

Studying in Jordan

A guide for international students & families — how Jordanian higher education works, the unified admission portal and student visa, affordable tuition, English-taught medicine, and the rules.

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AFFORDABLE, ENGLISH-TAUGHT MEDICINE, SAFE & STABLE

Jordan is a **safe, stable, and affordable** Arab study destination, well known for **English-taught medicine, engineering, and technology** at respected universities (University of Jordan, JUST), plus a great environment to learn Arabic. Public-university admission runs through the government's **"Study in Jordan" portal**, and international students get a **student visa and residence permit**. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal or immigration advice. Jordanian rules, tuition, and funds change. The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with the "Study in Jordan" portal (Ministry of Higher Education), your university, and the Jordanian mission.**

Understand Why Students Choose Jordan

WHAT TO KNOW

Jordan offers **affordable, English-taught programs (notably medicine and engineering); respected universities; a safe and stable environment; a great place to learn Arabic; and rich history and culture** — a welcoming Arab study hub.

BY THE NUMBERS

Affordable

+ English medicine

Safe & stable

welcoming

Arabic

great to learn

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Jordan's **affordable English-taught medicine/engineering and stability** against restricted work rules — for English-taught health sciences on a budget, it's a strong choice.

GOOD TO KNOW

Jordan's **flourishing health sector** and internationally regarded medical programs are a major draw — often taught in English.

Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

Leading universities include the **University of Jordan (UJ — Amman, highest-ranked)**, **Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST — Irbid, medicine/engineering)**, **Yarmouk**, the **Hashemite University**, **Princess Sumaya University for Technology**, and the **German Jordanian University**. Most use a semester system (medicine/dentistry run annually).

BY THE NUMBERS

UJ

Amman, top-ranked

JUST

medicine & engineering

+ Yarmouk, PSUT

& others

HOW TO HELP

Choose by field — **JUST** for medicine/engineering, **UJ** for breadth, PSUT/German Jordanian for tech — and note medicine/dentistry run on an annual (not semester) system.

WATCH OUT

Jordan is especially known for **English-taught medicine and engineering** — confirm the program's language and structure.

Apply via the “Study in Jordan” Portal

WHAT TO KNOW

For **public universities**, international admission runs **only through the government’s “Study in Jordan” portal** (studyinjordan.jo), run by the Ministry of Higher Education’s International Student Affairs Unit (application fee ~35 JOD/\$50). **Private universities** may use the portal or take direct applications — no paid intermediary is needed.

BY THE NUMBERS

Public

via the portal only

~JOD 35 / \$50

application fee

Private

portal or direct

HOW TO HELP

Apply to **public universities through the “Study in Jordan” portal** (the only route for them), or to private universities via the portal or directly — no intermediary or extra fees needed.

WATCH OUT

Public-university international students admitted through the portal are often **treated like Jordanians for tuition** — a real saving.

Get the Student Visa & Residence Permit

WHAT TO KNOW

After admission, apply for a **student visa** at a Jordanian embassy (a long-term student visa is about **60 JOD, multiple-entry**; processing is quick, ~3–5 days), or arrange status on arrival. For longer stays you obtain a **residence permit (lkama)**. You'll show your acceptance, first-semester tuition payment, funds, and accommodation details.

BY THE NUMBERS

Student visa

~JOD 60, multi-entry

Fast

~3–5 days

Residence permit

lkama (longer stays)

HOW TO HELP

Apply for your **student visa** (with acceptance, tuition-payment proof, funds, and accommodation details), and obtain a **residence permit (lkama)** for a longer stay.

GOOD TO KNOW

The student-visa process is **quick (~3–5 days)** — your university's international office assists with the lkama.

Plan for Tuition & Funding

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition is **affordable**, varying by university and program: **public universities are cheaper than private**, with **medicine and dentistry the higher outliers**. External scholarships (Fulbright, Chevening, DAAD, Erasmus+) and university funding can help. Living costs are low.

BY THE NUMBERS

Public

cheaper than private

Medicine

the higher outlier

Scholarships

Fulbright, DAAD, Erasmus+

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **affordable tuition** (public cheaper; medicine pricier) plus low living costs, and explore external scholarships (Fulbright, DAAD, Erasmus+) and university funding.

GOOD TO KNOW

Tuition **varies by program** — confirm the exact per-credit or annual figure on the official university/portal page.

Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

For the visa/admission you must show a **bank statement with sufficient funds** to support your stay, plus **proof of paid first-semester tuition**, accommodation details, and photos. Confirm the exact evidence with your university and the Jordanian mission.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds

bank statement

Tuition

first-semester paid

+ accommodation

details

HOW TO HELP

Prepare a **bank statement** showing sufficient funds and **proof of first-semester tuition**, plus accommodation details — confirm specifics with your university and mission.

GOOD TO KNOW

Requirements are set by your university and the mission — follow their official checklist rather than third-party lists.



Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

The official language of instruction is **Arabic**, but many programs — especially **medicine, engineering, technology, and business** — are taught in **English** (prove via IELTS/TOEFL). For Arabic-taught study, or for daily life, building some Arabic is valuable.

BY THE NUMBERS

Arabic

official medium

English

medicine, eng., business

Some Arabic

valuable

HOW TO HELP

Confirm your program's language — choose **English-taught** medicine/engineering/business (IELTS/TOEFL) or prepare **Arabic** — and learn some Arabic for daily life.

GOOD TO KNOW

The English-taught programs cluster in **medicine, engineering, technology, and business** — the majors that attract most international students.

Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After arriving, arrange your **residence permit (lkama), accommodation, banking, and insurance**. Universities offer dormitories (some with dedicated foreign-student housing); private apartments and homestays are also available. Jordan is safe and stable, with a low cost of living; Amman and Irbid are the main student cities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Ikama + housing

first tasks

Dorms

some for foreign students

Low cost

Amman, Irbid

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **lkama, accommodation, banking, insurance** — and choose housing (dorms, private, or homestay) in Jordan—s safe, affordable cities.

GOOD TO KNOW

Some universities offer **dedicated dormitories for foreign students** — apply early, or arrange private housing/homestay.

Understand Work Rules

WHAT TO KNOW

Be clear on this: international students on a Jordanian student visa are **generally not permitted to work**. Any limited part-time work would require a **work permit applied for via your university** (to the Ministry of Interior); don't assume you can work. Plan to fund your studies fully.

BY THE NUMBERS

Work

generally not permitted

Any work

needs a permit via university

Fund fully

don't rely on work

HOW TO HELP

Understand that work is **generally not permitted** on a student visa (any exception needs a university-arranged work permit) — budget to fund your studies, helped by Jordan's low costs.

WATCH OUT

Don't assume you can work — it's generally not allowed, and any part-time role needs a work permit arranged through your university.

Thrive & Work After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

Jordan's health and engineering sectors — and its role as a regional hub — offer opportunities, and your (often English-taught) degree is internationally regarded. To work after study you'll need a **work permit and residence permit**, which an employer initiates; confirm the current pathway.

BY THE NUMBERS

Health & engineering

regional hub

Degree

internationally regarded

Post-study

employer-initiated permit

HOW TO HELP

Leverage your **internationally regarded degree** (medicine/engineering especially), and if you want to work in Jordan, plan for an **employer-initiated work and residence permit**.

GOOD TO KNOW

Post-study work needs an **employer-initiated work permit and residence permit** — the student visa doesn't convert automatically.

Studying in Jordan: The Essentials

A snapshot — figures change, so confirm with the “Study in Jordan” portal, your university, and the Jordanian mission.

The system

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Admission & visa

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Tuition & funding

Affordable (public cheaper than private; medicine/dentistry higher; portal-admitted students often pay Jordanian rates); external scholarships (Fulbright, DAAD, Erasmus+) and university funding; low living costs.

Money & language

Show a bank statement plus proof of first-semester tuition and accommodation; Arabic is the official medium, with English widely used in medicine, engineering, technology, and business (IELTS/TOEFL).

Work & after

Students generally can't work (any exception needs a university-arranged permit); post-study work requires an employer-initiated work and residence permit; degrees are internationally regarded.

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