



Once you receive your unconditional offer and have made a final decision on the university of your choice you need to start preparing to study in Europe! Leaving important things to the last minute could be a stressful experience.

Estimated living expenses will vary depending on the city you study in. Please use the checklist below to help you prepare for your studying in Europe:

<b>Passport</b>	Make sure your passport is valid.	If your passport is going to expire within the year of your studies, find out from the local authorities how you can renew your passport while abroad.
<b>Visa</b>	Depending on your passport (EU/other) you may need a visa to study abroad.	Your university will give you advice as to what type of visa you require and direct you to the right websites for relevant forms. It's down to you to look into this prior to your departure.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Book your accommodation as soon as possible!!	Check with the university for dormitories and find out what FB/social media links are available to help you in finding suitable accommodation. Check when you need to start your studies and when you can start living there.
<b>Travel</b>	The earlier you book your flight the cheaper they are.	Plan ahead and book return flights home according to the term/holiday breaks at your university.  Know exactly what your airline's luggage allowance weight is & pack sensibly.
<b>Health/Insurance</b>  <b>Medicine</b>	Health Insurance is important to arrange before leaving home. Find out what kind of healthcare is available for students in your host country.  If you are taking medication/prescriptions, visit your doctor. Bring enough for length of stay. If longer than three months, you will need to see a doctor abroad to re-prescribe. Speak with your doctor before you leave – prescriptions cannot be transferred.	In some EU countries it is obligatory to take out the national basic healthcare insurance <i>i.e. Netherlands</i> .  Speak with your doctor before you leave – prescriptions cannot be transferred.
<b>Finances</b>	Follow instructions by the EU Scholarship Team to be able to pay your grant. Check your portal's and emails for regular updates and information regarding forms/deadlines etc.  For those studying outside of Cyprus you will receive an advance of 80% of the grant €11,200 Euro for UG & PG scholars and different amounts for ST's depending on the number of months they are attending (2-6 months) plus €800 for travel expenses.	All grantees must open a Euro bank account at either <i>Turkiye Is Bank</i> or <i>Turkish Bank</i> . Where the applicant is under 18 at the moment of signing the scholarship contract, the parent or the legal guardian will be required to sign a parental consent form to comply with the <a href="#">British Council Child Protection Policy</a> . In addition the parent or the legal guardian will be required to sign the contract for the receipt of grant*.  Make sure your contract is signed at least one month prior to your departure to ensure payment of your grant prior to your departure.  If scholar's leave without signing their contracts BC cannot guarantee payment in

	For those scholars studying in Cyprus the grant will again receive 80% of the grant (€6000)	the usual manner. Payments will be delayed.
<b>Banking</b>	Credit cards  Opening Bank Account	Most major banks are internationally recognized, but you will often be charged a small fee every time you withdraw money or pay with your card. Make sure your card is valid for the duration of your trip and that you let your bank know about your travels before leaving to make sure your card isn't blocked.  Notify your bank/credit card companies that you are going abroad. Not all credit cards will work in train stations/stores in Europe.  As well as cash, you should also have a bank account which you can access in your host country, with a cash card or credit card, through local ATMs or an international bank branch. .
<b>Documents</b>	Make sure you have copies of all important documents in a separate file and carry in your hand luggage as well as soft copies (scanned):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep a digital copy of your passport/s and ID card/s.</li> <li>• Visa</li> <li>• Accommodation (address, telephone, email, etc.)</li> <li>• Offer letter from University</li> <li>• Banking details (online username/passwords)</li> <li>• Contact details of embassy/consulate in host country</li> <li>• Insurance documents</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	Trains, Bus, connecting flights  Taxi/Uber	The University/Institution will have information on how to travel from the airport.  Make sure you find out about student rates for public transportation in your host country. Have a number of a couple of local taxi companies or Uber (if applicable) on your phone, so you don't get stranded. Also, get a number of a local taxi in the country/city you are living and studying in.
<b>Arrival</b>	Orientation, Travel, Food and Culture	Find out about and make sure you attend orientation programs upon arrival at your host institution.  Lots of helpful information is available for students on the institution/university websites including student discounts/rates for transportation, museums etc.  Find out about youth discounts in your host country. <a href="#">European Health Card</a> and <a href="#">ISIC</a>  Make the most of getting to know the country that you are studying and living in. Visit historical, cultural sites and get to know the city by walking, bicycle, public transportation and train.
<b>Register</b>	Registration in the town/city/EU Member State that you are moving to	It's important to register in the area that you are moving to as soon as you arrive.  Once you register it's important to enquire about:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul> <p>These will differ from country to country and depends whether you are an EU National or not (Non-EU).</p>
<b>Keep Safe</b>	<p>Be aware of your surroundings</p> <p>Your money</p> <p>Keep in Contact</p> <p>Know what to do in case of an emergency</p>	<p>There is strength in numbers.</p> <p>Keep your money safe. Try not to carry a lot of cash on you at any given time. Debit cards are a great alternative to cash.</p> <p>Probably one of the most important rules is to keep in contact with people and let somebody know where you are going. If you are sharing an apartment with someone let them know if you are going out and where - that way if anything happens, someone knows where you went.</p> <p>Always have the local alternative of 911(Fire, Ambulance, Police) contact in your phone.</p>
<b>ENJOY STUDYING AND LIVING IN EUROPE!</b>		

\*this is in line with British Council policy on child protection and contracting procedures.