



International Student Guide

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Dear Friends,

I am glad for the opportunity to welcome at our university!

Yerevan Haybusak University is an international multidisciplinary institution, accredited both nationally and by HAKA, the Estonian Quality Agency for Education (HAKA renewed the University's international institutional accreditation for 2023-2026). As Armenia joined the Bologna process, our university adopted the three-cycle education system (Bachelor, Master and Postgraduate) and began to uphold European standards. Haybusak welcomes students from all over the world every year.

Throughout its activity, Haybusak University has gone a long way, improving and increasing its capabilities every year, and hence the opportunities of our students. We assimilate and adapt the best of the principles of European education, while not forgetting the rich thousand-year-old traditions passed on from the great minds of the past.

We are grateful to our brilliant teaching staff, which for many years in a row has been opening the door to knowledge, professionalism, and mastery for our students from a multitude of countries, starting from Armenia, Russia, the CIS countries to Egypt, India, Iran and many more.

Our mission is to help young people acquire knowledge, skills and competencies that will help them become first-class specialists in their fields and thus become in-demand and successful people. The future of their countries will depend on them tomorrow. We want this future to be bright and beautiful in whatever sphere they work and whatever they do.

While having the infinite journey to knowledge before us, let us go through this experience together!

Should you have any further question, I will be delighted to answer all of them through the Feedback form.

Best wishes,

Anahit Harutyunyan, Director

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PART 1. YEREVAN HAYBUSAK UNIVERSITY

Introduction

Yerevan Haybusak University (YHU) was founded in 1991 due to the efforts of Levon Vram Harutyunyan, honourable scientist and academician. Since its establishment the University has been managed by three rectors: Academician Levon Vram Harutyunyan (1991-1992), Doctor of Philology and Professor Anahit Levon Harutyunyan (1992-2015 and since 2026), and Suren Levon Harutyunyan (2015-2026).

In 2001 the University was awarded a state certificate which enables YHU graduates to receive a state diploma and work in Armenia and abroad, as well as to continue their postgraduate education in Armenian or foreign institutions. In 2023 YHU renewed its international institutional accreditation with the Estonian agency HAKA (formerly known as EKKA), valid through 2026.

Vision and mission

Our vision is thousands of talented, knowledgeable, and caring professionals and scientists educated in a free academic space who consistently improve the well-being of people and communities and care for the environment.

Our mission is to be a new type of university that empowers all participants for self-realisation as versatile specialists, creative thinkers and improvers of the life of their communities, combining the best qualities of private and public education systems.

Institutes and Study Programs

The Yerevan Haybusak University consists of four institutes with the following specialties:

- Medical Institute. medical@haybusak.am. Dean's office: first floor of the Abelyan campus. Includes the Haybusak Clinic, Dental Clinic and Simulation Centre.
 - General Medicine (MD)
 - Dentistry (DMD)
 - Pharmacology (BA, MA)
 - Environmental Protection and Natural Use (BA)
- Institute of Law & International Relations. law@haybusak.am. Dean's office: Griboyedov campus. Includes the Legal Clinic and Criminalistics Laboratory.
 - Jurisprudence (BA, MA)
 - International Relations (BA, MA)

- Institute of Economics, Management & Informatics. economics@haybusak.am.
Dean's office: Griboyedov campus.
 - Management (BA, MA)
 - Economics (BA, MA)
 - Finances (BA, MA)
 - Informatics (BA, MA)
- Roslin Academy of Arts and Humanities (formerly the Institute of Arts & Humanities). humanities@haybusak.am. Dean's office: Griboyedov campus.
Includes the Psychological Aid Clinic and Design Laboratory.
 - Fashion Design and Modelling (BA, MA)
 - Fine Art (BA, MA)
 - Psychology (BA, MA)
 - Professional Pedagogy (English language and literature) (BA, MA)
 - General Pedagogy (Armenian language and literature) (BA, MA)
 - Journalism (BA, MA)
 - Pedagogy and Psychology (BA, MA)

YHU employs several hundred faculty members, a large share of whom hold a scientific degree or academic title, and the University now educates several thousand students from Armenia and abroad — reported figures vary across sources, so it is best to confirm current enrolment numbers with the Admissions Office. The University has a base college which implements middle-level vocational study programs and has been an associated member of the UNESCO network of vocational educational institutions since 2010. Since 2007 there has been a high school within YHU, and since 2006 YHU has operated a Shirakatsi branch in Gyumri.

International relations

Over the past decade YHU has become progressively more international, with a growing share of international students, expanding participation in international conferences, and broadening cross-border partnerships. Today Haybusak is home to students and teachers from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, and graduates come from dozens of countries. YHU offers several study programmes taught in English.

The University has pursued closer ties with European higher-education networks in recent years; ask the International Relations Office for the University's current list of institutional memberships and partner agreements, as these are updated periodically.

For all questions regarding Erasmus+ projects, student exchange, international visits, and cooperation with other universities, students may contact the International Relations Office at international@haybusak.am, third floor of the Abelyan campus.

PART 2. PREPARING TO STUDY AT YHU

Admission

Applicants can apply for enrolment through haybusak.am/applicant-transfer.

Entry and residence

International students arriving in Armenia must have a valid passport and either an entry visa or a residence permit.

Depending on nationality, students may be eligible to enter visa-free, obtain a visa on arrival, or need to apply in advance. Many nationalities can apply for an e-visa online at evisa.mfa.am: a 21-day e-visa costs about AMD 3,000 (~USD 8) and a 120-day e-visa about AMD 15,000 (~USD 38); processing normally takes about 3 business days, and e-visas can later be extended for up to 60 additional days. Nationalities that are not eligible for the e-visa must apply for a single-entry visa at the nearest Armenian embassy or consulate, generally by submitting:

- a completed visa application form (available from the embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website, mfa.am)
- a colour photo, 35 x 45 mm
- passport and a copy of it (valid for the whole period of stay in Armenia)
- the invitation from the University issued after admission
- payment of the applicable state duty

Visa and residence requirements for Armenia change periodically — including a temporary visa-exemption arrangement introduced in 2026 for holders of certain foreign residence permits — so students should always check current eligibility and fees at evisa.mfa.am or with an Armenian embassy before travelling.

After arriving in Armenia, students who need a residence card should apply to the Migration and Citizenship Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, located at 14 Tairov Street, Yerevan. Typical supporting documents include:

- a completed application form
- recent colour photos
- passport, a copy of it, and a notarized Armenian translation
- proof of enrolment at the University
- a health certificate

Appointments are booked online through the government's e-services portal, currently hartak.am, and general enquiries can be directed to the Migration and Citizenship Service at 8422 (or +374 10 300159) or mcs@gov.am. Processing time is usually several weeks — confirm the current timeline when you book your appointment, and check migration.mia.gov.am for the latest procedures, as the responsible office and its address have changed in recent years.

Housing

YHU does not have a dormitory. Students can rent rooms, or shared or private apartments, in the city from owners.

Healthcare

There is a clinic with modern medical equipment on the first floor of the YHU Abelyan campus. The following medical services are provided to YHU students:

- medical examination and check-up of students with poor health in the student clinic
- sanitary-hygienic works carried out once a week
- general check-up of students under dynamic medical control once a month
- medical examination of students and detection of diseases twice a year, with referral to the student clinic where necessary

No particularly dangerous infections have been registered on the territory of Armenia.

Wide-profile medical services are available mainly within the city of Yerevan. Medical services for foreigners are provided on a paid basis, so it is recommended to purchase an insurance policy valid in Armenia; most Armenian insurance companies offer various life and health insurance programs.

Specific vaccination is not required before travelling to Armenia. See Part 4 for emergency and urgent medical contact numbers.

PART 3. STUDYING AT YHU

Academics

The University encourages activeness, initiative, innovation, and provides opportunities for high-quality learning and self-expression; this approach was recognised with a quality award from the SIQS in 2016.

The academic year comprises two semesters: September-December and February-May. Since 2008 the University has used a three-level system of Bachelor, Master and Doctorate programs, lasting four years (Bachelor), one to two years (Master) and three years (Doctorate) respectively.

Classes are conducted in accordance with curricula, study programs and class schedules. The class schedule is set for one semester and is posted no later than 5 working days before the start of the semester. Class periods run 09:00-10:20, 10:30-11:50, 12:10-13:30, 13:40-15:00 and 15:10-16:30. Courses last 16 weeks and include lectures, seminars, individual work, laboratory work, internships and consultations. Assessment includes course and final papers, mid-term and final examinations.

YHU participates in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) of the Bologna process, which allows students to transfer between institutions and countries during their studies; ECTS credits from foreign universities are recognized by YHU. Thirty hours of study equal 1 credit. Students accumulate about 30 credits per semester and about 60 credits per academic year. A bachelor's degree normally requires 180-240 credits, and a master's degree 60-120 credits. Credit is only awarded following a positive grade.

Details of each specialty, including mandatory and elective courses and the credits attached to them, are available from the relevant Dean's Office, from individual instructors, and on the University website.

Alongside credits, students receive grades reflecting the quality of their academic performance, on a 100-point scale; 40 points are required to pass an exam. Disputes about evaluation or procedural issues are resolved by the rectorate, and students may appeal an examination result within 5 days of being informed of it.

The student card verifies student status; if it is lost or damaged, the Dean's Office should be informed immediately so a replacement can be issued. Each student also receives a check book recording their study track, courses, credits, internships and final attestation; this must be returned if a student transfers or withdraws, in exchange for an academic reference.

Students with high academic performance or active participation in research or public activities may be awarded a certificate of honour and a monetary bonus.

Library

Students and staff have the right to use the library; outside visitors need special permission from the Head of the Library. The library holds more than 40,000 units of literature and continues to grow.

The library has a reading hall and e-library resources available at haybusaklib.am. Students can also use the online learning platform haybusakmoodle.am.

The University provides access to the JSTOR, Cambridge University Press and many other digital libraries, giving students access to multi-lingual, multi-subject books and journals through the library's computers, the "haybusak guest" wifi network or personal account.

The library is on the second floor of the Abelyan campus. Working hours are 09:00-17:00 with a break from 13:00-14:00. Use of the library is free of charge.

To become a library user, register by submitting your student card and a photo. Registered users can borrow up to 4 books for up to 15 days. Unique items, single-copy books, encyclopaedias, unpublished materials, PhD dissertations and MA theses are available only in the reading hall. A user who loses or damages a book must either replace it or compensate the library (library@haybusak.am).

Sports

The University has a gym with sports facilities, on the second floor of the Abelyan campus, which students can use both in and outside their physical training classes. Volleyball, basketball, table tennis and athletics training groups are organized by coach-teachers. YHU representatives have taken part in numerous national and international competitions, including student games and Pan-Armenian games, and the University also organizes internal competitions in different sports.

Student Council

The Student Council is a students' representative, self-governing elective body. It is apolitical and non-partisan, and works to improve the quality of students' education, foster a student-centred system, support correct student-teacher relations, and build a favourable atmosphere for learning. It largely shapes the cultural and sporting life of the University — organizing excursions and hikes, introducing students to Armenia's natural

and historical monuments, and helping international students orient themselves to Armenian culture.

The Student Council pays ongoing attention to environmental issues and, in recent years, has increasingly promoted student volunteering. Students can also become members of the University Council and the Scientific Council, the University's governing bodies.

[Alumni and Career Support Centre](#)

The Career Support Centre works to increase the competitiveness of students and graduates in the labour market, develop students' professional practical abilities during their studies, and strengthen the connection between graduates and the University. It collects information about graduates' careers and helps students and alumni access job vacancies. Contact the Centre through the University's Career Support Centre page or the Dean's Office of your institute for current contact details.

PART 4. ARMENIA AND YEREVAN

Safety Issues

The likelihood of terrorist incidents is low, and the general crime situation does not cause particular concern. Law enforcement agencies maintain a generally stable security environment, though — as anywhere — students should stay alert to local conditions and check current government travel advisories from their home country before and during their stay.

Transport and driving

Taxis can be hailed on the street or booked through ride-hailing apps such as Yandex Go or GG (the availability of specific apps can change, so check what currently operates in Yerevan). The metro and city buses provide public transport within Yerevan.

The Kilikia bus station is on Admiral Isakov Avenue, and the Northern bus station is on the Sevan Highway; the railway station is on Tigran Mets Avenue, about a 10-minute drive from the city centre, and Zvartnots International Airport is about a 20-minute drive from the centre of the capital.

Traffic rules largely correspond to international norms. Roads in Yerevan can be congested at rush hour, though there are no major traffic jams, and traffic in other settlements is generally light. Petrol stations are widespread in cities and along highways, and a large share of the vehicle fleet runs on compressed gas. On-street parking in Yerevan is free, except in the city centre and near large stores.

An international driver's licence can be used to drive in Armenia. Compulsory civil liability insurance is required for vehicle owners. In the event of an accident, call the traffic police (and the insurance company, if the car is insured) rather than trying to resolve the situation informally.

Local laws and customs

Visitors are generally received in a friendly and hospitable manner, alongside traditional norms of behaviour — including respect for elders and attentiveness towards children. Excessive alcohol consumption and disorderly conduct in public places are frowned upon.

Foreign citizens and legal entities are not generally entitled to own land in Armenia; an exception applies to foreign citizens holding a special residence permit. Residence permits and citizenship are not granted based on real estate purchases or investment alone.

Working While Studying

International students in Armenia are generally allowed to work part-time alongside their studies, up to a limited number of hours per week, and may take on additional work during holidays and weekends. Rules on student work permits can change, and some situations may require prior authorization from the study department or from the Migration and Citizenship Service, so check current requirements with the University's International Relations Office before starting any job.

Other

Armenia has a temperate, high-mountain continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. On the plains, the average temperature in January is around -5°C and in July around +25°C; in the mountains these figures are around -6°C and +20°C. Annual precipitation in the Ararat Valley is roughly 200-250 mm, and in the highlands roughly 700-900 mm.

Unified emergency number is 112, which can be used for police, fire and ambulance services.

Armenia's time zone is UTC+4, with no seasonal clock change.

Public holidays include: January 1-2 (New Year), January 6 (Christmas), January 28 (Army Day), March 8 (Women's Day), April 24 (Genocide Remembrance Day), May 1 (Labor Day), May 9 (Victory and Peace Day), May 28 (Republic Day), July 5 (Constitution Day), and September 21 (Independence Day). Exact dates and any additional observances can shift slightly year to year, so check a current calendar.

Monthly living expenses for international students in Armenia, including accommodation, typically start from around AMD 250,000 (roughly US\$700 at 2026 exchange rates), though costs vary with lifestyle and location; exchange rates fluctuate, so check a current converter when budgeting.

Local banks offer a wide range of financial services and online banking. International students may open accounts in major currencies by submitting ID, proof of residence, and other documents requested by the bank; opening an account typically takes one to two weeks, though this can vary by bank.

Shops are generally open from 8:00 to 20:00 without a lunch break, and some supermarkets operate 24 hours. Most ATMs, stores and restaurants accept Visa and Mastercard. Mobile communications are provided by operators including Beeline (Team), Viva-MTS, and Ucom.

For information about recreation and entertainment in the capital, see visityerevan.am.