

**INFORMATION GUIDE**  
**for international students, master's students, trainees, and PhD candidates studying at**  
**Jusup Balasagyn Kyrgyz National University (KNU)**

## **I. ENTRY TO THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

### **1. Entry Rights**

Foreign citizens admitted to KNU are entitled to enter and stay in the Kyrgyz Republic (KR) in accordance with:

- The Law of the KR "On External Migration" — <https://cbd.minjust.gov.kg/act/view/ru-ru/202775>
- International treaties to which the KR is a party.

### **2. Visa Type**

- A **student visa (type “S”)** is required.
- Valid for up to 90 days, and **must be extended** for the academic year.
- Basis: an official **invitation letter from KNU**.
- Issued via the electronic portal <https://evisa.e-gov.kg> or through Kyrgyz embassies/consulates abroad.
- Entry with other visa types (tourist, private, religious, etc.) is **not allowed** — such visas **cannot be extended**.

More info: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic](#)

### **3. Transfer Students**

Foreign students who previously studied at other universities in Kyrgyzstan must:

- leave the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic,
- obtain a **new visa** based on KNU's invitation.

## **I. AFTER ARRIVAL**

### **1. Report to University**

Within **2 calendar days** after arrival, students must:

- visit the **KNU Department of International Cooperation**;
- confirm their arrival and receive assistance regarding:
  1. registration,
  2. visa extension,
  3. medical insurance, etc.

📍 Address: 547 Frunze St., Bishkek

✉ Email: [ird.knu@gmail.com](mailto:ird.knu@gmail.com)

🌐 KNU Website: <https://www.knu.kg>

### **2. Residence Registration**

Students must register with the **Population Registration Department (PRD)** under the Ministry of Digital Development within **5 working days** after entry.

★ Deadlines:

- **Visa countries** — registration for the visa validity period.
- **Visa-free countries** — registration for the academic year with:
  1. a certificate from KNU,
  2. a valid study agreement.

Website: <https://digital.gov.kg>

### **3. Visa Extension**

Foreign students must:

- submit documents **at least 30 days** before visa expiration;
- provide:
  1. request letter from the faculty/institute,
  2. copy of passport and visa,
  3. visa application form,
  4. current study contract,
  5. registration documents;
- Submit all documents through the **KNU International Department**.

★ Minimum extension period: 1 year.

△ KNU does **not** extend visas for students who:

- have been expelled,
- are on academic leave,
- have completed their studies.

## II. LIABILITY AND PENALTIES

### 1. Migration Violations (Article 559 of the KR Code of Offenses):

- Late registration,
- Overstaying a visa,
- Failing to extend a visa  
→ may result in **administrative fines**.

### 2. Expulsion from KNU

- Student visa will be **cancelled**,
- Student must **leave the KR within 10 days**,
- If needed, an **exit visa** must be arranged.

## III. RESTRICTIONS & CONDUCT RULES

### 1. Employment

According to the Law on External Labor Migration, international students on “S” visas are **not allowed to work** in the KR.

### 2. Code of Conduct Students must:

- comply with Kyrgyz laws and respect local traditions,
- not participate in protests or conflicts,
- avoid alcohol in public places,
- follow traffic regulations,
- not leave Bishkek without KNU permission,
- **always carry**:
  1. passport,
  2. visa copy,
  3. registration papers.

## IV. MEDICAL COVERAGE

### Mandatory Medical Insurance (MMI Policy)

All foreign students at KNU must obtain an **Obligatory Medical Insurance (MMI) Policy**.

#### Main Conditions:

- Obtained **upon admission** to KNU.
- Must cover the **entire study period**.
- Policy becomes active **5 days after issuance**.
- Covers:

1. emergency care,
2. inpatient and outpatient treatment,
3. chronic illness support (based on clinical conditions).

**MMI Policy cost (2024):**

- For foreign students: **11,910 KGS for 12 months.**

*Payment:*

- By cash at bank branches in Kyrgyzstan.
- After payment, visit your **local MMI Fund office** and provide:
  1. payment receipt,
  2. **PIN** (Personal Identification Number),
  3. passport.

Step-by-step guide: [Facebook Link](#)

OMS Fund offices: <http://foms.med.kg>

Required documents:

- Passport,
- PIN (issued at public service centers),
- Payment receipt.

PIN info: <https://portal.tunduk.kg>

## **V. UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Always consult the **KNU International Department** for legal/residency questions.
- Keep **copies of all documents** related to visas and registration.
- Track **visa and registration expiry dates**.
- In emergencies, immediately contact:
  1. KNU,
  2. your embassy or consulate in the KR: [List of Diplomatic Missions](#)