

SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE IN NITRA

International Students Guide



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Slovakia in Brief



Official name: The Slovak Republic

Capital city: Bratislava

Population: 5.4 mil.

Total land area: 49,035 sq km

Short form: Slovakia



National flag:



State emblem:



Official language: Slovak

Political system: parliamentary democracy

Date of establishment: 1 January, 1993, after the split of the former Czechoslovak Republic.

Currency: Euro €



Membership in international organizations: EU, NATO, UN, OECD, OSCE, WHO, INTERPOL

Geography

Slovak Republic is a **central European country** with vast forest areas extending on two fifths of its territory. Its total area of 49,035 sq km does not rank Slovakia among large countries. Slovak Republic is **bordered** on the north by Poland; on the south by Hungary; on the west by the Czech Republic and Austria and its eastern border is formed by Ukraine. The surface of Slovakia is very irregular, characterized by **lowlands, valleys, hills, highlands and mountain chains**.

The south and the south-east of the country are covered mostly by lowlands: Východoslovenská nížina, Záhorská nížina and Podunajská nížina, the last one being the largest and most fertile. The northern part is dominated by the mountain range of the Carpathian Mountains. The well known mountain ranges are: The High Tatras, The Low Tatras, Slovak Ore Mountains; volcanic Štiavica Mountains; Greater Fatra and Lesser Fatra. Many of them are part of national parks and protected landscape areas.

The High Tatras is the most famous Slovak mountain range and it is the only mountain range with an Alpine character on the Slovak territory.

Time zone: GMT + 1; GMT + 2 from last Sunday in March to last Saturday in October

Did you know?

SLOVAKIA RECORDS

The highest point

Gerlachovský štít (Gerlach peak)
in the High Tatras 2,655 m

The lowest point

Klin nad Bodrogom - 94 m

The deepest Cave

Starý Hrad Cave - 432 m

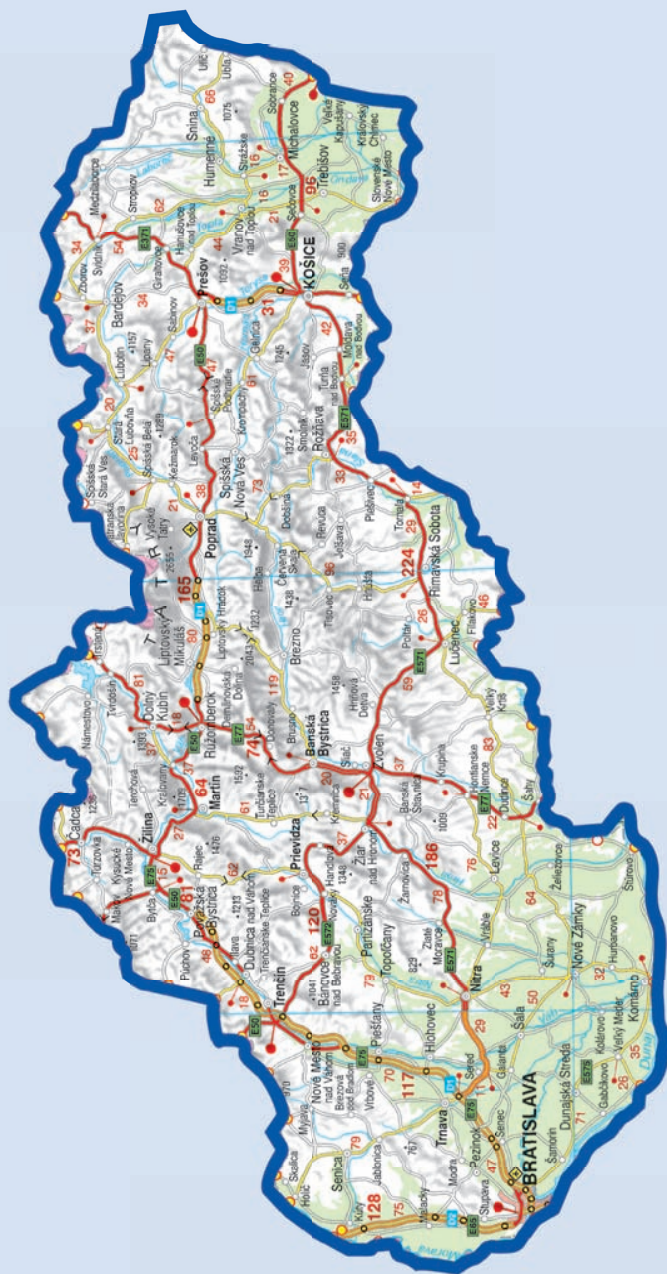
The longest River

Váh - 406 km

The smallest town

Modrý Kameň - 1,414 inhabitants (district of Veľký Krtíš)

The largest river island in Europe is the Rye Island in southern Slovakia (1,326 km²).



Climate and Weather in Slovakia

Climate in Slovakia is continental with mild summer and winter temperatures, snow and rain, sun and wind.

Although Slovakia is not a large country, the weather can be quite different in the mountainous north and in the plain south. Generally, the climate is relatively continental with almost no extremes below minimal -20°C (-4°F) or above maximal $+37^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($+99^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Winters are more severe in mountains, where the snow lasts the whole winter until March or even April and the night temperatures go down to -20°C or rarely even lower.

Bratislava and Southern Slovakia is the warmest region. In summer, the temperatures may rise up to $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$, on sunny and hot days even up to $35-37^{\circ}\text{C}$. There may be warm nights with temperatures above 20°C . Spring and autumn are something in between. It may rain at any time of the year and at any place.

Population and Religion

The total number of inhabitants is 5.4 mil. (women with 51,5% share). Apart from Slovaks there are Hungarians, Czechs and other nationalities living together in Slovakia.

Slovakia is traditionally a religious country. The first Christian bishopric was established in the 9th century in Nitra. The majority of people declare their affiliation to the Roman-Catholic Church. Other registered churches are Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession, Greek Catholic Church, Reformed Christian, Orthodox, Jewish and others.

History

Present-day Slovakia was settled by old Slavic tribes around the 6th century. The first state formation - the Great Moravian Empire - appeared in the 9th century. In 907, the Germans and the Magyars conquered the Moravian state, and the Slavs fell under Hungarian rule from the 10th century up until 1918. When the Habsburg-ruled empire collapsed after the World War I in 1918, the Slovaks joined the Czech lands of Bohemia, Moravia, and part of Silesia to form the new joint state of Czechoslovakia. Shortly after the "Velvet Revolution" in 1989 the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic split into two and the Slovak Republic came into existence on 1 January 1993. In 2004, Slovakia joined the EU and NATO. In May 2005 it ratified the EU constitution and adopted the Euro currency in 2009.



Government and Administration

The Slovak Republic is a parliamentary democracy. Head of the state is the president elected for a five-year term. The highest executive body is the Government of the Slovak Republic, headed by the Prime Minister. The legislative power is held by The National Council of the Slovak Republic, an unicameral parliament that consists of 150 Members elected for a 4-year term.

The country is administratively divided into 8 higher territorial units, 8 regions and 79 districts. The biggest cities of Slovakia are Bratislava, Košice, Prešov and Nitra.



Bratislava



Košice



Prešov



Nitra



Nitra - Mother of Slovak Towns



Nitra is one of Slovakia's most ancient and most beautiful towns, with almost 80 000 inhabitants. It is located in the south-western part of the country, on the banks of river Nitra, right below Zobor Hill (588 meters) which towers above the town, accompanied by six minor hills to create a unique view.

The favorable location at the crossing of ancient roads as well as the river Nitra and the bottom of Tribeč mountain predestined this place for origination of a settlement. The history of the city is closely related to many important events that influenced the development of Slovakia. Nitra played a key role in the history of the Great Moravian Empire and of the young Hungarian Kingdom. In Nitra and the surrounding region, one can find several unique monuments and sites of European historical importance – the first Christian temple in our territory and the introduction of the first Slavic alphabet. Nitra, the seat of Prince Pribina and King Svätopluk, was and is a symbol of historical values and traditions for the Slovak nation. For these reasons it has been attributed the title “the Mother of Slovak towns”.

Two large universities reside in Nitra, museums and several institutions of cultural importance. There are many places worth visiting. The people of Nitra are proud of their Andrej Bagar Theatre, where regular theatre shows and the annual international theater festival “Divadelná Nitra” (Theatrical Nitra) take place. The extensive exhibition area of Agrokomplex is a place where many international fairs and exhibitions take place.

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra



About us

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, consisting of Faculty of Animal Science and Faculty of Agronomy was formed by the Czechoslovak government decree in 1952. Within a short time the Faculty of Operational Economics was created, and in 1969 Faculty of Agricultural Engineering was established. Further development of the University was recorded in 1995 when the Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering was established. In 1996 the University of Agriculture was renamed to Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (SUA). In 2002 the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences and in 2004 the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development were founded.

At present SUA is a top Slovak research and educational institution of international importance operating in a wide range of scientific fields such as genetics, biotechnology, agriculture, environment, food sciences, horticulture, landscape engineering and design, engineering, economics, management, marketing with focus on rural regions and regional development.

Did you know?

As the only agricultural university in Slovakia, SUA has an exclusive position within the Slovak universities and nationwide field of activity. Its mission is to provide and ensure education, research and professional consultation services so that the knowledge necessary for the development of agriculture and related industries and rural development in Slovakia is created, transferred into and interconnected with the international community.

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University Campus

Most of the buildings of SUA are situated at the main campus on Trieda Andreja Hlinku street, 2. However, some faculties and departments are situated at different places in the town. Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering is located near the city park on Tulipánová street, 7 with some departments also at the foot of Zobor hill on Hospodárska street, 7. Some departments of the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development are situated in buildings on Farská street, 4 and Mariánska street, 10.

Within the campus you can also find Botanical garden and its greenhouses and nursery, Dormitory and Congress centre of Anton Bernolák, Dormitory Mladost and University Sports Centre, University Vivarium and Reading room of the Slovak Agricultural Library.

Did you know?

The main campus with the mushroom shaped aula of SUA built in the 1960`s was awarded the title „Building of the 20th century“ in 2001 and in 2014 became National Cultural Monument The building of the Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering won the „Dusan Jurkovic Prize“ awarded yearly by Association of Architects of Slovakia.



Preparing Your Stay

Academic Calendar

Academic year starts on 1 September and ends on 31 August of the following year and it is divided into two semesters:

Winter semester

Duration: last week of September – mid December (13 weeks) Winter holidays: approx. 2 weeks around Christmas

Summer semester

Duration: second week of February – mid May (13 weeks) Easter holidays: one week around Easter



Our faculties and study modules

Faculty of Agrobiology and Food Resources (FAFR) www.fapz.uniag.sk

The faculty prepares specialists in the development, utilization, protection and recovery of food resources of plant and animal origin through the development and application of biological, ecological, technical and economic principles of functionality and knowledge of sustainable agroecosystems.

Ecological Agriculture (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Biological Methods in Plant Protection	6
Plant Biotechnology	6
Production Ecology and Climate Change	6
Sustainable and Ecological Agriculture in Crop Production	6
Sustainable and Organic Agriculture in Animal Production	6

Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences (FBFS) www.fbp.uniag.sk

The faculty deals with knowing, understanding and managing biological, technological and economic sciences, specializing in modern processes of food production.

Applied biology (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Bacteriology	6
Molecular Biology	6
Biology of Animal Production	6
Biology of Reproduction	4
Imunobiology	4
Cell Physiology	4

Faculty of Economics and Management (FEM) www.fem.uniag.sk

The principal mission of the faculty is to prepare experts for agricultural and food processing industries as well as cooperating industries and to educate them in the areas of management, economics, accounting and finance, information and communication technologies, international trade, foreign languages and regional development.

Business Economics (36 ECTS) Course

	ECTS
Economics of Enterprises	6
International Management and Entrepreneurship	6
Logistics	6
Microeconomics II.	6
Quality Management	6
Strategic Management	6

International Economics and Development (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Advanced Macroeconomics	6
Advanced Microeconomics	6
Global Marketing and Emerging Markets	6
International Finance	6
Mathematics and Modelling	6

Agrarian Trade and Marketing (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
International Management and Entrepreneurship	6
Macroeconomics and International Economics	6
Management of Commercial Business	6
Purchase and Sale	6
Trade Operations	6

Business Management (27 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Basics of Management	6
Finance and Currency	5
Informatics	4
Introduction to economics	4
Law	4
Mathematics I A	4

**Faculty of European Studies
and Regional Development (FESRD)**
www.fesrr.uniag.sk

The faculty guarantees training of professionals capable of processing the strategic objectives, contributing to the community development, especially in rural environment in cooperation with the governing bodies of public administration, and succeeding in advisory and project agencies which prepare projects within the EU programmes.

Regional and Rural Development (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Rural Development	6
EU Agricultural Policy	6
EU Economic Policy	6
Economics of the Public Sector	4
Economics of Territorial Development	4
Regional and Local Development	4

**Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering
(FHLE)**
www.fzki.uniag.sk

The faculty's priority is the education of professionals oriented on horticultural production, fruit growing, viticulture, vegetable and flowers, garden design and landscaping.

Landscape Architecture (33 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Landscape design	6
Renewal of Countryside Settlement Verdure	4
Ateliers of Restricted Verdure Ateliers of Special Green Space Design	5
Biotechnics of Landscape Verdure	6
Restoration of Historical Verdure	4
Modelling, Visualization and Presentation in Landscape architecture	8

Horticulture (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Special Fruit Growing	6
Integrated Systems of Fruit Production	6
Grape and Wine Evaluation	4
Quality Management Systems in Horticulture	4
Pruning and Training of Fruit Trees	4
Post-harvest Technology of Horticultural Crops	6

Landscape Engineering (30 ECTS)

Course	ECTS
Water Management Structures	6
Irrigation	4
Environmental Management Systems	6
Small Reservoirs and Ponds	4
Soil Resources Registry	4
Biotechnics of Landscape Verdure	6

The main mission of the faculty is to train skilled operating engineers and graduate engineers. The faculty does not only rely on an experienced team of teachers, but also on cooperation with many other educational and research institutions in Slovakia and abroad.

Agricultural Machinery

Course	ECTS
Theory and Design of Tractors	6
Technical Physics	6
Machinery in Agriculture	6
CAD Methods in Technical Practices	6
Machinery for Animal Production	6



How to Apply

If you are interested in one of the above study modules please:

- ▶ **choose your faculty and the study module**
- ▶ **contact the SUA International Relations Office (iro@uniag.sk)**



Accommodation and Catering

SUA offers accommodation for its students and guests in 4 university dormitories - Akademická, Mladost', Anton Bernolák and Poľnohospodár. Some of them are located within the campus, some are in the town. Units of 2 double rooms sharing a bathroom are available. Shared kitchen with cooking facilities and foodlockers are available. Wifi and cable internet connection is available in the rooms upon registration into the university network. International Relations Office book a place for you in our dormitories on the first come first served basis as soon as we have received your complete application. Number of places is limited.

Meals are served in two canteens within the university campus - in dormitory A. Bernolák and dormitory Mladost'. Lunch is served between 11 am - 2 pm and dinner from 3 pm to 7 pm to the university students and staff at reasonable price. On weekends lunch is served from 11:30 am - 1 pm. With your student card you can order from 5 different menus (soup plus main course) one day before or choose any meal from the offer of the day. The price per meal is from 0,80 Euro to 2 Euro.

Snacks and refreshments can be bought in several snack bars located in the dormitories and university buildings.



Visa and Residence Permit Regulations

If you are **EU/EEA or Swiss citizen** you may enter the Slovak Republic with your valid ID document (National Identity Card, Passport).

Students from other countries might need visa to enter Slovakia. Contact respective Slovak Embassy or Consulate in your home country to find out more details.

NON – EU citizens staying more than 90 days in one half year must apply for **Temporary Residence Permit**. The application is to be submitted in person at the Slovak Embassy or Consulate in your home country or at the Immigration Police Office in Nitra upon your arrival (Cudzinecká polícia, Kalvárska street, 2, Nitra).

Contact the Slovak Embassy or Consulate in your home country to find out the up-to-date information about required documents and fees.



Health Insurance

All foreign students coming to study at Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra are legally obliged to have a health insurance valid for the territory of Slovak Republic and for the whole period of their stay. **Without the prove of such insurance student cannot be registered at SUA in Nitra.** Students without insurance from home country can arrange Health Insurance for Foreigners in Slovakia.

Students from **NON-EU countries** have to have the Confirmation of Travel Health Insurance valid for the territory of Slovak Republic for the whole period of stay.

Average Living Costs

Slovakia is generally considered as not very expensive country. Student`s monthly budget is usually about 200-250 EUR. It will of course depend on your personal life-style. The first month generally includes some extra costs for legal arrangements (Temporary Residence Permit, obligatory Medical Check for non-EU students), long-distance calls, purchase of household & kitchen items etc.

Expected costs during your stay in Slovakia:

Legally required Medical Check 150 EUR (non-EU students)
Accommodation 110 - 120 EUR per month

Average prices of some basic products in Slovakia:

Taxi/1 journey	2 EUR (students discount)
Cinema ticket	5,30 EUR
Lunch menu	4-5 EUR
Pizza	8-10 EUR
Beer, 0,5 l	1,50-2 EUR
Coke	1,15 EUR
Tea, Coffee	1,50-2 EUR
Mineral Water, 1,5 l	0,55 EUR
McDonald`s menu	5 EUR
Bread 1kg	1,32 EUR
Milk 1 l	0,74 EUR
Yoghurt 150 g	0,50 EUR
Cheese, 1 kg	6,27 EUR
Butter, 125 g	2,50 EUR





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