



FACT SHEET			
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<b>University Homepage</b>		www.sseriga.edu	
<b>Study process</b>		Academic performance is evaluated according to a 200-point scale: 0-99=fail; 100-139=pass; 140-159=pass with merit; 160-200=excellent. The school uses the European Credit Transfer (ECTS) system.	
<b>Accommodation Information</b>		SSE Riga does not provide dormitories for exchange students.	
<b>Health care coverage</b>		Students must insure themselves.	
<b>Map/surroundings/on site services</b>		Map of Location <a href="http://www.sseriga.edu/en/contacts/map-of-location/">http://www.sseriga.edu/en/contacts/map-of-location/</a>	
Academic and Administrative Exchange Information:			
<b>Courses Available to exchange students</b>		Student cannot take courses from a different study year, due to a possible overlap.	
<b>Type/level</b>		Bachelor	
<b>Application Deadlines</b>		1st semester: April 15th, 2nd semester: October 15th	
<b>Academic Calendar Dates</b>		Teaching period starts 1st semester: August 17th 2nd semester: January 4th	
<b>University services available to exchange students</b>		Library, computer lab, cafeteria.	
<b>Application procedure</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> step:</b> Students must be nominated by the home university international office representative; <b>2<sup>nd</sup> step:</b> Application form for exchange students will be sent out after the nomination.	
<b>Language of instruction</b>		English	
<b>Requested GPA</b>		The grade average must be at least B according to ECTS grading system.	
<b>English language proficiency</b>		C1 or higher on the CEFR scale. If student proficiency level appears to be lower than expected, SSE Riga reserves the right to administer its own test upon arrival. If the results are unsatisfactory, students will be requested to take intensive English course	

<b>Arrival and Orientation:</b>	
<b>Orientation Program Dates</b>	August 17, January 4
<b>Accommodation:</b>	
<b>Dormitories</b>	SSE Riga does not provide dormitories for exchange students.
<b>Renting a flat</b>	Most convenient way for exchange students is to rent a flat/room with other exchange or SSE Riga students nearby the School. It may cost from EUR 350 per person per month. The flat can be found either before arrival or you can book a place in the hostel (for example <a href="http://www.visitlatvia.lv/en/hostel/prima">http://www.visitlatvia.lv/en/hostel/prima</a> ) for the first week and than look for an accommodation upon arrival.
<b>Visa and Identification Requirements:</b>	
<b>Visa requirements</b>	<p>Citizens of the European Union, member states of the European Economic Area and Swiss Confederation may enter the Republic of Latvia without a visa and stay in Latvia for up to 90 days within a six-month period, counting from the day of entry.</p> <p>Citizens from other countries need a longterm visa for exchange students.</p> <p><b>(<a href="http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/visas-and-invitations/#1">http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/visas-and-invitations/#1</a> )</b></p> <p>A temporary residence permit is necessary for all students who are willing to stay in Latvia longer than 90 days.</p> <p><b>(<a href="http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/residence-permits/#1">http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/residence-permits/#1</a> )</b></p> <p>Document confirming the necessary subsistence - required amount is EUR 360 per month.</p>
<b>Estimated Expenses:</b>	
<b>Estimated Costs of Housing (per month)</b>	Renting a flat with other exchange students or SSE Riga students - from EUR 300 - 350 per person per month.
<b>Food (per month)</b>	EUR 300
<b>Local Transportation (type and cost/month)</b>	Riga has a well-developed public transportation system. A one-way ticket on any kind of public transport costs EUR 1,20
<b>Academic (books etc.)</b>	Fee for handouts and printouts per semester: EUR 35
<b>Personal (entertainment etc)</b>	Normally in Riga: cinema ticket EUR 5 - 10, theatre ticket EUR 7 - 20, opera ticket EUR 6 – 130, restaurant meal 20 – 40 EUR/pers.
<b>Banking Information:</b>	
<b>Are there any banks on-campus or near by?</b>	Swedbank
<b>Are students recommended or required to open a bank account?</b>	No

<b>Further information about opening a bank account in your country</b>	Visit the nearest bank bringing with you a personal ID document – passport.
<b>Do you recommend the use of a credit card?</b>	All major international cards are widely accepted throughout Latvia.
<b><u>University Facts:</u></b>	
<b>Location (map)</b>	SSE Riga is located in the central part of Riga, which is half an hour drive by bus from the Riga airport, and a 20 minutes walk from the Central Railway Station and the Central bus station.
<b>City Population</b>	Around 700 000
<b>Student Population</b>	400 students at SSE Riga
<b>Number of students from abroad</b>	164 + international exchange students
<b>Area of special competence</b>	Economics and Business
<b>Rankings</b>	The Financial Times Ranking, European Business Schools: 26