1. IU STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- ➤ Incoming Exchange Program: IU offers international students an opportunity to explore academic interests and improve cross-cultural understanding by taking one or two semesters at IU. Students enrolling in these programs will not be awarded a degree from IU; however, they can transfer credits to their home university upon completion of their study in Vietnam.
- ➤ Outgoing Exchange Program: IU students are provided with a chance to earn valuable international experience and cultural awareness by involving in the study at one of IU's partners institutions around the globe in one or two semesters. Students enrolled in these programs will not be awarded the degree from the partner university; however, they can transfer credits to IU upon completion of their study overseas.

#### 2. STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

> Incoming Study Abroad Program: a regular full tuition program for international students whose home university is not an IU partner or students who are not selected for the exchange program. Students enrolling in this program are responsible for paying the tuition fee to IU.

> Outgoing Study Abroad Program: a regular full tuition program for IU students who desire to study at non-IU exchange partners or students who are not selected for the exchange program. IU students going on this program should pay tuition fees to the host university.

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#### STUDY TOUR PROGRAM / FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

The faculty-led/non faculty-led program is customized to provide participants with cultural experiences, academic opportunities, closely address participants' interests as well as bring them closer to values which just can be found in Vietnam.

Basically, IU offers tailor-made study tour program for a duration from 01 to 02 weeks. Please contact us for further details.

Cultural Activities	Academic Activities
Exploration Tours	Lectures
Market Tour	Company Visit
Field Trips	Campus Tour
Vietnamese Traditional Form of Entertainment	Group Discussion
Cultural-Oriented Classes	Project/Presentation

#### SERVICES FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

To assist international students and scholars with the challenges that they might face during their time abroad, we provide supporting services as follows:

Immigration & Visa	Academic Support and Consulting
Health Insurance	IU Policies and Procedures
Accommodation	Daily Challenges (personal and social matters)
Orientation	Cultural Adjustment
Buddy Program	Alumni Network for International Students

### **DETAILS OF IU STUDENT EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

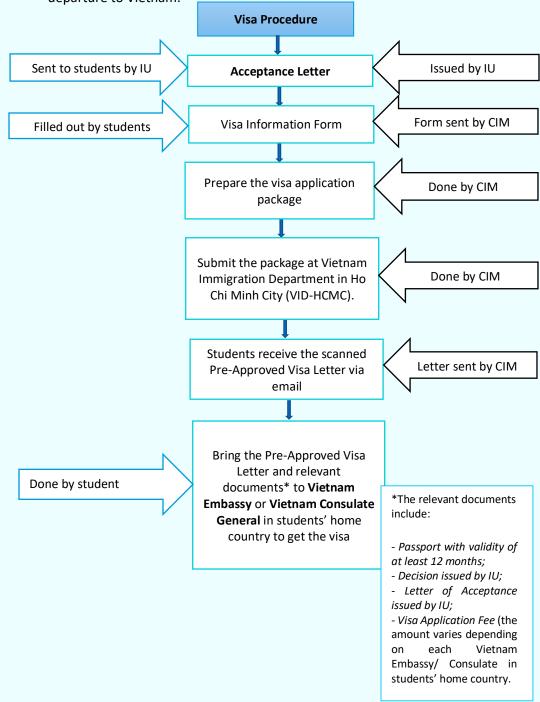
APPLICATION INFORMATION			
Eligibility	Entry Requirements		
		To be considered for the Student Exchange and Study Abroad Programs, undergraduate and graduate applicants must:	
	<ul> <li>Complete at least one year of full-time study (undergraduate level) or one semester of full-time study (graduate level)</li> <li>Achieve GPA at least of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent</li> <li>Accept to be a full-time exchange student at IU (no less than 12 credits per semester)</li> <li>Have a letter of nomination from the home institution as required for exchange students (or letter of approval for participating in Study Abroad Program at IU)</li> </ul>		
Required Application	Step1	Nomination	To be an exchange student, student must be nominated by the home institution.
Documents	Step 2	Complete the Application Package	<ul> <li>Fill in and attach all required documents:</li> <li>An application form (for exchange program)</li> <li>A letter of nomination from your home university (or letter of approval for participating in Study Abroad Program at International University)</li> <li>An official transcript</li> <li>An evidence of English Proficiency</li> <li>A copy of passport</li> <li>All documents should be certified and translated into English.</li> </ul>
	Step 3	Submission	Submit the applications to the Student Exchange office at the Home Institution.
	Step 4	Application Outcome	Once student's home institution confirms that student is selected for the program, he/she will receive an official notification package from IU, including:  - An Acceptance Letter - General information before your arrival includes Visa, Accommodation, Health insurance, Orientation Days, Academic schedule - Registrar forms for visa, accommodation, buddy program, airport pick up service, courses At the same time, IU incoming coordinator will assist student for the next steps.
Nomination Deadlines	Nomination > May 01 for Semester 1 (September – January): Fall Semester		

Nomination Procedure	An email contains following information should be sent to IU Inbound Coordinator address:  - Name and email address of the student(s)  - Field of study  - Level of desired study at IU (undergraduate or graduate level)  - Duration of exchange term	
Application Deadlines	<ul> <li>May 15<sup>th</sup> for Semester 1 (September – January): Fall Semester</li> <li>October 15<sup>th</sup> for Semester 2 (January – June): Spring Semester</li> </ul>	
Application Procedure	Students have 02 weeks to complete the Application package and send to IU Inbound Coordinator.  Once a student is accepted to IU they will received the Letter of Acceptance and the supporting documents of courses registration, accommodation options and airport pick up service by email. The original Letter of Acceptance will be sent to student home university (if required).	
English requirements	No English proficiency assessment is required for students who live in an English-speaking country or study in a tertiary institution where the language of instruction is English.  If students are not from an English-speaking country or if the language of instruction a students' Home Institution is not English, one of the following certificates is applied:  — IELTS minimum overall band score of 6.0 (no sub-score bellow 5.5);  — TOEFL (PBT) minimum score of 550;  — TOEFL (CBT) minimum score of 213;  — TOEFL (iBT) minimum score of 61 (no sub-score bellow 19);  — Unicert 1 (Certified by German Academic Exchange Service — DAAD);  — CEFR Level B1 (Common European Framework of Reference's English Certificate);  — Language Confirmation Letter from IU Partner Universities	

#### **SERVICES**

#### **Visa Process**

- > Student Visa (Type: DH) is a non-immigrant visa that does not require the holder to obtain citizenship. Any prospective students seeking higher education in Vietnam must obtain a student visa.
- ➤ Center for International Mobility (CIM) is the unit at International University that supports international students to obtain the pre-approval visa before their departure to Vietnam.



#### Notes:

- Visa on Arrival is issued only when there are not any representative diplomatic offices such as Vietnam Embassy or Vietnam Consulate General in students' home country;
- If student enters Vietnam using different types of visa such as tourist visa: student need to exit our country and re-enter in order to apply for DH student visa.

#### **Cost of Living**

Students will prepare at least USD 3,200 (or 2,720 EUR) per semester for living costs in Vietnam, including room, meals, textbooks, materials, student's activities and personal expenses.

The table below shows an approximate budget for a student taking the exchange semester at IU. The amount varies depending on each student's specific needs.

onth + 1 or 2 month(s) rent deposit

#### **Buddy Program**

Buddy Program is offered to international students with no cost. It is a program for newly-admitted international undergraduates & incoming exchange students. IU offers the Buddy Program, in which new international students will be paired up with local students (Buddy Mentors) who provide a helping hand and friendship to the international new comers at IU.

- > IU buddies will contact incoming students via email to get to know about their new friends, and help incoming students to be well-prepared prior to their departure to Vietnam, normally in middle July.
- > IU buddies also provide assistance during the stay and studies of international students in Vietnam.

#### **Airport Pick-up**

IU also offers Airport pick up service for new international students.

- ➤ Airport Pick-Up Form need to be completed at least 7 working-days before students' arrival in Ho Chi Minh City;
- ➤ International students will then be picked up at Tan Son Nhat International Airport by their buddy and transported directly to the accommodation destination of their choice. However, international students are responsibility for the cost of this trip.

#### **Web Account**

On the First Day of the Orientation Week, international student will be provided an account that gives them access to university's e-mail, Edusoft web (including course registration, time table, exam schedule, student scores) and Blackboard.

\*Note: IU offers free wireless around its campuses

	center for international Mobility (Cir		
Orientation	Dates in details will be updated one month before the start of semester		
Week	Orientation Program		
	Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City	International students are advised to arrive in Ho Chi Minh City at least 1 week prior to the start of each semester.	
	First Day	The first day of the Orientation Week is the most important day of the Week since all of the important information relating to students' studies (accounts and courses registration), living matters in Ho Chi Minh City, daily challenges, etc. will be inducted on this day.	
Health Insurance	<ul> <li>International students are responsible for the cost of such insurance.</li> <li>International students purchase their own overseas health insurance from their home country should make sure that this insurance valid through their stay in Vietnam. IU reserves the right to ask for proof of insurance when students submit the application package.</li> </ul>		
Where to go for questions?	and the second second		

		SEMESTER INF	ORMATION	
Type of	Three-semester system:			
academic	ه Semest	er 1 : September – J	anuary/February	
calendar		er 2 : January/February – June		
	o Sullille	r semester : June – August	•	
What are the		UNDERGRADI	JATE PROGRAMS (2024-2025)	
academic		Semester 1 (20 weeks)		
calendar dates?		Start of courses	02 September, 2024	
		Midterm Exam	28 October – 09 November, 2024	
		Final Exams	06 January, 2025 – 18 January, 2025	
		Semester 2 (20 weeks)		
		Start of courses	03 February, 2025	
		Midterm Exam	31 March – 12 April, 2025	
		Final Exams	09 June – 21 June, 2025	
		Summer Semester (8 weeks)		
		Start of courses	23 June, 2025	
		End of courses	16 August, 2025	
		GRADUATE PROGRAMS (2024-2025) Semester 1 (20 weeks)		
		Start of courses	09 September, 2024	
		End of courses	18 January, 2025	

	Center for international Mob		
	Including examination period. The examination schedule may vary depending on each school/department		
	Semester 2 (20 weeks)	•	
	Start of courses	03 February, 2025	
	End of courses	21 June, 2025	
	Including examination	period. The examination schedule may vary	
	depending on each sch		
	Summer Semester (8 v	-	
	Start of courses	23 June, 2025	
	End of courses	16 August, 2025	
Holidays	❖ Semester 1:		
Holidays / Days-	- New Year 's day: 01 January 2	2025	
off	<b>Note:</b> There is no day-off on C		
OII	Semester 2:	,	
	- Lunar New Year: 27 January,	2025 – 31 January, 2025	
	- Hung King's day: 07 April, 202	25	
	<ul> <li>Independence Day and Labor</li> </ul>	Day: 30 April to 01 May 2025	
	COURSE IN	IFORMATION	
What is the	What is the		
main language of instruction?	English		
Course	The information of course	registration will be provided to exchange students two	
Registration/	months prior to the begin	ning of each semester. Students should have the	
<b>Dropping or</b>	approval from their home	institution before participating in any courses.	
Withdrawing	One week after the classe	s begin, students cannot drop or withdraw the courses.	
from the course			
	completed credit toward their transcript.		
What is the	-	edits ≤ Workload per semester ≤ 24 credits	
standard full-	Summer Semester: 6 credits ≤ Wo		
time		equate to approximately 15 hours, including all forms	
workload?	of teaching contact.		
Course	Students are expected to complete	course registration online before their arrival in Vietnam	
Registration	(in August for Fall Semester and in December for Spring Semester). The process includes:		
	1. Before the registration		
	Students are provided with (1) an IU account to log in IU registration platform name		
	Edusoftweb at http://edusoftw	eb.hcmiu.edu.vn/, (2) a list of opened subjects fo	
	Fall/Spring Semester to prepare	for the registration - login and testing account is highly	
	recommended, and (3) notification on specific timeline (GMT+7) to register courses.		
	2. During the registration		
	Students log in the registration system at <a href="http://edusoftweb.hcmiu.edu.vn/">http://edusoftweb.hcmiu.edu.vn/</a> by u		
	provided user names and passwords		

\*Minimum credits to be taken per semester: 14

\*Maximum credits to be taken per semester: 24

#### 3. After the registration

Students can modify their own Timetable and add/drop courses only in the first week of each semester.

\*Students can always seek further support from IU Inbound Coordinator.

#### **CREDIT/ GRADING SYSTEM AND COURSE ASSESSMENT**

#### **Credit system**

- IU has a similar credit system to the U.S system. Every 1 IU credit equals to 1.54 ECTS credit (for 01 theory credit) or 2.0 ECTS credit (for 01 practical credit).
- Each credit represents 15 hours of theoretical lectures per semester, plus 30 hours of student self-preparation time at home
- Normally each course is awarded 3 credits and each contact hour is presented 45 minutes spending time in the classroom.

Grading system	Classification	100 – Point Grading	Letter Grades	4- Point Grading
	Passing			
	Excellent	90 <u>&lt;</u> GPA <u>&lt;</u> 100	A+	4.0
	Very good	80 <u>&lt;</u> GPA < 90	А	3.5
	Good	70 <u>&lt;</u> GPA < 80	B+	3.0
	Fair	60 <u>&lt;</u> GPA < 70	В	2.5
	Average	50 <u>&lt;</u> GPA < 60	С	2.0
	No passing			
	Weak	40 <u>&lt; G</u> PA < 50	D+	1.5
	Very weak	30 <u>&lt;</u> GPA < 40	D	1.0
		GPA<30	F	0.0

#### Course Assessment

Assignment and class participation: 20-40%

Mid-term exam: 20 - 30%

Final exam: 40 - 60%

**Possibilities for** students to do their final project work/thesis work at the host institution? Bachelor/ master thesis? (Supervisor and registration on a project course is necessary.)

**Yes**, for Bachelor and Master program either.

