

FAQ INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

What is the first step to initiate my exchange application to Suleyman Demirel University?

You have to be nominated by your home university. The home institution should send an e-mail to the International Relations Department through dfa@sdu.edu.kz, iro@sdu.edu.kz before the deadline announced for every academic term.

How do I apply?

Please see **[Academic Exchange Student Application](#)**

Should I send my application form via regular post, fax, or e-mail?

After you finalize approval of your learning agreement which is intended course plan at SDU, we highly recommend you to email soft copy of your application documents to dfa@sdu.edu.kz, iro@sdu.edu.kz. And mail all original documents including approved Learning Agreement, Transcript of Records by post. To the following address:

*1/1 Abylaikhan St., Kaskelen City
Almaty Region, 040900
Republic of Kazakhstan
International Relations office*

Learning Agreement has to be first approved, signed and stamped by your departmental and institutional coordinators at your home institution. Original documents must be sent to International Relations Office.

Do I need to provide a document for language proficiency?

In most departments Suleyman Demirel University has two parallel programs in where medium of instruction is totally in English and totally in Kazakh. All Academic Exchange Students have to provide a proof of sufficient language proficiency in English in accordance with the medium of instruction of desired programs.

I need financial aid; does Suleyman Demirel University provide such aid to exchange students?

No. SDU does not provide financial aid for incoming exchange students.

Processing of Applications

What should I do after sending my application documents?

After receiving your official application forms, International Relations Office at SDU send them to respective academic departments. The duration of the evaluation varies from department to department and time to time. Once the departmental evaluation is finalized, you will be informed by e-mail. As soon as your application is accepted, a soft copy of an official invitation letter will be sent you by e-mail. In case you need the hard copy of the

invitation, please inform Ms. Aizhamal Akhayeva in advance. If your application is not accepted, you will also be informed.

Do I need a visa?

Please see:

http://www.mfa.kz/en/#!/consular_issues/obtaining_kazakhstan_visa/

I want to stay with a family. Does Suleyman Demirel University make a home-stay arrangement for me?

No, SDU does not arrange a home-stay for you.

Do I have an option to stay in Dormitory?

Yes. Suleyman Demirel University Dormitories are open to its all students including Kazakh, International and Exchange Students. Even though SDU gives priority to Exchange Students and International Students, all applications are determined by the availability of rooms. Therefore, the confirmation of housing also depends on the availability of rooms.

Is it possible to stay in the Dormitories less than a full semester?

Please do not make your plan depending on this option since the students who will stay during whole semester have priority and the information on vacant room cannot be clarified in advance. If there is a vacant room, the students can stay in less than a full semester.

How can I get to Suleyman University?

Please visit our [web-site](#).

Is English always the language of instruction at Suleyman Demirel University?

English and Kazakh are two main medium of instructions at our University. Some departments have two parallel programs, one is totally in English and one is totally in Kazakh. Using the corresponding language is an obligation of lecturer.

Can I join some cultural and sports activities at SDU?

Yes. There are a lot of different students clubs at Suleyman Demirel University. You can join any of these clubs. Suleyman Demirel University encourages and supports students' participation to such activities, indeed.

What is the procedure for transferring my credits earned at Suleyman Demirel University to my home University?

You should contact your home university for this procedure.