

Specific features of admission for studies of foreigners and stateless persons in 2026

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1. Admission for studies to National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Vinnytsya of foreigners and stateless persons to pursue higher education is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine “On Higher Education”, “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, “On Ukrainians Abroad”, “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection”, “On the Establishment of Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland, staying on the Territory of Ukraine”; Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, dated September 12, 2018 No. 729 “Issues of Obtaining Higher Education by Certain Categories of Persons”; The procedure for organizing admission to institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher, higher education of Ukraine and training (advanced training) of foreigners and stateless persons using the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons, wishing to study in institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher, higher education of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, dated June 28, 2024 No. 758; by the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated November 1, 2013 No. 1541 “Some Issues of Organizing Recruitment and Training (Advanced Training) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013 under No. 2004/24536; by order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 2, 2019 No. 1498 “On approval of the Procedure for establishing quotas for obtaining higher education by foreigners and stateless persons within the scope of the state order in accordance with international treaties of Ukraine”, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020 under No. 153/34436.

2. Persons, who are admitted to study to pursue higher education on an equal basis with citizens of Ukraine may follow the trajectory of an applicant for higher education and exercise the right to free higher education in the manner provided for citizens of Ukraine.

Persons, who are admitted to study for higher education on an equal with citizens of Ukraine basis (in particular, at the expense of the state or local budget) include foreigners and stateless persons permanently residing in Ukraine, in particular Overseas Ukrainians; citizens of the Republic of Poland; persons recognized as refugees; persons in need of additional protection.

Foreigners and stateless persons (including stateless persons who have applied for refugee status, persons who have applied for protection in Ukraine and provided a certificate of application for protection in Ukraine, the sample of which is approved by the Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, dated September 7, 2011 No. 649, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on October 5, 2011, No. 1146/19884) (hereinafter referred to as foreigners) may be admitted to study to pursue higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine, the binding consent of which has been granted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, legislation or agreements between higher education institutions on international academic mobility. Admission of foreigners to study for higher education at places of state order is carried out within the quota for foreigners, which is provided on the basis of referrals from the Ministry of Education and Science to applicants, who are granted state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, other international obligations of Ukraine, recommended for enrollment by the responsible bodies of foreign states with which international treaties have been concluded, and/or by the representations of these states. Overseas Ukrainians, whose status is certified by the Overseas Ukrainian’ certificate (except for persons permanently residing in Ukraine) may be enrolled for study under a state order within the established quotas for foreigners.

Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Belarus and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who do not have a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to study with an individual permit from the Ministry of Education and Science. Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Belarus who defended the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and received the status of hostilities participant in accordance with the

Procedure for granting and depriving the status of hostilities participant and disable persons as a result of the war to foreigners and stateless persons who defended the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025 No. 719, as well as children of such citizens may be admitted to study without an individual permit from the Ministry of Education and Science.

3. Admission of foreigners to pursue higher education (except for persons, who are admitted to higher education on an equal with citizens of Ukraine basis) is carried out for accredited educational programs. VNMU may also admit foreigners and stateless persons for training under the programs of the preparatory faculty (department), for studying the state language, as well as for postgraduate education, advanced training.

4. Admission of foreigners for training may be carried out in person and/or remotely. Recruitment of foreigners for training is carried out using the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons who wish to study in institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher education, higher education of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Unified System) (except for persons, who are admitted to higher education on an equal with citizens of Ukraine basis).

The validity period of an electronic invitation to study issued by the Unified System is no more than six months from the date of affixing the electronic qualified seal of a higher education institution on it or the qualified electronic signature of an authorized person of a higher education institution.

Foreigners who have received an electronic invitation to study and have completed the procedure for certifying documents on education in their country of origin in the manner officially used in the specified country for such certification (consular legalization, including legalization by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, or affixing an apostille for countries that are parties to the Convention, abolishing the requirement for legalization of foreign official documents), except for documents issued in Ukraine, may participate in the distance admission. To organize the distance admission of foreigners for higher education and for the purpose of studying under the programs of the preparatory department (faculty), for studying the state language, as well as for postgraduate education, advanced training, VNMU conducts personal identification and entrance exams (when admitted to higher and postgraduate education) in a distance format with the provision of their video recording (including from the screen of the applicant's device). The video recording of the entrance exam is stored after the entrance exam for foreigners for five years at VNMU, and a link to this recording is entered into the Unified Database.

In case of distance admission, an applicant e-mail to VNMU legalized copies of documents on previously obtained education and their notarized translation into Ukrainian. When crossing the state border of Ukraine for the first time and upon arrival to VNMU, the foreigner hands over the original documents in person.

5. Admission of foreign applicants for studies to VNMU at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities is carried out:

- 1) twice a year (the first stage - by March 31, the second no later than November, 1) within the terms specified in the Admission Rules for obtaining master's or doctor of philosophy degree;
- 2) during the year for studies at the preparatory department (faculty), to study the state language, advanced training.

Admission of applicants to pursue higher education is carried out on the basis of documents on previously obtained levels and degrees of education, based on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners in specified subjects and language of instruction, and academic rights to continue studies granted by these documents in their country of origin, taking into account the success scores that give the right to continue studies at the next level of higher education, if this is provided for by the legislation of the country, that issued the document on the obtained degree (level) of education.

6. Competitive selection of foreigners for higher education (except for persons, who are admitted to higher education on an equal with citizens of Ukraine basis) is carried out based on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners, taking into account the specifics of the educational program (specialty) for which admission is being made. The score of the entrance exam for foreigners is the only component of the competitive score for this category of applicants.

All categories of foreigners who enter the university are enrolled to VNMU on the basis of enrollment orders. Confirmation of the fact of study may be a certificate generated by the Unified State Electronic Database on Education.

7. Requirements of VNMU regarding the compliance of foreign applicants, who have arrived in Ukraine for the purpose of study with these Admission Rules, as well as the deadlines for accepting applications and documents, conducting entrance exam for foreigners and enrollment are specified in the Admission Rules and published on the official website of VNMU.

8. Foreigners who arrive in Ukraine to participate in academic mobility programs or to obtain higher education under educational programs, agreed between Ukrainian and foreign higher education institutions are admitted for study taking into account the contractual obligations of VNMU.

9. Acceptance of applications and documents, formation of personal files of applicants and other functions related to the admission of foreigners to the first year in the specialties: I1 "Dentistry", I2 "Medicine", I8 "Pharmacy" to VNMU is performed by the Selection Commission for the organization and conduct of foreigners and stateless persons admission (hereinafter referred to as the Selection Commission), which is a structural unit of the Admission Commission.

For foreign documents on education, validation is carried out - analysis of the document on education for compliance of the obtained educational level with the admission conditions and requirements for arrangement of documents on education. Validation is carried out by the Commission of VNMU for the validation of documents on the degree (level) of education obtained by a foreigner and a stateless person abroad.

When admitting persons who submit a document on a degree (level) of education obtained abroad, the procedure for recognizing and establishing the equivalence of the Document is mandatory, which is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for recognizing higher education degrees obtained in foreign higher educational institutions, approved by Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated May 5, 2015 No. 504, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on May 27, 2015 under No. 614/27059 with amendments made in accordance with Order of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 784 dated September 5, 2022.

This requirement does not apply to documents of foreigners, who study under academic mobility programs or undergo advanced training and who are not provided with the assignment of relevant qualifications/scientific degrees. In case of establishing the inauthenticity of the provided document on the educational level, VNMU expels such a foreigner.

Deadlines for receiving applications and documents, competitive selection and enrollment for studies.

For admission of foreigners to the first year to obtain master's degree and doctorate degree to the first year of study in 2026/2027 academic year:

- acceptance of applications and documents: from July, 01 to October 30, 2026;
- conducting entrance exams: from July, 02 to October 31, 2026;
- enrollment - no later than November 01, 2026.

For the admission to the first year to obtain master's degree in spring semester of 2026/2027 academic year and doctorate degree for the first year of study:

- acceptance of applications and documents: from January, 04 to March 29, 2027;
- conducting entrance exams: from January, 05 to March 30, 2027;
- enrollment - no later than March 31, 2027.

To submit an electronic application for an invitation and digital copies of documents on education obtained by a foreigner abroad, it is necessary:

1. Follow the link of the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons – <https://apply.studyinukraine.gov.ua/> – to register an account.
2. Select VNMU and the desired educational program of the university, and complete the application in your digital account.
3. You must upload scanned copies of the following documents to the application:
 - document on education on the basis of which you are enrolled, and the attachment to it (if the presence of an attachment is provided for by the legislation of the country of origin of the document);

- academic transcript, issued by the educational institution (in case of transfer or renewal of studies from the second year);
- passport;
- color digitized image of the face.

4. Pay the established registration fee or other prescribed payments through available payment systems.

5. Wait for electronic approval from the university.

6. After a positive decision, receive an official invitation to study.

In case of any questions, please contact: foredean@vnmua.edu.ua International Relations Department. An invitation is issued to foreigners, for whom VNMU has granted consent for admission to obtain master's degree, doctor of philosophy degree, studying at preparatory department (faculty), studying the state language, as well as for obtaining postgraduate education, advanced training.

To enter VNMU, a foreigner submits to the Selection Commission the application in paper/electronic format (foredean@vnmua.edu.ua) and the following documents:

1. an application and a questionnaire of the established sample;
2. a document (original and two copies) on the previously obtained educational (educational-qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made;
3. supplement (original and two copies) to the document on the previously obtained educational (educational - qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made (if available);
4. academic transcript (original and two copies) issued by a foreign/Ukrainian educational institution (in case of transfer or renewal of studies, starting from the second year, an academic transcript is attached);
5. copy of a passport document or a document, certifying a stateless person in two copies (the original is presented);
6. health insurance policy for the entire period of study, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine;
7. 8 photographs - 3x4 cm;
8. certificate of graduation from the preparatory faculty (department) and a copy of the expel order from the preparatory faculty of a higher education institution of Ukraine (if available);
9. copy of the certificate of Overseas Ukrainian (if available).

Documents 2-5 must be translated into Ukrainian and notarized.

Documents 2-4 must be certified in the country of their issuance in the manner officially used in this country for such verification, and legalized by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine.

The application and the specified documents (except for the original passport document or document, certifying stateless person, which is only presented) are stored in the applicant's personal file.

Competitive selection among foreigners for admission to the first year for master's degree programs in medical and pharmaceutical fields is carried out on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners. Entrance exams are conducted by testing in one day and consist of two parts - the language of instruction (English or Ukrainian) and biology or chemistry (at the applicant's choice). The minimum score required for admission must be at least 100 on a scale from 100 to 200 points in general education subjects, on which the entrance exam for foreigners is held.

Competitive score (CS): $CS = C1 * P1 + C2 * P2$;

where P1 – the score of the entrance exam in English/Ukrainian; P2 – the score of the entrance exam in chemistry/biology (on a scale of 100-200). The non-negative weighting coefficients C1, C2 are set by VNMU with an accuracy of 0.01. The non-negative weighting coefficients C1, C2 are: for English/Ukrainian (first subject) – 0.50; for chemistry/biology (second subject) – 0.50.

The programs of entrance exams for foreigners, as well as the criteria for assessing knowledge are approved by the head of the Admissions Commission no later than May, 1 2026 and are published on the official website of VNMU.

The schedule of the entrance exams for foreigners is approved as applications are received from applicants and is posted on the website of VNMU.

Applicants, who were students of the preparatory faculty (department), successfully passed the final exams, received a certificate and are entering an educational program (specialty) are exempted from the entrance exam in the competitive subject (biology/chemistry) and the language of instruction (if it coincides with the language of instruction at the preparatory department). When determining the results of the entrance exam, the specified certificate is equated to the results of the entrance exams for foreigners in the language of instruction and the competitive subject (biology/chemistry) with a minimum passing score.

The entrance exam for foreigners in full-time mode is conducted by no less than two members of the commission for each subject (they will be appointed by the heads of the relevant subject commissions according to the schedule on the entrance exam day) in the university auditorium, which was determined the day before.

The entrance exam for foreigners in remote mode is conducted by no less than two members of the commission for each subject (they will be appointed by the heads of the relevant subject commissions according to the schedule on the day of the entrance exam) using online platforms with video recording (including from the screen of the applicant's device).