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Introduction to Cyprus



Cyprus is an island with a rich and fascinating history, shaped by its strategic position at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa. While its cultural identity is strongly influenced by its Greek heritage, the island has been ruled by many civilisations over the centuries, each leaving behind elements of their traditions, architecture, and way of life. This unique blend of influences is still visible today, offering students a culturally diverse and historically rich environment.

Following the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, the island became geographically divided into two parts: the northern area, inhabited primarily by Turkish Cypriots, and the southern area, where the majority of the population are Greek Cypriots. Before this division, the two main communities, along with smaller minority groups, coexisted across the island. The capital city, Nicosia, remains a particularly interesting case, as it is the last divided capital city in the world—offering a rare opportunity to experience history and modern life side by side.

Historically, Cyprus was considered one of the wealthiest regions in the ancient world, largely due to its abundant copper resources—so much so that the island's name is closely linked to the metal itself. Today, the economy of the southern part of Cyprus has evolved into a modern, service-based system. Key sectors include tourism, financial services, and real estate, with tourism playing a central role in the country's economic activity. Cyprus attracts millions of visitors each year, making it one of the most popular travel destinations globally. In addition, the country has strengthened its manufacturing and export industries, supplying products such as citrus fruits, cement, potatoes, clothing, and pharmaceuticals to markets across Europe and the Middle East. In recent years, the discovery of natural gas resources has attracted global investment, further contributing to the island's development and cosmopolitan character.

Cyprus also offers excellent connectivity to the rest of Europe and beyond. With many airlines operating regular flights, students have the opportunity to travel easily during weekends or holidays, making Cyprus an ideal base for exploring other countries.



Sports play an increasingly important role in Cypriot life. Football, in particular, has reached a high level of professionalism in recent years, with local clubs competing in major European competitions and hosting internationally renowned teams such as FC Barcelona and Real Madrid. In addition to football, sports such as basketball, volleyball, cricket, tennis, and cycling are growing steadily in popularity, offering students many opportunities to stay active and engaged.

Overall, life in Cyprus is characterised by its balance of convenience, safety, and quality of living. The island's relatively small size allows for easy navigation and access to essential services, while the friendliness and hospitality of its people create a welcoming atmosphere for international students. In recent years, the discovery of natural gas resources has attracted global investment, further contributing to the island's development and cosmopolitan character.



As a student in Cyprus, everyday life offers a unique blend of academic, social, and recreational experiences. A typical day might begin with attending classes, followed by a coffee in the city centre, part-time work or studying, and later unwinding by the sea. You might visit Petra tou Romiou—traditionally known as the birthplace of Aphrodite—to enjoy a sunset, before returning home for dinner or heading to a theatre, cinema, or café with friends.



Life on the island offers something for everyone. Whether you are focused on your studies, exploring new cultures, building friendships, or simply enjoying the Mediterranean lifestyle, Cyprus provides an environment where you can thrive both academically and personally.

Cyprus in the International Context



In 2004, the Republic of Cyprus became a member of the European Union, gaining access to a wide range of political, economic, social, and environmental benefits. EU membership has strengthened Cyprus's economy, enhanced its international standing, and ensured alignment with European standards in education, governance, and quality of life—factors that are particularly important for international students.

In addition to the European Union, Cyprus is an active member of several major international organisations, including the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the Commonwealth of Nations. It is also a member of the Non-Aligned Movement, reflecting its longstanding diplomatic engagement on a global scale.

Cyprus is currently in the process of joining the Schengen Area, which, once completed, will further facilitate travel across participating European countries.

Overall, Cyprus's strong international presence, EU membership, and global partnerships make it an attractive and strategically positioned destination for international students seeking both academic and professional opportunities within Europe and beyond.



Cyprus at a Glance

A. Geography & Location

Cyprus is the third-largest island in the Mediterranean, strategically located at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, and Asia. Covering an area of 9,251 km², the island offers a diverse landscape that includes a 402 km picturesque coastline, long sandy beaches, fertile plains, and mountainous regions.

The capital city, Nicosia, is located at the centre of the island. Other popular cities and student-friendly destinations include Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, Ayia Napa, and Protaras, each offering its own cultural and lifestyle attractions.



B. Capital City

Nicosia is the capital of the Republic of Cyprus and the main administrative, educational, and business hub of the country. It is an ideal city for international students, combining a cosmopolitan atmosphere with a relaxed Mediterranean lifestyle. Home to people from many nationalities, Nicosia offers a vibrant student life with cafés, restaurants, parks, cultural venues, and social spaces, all enjoyed under sunny days and warm evenings.



C. Population & Language

Cyprus is a multicultural European country, with a population of approximately 1.2 million.

The official languages are Greek and Turkish, while English is widely spoken and used extensively in education, business, and everyday life. This makes Cyprus an easy and comfortable destination for international students to live and study.



D. Climate & Time Zone

Cyprus enjoys a Mediterranean climate with more than 340 days of sunshine per year. Summers are hot and dry, ideal for beach activities, while winters are mild, with occasional rainfall.

The Troodos Mountains offer skiing opportunities from January to March, making Cyprus one of the few places where you can enjoy both the sea and the mountains in the same season.

Cyprus operates on GMT +2 (and GMT +3 during daylight saving time).

E. Lifestyle & Culture

Cyprus offers a high quality of life, combining safety, affordability, and a welcoming social culture. The sunny climate strongly influences daily life, outdoor activities, and the local diet.

Cypriot cuisine is healthy and diverse, shaped by Greek, Middle Eastern, and Mediterranean influences, and based on fresh local produce, fruits, vegetables, and meats. Dining is a social experience and an important part of family and student life.

The island also has a 4,000-year-old wine-making tradition, with vineyards covering around 10% of the land. Cultural festivals, local events, and traditions provide international students with a rich and immersive experience.

F. Safety

Cyprus is generally considered a safe country with low levels of serious crime, offering international students a secure and welcoming environment. However, students should still take basic precautions to protect themselves and their belongings, particularly in crowded areas or at night.

Cyprus has strict laws regarding drugs, violence, theft, and public disorder, and students are expected to comply with all local laws and regulations at all times.

For additional security, both campuses are equipped with 24-hour CCTV cameras monitored by an external security company. Students are strongly advised not to leave personal belongings or valuable items unattended.



G. Currency

Cyprus uses the Euro (€) as its official currency.

- **Banknotes:**
€5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500
- **Coins:**
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents, and €1, €2
Euro coins and banknotes are accepted across all Eurozone countries, making travel within Europe convenient for students.

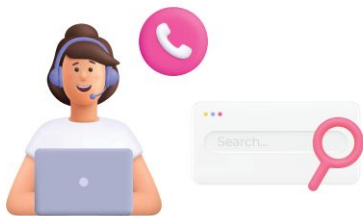


H. Electricity

Cyprus uses a 240V electricity supply with a frequency of 50Hz and follows the British electrical system using Type G three-pin plugs. International students from many countries may therefore require a plug adapter to use their electrical devices.

Most modern electronics such as laptops and mobile phones are dual voltage and will work safely with only an adapter. However, students are advised to check their devices before use, particularly hair dryers and other appliances.

Plug adapters and extension leads are widely available in supermarkets, electronics stores, and shopping centres throughout Cyprus.



I. Telecommunication

Cyprus has a modern and reliable telecommunications network with strong mobile and internet coverage across the island. Major providers include Cyta, Epic, and PrimeTel.

SIM cards are widely available from official stores, supermarkets, kiosks, airports, and shopping centres. Both prepaid and contract plans are offered, with prepaid options being especially popular among international students due to their flexibility and affordability.



High-speed 4G and 5G coverage is available in most areas, while Wi-Fi access is common on campus, in student accommodation, cafés, restaurants, and public spaces throughout Cyprus. Students are encouraged to compare prices, data packages, and international calling options before choosing a provider.

J. Getting Here

Cyprus is easily accessible through two international airports:

- Larnaca International Airport (approximately 30 minutes from Nicosia)
- Paphos International Airport (approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from Nicosia)

The island is served by many international airlines, including major Middle Eastern and European carriers, offering convenient connections worldwide.

To support students upon arrival, Casa College offers a complimentary airport transfer service from Larnaca

Airport to Nicosia. This service is available from Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 21:00. For arrivals outside these hours, transportation can still be arranged, but it will be subject to additional charges.

Students or their agents must request the airport transfer service at least 48 hours before arrival by completing the Airport Pick-up Request form at www.casacollege.ac.cy.



Accommodation



Finding the right place to live is an important part of the student experience. The College supports students in securing safe, comfortable, and affordable accommodation that allows them to focus on their studies while enjoying an independent and fulfilling student life.

Accommodation options are available in carefully selected residences and private housing close to the campus, offering easy access to academic facilities, public transport, and essential services. Options typically include shared apartments or studios, catering to different budgets, lifestyles, and lengths of stay.

All recommended accommodation meets basic standards of safety, hygiene, and comfort. Residences are generally fully furnished and may include utilities such as water, electricity, and internet, as well as shared amenities like kitchens, laundry facilities, and common areas.

The College's Accommodation Office provides guidance and support throughout the process, assisting students with available options, application procedures, and general advice on living in the area. While accommodation is arranged independently from the College, students are supported to make informed and confident choices before and after arrival.

Accommodation assistance is provided exclusively to new first-year students. Students seeking support with their first-year accommodation are required to complete and submit the Accommodation Request form at www.casacollege.ac.cy at least one month prior to their arrival in Cyprus.

Here are some reliable websites specifically useful for finding accommodation in Cyprus (especially Nicosia). These include local platforms, student-focused housing, and verified listing sites:

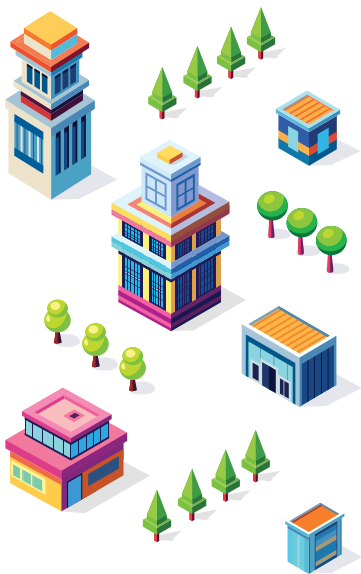
1. Student Accommodation Platforms in Cyprus

- **MyStudentFlat:** www.mystudentflat.com
A Cyprus-based platform where students can browse and book flats 100% online, with listings near major universities in Nicosia and other cities.
- **Erasmusu:** www.erasmusu.com
Offers a wide range of rooms, studios, and shared apartments in Nicosia, ideal for Erasmus and international students.
- **Doms Housing:** www.domshousing.com
Provides fully furnished student flats in Nicosia with both short-term and long-term options.

2. Private Student Residences (Direct Booking Websites)

- **Unihome Boutique Halls:** www.unihomeboutiquehalls.com
Modern studio apartments designed specifically for students, with facilities for study, relaxation, and social life.
- **THE MED Student Residence:** www.themed.com.cy
Dedicated student residence where you can apply and book directly online through their website.
- **Mirage Residences Cyprus:** www.mirageresidences.com.cy
Offers fully furnished studios and apartments within walking distance of major universities in Nicosia

- **U City Residences:** www.acityresidences.com
Purpose-built student accommodation located close to universities, with modern amenities and common areas.



3. International Platforms with Cyprus Listings

- **Uniplaces:** www.uniplaces.com
A large European marketplace where students from over 140 countries book accommodation, including Cyprus listings.
- **Flatio:** www.flatio.com
Offers fully furnished apartments in Nicosia, often with flexible stays and no deposit options.

Banking



Upon arriving in Cyprus, and as part of completing their Migration procedure, international students are required to open a local bank account and deposit a minimum amount of eight hundred Euros (€800). This requirement forms part of the documentation and financial procedures requested by the migration authorities in Cyprus.

Opening a local bank account is also highly beneficial for students during their stay in the country, as it allows them to manage their finances more easily and securely. A local account can be used for paying rent, utility bills, tuition fees, receiving salary payments from part-time employment, making online purchases, and carrying out everyday transactions. In addition, most banks in Cyprus provide modern banking facilities such as mobile banking applications,

online banking services, ATM access, debit cards, and international money transfer options.

Many banks also offer special student accounts with additional benefits, including discounts at selected stores and restaurants, cashback offers, reduced banking fees, and rewards programmes linked to student debit or credit card usage.

As a College, we recommend that students open an account with Bank of Cyprus, one of the largest and most established banking institutions in Cyprus. The bank offers extensive branch and ATM coverage across the island, English-speaking customer service, and convenient digital banking services suitable for international students.

Transportation



01. Public Transportation-Bus

Public transportation in Cyprus is affordable, reliable, and widely used by students. The island's main form of public transport is the bus network, which operates throughout major cities including Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos, and Ayia Napa. Although Cyprus does not currently have a train or metro system, buses provide convenient transportation for commuting, shopping, and intercity travel.

Public buses are modern, air-conditioned, and safe to use. Students may purchase tickets directly from the driver or use rechargeable travel cards and student discount cards where applicable. Intercity buses also offer affordable travel between cities across the island.

Students are strongly encouraged to download the Pame App, the official Cyprus public transportation application. The app provides

real-time bus arrivals, routes, timetables, interactive maps, journey planning, bus stop locations, and Motion Travel Card top-up services. It is available free of charge for both Android and iOS devices and is widely used throughout Cyprus.

02. Electric Scooters

Electric scooters are a popular transportation option among students in Cyprus, especially in Nicosia, due to their affordability, convenience, and environmental benefits.

Students should follow local road safety regulations, wear helmets, and use scooters only in permitted areas such as bicycle lanes and low-speed roads.

Electric scooters can be purchased from electronics stores, sports shops, and online retailers throughout Cyprus, including second-hand options through local marketplaces and student communities.



03. Bicycle

Bicycles are an affordable, healthy, and environmentally friendly transportation option for students in Cyprus. Cycling is increasingly popular in cities such as Nicosia, Limassol, and Larnaca, particularly for short daily journeys.

Both traditional bicycles and e-bikes are widely available throughout Cyprus, including second-hand options. Students are encouraged to follow road safety regulations, use helmets and lights, and remain cautious in busy traffic areas.

04. Motorbike

Motorbikes are a popular and affordable transportation option for students in Cyprus, particularly in Nicosia. They offer lower fuel, maintenance, and parking costs.

Students must hold a valid driving licence issued by the Government of Cyprus, ensure that the vehicle is properly registered and insured, and follow all road safety regulations. Wearing a protective helmet is mandatory for both drivers and passengers.

05. Car

Cars are a convenient transportation option for students in Cyprus, particularly for travelling between cities or exploring the island. Vehicles drive on the left-hand side of the road, and major cities such as Nicosia, Limassol, and Larnaca are connected through a modern motorway network.

Students who wish to drive must hold a valid driving licence issued by the Government of Cyprus and ensure that the vehicle is properly insured and registered. Costs such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, road tax, and parking should also be considered.

06. Parking

At Casa College, we have a designated parking area for electric scooters, bicycles and motorbikes free of charge. Parking for cars is not available for students

Hospitals & Medical Services



Nicosia offers a wide range of healthcare facilities, with hospitals and medical centres located across most major neighbourhoods. Both public and private healthcare services are available, ensuring that students have access to reliable and high-quality medical care.

Several well-established private hospitals also operate in Nicosia but we recommend the following:

- **Nicosia General Hospital:** The main public hospital. It provides comprehensive medical services, including a 24/7 Emergency (Accident & Emergency) Department.
- **Apollonian Private Hospital:** Provides general medical services (emergency services may be available—students should confirm directly).
- **Aretaeio Hospital:** This is the closest hospital to both campuses. Offers a 24/7 Emergency (Casualty) Department with ambulance services.

Students are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the nearest hospital—particularly one with a 24-hour emergency department, such as Aretaeio Hospital or Nicosia General Hospital. Knowing where to go in urgent situations can save valuable time and ensure immediate medical attention.

Overall, Nicosia's healthcare system is accessible and dependable, offering peace of mind to international students throughout their stay.



Pharmacies

Pharmacies in Cyprus play a central role in the country's healthcare system, operating under strict regulations set by the Ministry of Health and the General Healthcare System (GHS). They are widely available across cities and neighbourhoods, ensuring accessible pharmaceutical care for both residents and international students.

In terms of operation, most private pharmacies follow a regulated split-shift schedule, typically opening in the morning (around 8:00–8:30) and again in the afternoon after a midday break, reflecting the traditional Cypriot working pattern. Wednesdays and Saturdays usually operate on reduced morning hours only, while most pharmacies remain closed on Sundays and public holidays.

To ensure continuous access to medication, Cyprus operates an on-duty (rotational) pharmacy system. Each day, selected pharmacies remain open after regular hours, including evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays, guaranteeing that at least one pharmacy is always available in every area.

Pharmacies dispense both prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, with prescription drugs provided upon a doctor's prescription.

Beyond medicines, pharmacies in Cyprus also offer a wide range of health-related products such as vitamins, cosmetics, and basic medical supplies. Pharmacists are highly trained professionals who often serve as a first point of contact for minor health concerns, offering advice and guidance to patients.

Being aware of nearby pharmacies and their operating hours will help students manage their health needs efficiently during their stay in Cyprus.



Emergency Number in Cyprus and the EU

The number 112 is the single European emergency telephone number, available across all countries of the European Union, including Cyprus. It is free of charge and can be dialled from any phone—mobile or landline—even without credit.

By calling 112, you can reach all emergency services, including an ambulance, the fire brigade, or the police. When you dial this number, your call is answered by a specially trained operator who will assess your situation. Depending on the nature of the emergency and how services are organised nationally, the operator will either assist you directly or connect you to the appropriate emergency service.

In many cases, operators are able to communicate not only in the local language but also in English, which is particularly helpful for international students and visitors. If you are unsure of your exact location, the operator can often identify it and quickly direct emergency services to you.

It is important to use 112 responsibly and only in genuine emergency situations, where immediate assistance is required.



Health Insurance

According to the laws of the Republic of Cyprus, all international students are required to hold valid medical insurance for the entire duration of their studies. To support this requirement, our college collaborates with Hydra Insurance, which provides specialised health insurance plans designed for international students in Cyprus.

In particular, Hydra Insurance offers comprehensive and cost-effective student medical coverage that meets the standards set by the Migration Department. The policy typically includes both in-patient and out-patient care, covering hospitalisation, doctor consultations, diagnostic tests, and prescribed medications. In addition, the plan extends to emergency medical treatments and ambulance services. Overall, these insurance schemes are designed to ensure that international students have reliable access to healthcare services in Cyprus, while also complying fully with government regulations and visa requirements.

Category	Description of Cover Provided	Amount of Cover
In-Patient Treatment	Maximum amount per illness or accident	€8,600
	Maximum amount per period of insurance (per person)	€14,000
	Hospitalisation per day (room and board)	€70
	Hospitalisation per day in an intensive care unit (ICU)	€180
Out-Patient Treatment	Maximum amount per illness or accident	€700
	Maximum amount per period of insurance (per person)	€1,800
	Maximum amount per doctor visit	€20
Repatriation Coverage Coverage Percentage	Cover for the repatriation of mortal remains	Up to €3,500
	Percentage covered by insurance (10% borne by the insured/employer)	90%



Shopping in Nicosia



A. Malls

Modern malls in Cyprus provide a convenient and comfortable shopping environment with air-conditioning, dining options, and entertainment facilities.

	Malls	Shops
1	Mall of Cyprus	These malls host international fashion brands (e.g., Zara, Bershka, H&M), electronics retailers, beauty stores, and large supermarkets. They are ideal for students who prefer to complete all their shopping in one place. Many malls also include cinemas, making them popular social spots.
2	Mall of Nicosia	
3	Mall of Engomi	

Best for: Clothing, electronics, leisure, and social outings

Tip: Visit during seasonal sales (January–February & July–August) for major discounts

B. Mainstream Supermarkets

	Supermarkets	
1	Pop Life	Budget-friendly, excellent value
2	Lidl	Budget-friendly international products
3	Athienitis	Offers & promotions and variable products weekly
4	Sklavenitis	Balanced pricing and variety
5	Alpha Mega	Higher-end, wide international selection

C. International Specialised Supermarkets

Filipino		
1	Manila Store IM Asia	▪ Dedicated Filipino store in Nicosia ▪ Offers typical Filipino products such as canned goods, sauces, noodles, snacks, and essentials imported from the Philippines ▪ Popular within the Filipino community
2	MP SHOP Asian Market	▪ Not exclusively Filipino, but strong Filipino product selection ▪ Known for a wide range of Filipino groceries and ingredients ▪ Good option if you cannot find something in a smaller Filipino-only shop
Eastern European: Russia, Georgia, Ukraine		
1	Алешушка Маркет Alenushka Market	▪ One of the best-known Russian grocery stores in central Nicosia with a wide variety of imported products
2	Mini Mix Markets	▪ Part of the Mini Mix chain that specialises in Russian and Eastern European groceries ▪ Popular for frozen foods, snacks, and dairy products
3	BEREZKA Store & Cuisine	▪ Combination of Russian grocery products and prepared Eastern European food/takeaway
Armenia		
1	n/a	▪ Most Armenian products can be found in mainstream supermarkets
South Asian: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal		
1	Bhandari Ltd	▪ The main Indian / South Asian grocery store in Nicosia ▪ Popular among international students, particularly from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka
2	Vama Indian Shop	▪ One of the most established international grocery stores in Nicosia ▪ Widely known as a “one-stop shop” for South Asian and Asian products ▪ Serves a large community of students and expats from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal
3	MD Azizul Haque Asian & European Food Shop	▪ Offers a mix of South Asian and international groceries ▪ Popular among Bangladeshi, Indian, and Pakistani communities



Southeast Asian: Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand

1	Asian Food Market	▪ One of the main Asian supermarkets in Nicosia ▪ Offers noodles, rice, sauces, frozen seafood, Asian snacks, and fresh vegetables ▪ Wide range of Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, and Filipino products
2	Little Asia Grocery Store	▪ One of the largest Asian grocery chains in Cyprus (Nicosia & Limassol) ▪ Stocks products from multiple Asian cuisines (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian) ▪ Also available for delivery in some areas
3	Green Monday	▪ Online shop delivering Asian speciality products across Cyprus ▪ www.greenmonday.cy

Halal Stores

1	Al Zahra Supermarket	▪ Fully halal-certified grocery store (no alcohol sold) ▪ Offers halal meat, groceries, and Middle Eastern food items ▪ One of the most reliable fully halal options in the city
2	Aladdin Halal Butchery & Supermarket	▪ Well-known halal butcher and grocery store in central Nicosia ▪ Wide selection of fresh halal meats (lamb, chicken, speciality cuts) ▪ Also sells Middle Eastern and Asian grocery products ▪ Very popular among international students and expats



D. Discount & Budget Stores

Homeware		
1	Jumbo	▪ Very affordable prices compared to other stores ▪ Huge product variety ▪ Ideal for budget-friendly shopping ▪ Large stores with everything in one place
2	Super Home Centre	▪ Ideal for setting up apartments (kitchenware, storage, cleaning items) ▪ Great for DIY fixes and maintenance ▪ Affordable alternatives to expensive furniture stores ▪ Huge variety in one place
3	IKEA	▪ Affordable and stylish furniture ▪ Ideal for small spaces and shared apartments ▪ Wide range of ready-to-take items ▪ Inspiration through fully designed showroom rooms
4	4 Day Clearance	▪ Extremely low prices compared to regular retail stores ▪ Ideal for the budget ▪ Wide selection in one place
5	Leroy Merlin	▪ Ideal for setting up or upgrading apartments ▪ Great for DIY fixes (very common in student housing) ▪ Wide variety at different price levels (budget to mid-range) ▪ Helpful for customising your living space

Best for: Home setup, study materials, seasonal items

Tip: Visit early in the semester, as popular items sell out quickly



E. Electronics & Technology

Electronics & Technology		
1	Stephanis	- The largest electronics retail chain in Cyprus - Offers a huge range: smartphones, laptops, TVs, gaming, home tech - Known for a wide selection and competitive pricing
2	Public	- One of the top destinations for technology and entertainment products - Sells laptops, tablets, accessories, gaming gear, books, and gadgets - Located in malls
3	Kotsovolos	- Major electronics and appliance retailer - Offers computers, home appliances, and installation services - Located in central shopping areas like Makariou Avenue
4	Electroline	- Well-known chain offering sound systems, computing, phones, and smart tech - Good mix of mid-range pricing and reliable brands

F. Shopping Streets & Local Retail

Street Shopping		
1	Ledra Street	These pedestrian streets, which are in the heart of the city centre, are filled with cafés, fashion stores, souvenir shops, and small boutiques. It's ideal for casual shopping and socialising.
2	Makarios Avenue	

Best for: Fashion, accessories, gifts, cafés

Tip: Combine shopping with a coffee or meal—this is a popular student hangout area

G. Dining

Restaurants		
1	Armenian	▪ Avo Armenian Food ▪ Dora's Armenian Kitchen ▪ Vartanaki
2	Eastern European	▪ Tamada Georgian Restaurant ▪ Marani ▪ Larisa Cuisine ▪ Alexandra's Cuisine & Coffee
3	Indian	▪ Hurrycurry Indian Restaurant ▪ Yummy India Restaurant ▪ India India Restaurant ▪ Punjabi Dhaba ▪ Biryani Hut ▪ Tandoori Palace
4	Pakistani	▪ Fry Menu Nicosia ▪ Apna Punjab Restaurant
5	Filipino	▪ Luzy's Kitchen ▪ Kafe Nyo ▪ Cordillera Bakeshop
6	Nepalese	▪ Yarsa
7	Vietnamese	▪ Hat Gao ▪ Bun Cha Hanoi
8	Sri Lankan	▪ Sri Lankan Restaurant

Essential Tips for International Students

- **Payment:** Cards are widely accepted, but keep some cash for small shops
- **Sales Periods:** Major discounts occur twice a year (winter & summer)
- **Budgeting:** Mix premium and discount stores to manage expenses
- **Student Discount:** Make sure you ask if you have a student discount with your European Youth Card
- **Transport:** Most shopping areas are accessible by bus or taxi

Student Support



A. Student Orientation Programme

The Student Orientation Programme helps new students transition smoothly into academic life at the College. Orientation is compulsory for all new students and introduces them to the academic environment, College regulations, student services, and campus facilities.

Students receive important information regarding programme structure, teaching and assessment methods, academic integrity, attendance requirements, and the use of digital learning platforms and institutional email systems.

The programme also introduces students to support services such as academic advising, library and IT services, counselling, career guidance, internship support, financial management and international student assistance where applicable.

In addition, students are guided through key administrative

procedures, campus facilities, health and safety information, extracurricular activities, and student life opportunities.

International students receive additional guidance on immigration procedures, accommodation, healthcare, cultural adjustment, and living in Cyprus. Orientation may include presentations, workshops, campus tours, and online sessions, with ongoing support provided throughout the academic year.

B. Academic Mentors

Under the College's Academic Mentoring Policy, all students are assigned an Academic Mentor during Orientation Week. Academic Mentors are members of the academic staff who provide guidance on academic progress, assessments, examinations, study skills, and adjustment to higher education. Mentors act as a first point of contact and meet with students regularly through individual or group sessions.

The College also offers structured tutoring hours, where tutors provide additional academic support outside scheduled classes. Tutoring sessions help students clarify course material, improve study and exam techniques, and receive guidance on assignments and coursework. Both on-campus and online tutoring options are available, while supplementary learning resources and online materials further support student success.

In addition, Student Teaching Assistants (TAs) support lecturers during tutorials, workshops, laboratories, and practical sessions, contributing to a supportive and engaging learning environment.

Through these support services, the College aims to strengthen academic performance, student confidence, and overall learning development.

C. Administrative Support

The College's Administrative Staff plays a vital role in the smooth and effective operation of the institution. Committed to professionalism, efficiency, and student-centred service, the team provides essential support across admissions, student services, academic administration, finance, and day-to-day operations. Working closely with academic staff and senior management, the administrative team ensures that policies, procedures, and services are delivered accurately and

promptly, contributing to a well-organised, supportive, and welcoming learning environment for all students, staff, and partners.

For additional information and a full list of administrative staff, students may email info@casacollege.ac.cy or call 22 681 822.

Other key contacts include:

Reception

reception@casacollege.ac.cy

Student Affairs & Welfare

studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy

Academic Department

academicdirector@casacollege.ac.cy

Registrar's Office

headregistrar@casacollege.ac.cy

Accounting & Finance

accounting@casacollege.ac.cy

Migration Department

migration@casacollege.ac.cy

Admissions & Enrolment

admissions@casacollege.ac.cy

Erasmus

erasmus@casacollege.ac.cy



D. Welfare Support

The Student Affairs and Welfare Department is dedicated to supporting students throughout their academic journey and promoting their personal well-being, self-confidence, and overall success.

The Department provides a wide range of support services, including counselling and psychological support, academic guidance, orientation activities, academic mentoring, peer tutoring, and assistance for students with disabilities. Students may also receive support with accommodation and settling into student life in Cyprus.

Career Support & Internships

Professional development opportunities are also offered through internships, summer placements, seminars, career days, CV writing workshops, and educational visits.

E. Financial Support

Students are informed of their financial obligations for the duration of their studies upon arrival and during orientation. Financial support is available through scholarships, grants for new and continuing students, and tuition payment plans where applicable. Students can inquire about payment plans at the Accounting Office.

Please note that the College reserves the right to suspend, terminate, or refuse entry into examinations if a student has outstanding balances

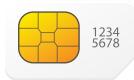
F. Tech Support

To support teaching and learning, the College uses digital platforms such as [Moodle](#) and [Microsoft Teams](#). These platforms allow students to access course materials, receive announcements and feedback, attend online classes, communicate with lecturers, and view examination results.



All new students also receive an official College email account using the @casacollege.ac.cy domain for academic and administrative communication throughout their studies.

All new students will also receive a SIM card with a local number from CYTA during their first registration process. This will help students stay connected immediately upon arrival in Cyprus, including access to local calls, mobile data, online banking services, transportation apps, and communication with the College and accommodation providers.



What You Need

- Smartphone
- Cyprus mobile number
- Personal email
- Student ID & login details (to be provided by IT Department)



Step 1: Student Photo & Details Submission

Take a clear photo of yourself, preferably with a white background and email it to IT@casacollege.ac.cy. In the subject line of the email, write your personal **File Number (i.e. CC2024-0720)**. In the body of the email, please include the following information:

- Full Name
- Instagram username
- Facebook profile name/username



Step 2: College Email (Outlook)

Download Microsoft Outlook from the Play Store or App Store, then log in using your @casacollege.ac.cy email, which was given to you upon your first registration.



Step 3: Install Apps

Download and install the following Apps from the Play Store or App Store:

- Moodle
- Microsoft 365 Copilot
- Viber



Step 4: Viber Account Setup

Register and log in to Viber using your Cyprus mobile number. Make sure the number is active and used for official communication.

For any inquiries, troubleshooting or support in learning to use these resources, students can contact the IT Department on campus or email IT@casacollege.ac.cy.

Campus & Facilities



Casa College operates two modern campuses, Zan Moreas and Zena Palace, both centrally located in the heart of Nicosia. The campuses are situated within walking distance of one another, approximately 15 minutes apart, allowing students easy access to classrooms, laboratories, library facilities, student services, cafés, shops, public transportation, and other essential amenities.

Their central location provides students with a convenient and vibrant study environment, close to the city center and major commercial, cultural, and recreational areas. Both campuses are easily accessible by public transport, bicycle, electric scooter, or on foot, making daily commuting simple and practical for local and international students alike.



A. Computer Labs

The College features two modern computer laboratories located at the Zan Moreas Campus. The labs are fully equipped with up-to-date technology and are used for classes, workshops, practical sessions, independent study, research, and access to online learning platforms.

Hospitality students also use Oracle software to gain hands-on experience with industry-standard hotel and tourism management systems, including reservations, front-office operations, billing, and reporting.

B. Library & Online Resources

The Casa College Library is located on the 2nd floor of the Zan Moreas Campus and operates Monday to Friday from 08:00–17:00. The Library supports teaching, learning, and research through access to books, journals, computer terminals, Wi-Fi, and digital academic resources.

EBSCO

Students also have access to EBSCO, a leading online academic database providing peer-reviewed journals, e-books, research articles, and other scholarly resources. The Library uses the KOHA Library System and the Dewey Decimal Classification System for efficient access to materials.



C. Kitchen & Restaurant Lab

The College features a fully equipped professional kitchen and restaurant training lab located at the Zan Moreas Campus, used by hospitality students during practical classes and Food & Beverage modules. These facilities allow students to develop practical cooking, service, and operational skills within a real-world hospitality environment.



D. Cafeteria

The College Cafeteria at the Zan Moreas Campus provides students and staff with a comfortable space to relax and socialise between classes. A variety of affordable meals, snacks, and beverages are available daily.



E. Sports & Fitness

Casa College encourages students to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle alongside their academic studies. Through our partnership with a gym near the Zan Moreas campus, students benefit from exclusive discounted membership rates and access to modern fitness facilities, professional equipment, and wellness programmes.

For further information, students may contact studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy.



Internship Opportunities



Based on the legislation of Cyprus (Aliens and Immigration Law No. 184(I)/2007), international students are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week during academic semesters and up to 38 hours per week during official holiday periods. These regulations apply only to students who have completed the first semester of studies, and employment must not interfere with their studies. Students must hold an approved employment contract certified by the Department of Labour. Employers are also required to comply with Cyprus labour regulations regarding student employment.

At Casa College, industry internships are a core component of Hospitality and Tourism Bachelor's and Master's programmes, providing students with practical, real-world experience alongside their academic studies. Placements with hotels, resorts, restaurants, tourism organisations, event companies, and related sectors allow students to apply theory in professional settings and gain insight into industry operations.

Bachelor's internships focus on developing operational skills, customer service, and workplace professionalism, while Master's internships emphasise strategic thinking, leadership, and management experience. Through academic supervision and industry mentorship, students enhance employability, build professional networks, and graduate well-prepared for successful careers in the global hospitality and tourism industry.

Casa College facilitates a four-and-a-half-month paid Summer Industrial Placement at selected partner hotels and restaurants across the island. This placement allows students to gain valuable hands-on experience in a real hospitality environment while earning an income and developing practical, industry-relevant skills.

To apply for an internship, complete the [Internship Application](#) form online at www.casacollege.ac.cy or contact internships@casacollege.ac.cy.

Erasmus



Erasmus+

The College proudly participates in the Erasmus+ Programme, the European Union's flagship initiative for education, training, youth, and sport. Erasmus+ offers students the opportunity to study, train, or gain professional experience abroad at partner institutions and organisations across Europe, enriching both their academic journey and personal development.

Through Erasmus+, students can broaden their academic horizons, develop intercultural and language skills, and experience different teaching methods and educational systems. Participation in the programme enhances employability, independence, and global awareness, while credits earned abroad are fully recognised as part of the students' programme of study.

In addition to student mobility, Erasmus+ supports staff exchanges, teaching assignments, and professional training, strengthening international cooperation and contributing to the continuous improvement of academic quality at the College. By participating in Erasmus+, the College reinforces its commitment to internationalisation, academic excellence, and lifelong learning.

For detailed information about the Erasmus+ Programme, including eligibility criteria, mobility opportunities, and application procedures, please consult the Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026 available on the official Erasmus+ website.

For further assistance or guidance, please contact erasmus@casacollege.ac.cy.

European Youth Card



The European Youth Card is a free discount card available to young people aged 13–30 living in Cyprus. Issued by the Youth Board of Cyprus in cooperation with the European Youth Card Association (EYCA), the card provides access to thousands of discounts and benefits in Cyprus and across more than 40 European countries.

Cardholders can benefit from discounts on public transportation, restaurants, cafés, hotels, shops, cultural events, entertainment venues, travel services, sports facilities, and educational

services. Students holding the Student Card version may also receive a 50% discount on public bus transportation in Cyprus.

The card is now issued in digital format through the myEYC mobile App and is free of charge for eligible students and young people in Cyprus.

Students who wish to apply for the European Youth Card may complete the online application through our website at www.casacollege.ac.cy.

Student Voice



A. Student Council

The Student Council is the official representative body of the student community and serves as a link between students and the College administration. Elected by students, the Council represents student interests, raises concerns, and contributes to improving campus life, student welfare, and the overall student experience.

The Student Council also organises social, cultural, academic, sports, and community activities that encourage student engagement, leadership, teamwork, and inclusion. Through active participation, students have the opportunity to develop valuable skills, contribute positively to the College community, and help shape student life on campus.

B. Surveys, Questionnaires & Evaluations

Student surveys and evaluations play an important role in maintaining and improving the quality of education and student services at the College. Through feedback on lecturers, modules, administrative departments, learning resources, facilities, and programmes of study, students actively contribute to the continuous development of the academic environment and overall student experience.

Student feedback helps the College identify strengths, address areas for improvement, enhance teaching and support services, and ensure that programmes remain relevant, effective, and student-centred. Participation in surveys and evaluations allows students to have their voices heard and contributes to the ongoing improvement of the College community.

These surveys can be found on the Student Services page of the official website of Casa College, or contact studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy for guidance.

C. Complaints, Feedback & Suggestions

To encourage open communication and continuous improvement, a Complaints and Suggestions Box is located at the entrance of the Zan Moreas Campus. Students are encouraged to use the box to submit comments, suggestions, concerns, or complaints regarding academic matters, student services, facilities, or campus life. This initiative allows students to express their views confidentially and contributes to the ongoing enhancement of the overall student experience at the College.

Important Student Information



A. Re-Registration

Students wishing to re-register must:

- Read the Re-Registration Process and complete the Re-Registration Form 30 days before the expiration of their current registration
- Contact the Head Registrar to confirm attendance, academic performance, and disciplinary record
- Settle tuition and any outstanding fees at the Office of Finance
- Apply for a Pink Card (where applicable) through the Migration Officer
- Apply for a European Youth Card (where applicable)

Academic Year & Registration Periods

The academic year is divided into three semesters:

- Fall Semester: October – January
- Spring Semester: February – May
- Summer Semester: June – September (for new students only)

Exact dates are published annually in the Academic Calendar.

Registration Periods:

- Fall Semester: September
- Spring Semester: January
- Summer Semester: May–June

Re-registration Deadlines:

- Fall Semester: 31 August
- Spring Semester: 31 January

Casa College reserves the right to refuse programme or module changes for academic or administrative reasons.

Late Registration

Students who register after the official deadline:

- May not be guaranteed a place in their chosen classes
- Will be charged a late registration fee
- Are not entitled to make-up tests or assignments
- Once registration is completed, changes to modules or programmes are not permitted



B. Termination

Students who wish to terminate their studies must complete and submit the Termination of Studies form on the Student Services page of the official Casa College website.

Termination Appeal

A Termination Appeal is a formal process that allows a student who has been academically dismissed or whose studies have been terminated to request a review of that decision. Academic termination may occur when a student fails to meet the College's academic requirements, including satisfactory academic progress and engagement in academic activities.

Through the Termination Appeal process, students are given the opportunity to present valid and well-documented reasons explaining why they should be permitted to continue their studies despite the circumstances that led to the termination.

Students wishing to appeal the termination of their studies must submit a completed Termination Appeal form within seven (7) days of receiving the Termination of Study Letter from the Director of Academic Studies.

C. Attendance Policy

Attendance of at least 70% is mandatory by the Ministry of Education, Sports, Youth & Culture of the Republic of Cyprus and is continuously monitored. Absences are classified as excused or unexcused. Medical absences

require a doctor's note. Students exceeding 30% unexcused absences cannot sit the final exam and may sit the re-take exam.

Evidence supporting absences must be submitted to the Director of Academic Studies within five days of return to lectures.

D. Promotion, Re-Examinations, Progression & Graduation

- A minimum 50/100 is required to pass each subject. Students who fail:
 - Fall Semester →
Re-examination in February
 - Spring Semester →
Re-examination in September

Re-examinations cover the full subject syllabus. Students who fail re-examinations may repeat the subject in the following semester.

- Students who think they deserve a different grade for a particular module, or
- wish for their exam paper to be reviewed, or
- are unhappy with the grade they received for a particular module, or
- believe that an error has occurred in the grading process, or
- wish to dispute their semester grades in accordance with the College's academic regulations, or
- believe that the final grade awarded was unfair due to discrimination, unjust treatment, etc, or

- experienced exceptional circumstances that may have adversely affected academic performance (serious short-term illness or injury, a flare-up of a diagnosed and ongoing illness or disability, including a mental health condition, symptoms of an infectious disease that could pose a risk to others, death or serious illness of a close family member, witnessing or experiencing a traumatic incident) can complete and submit the Re-Evaluation Form online through Casa College website within one week after the announcement of the exam results.

The College cannot consider a Re-Evaluation without appropriate supporting evidence.

Acceptable evidence includes, but is not limited to:

- a medical certificate or doctor's letter,
- a hospital appointment or discharge letter,
- an official statement from a Student Advisor or Disability Advisor within the Student Affairs Department,
- a death certificate or an official document confirming the death

The Progression Policy provides a framework for identifying students who are not meeting programme requirements and for implementing timely interventions to support re-engagement. Lack of progression may arise from academic, personal, or financial circumstances; however, early identification and appropriate

support can enable at-risk students to successfully continue and complete their studies.

Students who fail to engage with their studies within the first six (6) weeks of a semester will receive an Academic Probation Letter and will be placed on Academic Probation for that semester due to unsatisfactory academic performance. Such students are strongly encouraged to seek academic guidance from the Director of Academic Studies to support progression. In cases of complete non-engagement, students may be withdrawn from their programme of study.

E. Cheating & Plagiarism

Cheating or plagiarism is considered a serious disciplinary offence.

Penalties include:

- Immediate termination of the examination
- Award of a mark of 1
Repeated offences may lead to further disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee

F. Student Rights & Obligations

- **Freedom of Expression:** Students have the right to express opinions respectfully, without harming others or promoting hatred, discrimination, or political extremism.
- **Freedom of Thought & Religion:** The College respects freedom of belief and conscience, subject to laws protecting public order, health, and the rights of others.

- **Rights as European Citizens:**

Students are entitled to the rights outlined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, including:

- Personal development
- Education and cultural participation
- Health and social protection
- Special protection for vulnerable groups

- **Right to Privacy:** Students have the right to privacy and protection of personal dignity, reputation, and correspondence.

- **Protection & Welfare:** The College takes all necessary measures to protect students from violence, exploitation, abuse, or neglect.

- **Student Council Participation:** Students have the right to vote and stand for election in the Student Council.

Casa College reserves the right not to offer a programme or module if enrolment numbers are insufficient.

G. Refund Policy

The refund of Tuition Fees for students who decide to withdraw or suspend their application and/or studies shall be processed in accordance with the following criteria:

- If the student's documents have not been submitted to the Ministry of Education and the Migration Department of Cyprus for approval, 90% of the tuition fees already paid will be refunded.

- If the student's documents have been submitted to the Ministry of Education and the Migration Department of Cyprus for approval, 50% of the tuition fees already paid will be refunded.

- If a student has been granted a visa but decides to withdraw for any reason, there will be no refund of tuition fees.

- If the Migration Department refuses to issue a visa on the grounds that the student's documents are not authentic, there will be no refund of tuition fees.

- If a student gets expelled, suspended or withdraws from his/her studies, there will be no refund of tuition fees.

- If a student requests to transfer to another institution, regardless of the time at which the request is submitted, there will be no refund of tuition fees.

- In the event of Force Majeure occurring after the student's documents have been submitted to the Ministry of Education and the Migration Department of Cyprus or after a visa has been issued, no tuition fees shall be refunded. In such cases, the student will be required to resume the application process or commence/continue their studies as soon as circumstances permit.

Application, registration fees and other bank charges are non-refundable. The date on which the student submits his/her written application to the College is considered the day of the student's decision not to accept the position offered to him/her or to end his/her studies and request a refund of the tuition fees.



H. Visa Guarantee Refund Policy

In order to claim the Visa Guarantee, a student must request it no later than 30 days after the expiration of his/her registration letter. If a student decides to withdraw or terminate his/her studies before the expiration of his/her registration, then (s)he must request the refund of the Visa Guarantee within 30 days. The Visa Guarantee shall NOT be refunded if:

- The student does not request it within 30 days from withdrawing/terminating their studies
- The student does not request it within 30 days of expiration of their registration
- The student loses his/her student status for any reason
- The student is suspended by the College and/or the Migration Department
- The student remains in Cyprus illegally after graduation without obtaining any other form of visa
- The student leaves Cyprus without informing the College of his/her intent to withdraw/terminate from his/her studies
- The student applies for political asylum

- The student marries a European Union national
- The student does not provide evidence that (s)he has left Cyprus legally and completed all College procedures
- The student does not graduate within the $n+2$ years set by the Ministry of Education of Cyprus (where n equals the duration of the programme in years).



I. Scholarships

Casa College offers a range of scholarships to recognise academic excellence, athletic achievement, and special personal or financial circumstances. Scholarships are available to new students upon admission and to continuing students following the successful completion of at least one academic year. All scholarships apply to the subsequent academic year or semester, as specified.

A. Scholarships for Local Students (New Students)

New local students who achieve an "Excellent" grade (93%–100%) in their High School Leaving Certificate may be awarded one of the following:

- A full tuition fee waiver for the first academic semester, or
- A 50% tuition fee reduction for the entire academic year.



B. Scholarships for Local, EU & International Students (Continuing Students)

Continuing students may be considered for scholarships based on academic performance, attendance, and overall conduct:

- Students who achieve an overall “Excellent” semester average (93%–100%) across all modules and maintain minimum class attendance of 90% may be awarded a 50% tuition fee scholarship for the following semester.
- One student per programme who demonstrates exceptional academic performance, professional ethos, and consistent attendance may be awarded a 35% tuition fee scholarship for the following semester.
- Financial assistance grants ranging from €100 to €300 per semester, or €100 to €700 per academic year, may be awarded to students who demonstrate satisfactory academic performance and documented financial need.



C. Scholarships Based on Special Criteria

Scholarships may also be awarded to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Child of a missing or an enslaved parent
- Child from a large or low-income family
- Orphan
- Permanent and active participation in a Premier League sports club
- Holder of refugee or asylum seeker status



A. Awarding of Scholarships

All scholarships and financial grants are awarded by the Academic Committee. Academic results obtained under different grading systems are converted to the College's grading scale for scholarship evaluation purposes.

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must complete and submit the Scholarship Application Form on the Student Services page of the official website of Casa College.

Clubs



Student clubs play an important role in enriching campus life and enhancing the overall student experience. They provide students with opportunities to pursue their interests, develop new skills, build friendships, and actively engage with the College community beyond the classroom.

The College encourages a variety of academic, cultural, social, recreational, and special-interest clubs that promote diversity, teamwork, leadership, creativity,

and personal growth. Through club activities, events, workshops, competitions, and community initiatives, students can develop valuable communication, organisational, and leadership skills while contributing to a vibrant campus environment.

To register for a club, please complete the Clubs Registration Form online at www.casacollege.ac.cy or contact studentaffairs@casacollege.ac.cy.

Social & Cultural



Cyprus offers students a vibrant and multicultural lifestyle with a wide range of social, cultural, recreational, and outdoor activities throughout the year. Students have many opportunities to meet new people, explore the island, and enjoy a balanced student experience beyond their academic studies.

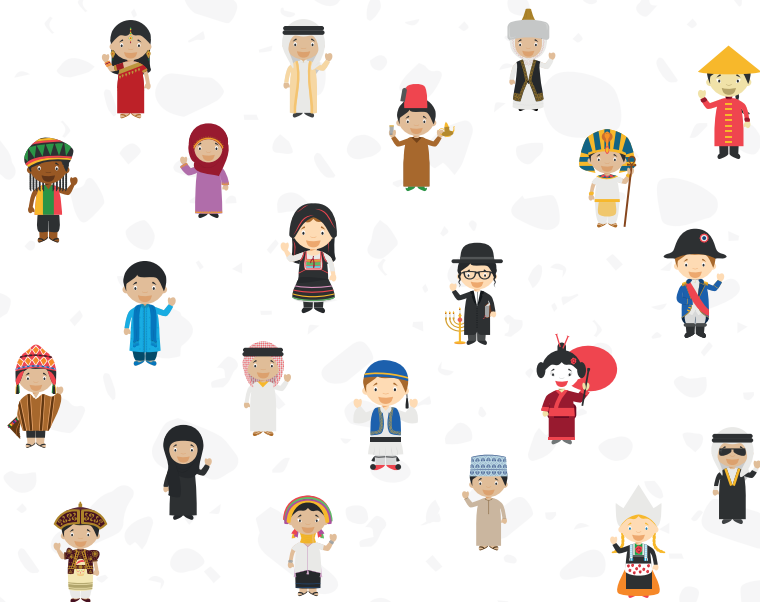
Some of the most popular activities for students in Cyprus include:

- Joining student clubs, societies, and Student Council activities
- Participating in cultural nights and international student events
- Visiting museums and cultural sites to explore the rich history and culture of Cyprus such as:
 - The Cyprus Museum
 - The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia
 - The Byzantine Museum
 - The House of Hadjigeorgakis
 - Kornesios - Ethnological Museum
 - The Cyprus Folk Art Museum
- Attending major festivals and cultural events such as:
 - The Limassol Carnival Festival
 - Wine Festival of Cyprus
 - International Kypria Festival
 - International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama
 - Cyprus International Film Festival
- These events feature concerts, theatre performances, film screenings, traditional dancing, food, and international cultural celebrations.
- Exploring the old cities of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, and Paphos to see traditional villages, local markets, cafés, restaurants, and shopping areas with friends.
- Students can swim, relax, play beach sports, and participate in water activities at:
 - Finikoudes Beach in Larnaca
 - Fig Tree Bay in Protaras
 - Lara Beach in Paphos
 - Nissi Beach in Ayia Napa



- Participating in hiking, trekking, cycling, and nature excursions through organisations such as My Trek Cyprus, Walk Talk Cyprus, and Cyprus Walks Etc, which organise outdoor adventures across the Troodos Mountains and countryside.
- Taking part in social entertainment activities with friends at venues such as Escape the Room Nicosia, Locked Town, Brain Game, Adventure Rooms Cyprus, and The Bowling Boutique Bar & Grill.
- Taking part in football, basketball, volleyball, cricket, gym, yoga, fitness, and other sports activities
- Participating in volunteering projects, charity events, youth organisations, and Erasmus+ activities
- Attending workshops, seminars, career days, and networking events
- Visiting cafés, restaurants, shopping centres, cinemas, bowling centres, escape rooms, and nightlife areas with friends
- Participating in language exchange meetings and multicultural gatherings with students from around the world
- Athalassa Forest Park: Athalassa National Forest Park is one of the largest and most popular green spaces in Nicosia, offering students and visitors a peaceful environment for relaxation, exercise, and outdoor activities. The park features walking and cycling trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, a lake, and beautiful natural scenery, making it ideal for jogging, hiking, cycling, photography, and spending time with friends and family. Its convenient location near the city centre makes it a popular recreational destination for both locals and international students.

Religion



Cyprus is a multicultural and welcoming country that respects freedom of religion and belief. Students from different religious and cultural backgrounds can practice their faith freely and have access to a variety of churches, mosques, temples, and other places of worship across the island, particularly in cities such as Nicosia.

The majority of the population in Cyprus is Christian Orthodox; however, there are also active Muslim, Catholic, Anglican, Armenian Apostolic, Hindu,

Buddhist, Evangelical, and other religious communities. International students from countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Armenia can find religious centres and community groups that support their spiritual, cultural, and social needs.

Religious diversity is respected within the College community, and students are encouraged to respect different beliefs, traditions, and cultural practices at all times.

Places of Worship

1	Muslim	1. Omeriye Mosque: The most important and active mosque in South Nicosia, located within the old city walls. 2. Bayraktar Mosque: Historic Ottoman-era Mosque located near the Venetian walls in central South Nicosia. It remains an important religious and cultural site for Muslims in the area.
2	Hindu	1. Shree Radha Krishna Mandir & Community Center: The main Hindu temple and community centre 2. Binda Lila Maya: Small Hindu place of worship used by members of the Indian community.
3	Christian	1. Holy Cross Catholic Church: One of the main churches attended by Filipino Catholics in Nicosia. 2. St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral: International English-speaking church attended by many expatriates and foreign workers. 3. Evangelical Church: attended by international communities.
4	Armenian Christian	1. Armenian Church of Our Lady of Tire: One of the most important Armenian Apostolic churches in Nicosia and a central place of worship for the Armenian community. 2. Armenian Prelature of Cyprus: The official religious and cultural centre of the Armenian community in Cyprus. 3. Sourp Boghos Chapel: Historic Armenian Apostolic chapel near the Ledra Palace area.
5	Eastern European Orthodox	1. Russian Orthodox Church of Saint Andrew & All Russian Saints: The main Russian Orthodox church in Nicosia serving the Russian-speaking community, including Russians, Ukrainians, Belarusians, and other Slavic nationalities. Services are typically conducted in Church Slavonic and Russian. 2. Russian Orthodox Parish of Saint Nicholas: Russian-speaking Orthodox parish attended by members of the Russian and Ukrainian communities living in Nicosia.



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Dress Code & Hygiene



To maintain good personal hygiene and promote a healthy, safe, and professional environment on campus, students are encouraged to follow these important practices:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water, especially before eating, after using the restroom, and after practical classes or sports activities.
- Maintain daily personal cleanliness, including regular bathing, oral hygiene, and wearing clean clothing.
- Follow the College dress code by wearing clean, neat, and appropriate attire at all times while on campus and during practical classes or official College activities.
- Keep accommodation and shared living spaces clean and tidy at all times.
- Properly dispose of waste and use the bins provided around the campus.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, razors, water bottles, or eating utensils.
- Follow food safety and hygiene procedures during practical kitchen and hospitality classes.
- Cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and use tissues or hand sanitiser when necessary.
- Seek medical advice promptly if feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms of illness.
- Respect all campus cleanliness and sanitation guidelines issued by the College.
- Maintain good hygiene practices in classrooms, laboratories, kitchens, and common areas to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for all members of the College community.

Public Holidays

Date	Holiday	Administrative Offices Holidays	Academic Holidays
October 1st	Cyprus Independence Day	Closed	Closed
October 28th	Greek National Day	Closed	Closed
December 25th	Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
December 26th	Boxing Day	Closed	Closed
December 31st	New Year's Eve	Half Day	Closed
December-January (2 weeks dates variable)	Christmas Holidays	n/a	Closed
January 1st	New Year's Day	Closed	Closed
January 6th	Epiphany	Closed	Closed
February-March (date variable)	Green Monday	Closed	Closed
March 25th	Greek Independence Day	Closed	Closed
April 1st	Cyprus National Day	Closed	Closed
April-May (2 weeks dates variable)	Easter Holidays	n/a	Closed
Good Friday (date variable)	Good Friday	Half day	Closed
Easter Monday (date variable)	Easter Monday	Closed	Closed
May 1st	Labour Day	Closed	Closed
June (date variable)	Pentacost Monday	Closed	Closed
August 15th	Assumption Day	Closed	Closed

Helpful Apps



- **UNiDAYS:** One of the most useful apps for students worldwide. It provides exclusive student discounts for restaurants, fashion brands, technology, travel, gyms, and entertainment. Particularly useful for international students living in Cyprus.
- **Meetup:** Helps students find local social events, hiking groups, language exchanges, sports clubs, networking events, volunteering activities, and cultural gatherings in Cyprus.
- **Eventbrite:** Excellent for discovering concerts, festivals, workshops, business seminars, student events, and cultural activities taking place across Cyprus.
- **StudentLife Cyprus:** One of the biggest student platforms in Cyprus. It shares student events, festivals, discounts, competitions, nightlife updates, giveaways, and university activities such as UNIFEST and STUDENTOPIA. Very popular among university students in Cyprus.
- **Cyprus Student Life:** A Cyprus-based student community platform where students can connect, ask questions, share advice, discover events, and discuss transportation, housing, food, and student life.
- **Student Beans:** Another popular student discount app offering savings on shopping, food, travel, and entertainment.
- **Notion:** Widely used by students to organise lecture notes, assignments, schedules, club activities, and personal goals.
- **Pame App:** The official Cyprus public transportation app used for checking bus routes, schedules, bus stops, and transportation information across Cyprus.
- **Discord:** Many students use Discord to join study groups, gaming communities, student societies, and international student communities.



- **Instagram:** One of the best ways for students in Cyprus to discover local cafés, nightlife, student parties, festivals, beach events, and university activities. Instagram recently introduced student-focused networking features for university students.
- **Bolt:** Very useful in Cyprus for booking taxis and moving around cities safely and affordably.
- **Foody & Wolt:** Cyprus's most popular food delivery app, widely used by students for ordering affordable meals and groceries.
- **Bazaraki:** Extremely popular in Cyprus for finding second-hand furniture, apartments, bicycles, electronics, books, and student accommodation.
- **e-kalathi:** Useful for students to compare supermarket prices and find affordable groceries and household items in Cyprus.

These apps help students socialise, manage daily life, save money, participate in events, and make the most of their student experience in Cyprus.

Embassies & Consulates

Why They Matter for International Students



Embassies and consulates play a vital role in supporting international students during their stay abroad. In Cyprus, most embassies are located in Nicosia and act as the official representation of a student's home country. They provide assistance, protection, and guidance, ensuring that students have access to essential services while living and studying overseas. For international students, embassies are not just formal institutions—they are a safety net and support system. They can provide help in situations where local services may not be enough, particularly when dealing with legal, administrative, or emergency issues.

International students are encouraged to contact their embassy or consulate in the following situations:

- **Passport & Travel Documents:** If your passport is lost, stolen, or expired, your embassy can issue replacements or emergency travel documents.
- **Legal or Emergency Assistance:** In case of accidents, arrests, or serious issues, embassies can provide guidance, contact family members, and ensure your rights are respected.
- **Visa & Documentation Support:** Assistance with official paperwork, certifications, or documents required by your home country.
- **Health & Crisis Situations:** Support during major emergencies such as natural disasters, political unrest, or medical crises.
- **Repatriation Services:** Help with returning to your home country in emergency situations.

Notes





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