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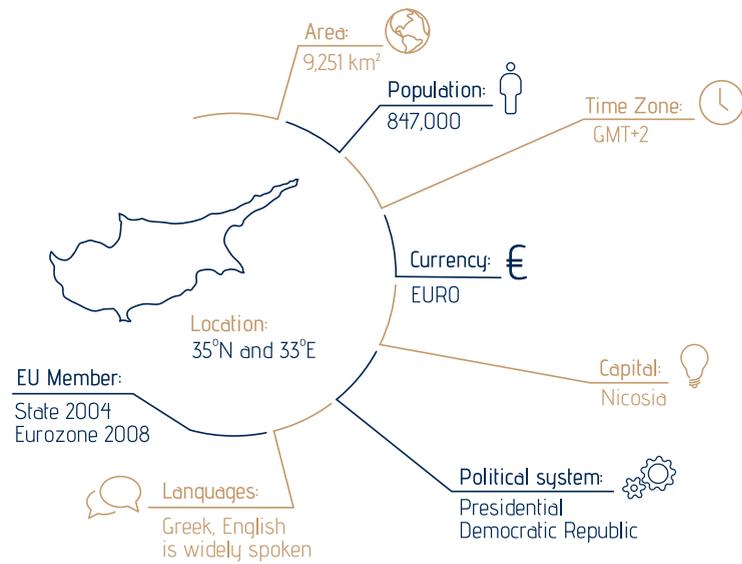
Higher  
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in Cyprus

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## Where Tradition Meets Innovation

Cosmopolitan, lively and culturally rich, Cyprus is a modern and thriving European Union state, offering a unique value proposition catering to the needs of all visitors. Combining a strategic location at the crossroads of three continents with an enviable quality of life, a multicultural English-speaking society, an advanced infrastructure and simple yet effective systems and regulations, Cyprus has long developed into a destination of choice for international activities.



## Living in Cyprus

- High quality of life
- Safest country for young people
- Affordable cost of living
- Friendly and hospitable people
- 2nd best climate worldwide, with an average annual temperature of 25°C
- Wide range of sports and leisure options
- Flourishing arts and culture
- Traditional Mediterranean gastronomy
- Vibrant nightlife
- Most blue flag beaches per capita in the EU



## A Booming Higher Education Sector

Cyprus is a world-class educational and research centre of excellence with high quality academic institutions, offering a large variety of advanced and fully accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, at affordable cost. With a booming sector comprising 3 public and 7 private universities and more than 40 public and private higher education institutions enjoying international academic and scientific recognition, the island attracts thousands of international students every year.



### A Holistic Global Academic Experience

Intellectual capital is the national economy's most valuable asset, contributing to the country's social and economic progress. Committed to excellence, the government of the Republic of Cyprus invests strongly in the education sector, while also concluding agreements on cooperation and mutual recognition of qualifications with other countries. Therefore, studying in Cyprus offers international students an unprecedented opportunity to not only enrich their knowledge by renowned professionals in state-of-the-art local facilities, but also to benefit from mobility opportunities and gain a holistic global academic and cultural experience.



### Quality Assurance and Enhancement

Placing great emphasis on quality assurance and quality enhancement of higher education institutions, the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education was established to improve internal and external quality assurance procedures as well as accreditation and recognition matters, while ensuring the increased competitiveness of the higher education sector.



### Research

World class research initiatives have been set-up by international calibre researchers based in academic institutions and advanced research centres throughout Cyprus, placing the country high on the global research and development map. Creating value through ideas and encouraging scientific research across a wide range of disciplines, render Cyprus a growing knowledge hub in the Eastern Mediterranean offering exciting opportunities to students and young professionals from overseas who want to be part of the real change and progress in today's society.



### Encouraging Innovation, Startups and Entrepreneurship

Promoting research and innovation leads to a creative, knowledge-based society and a boosted entrepreneurial spirit. Promising business ideas and products find real support, mentoring and funding opportunities in Cyprus, developing into a strong and rapidly growing startups and innovation ecosystem, supported by a highly educated and experienced human talent and a range of incentives which render Cyprus a perfect choice to start and scale companies. Low launching operating costs, an attractive IP box, and the introduction of the Startup Visa for third country nationals aim to attract international innovators and multinational talent while promoting collaboration and co-creation within the wider global startup community.



### Employability

Focused on cultivating a knowledge-based economy and investing in human talent, Cyprus has put in place a favourable and effective higher education framework, which emphasises on lifelong learning, internationalisation, and employability. Aligning curricula with international market trends, higher education in Cyprus ensures international employability of its graduates, developing the necessary skills to be able to effectively respond to today's challenging and highly competitive global workplace.

### Studying in Cyprus is much more than a quality academic and learning process

It is a wonderful living experience in a stimulating, buzzing and safe environment, with year-round sunshine, captivating natural beauty and a rich historical and cultural landscape. Golden sandy beaches and clear blue waters, enchanting mountains, cosmopolitan cities and traditional villages, a vibrant nightlife and a variety of outdoor activities, all form a diverse and exciting offering that can cater to different lifestyle options and needs. Cypriots are known worldwide for their genuine and sincere hospitality and friendliness. English is widely spoken throughout the island.

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## Why Study in Cyprus

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### Academic Excellence and Innovation

- High quality institutions
- Quality assurance
- Distinguished academics
- Multidisciplinary accredited degrees
- English taught programmes of study
- Exciting research opportunities



### A Broad Experience

- Funded student mobility (Erasmus+)
- Affordable tuition fees
- Scholarships and funding opportunities
- Student support services
- Multicultural environment
- Large international community



### An International Business Centre

- Home to leading international companies
- Employment opportunities in the EU and global marketplace
- Internships and placement opportunities
- A supporting innovation ecosystem
- Access to national and European funding
- Modern and advanced infrastructure



Educational/Academic Qualifications		SVQ	CyQF/NQF	EQF
<b>COMPULSORY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE</b> (Elementary School Leaving Certificate, and/or graduates of 7th and /or 8th Class)			1	1
<b>COMPULSORY LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE</b> Graduates of 9th Class	<b>NEW MODERN APPRENTICESHIP (PREPARATORY PROGRAMME)</b>		2	2
<b>LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE</b> Graduates of 10th Class	<b>NEW MODERN APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATE</b>	SVQ Level 3	3	3
<b>UPPER SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION AND EVENING SCHOOLS CERTIFICATES</b> (12th Class - or 12 & 13th for some private schools) - APOLYTERION	<b>UPPER SECONDARY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EVENING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS CERTIFICATES</b> (12th Class) - APOLYTERION	SVQ Level 4	4	4
<b>POST SECONDARY CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS</b>				
1 year		SVQ Level 5	5a	5
2 years			5b	
3 years or more (HIGHER CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS)			5c	
<b>UNIVERSITY DEGREE (PTYCHION/BACHELOR'S DEGREE)</b>		SVQ Level 6	6	6
<b>POSTGRADUATE STUDIES</b>				
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES			7a	7
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA			7b	
MASTER'S DEGREE			7c	
<b>DOCTORAL DEGREE</b>			8	8

 SVQ : System of Vocational Qualifications

 CyQF/NQF : Cyprus/National Qualifications Framework

 EQF : European Qualifications Framework

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## Higher Education

### Universities

#### Public and Private Sector

#### 1st Cycle

4 years / 240 ECTS  
Ptychio or Bachelor

#### 2nd Cycle

1-2 years / 90-120 ECTS  
Magister Artium / Scientiae or Masters

#### 3rd Cycle

3-8 years  
(min. residency 3 years) Doctorate

### Institutions of Higher Education

#### Public and Private Sector

#### Vocational / Academic Programmes

Certificate (1 year)  
Diploma (2 years)  
Higher Diploma (3 years)

#### 1st Cycle

4 years / 240 ECTS  
Bachelor

#### 2nd Cycle

1-2 years / 90-120 ECTS  
Masters Degree

#### 3rd Cycle

3-8 years  
Doctorate

## Get Started

### 1 Choose a Programme of Study and an Academic Institution

Cyprus, a world-class education and research centre of excellence with high quality academic institutions offers a great variety of fully accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of study.

EU and international students interested to study in Cyprus may access the higher education institutions websites, choose a programme of study and check that they comply with its admission requirements. The admissions office of each institution will provide all necessary information on tuition and other fees as well as available scholarship opportunities.

### 2 Submit an Application and Confirm Acceptance

Students wishing to apply should directly contact the higher education institution as admission criteria vary depending on the type and language requirements of the programme of study. In principle, the successful completion of secondary education is the general admission requirement for undergraduate studies. Your application will be thoroughly examined by the admissions office of the institution and acceptance will be confirmed should you comply with all programme requirements.

### 3 Check Visa Requirements

- EU citizens can freely enter, study and work in Cyprus.
- International students from non-EU countries need a student visa for entry to Cyprus.
- Student visas are issued only to full-time international students (students who register for at least 15 credits or 30 ECTS in a semester).
- Student visas can be issued either by an Embassy / High Commission/ Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus in the candidate's home country or by the Civil Registry and Migration Department in Cyprus.

### 4 Make Accommodation and Travel Arrangements

The academic institution of your choice will provide information about the variety of accommodation options available for students:

- University Halls of Residence
- Private Halls of Residence
- Private apartments
- Shared living

Cyprus is well serviced through its two international airports, Larnaca and Paphos, by more than 40 flight carriers from Europe, Middle East and Asia.

### + Work Policy for Students and Graduates

- Part time work during studies is allowed according to relevant laws to students who have a work permit.
- During the semester students are allowed according to relevant laws to work up to 20 hours per week.
- During break time students are allowed according to relevant laws to work up to 38 hours per week.
- Third country graduate level students, after completion of their Master's Degree are allowed according to relevant laws, to seek work opportunities in the fields of their graduate studies, up to a period of 12 months.





## Useful Contacts

### Higher Education Institutions

#### Public Universities:

- University of Cyprus  
[www.ucy.ac.cy](http://www.ucy.ac.cy)
- Open University of Cyprus  
[www.ouc.ac.cy](http://www.ouc.ac.cy)
- Cyprus University of Technology  
[www.cut.ac.cy](http://www.cut.ac.cy)

#### Private Universities:

- Frederick University  
[www.frederick.ac.cy](http://www.frederick.ac.cy)
- European University Cyprus  
[www.euc.ac.cy](http://www.euc.ac.cy)
- University of Nicosia  
[www.unic.ac.cy](http://www.unic.ac.cy)
- Neapolis University Pafos  
[www.nup.ac.cy](http://www.nup.ac.cy)
- University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus  
[www.uclancyprus.ac.cy](http://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy)
- Philips University  
[www.philipsuni.ac.cy](http://www.philipsuni.ac.cy)
- American University of Cyprus  
[www.aucy.ac.cy](http://www.aucy.ac.cy)

### Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education

[www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/private-institutions-tertiary-education.html](http://www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/private-institutions-tertiary-education.html)

Ministry of Education and Culture  
Department of Higher and Tertiary Education  
[www.highereducation.ac.cy](http://www.highereducation.ac.cy)

Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance  
and Accreditation in Higher Education  
[www.dipae.ac.cy](http://www.dipae.ac.cy)

Cyprus Council for the Recognition of Higher  
Education Qualifications  
[www.kysats.ac.cy](http://www.kysats.ac.cy)

Cyprus Qualifications Framework  
[www.cyqf.gov.cy](http://www.cyqf.gov.cy)

Invest Cyprus (Cyprus Investment Promotion  
Agency)  
[www.investcyprus.org.cy](http://www.investcyprus.org.cy)

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