VIET NAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HO CHI MINH CITY

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027





ABOUT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY -
Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City

ABOUT ***International University –*** ***Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City***	**CONTACT**
▪ **Established:** 2003 ▪ **Type:** the first public English-speaking University in Vietnam ▪ **Campus:** Quarter 33, Linh Xuan Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam ▪ **Schools & Departments:** 12 ▪ **Students:** 10,553 ▪ **Study levels:** Undergraduate and Graduate degrees ▪ **Fields of Study:** 25 Undergraduate and 10 Graduate programs ▪ **Faculty members:** 227 in total, with 03 Professors, 47 Associate Professors, 107 PhDs, and 70 Masters ▪ **Staff:** 314 ▪ **Academic Calendar:** - Semester I (Fall Semester): September – January/February - Semester II (Spring Semester): February – June/July - Semester III (Summer Semester): July - August ▪ **Quality Assurance and Accreditation:** ✓ ***Institutional Accreditation:*** ❖ National Accreditation by Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) (2016); ❖ External Assessment by ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) (2019) ❖ ASIIN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION (Germany) (2023) ✓ ***ABET Accreditation:*** ❖ Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering (2018), ❖ Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering (2018) ✓ ***MOET Quality Accreditation*** ❖ Master of Public Management (2020) ❖ Bachelor of Engineering in Food Technology (2023) ✓ ***ACBSP (ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS)*** ❖ Bachelor of Business Administration (2023) ✓ ***ASIIN (the Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in Engineering, 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)	**International University -** **Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City** Address: Quarter 33, Linh Xuan Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Phone: +84 (028) 37244270 Ext: 3220 Website: https://hcmiu.edu.vn/ **Center for International Mobility (CIM)** Office of External and Public Relations International University, Room A2.604 Address: Quarter 33, Linh Xuan Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Phone: +84 (028) 37244270 Ext 3617 Website: https://cim.hcmiu.edu.vn/ ❖ **Ms. DINH, Kim Phung** Deputy Head, Office of External Public Relations Head, Center for International Mobility dkphung@hcmHCM-IU.edu.vn ❖ **Ms. LE, Huynh Bao Tram** Inbound Coordinator for Exchange Program lhbtram@hcmiu.edu.vn ❖ **Ms. NGUYEN, Bao Han** Outbound Coordinator for Exchange Program nbhan@hcmiu.edu.vn

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 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) 14. Bachelor of Engineering in Applied Mathematics (2023)	

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. Business Administration	1. Business Administration
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. Industrial Engineering & Management
6. Information Technology	6. Food Technology	

7. Industrial & Systems Engineering	7. Public Management (Vietnamese only)	
8. Logistics and Supply Chain Management	8. Industrial & Systems 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		
24. Marketing		
25. E - commerce		

OVERVIEW OF HCM-IU STUDENT EXCHANGE and STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

HCM-IU STUDENTS EXCHANGE and STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS (HCM-IU-SEaSAP)

1. HCM-IU STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- **Incoming Exchange Program:** HCM-IU offers international students an opportunity to explore academic interests and improve cross-cultural understanding by taking one or two semesters at HCM-IU. Students enrolling in these programs will not be awarded a degree from HCM-IU; however, they can transfer credits to their home university upon completion of their study in Vietnam.
- **Outgoing Exchange Program:** HCM-IU students are provided with a chance to earn valuable international experience and cultural awareness by involving in the study at one of HCM-IU's partner 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 HCM-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 HCM-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 HCM-IU.
- **Outgoing Study Abroad Program:** a regular full tuition program for HCM-IU students who desire to study at non-HCM-IU exchange partners or students who are not selected for the exchange program. HCM-IU students going on this program should pay tuition fees to the host university.

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, HCM-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	Buddy Program
Academic Support and Consulting	HCM-IU Policies and Procedures
Accommodation	Daily Challenges (personal and social matters)
Orientation	Cultural Adjustment

DETAILS OF HCM-IU STUDENT EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

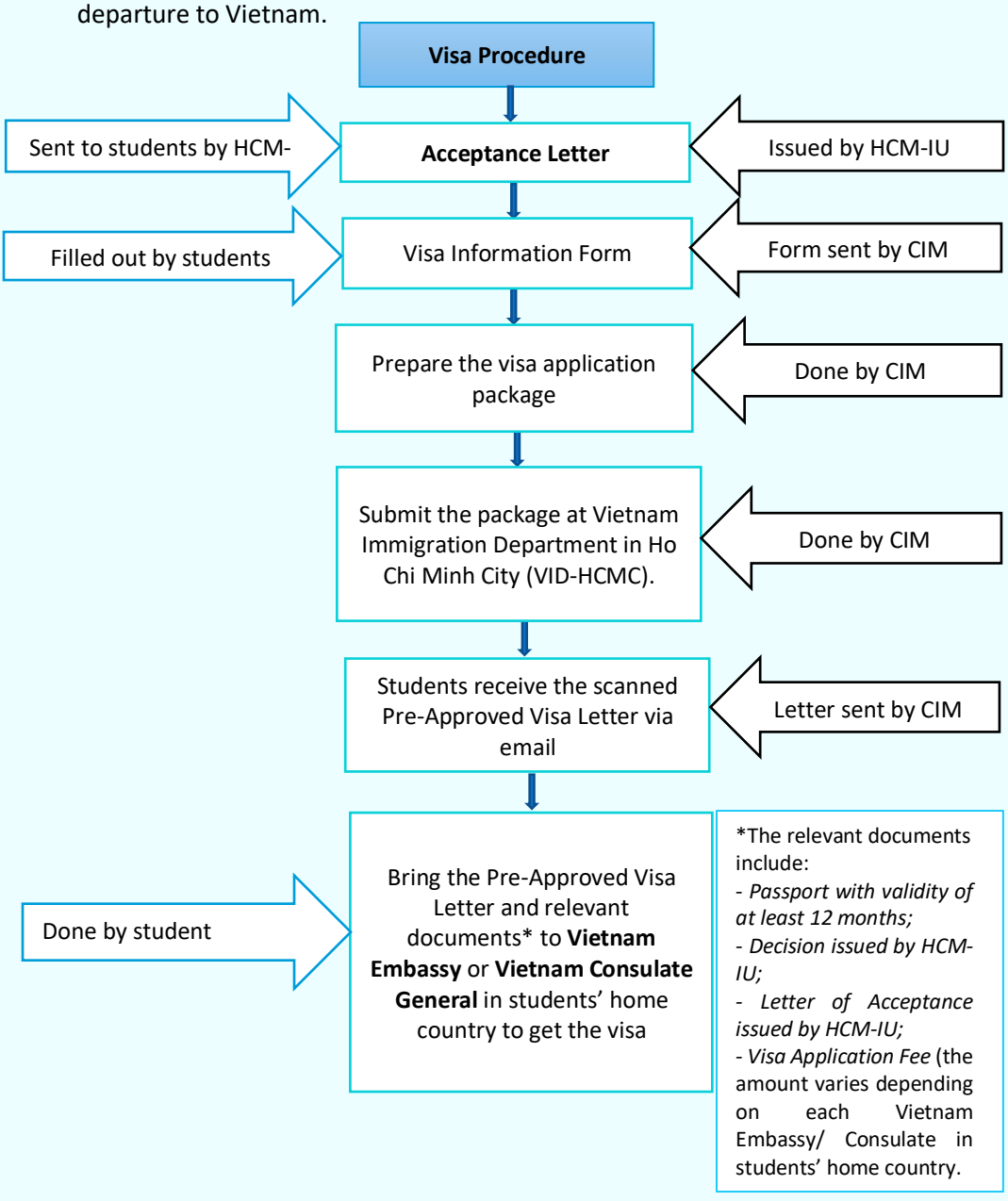
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<tr><th colspan="5">APPLICATION INFORMATION</th></tr>
<tr><td>Eligibility</td><td colspan="4">Entry Requirements
To be considered for the Student Exchange and Study Abroad Programs, undergraduate and graduate applicants must:
– Complete at least one year of full-time study (undergraduate level) or one semester of full-time study (graduate level)
– Achieve GPA at least of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
– Accept to be a full-time exchange student at HCM-IU (no less than 12 credits per semester)
– 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 HCM-IU)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Required Application</td><td>Step1</td><td>Nomination</td><td>To be an exchange student, student must be nominated by the home institution.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Documents</td><td>Step 2</td><td>Complete the Application Package</td><td>Fill in and attach all required documents:
– An application form (for exchange program)
– A letter of nomination from your home university (or letter of approval for participating in Study Abroad Program at International University)
– An official transcript
– An evidence of English Proficiency
– A copy of passport page</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2"></td><td>Step 3</td><td>Submission</td><td>Submit the applications to the Student Exchange office at the Home Institution.</td><td rowspan="2"></td></tr>
<tr><td>Step 4</td><td>Application Outcome</td><td>Once student’s home institution confirms that student is selected for the program, he/she will receive an official notification package from HCM-IU, including:
– An Acceptance Letter
– General information before your arrival includes Visa, Orientation Days, Academic schedule
– Registrar forms for visa, courses, etc
At the same time, HCM-IU incoming coordinator will assist student for the next steps.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Nomination Deadlines</td><td colspan="4">➢ May 01 for Semester 1 (September – January/February): Fall Semester
➢ October 01 for Semester 2 (February – June/July): Spring Semester</td></tr>
<tr><td>Nomination Procedure</td><td colspan="4">An email contains following information should be sent to HCM-IU Inbound Coordinator address:
– Name and email address of the student(s)
– Field of study
– Level of desired study at HCM-IU (undergraduate or graduate level)
– Duration of exchange term</td></tr>
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Application Deadlines	➢ **May 15th for Semester 1 (September – January/February):** ***Fall Semester*** ➢ **October 15th for Semester 2 (February – June/July):** ***Spring Semester***
Application Procedure	Students have 02 weeks to complete the Application package and send to HCM-IU Inbound Coordinator. Once a student is accepted to HCM-IU they will receive the Letter of Acceptance and the supporting documents of courses registration 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 at 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 B2 (Common European Framework of Reference's English Certificate); – Language Confirmation Letter from HCM-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.



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<tr><td></td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cost of Living</td><td>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 HCM-IU. The amount varies depending on each student's specific needs.

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<tr><td>Room</td><td>280 USD USD/month + 1 or 2 month(s) rent deposit</td></tr>
<tr><td>Food</td><td>150 USD/month</td></tr>
<tr><td>Public transportation*</td><td>40 USD</td></tr>
<tr><td>Monthly utility (electricity, water, garbage, internet)</td><td>60 USD</td></tr>
<tr><td>Personal expenses</td><td>50 USD</td></tr>
<tr><td>Average total per month</td><td>Around 580 USD</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Buddy Program</td><td>Buddy Program is offered to international students with no cost. It is a program for newly-admitted international undergraduates & incoming exchange students. HCM-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 HCM-IU.
➢ HCM-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.
➢ HCM-IU buddies also provide assistance during the stay and studies of international students in Vietnam.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Web Account</td><td>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: HCM-IU offers free wireless around its campuses</td></tr>
<tr><td>Health Insurance</td><td>➢ International students are responsible for the cost of such insurance.
➢ International students purchase their own overseas health insurance from their home country should make sure that this insurance valid through their stay in Vietnam. HCM-IU reserves the right to ask for proof of insurance when students submit the application package.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Where to go for questions?</td><td>Center for International Mobility (CIM)
Office of External and Public Relations
Hall A2, 6th Floor, Room A2.604
Tel: +84 (28) 3724-4270 – Ext: 3617
Email: cim@hcmiu.edu.vn
Morning: 9:00 am to 11:00 am; Afternoon: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm</td></tr>
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<tr><th colspan="3">SEMESTER INFORMATION</th></tr>
<tr><td>Type of academic calendar</td><td colspan="2">Three-semester system:
o Semester 1 : September – January/February
o Semester 2 : January/February – June
o Summer semester : June – August</td></tr>
<tr><td>What are the academic calendar dates?</td><td colspan="2">
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<tr><td colspan="2">UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (2026-2027)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Semester 1 (19 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Start of courses</td><td>07 September, 2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Midterm Exam</td><td>02 November – 07 November, 2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Final Exams</td><td>04 January, 2026 – 16 January, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Semester 2 (19 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Start of courses</td><td>25 January, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td>Midterm Exam</td><td>05 April – 10 April, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td>Final Exams</td><td>07 June – 19 June, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Summer Semester (8 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Start of courses</td><td>28 July, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td>End of courses</td><td>21 August, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">GRADUATE PROGRAMS (2024-2025)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Semester 1 (19 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Start of courses</td><td>07 September, 2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>End of courses</td><td>16 January, 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Including examination period. The examination schedule may vary depending on each school/department</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Semester 2 (19 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Start of courses</td><td>25 January, 2027</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Holidays / Days-off</td><td colspan="2">❖ Semester 1:
- New Year ‘s day: 01 January 2027
Note: There is no day-off on Christmas Day
❖ Semester 2:
- Lunar New Year: 01 February – 13 February, 2026
- Hung King’s day: 16 April, 2027
- Independence Day and Labor Day: 30 April to 01 May 2027
- Cultural Day: 24 November, 2026</td></tr>
<tr><th colspan="3">COURSE INFORMATION</th></tr>
<tr><td>What is the main language of instruction?</td><td colspan="2">English</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Course Registration/ Dropping or Withdrawing from the course</td><td>➢ The information of course registration will be provided to exchange students two months prior to the beginning of each semester. Students should have the approval from their home institution before participating in any courses.
➢ One week after the classes begin, students cannot drop or withdraw the courses. The courses that students withdraw after the drop period will not count as the completed credit toward their transcript.</td></tr>
<tr><td>What is the standard full-time workload?</td><td>Semester 1 (or Semester 2): 12 credits ≤ Workload per semester ≤ 24 credits
Summer Semester: 6 credits ≤ Workload per semester ≤ 12 credits
Note: Each credit is considered to equate to approximately 15 hours, including all forms of teaching contact.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Course Registration</td><td>Students are expected to complete course registration online before their arrival in Vietnam (in August for Fall Semester and in December for Spring Semester). The process includes:
Before the registration
Students are provided with (1) an HCM-IU account to log in HCM-IU registration platform named Edusoftweb athttp://edusoftweb.hcmiu.edu.vn/, (2) a list of opened subjects for 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.
During the registration
Students log in the registration system at http://edusoftweb.hcmiu.edu.vn/ by using provided user names and passwords
*Minimum credits to be taken per semester: 12
*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 HCM-IU Inbound Coordinator.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">CREDIT/ GRADING SYSTEM AND COURSE ASSESSMENT</td></tr>
<tr><td>Credit system</td><td>● HCM-IU has a similar credit system to the U.S system. Every 1 HCM-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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Grading system (bachelor level)</td><td>
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<tr><th>Classification</th><th>100 – Point Grading</th><th>Letter Grades</th><th>4- Point Grading</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">Passing</td></tr>
<tr><td>Excellent</td><td>90 ≤GPA ≤100</td><td>A+</td><td>4.0</td></tr>
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	Very good	80 ≤ GPA < 90	A	3.5
	Good	70 ≤ GPA < 80	B+	3.0
	Fair	60 ≤ GPA < 70	B	2.5
	Average	50 ≤ GPA < 60	C	2.0
	No passing			
	Weak	40 ≤ GPA < 50	D+	1.5
	Very weak	30 ≤ 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.			

