



GUIDLINE FOR YSMU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Premedical education for foreign citizens

International applicants who have secondary education but do not have sufficient knowledge on general subjects for entrance examinations may be enrolled in the Preparatory Program for foreign citizens.

Applicants shall submit the necessary admission documents to RA Ministry of Education and Science by November 1 of each academic year.

The Preparatory Program starts on October 1 of each academic year; the duration is 32 weeks. The Preparatory Program is a full-time course which comprises the following subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, as well as Armenian and Foreign Languages. Teaching is conducted in Armenian, Russian or English at the student's choice. A test is designed to evaluate the level of English language knowledge for studies conducted in English. According to the results the students are divided into groups.

The students are provided with rooms in hostel equipped with all necessary facilities required for their leisure-time and recreation. They can actively participate in the cultural and sport events of the University. Regular meetings with the respective Embassies and the representatives of National Student Unions are organized to ensure the leisure time, education and recreation of the international students properly.

The graduation examinations from the Preparatory Program serve as entrance examinations for the 1st term of academic year.

The students are awarded the graduation certificate upon completing successfully the graduation examinations of the Preparatory Program.

YSMU offers both undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

Specialty/Profession	Degree awarded	Duration		Type of education	Credits*
MD	Integrated	6 years	12 semesters	Full-time	360
Stomatology	Integrated	5 years	10 semesters	Full-time	300
Pharmacy	Bachelors	4 years	8 semesters	Full-time	240
	Masters	1 year	2 semesters	Full-time	60
MD in Military Medicine	Integrated	6 years	12 semesters	Full-time	360
Public Health	Masters	1.5 years	3 semesters	Full-time	90
Specialization	Internship	1 year	2 semesters	Full-time	
	Clinical Residency	1-4 years	2-8 semesters	Full-time	
	Postgraduate	3 years	6 semesters	Full-time	180
		4 years	8 semesters	Part-time	180

* 30 credits for each semester except for part-time postgraduate studies / *Academic year consists of 2 semesters.*

The first academic semester starts on September 1 and ends in December-January. For the first and second year students winter examinations are conducted in January, and for 3-6 year students – during the academic year. The second semester starts in February and ends in May-June. For the first and second year

students summer examinations are conducted in June, and for 3-6 year students – during the academic year. Students are required to carry out compulsory practical activity during summer vacations.

The evaluation of students studying by Integrated programmes is carried out by means of exams and “left side” testing of the given subjects in the form of test and oral examination. The current and final evaluation exams are centralized in special auditoriums enhanced with more than 250 computers. The oral examination form is applied when evaluating compulsory subjects of students undergoing their 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and the 6th years of studies and during the graduation exam. Pharmacy students having good academic results may defend a master thesis instead of oral examination, while thesis work is a must for those studying in the faculty of Public Health. Evaluation form applied at YSMU is a 10-point grading system: “excellent” (10-9), “good” (8-7), “satisfactory” (6-5) and “fail” (4-1). In “left side” testing “pass” or “fail” evaluation method is applied. If the student fails, a second chance of reexamination during a certain period is given to him/her. The student is provided with another 2 opportunities in case of the second failure. In case of having academic debts exceeding 12 credits after the second chance the student is hereby expelled from the university with the opportunity of readmission in the coming academic year (in the same semester). The student is not permitted to pass to the next academic year if he/she hasn’t taken successfully all the exams.

Final evaluation of the student is carried out in three phases:

The first phase

The first phase is the evaluation of the student’s practical skills which is carried out in the University simulation centers and clinics where the education has respectively been conducted. Here the student should demonstrate professional practical skills using moles, phantoms, medical tools, laboratory data, medical equipment, medications, X-ray and etc. The evaluation of practical skills of students of the faculties of General Medicine, Military Medicine and Stomatology is conducted according to a 10 point grading system: “excellent” (10-9), “good” (8-7), “satisfactory” (6-5) and “fail” (4-1), while the evaluation of Pharmacy students is carried out by “pass” or “fail” evaluation method. The Faculty of Public Health doesn’t have this phase.

Second – computerized testing phase: apart from main professional subjects, the level of the graduate’s theoretical knowledge is evaluated. The graduate’s clinical and professional skills and knowledge are evaluated by means of tests. Evaluation form applied at YSMU is a 10-point grading system: “excellent” (10-9), “good” (8-7), “satisfactory” (6-5) and “fail” (4-1). The graduate failing the test on practical or theoretical skills is not permitted to take part in oral examination of the given subject.

The graduate takes interdisciplinary test at the second phase of final examination while defending master thesis. The graduate failing in final interdisciplinary test examination is not permitted to defend master thesis.

Third phase: the graduate’s general performance and critical thinking are evaluated by means of oral examination on compulsory subjects or master thesis. Evaluation form applied at YSMU is a 10-point grading system: “excellent” (10-9), “good” (8-7), “satisfactory” (6-5) and “fail” (4-1).

The final mark that the graduates of General Medicine and Military Medicine Faculties receive and the respective qualification they are awarded are based on the results of the final examinations.

The residence status of foreign citizens studying at YSMU is regulated by the Law on Foreign Citizens of the Republic of Armenia of December 25, 2006, which defines entry into the Republic of Armenia, residence and residency in the RA, exit from the RA, as well as other issues related to foreigners.

Students studying at YSMU receive a residence permit for one year with a possibility of prolonging for a year.

Within a year the students shall have a valid passport. The students expelled from the University lose their residence status and are obliged to acquire exit visa to leave Armenia. In such cases, the students get support from the Department of International Students’ Affairs of YSMU.

During the studies the student shall comply with the University’s internal disciplinary rules available on the official website of YSMU.

Students residing in YSMU hostels shall comply with the hostel’s internal disciplinary rules and security requirements.