

- ▶ The child's parent is in the army or was killed on duty
- ▶ He/she is a two-sided orphan;
- ▶ He/she is the child of a Syrian-Armenian

The most popular in this area are music and art schools, where children can learn to play various music instruments, sing, dance, draw, and perform. Depending on the departments and musical instruments, the study cycle varies from 5 to 7 years.

The application procedure is mainly the same for such schools:

1. Children are admitted at the age of 7 on a competitive basis. So, be ready for the school to check a child's ear for music and sense of rhythm.
2. Applications are submitted between September 1 – October 1
3. Required documents: copy of child's birth certificate, 2 photos (3x4 size), application

The list of available public music and arts schools of Yerevan is available [here](#). Creativity and aesthetic centers in Yerevan that offer dance, drawing, drama classes as well as decorative wood processing and art of speaking can be found [here](#).

## ▶ HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Education and Science is responsible for developing and implementing the state policy, as well as for the compliance and improvement of the legislation in higher education. The Ministry defines the state educational standards, issues, licenses, and state credentials. It develops the state-commissioned order for colleges and universities; approves the admission rules [for state and private higher education institutions](#), as well as supervises implementation.

The main programs of higher professional education include a system based on three cycles: bachelor–4 years; master–up to 2 years, PhD (aka aspirantura or candidate of science)–3 years, each semester equal to 60 credits. These are conducted through full-time or part-time modules. Doctoral programs, depending on whether it's full-time or part-time/aspirantura or research program, last from 3 to 5 years and require 180 ECTS credits for completion.

## ▶ REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree: Secondary education graduation certificate or its equivalent

Master's degree: A Bachelor's degree or specialist diploma

Doctoral degree: A Master's degree

Each higher education institution in Armenia has specific admission requirements, so contact the institution for detailed information before applying. Students must apply directly to the higher education institution of their choice. For the 2025–2026 academic year, two admission exams were required to apply for the higher education institution. Admission exams are usually held from June 10 to July 10. When applying to the university of your choice, you will need all or most of these documents:

- ▶ Application form and fees
- ▶ Application for admission addressed to the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (international students)
- ▶ Health certificate: Indicating no infectious disease
- ▶ A copy of passport or birth certificate
- ▶ Six passport-size photos
- ▶ Documents confirming the right to benefits (if any)
- ▶ Academic Certificates: Secondary education certificate; copies of degrees earned
- ▶ Curriculum Vitae: Include personal information, education, honors and awards, professional experience/interests, co-curricular or volunteer activities; and references
- ▶ Statement of Purpose: Include details about you, your academic interests and motivation, relevance of previous activities and summarize your research (if any). Add career goals and skills you possess. Depict what makes you, you. Keep it concise
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation: At least three recommendation letters from professors, faculty members or colleagues commenting on academic and professional capabilities
- ▶ Research proposal (for postgraduate studies): It should include research title or question, aim of research, methodology, significance, existing literature of the field, and references. The research proposal must be between 2–3 pages
- ▶ Language test: TOEFL or IELTS will be issued

TOEFL: Test of English as a foreign language iBT score of 79 is acceptable

IELTS: International English language testing system score of 6.5+ is acceptable

**\*\* All documents must be translated or in *English, Russian or Armenian*.**

There are 27 public and 31 private higher education institutions under the coordination of the the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia, 6 universities under the supervision of other authoritative organizations, as well as 5 universities created as a result of the intergovernmental agreement between the Republic of Armenia and certain countries. Universities are mostly located in the capital city. There are only 9 universities outside the capital city. The top ranked universities in all of Armenia [as of 2025](#) are the following:

- ▶ Yerevan State University
- ▶ American University of Armenia
- ▶ Russian Armenian State University
- ▶ National Polytechnic University of Armenia
- ▶ State Economic University of Armenia

In the French university (UFAR), students have the option of studying from Y3 in French only.

**NOTE:** In general, foreign students study at a 25% premium over RA citizen tuition costs. Some universities, however, waive this difference and apply equal tuition for all.

## ▶ STUDENT VISAS

Students from countries requiring visas to enter Armenia must obtain their student visas. To do so, they will need: