K12 ACADEMICS — INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERIES

Studying in Luxembourg

A guide for international students & families — how Luxembourg's multilingual higher education works, the study visa and residence permit, low tuition, and a high-wage job market.

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ABOUT K12 ACADEMICS

The world's largest education resource.

Online since 2004, K12 Academics has helped millions of families, students and educators **find the right school, college, camp, business and program in their community** — for every kind of learner.

MULTILINGUAL, LOW TUITION, HIGH WAGES

Luxembourg is small but distinctive: a **trilingual (French, German, Luxembourgish), safe, and wealthy EU country** whose **one public university teaches in English, French, and German**, at very **low tuition**. Around 60% of its students are international, and the finance, tech, and EU-institution job market is strong. Non-EU students get a **long-stay (D) visa and a residence permit**. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal or immigration advice. Luxembourg's rules, tuition, and funds change. The figures here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with the Luxembourg Immigration Directorate, the University of Luxembourg, and the Maltese… your commune**.

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STEP 01 OF 10

Understand Why Students Choose Luxembourg

WHAT TO KNOW

Luxembourg offers **multilingual, internationally focused education; very low tuition; one of Europe's highest standards of living and wages; and a strong finance/tech/EU-institution job market** — in a compact, safe, central location.

BY THE NUMBERS

Multilingual	Low tuition	Finance & tech
English/French/German	+ high wages	strong job market

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Luxembourg's **low tuition, high wages, and multilingual environment** against its high living costs and small scale — for finance, law, and tech especially, it's a strategic base.

GOOD TO KNOW

Around **60% of students are international**, and the country's multilingualism and EU-institution ties open unusual career doors.

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STEP 02 OF 10

Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

The **University of Luxembourg** is the country's only public university (founded 2003), strong in **law, finance, computer science, engineering, and social sciences**, with a modern campus at **Belval (Esch-sur-Alzette)**. Programs are often **multilingual**. There's also the Luxembourg School of Business and other institutions.

BY THE NUMBERS

University of Luxembourg	Belval campus	Multilingual
the only public one	Esch-sur-Alzette	many programs

HOW TO HELP

Choose your program at the **University of Luxembourg** (or another institution), and **check the language(s) of instruction** — many programs require more than one language.

WATCH OUT

Many Luxembourg programs are **multilingual** (e.g., French + English) — confirm the exact language requirements before applying.

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STEP 03 OF 10

Get the Visa & Residence Permit

WHAT TO KNOW

Non-EU/EEA students first request a **temporary authorization to stay** from the Immigration Directorate, then (if visa-required) apply for a **long-stay (Type D) visa** at a Luxembourg embassy. After arriving, **register with your commune and apply for a residence permit within 3 months**. A medical exam is required.

BY THE NUMBERS

Authorization to stay	Register	Residence permit
then Type D visa	with your commune	within 3 months

HOW TO HELP

Get your **temporary authorization to stay**, then the **Type D visa**, and after arrival **register with your commune and apply for the residence permit within 3 months** (a medical exam is required).

WATCH OUT

You must apply for the **residence permit within 3 months** of arrival and complete a medical exam — handle both promptly.

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STEP 04 OF 10

Apply to the University

WHAT TO KNOW

Applications go **directly to the University of Luxembourg** (no central portal). You'll typically provide transcripts, language proficiency, ID, and a motivation letter; some programs need references or interviews. **Non-EU deadlines are often earlier** to allow visa time.

BY THE NUMBERS

Apply directly	Docs	Earlier deadlines
to the university	transcripts, language, motivation	for non-EU

HOW TO HELP

Apply **directly to the University of Luxembourg** by the (often earlier) non-EU deadline, with transcripts, language proof, and a motivation letter.

GOOD TO KNOW

Non-EU applicants face **earlier deadlines** to leave time for the visa process — start early.

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STEP 05 OF 10

Plan for Tuition & Funding

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition is **very low**: many University of Luxembourg bachelor's and master's programs cost roughly **€200–800/year** (some specialized master's more). Scholarships include the **Guillaume Dupaix International Master's Scholarship** (up to €10,000/year) for outstanding non-EU students.

BY THE NUMBERS

Tuition	Specialized	Guillaume Dupaix
~€200–800/yr	can be higher	up to €10,000/yr

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **low tuition** plus (high) living costs, and pursue the **Guillaume Dupaix scholarship** and other aid — tuition is a small part of the total cost here.

GOOD TO KNOW

Luxembourg's **tuition is very low**, so your main budget line is living costs — which are high (see below).

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STEP 06 OF 10

Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

You must prove **sufficient means** — recently around **€860/month** (tied to the social minimum) — plus **health insurance** and **confirmed accommodation**. Some sources cite higher yearly amounts, so confirm, and note Luxembourg's high cost of living.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds	+ insurance	+ accommodation
~€860/month	required	confirmed

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds** at the current amount, **health insurance**, and **confirmed accommodation** — and budget realistically, as living costs are among Europe's highest.

WATCH OUT

Living costs in Luxembourg are **high** — don't rely on part-time work to cover them; show solid funds.

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STEP 07 OF 10

Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

Depending on your program, you'll prove **English, French, and/or German** (many programs are multilingual). English suffices for many international programs, but **French or German significantly boosts employability** and daily life.

BY THE NUMBERS

English/French/German	Multilingual	French/German
by program	many programs	boost jobs

HOW TO HELP

Prove the **language(s) your program requires**, and build French or German regardless — the job market is multilingual, and it strongly improves work and internship options.

GOOD TO KNOW

Even in English programs, **French or German helps a lot** for daily life and (part-time) work in Luxembourg.

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STEP 08 OF 10

Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After arriving, **register with your commune, complete the residence permit and medical exam, arrange insurance, and set up banking**. Housing is expensive — consider **Esch-sur-Alzette (Belval)**, which is cheaper than the capital. Living costs are high but so are wages.

BY THE NUMBERS

Register	Residence permit	Housing
with your commune	+ medical exam	Belval is cheaper

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **commune registration, residence permit, medical exam, insurance, banking** — and consider living near the Belval campus to reduce housing costs.

GOOD TO KNOW

Housing is **expensive in the capital** — the Belval area (Esch-sur-Alzette) is a cheaper, student-friendly alternative.

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STEP 09 OF 10

Understand Work Rules

WHAT TO KNOW

Students may work **up to ~15 hours per week during term** (full-time during holidays), and Luxembourg's **very high minimum wage** makes part-time work worthwhile. Program-linked **internships** (common in finance/law/IT) often don't count toward the hour limit.

BY THE NUMBERS

Work	High wages	Internships
~15 hrs/week in term	worthwhile	often exempt

HOW TO HELP

Work **~15 hours/week** during term (Luxembourg's high wages help), and pursue **program-linked internships**, which are common and often don't count toward the limit.

GOOD TO KNOW

Luxembourg's **high minimum wage** makes part-time work genuinely worthwhile — and internships are strongly encouraged.

10 STEP 10 OF 10

Thrive & Work After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

After graduating, non-EU students can apply for a **residence permit to seek work or start a business** (recently up to around 9–12 months). Luxembourg's strong demand in **finance, tech, cybersecurity, and research** — and its high wages — make it attractive for staying.

BY THE NUMBERS

Post-study permit	Strong demand	High wages
seek work/business	finance, tech, research	+ EU base

HOW TO HELP

Plan for the **post-study job-search/business permit**, target Luxembourg's finance, tech, and research sectors, and use its central EU location for a wider career — confirming the current duration.

GOOD TO KNOW

Luxembourg offers a **post-study permit to find work or start a business** — confirm the current length and conditions, which can change.

QUICK REFERENCE

Studying in Luxembourg: The Essentials

A snapshot — figures change, so confirm everything with the Immigration Directorate, the University of Luxembourg, and your commune.

The system

The University of Luxembourg (the only public university, multilingual, ~60% international) plus other institutions; strong in law, finance, CS, engineering; Belval campus; Bologna.

Visa & permit

Non-EU students get a temporary authorization to stay, then a long-stay (Type D) visa; after arrival, register with the commune and apply for a residence permit within 3 months (medical exam required).

Tuition

Very low (~€200–800/year for many University of Luxembourg programs; some specialized master's more); the Guillaume Dupaix scholarship (up to €10,000/year) supports non-EU students.

Money & language

Prove ~€860/month plus insurance and accommodation; living costs are high; programs are often multilingual (English/French/German), and French/German boost employability.

Work & after

Work ~15 hrs/week in term (high wages); program internships often exempt; a post-study permit (recently ~9–12 months) supports finding work or starting a business.

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