

Appendix to the Rules for Admission to
Higher Education at the State Institution
“Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National
University” in 2026

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
STATE INSTITUTION «LUHANSK TARAS SHEVCHENKO NATIONAL
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**PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION TO STUDIES
OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND STATELESS PERSONS
AT THE STATE INSTITUTION “LUHANSK TARAS SHEVCHENKO
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY”
Year 2026**

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1. Admission of foreign nationals and stateless persons to the State Institution “Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University” (hereinafter – SI “LTSNU”) is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine “On Higher Education,” “On the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals and Stateless Persons,” “On Ukrainians Abroad,” “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Supplementary or Temporary Protection,” and “On the Establishment of Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland Residing in Ukraine”; Resolution No. 729 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 12, 2018, “Issues Concerning the Acquisition of Higher Education by Certain Categories of Persons”; The Procedure for Organizing Admission to Institutions of Vocational (Vocational-Technical), Pre-Higher Professional, and Higher Education in Ukraine and for the Education (Internships) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Using the Unified Interagency Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons, who wish to study at institutions of vocational (vocational-technical), pre-higher professional, and higher education in Ukraine, approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 758 dated June 28, 2024; Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1541 dated November 1, 2013, “Certain Issues Regarding the Organization of Enrollment and Training (internships) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons,” registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013, under No. 2004/24536; Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1498 dated December 2, 2019, “On Approval of the Procedure for Establishing Quotas for Higher Education for Foreigners and Stateless Persons Within the Limits of the State Order in Accordance with Ukraine’s International Treaties,” registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020, under No. 153/34436.

2. Individuals admitted to SI “LTSNU” to pursue higher education on an equal footing with citizens of Ukraine may follow the admission process for higher education and exercise the right to free higher education in the manner prescribed for Ukrainian citizens.

Foreign nationals and stateless persons (including stateless persons who have applied for refugee status, persons who have sought protection in Ukraine and provided a certificate confirming their application for protection in Ukraine, a sample of which was approved by Order No. 649 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine dated September 7, 2011, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on October 5, 2011, under No. 1146/19884), may be admitted to SI “LTSNU” to pursue higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise provided for by international treaties of Ukraine, the binding nature of which has been approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, by legislation, or by agreements between institutions of higher education on international academic mobility. The admission of foreign nationals to study for a higher education degree under state-funded quotas is carried out within the quota for foreign nationals, which is allocated on the basis of referrals from the Ministry of Education and Science to applicants who are awarded state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, other international obligations of Ukraine, and those recommended for admission by the competent authorities of foreign states with which international treaties have been concluded, and/or by the diplomatic missions of those states. Ukrainians living abroad whose status is confirmed by a certificate of a Ukrainian living abroad (except for those permanently residing in

Ukraine) may be admitted to SI “LTSNU” under the state-funded program within the established quotas for foreign nationals.

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 hold a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to SI “LTSNU” with individual permission 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 were granted the status of combatant in accordance with the Procedure for Granting and Revoking the Status of Combatant and Person with a War-Related Disability to Foreigners and Stateless Persons, who defended the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, approved by Resolution No. 719 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025, as well as the children of such citizens, may be admitted to study without individual permission from the Ministry of Education and Science.

3. Admission of foreign nationals to SI “LTSNU” for higher education (except for those admitted to higher education on an equal footing with Ukrainian citizens) is conducted through **accredited educational programs**.

4. Admission of foreign nationals to SI “LTSNU” may be conducted **in person and/or remotely**. The enrollment of foreign nationals at SI “LTSNU” is carried out using **the Unified Interagency Information System of Ukraine for foreign nationals and stateless persons** wishing to study at SI “LTSNU” (hereinafter referred to as the “Unified System”) (except for individuals admitted to pursue higher education on an equal footing with Ukrainian citizens).

The validity period of an electronic invitation to study issued through the Unified System is no more than six months from the date it is affixed with the electronic qualified seal of SI “LTSNU” or the qualified electronic signature of an authorized representative of SI “LTSNU”.

Foreign nationals who have received an electronic invitation to study and who have completed the process of certifying their educational documents in their country of origin in the manner officially used in that country for such certification (consular legalization, including legalization by the relevant foreign representative office of Ukraine, or the affixing of an apostille for countries that are parties to the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents), except for documents issued in Ukraine.

To organize the remote enrollment of international students at SI “LTSNU” for higher education, the Admissions Committee and the University’s International Relations Office conduct identity verification and entrance exams (for admission to higher education programs) in a remote format, with video recording of the proceedings (including the applicant’s device screen). The video recording of the entrance exam is retained at SI “LTSNU” for five years following the administration of the entrance exam for foreign applicants, and a link to this recording is entered into the Unified Database by an inspector from the International Relations Office.

In the case of remote admission, the foreign applicant must send, by mail, to SI “LTSNU”, within the first year of study, legalized copies of documents certifying their prior education and notarized translations of these documents into Ukrainian. Upon first

crossing the state border of Ukraine and upon arrival at SI “LTSNU”, the foreign student must submit the original documents in person.

5. Admission of foreign students funded by individuals and/or legal entities takes place twice a year (**first stage – by April 30; second stage: for a Bachelor’s degree: from August 14, 2026, to November 9, 2026; for a Master’s degree: from August 30, 2026, to November 9, 2026; for Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Doctor of Arts (D.A.) degrees: from September 12, 2026, to November 9, 2026**) for Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Arts degrees (assistant-internship programs).

Admission of international students to SI “LTSNU” to pursue higher education is based on documents certifying previously obtained levels and degrees of education and the academic rights to continue studies granted by these documents in their country of origin, taking into account the academic grades that entitle the applicant to continue studies at the next level of higher education, if so provided by the legislation of the country that issued the document certifying the degree (level) of education.

6. The competitive selection of foreign nationals for admission to SI “LTSNU” to pursue higher education (except for individuals admitted to higher education on an equal footing with Ukrainian citizens) is conducted based on the results **of an entrance exam for foreign students**, taking into account the specifics of the educational program (major) for which admission is being granted. The entrance exam score for foreign applicants is the sole component of the competitive score for this category of applicants.

The minimum score required for admission on the entrance exam for foreign students is **100 points (125 points for majors requiring special support)**.

7. International students who come to Ukraine to participate in academic mobility programs or to pursue higher education under educational programs agreed upon between SI “LTSNU” and foreign institutions of higher education are admitted to SI “LTSNU” in accordance with the relevant contractual obligations.