

Harvard Summer School

- Founded in 1871, **Harvard Summer School (HSS)** is the oldest academic summer program in the United States.
- Courses taught by Harvard faculty, distinguished visiting scholars and industry experts.
- Partnership benefits: exclusive networking opportunities, dedicated course enrollment and student visa application support, and other student benefits during and after studies.

About the Program

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), in collaboration with **Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education**, is pleased to announce the pre-selection of applicants for the **Harvard Summer School 2025** program.

Eligibility Criteria:

Active TSU students from all three levels of study are eligible to apply if they meet the following administrative and financial requirements:

1. Academic Performance:
 - Minimum GPA of 3.2 in the current level of study as of the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.
2. Applicants wishing to apply for the partial funding from TSU:
 - Should not be spending the Spring 2025 semester abroad through the mobility programs administered by TSU
 - Should not be in their graduating semester in Spring 2025
3. English Language Proficiency:

Applicants must provide proof of English proficiency with one of the following certificates (issued no earlier than January 1, 2023):

 - TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition): Minimum score of 100.
 - IELTS Academic (including Academic Online Test): Minimum score of 7.0.
 - PTE Academic (PTEA): Minimum score of 70.
 - Duolingo English Test (DET): Minimum score of 125.
4. Disciplinary Record:
 - No history of disciplinary offenses during studies at TSU.
 - Agreement to abide by the Harvard Student Code of Conduct (available [here](#)).
5. Course Prerequisites:
 - Meet all academic prerequisites for the selected courses within the Harvard Summer School, if applicable.
6. Financial Readiness:
 - Demonstrate sufficient financial resources or have a sponsor or sponsors to cover expenses related to the participation in the program, including but not limited to expenses like:
 - Visa and travel to the USA.
 - Program fee.
 - Accommodation expenses.
 - Living expenses.
 - Study materials.
 - Health insurance and other associated costs.
 - Note: Tuition, as well as room & board if applicable, must be paid in full by May 12, 2025.

Additional Requirements:

Participation in the program is contingent upon:

- Acceptance by Harvard Summer School following pre-selection by TSU.
- Successful completion of US F-1 student visa procedures.
 - Visa issuance is determined by the US government. Georgian citizens must apply for the visa at the US Embassy in Tbilisi.
 - Harvard University will provide the necessary Form I-20 for the visa application.

Important Information:

TSU will sponsor tuition and accommodation (including a minimum meal plan and health insurance) for the seven top-performing students. Sponsored students will be responsible for covering other costs, including:

- Travel insurance.
- Visa fees.
- I-901 SEVIS registration.
- Travel expenses.
- Other possible expenses

Estimated Cost Calculator

For a seven-week session (two four-credit courses; a total of eight credits)

June 23 - August 8, 2025

Tuition Fee	\$ 6,930	Mandatory
Accommodation in dormitory and meal plan The fee includes the mandatory minimum package of health insurance	\$ 7,050	Optional, participants may find alternative housing and stay off-campus
Educational materials, administrative registration fee	\$ 700	Mandatory
<i>Health insurance is required only for individuals who will not be accommodated in a dormitory</i>		International students residing off-campus will need to purchase a U.S.-based insurance that fulfills the minimum requirements for coverage for the full duration of your time at Harvard Summer School and in the U.S.
Travel Insurance		Mandatory
I-901 SEVIS	\$ 350	Mandatory
Visa Application Fee	\$ 185	Mandatory
Travel	\$ 1,000	Mandatory
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 16,215	

For a four-week session (1 four-credit course)

July 14 - August 7, 2025

Tuition Fee	\$ 3,465	Mandatory
Accommodation in dormitory and meal plan	\$ 4,600	Optional, participants may find alternative housing and stay off-campus
Educational materials, administrative registration fee, insurance	\$ 700	Mandatory
<i>Health insurance is required only for individuals who will not be accommodated in a dormitory</i>		International students residing off-campus will need to purchase a U.S.-based insurance that fulfills the minimum requirements for coverage for the full duration of your time at Harvard Summer School and in the U.S.
Travel Insurance		Mandatory
I-901 SEVIS	\$ 350	Mandatory
Visa Application Fee	\$ 185	Mandatory
Travel	\$ 1,000	Mandatory
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 10,300	

For a three-week session (1 four-credit course):

2 options:

- **3-week session I: June 23 - July 10**
- **3-week session II: July 14 - July 31**

Tuition Fee	\$ 3,465	Mandatory
Accommodation in dormitory and meal plan	\$3,450	Optional, participants may find alternative housing and stay off-campus
Educational materials, administrative registration fee, insurance	\$700	Mandatory
<i>Health insurance is required only for individuals who will not be accommodated in a dormitory</i>		International students residing off-campus will need to purchase a U.S.-based insurance that fulfills the minimum requirements for coverage for the full duration of your time at Harvard Summer School and in the U.S.
Travel Insurance		Mandatory
I-901 SEVIS	\$ 350	Mandatory
Visa Application Fee	\$ 185	Visa Application Fee
Travel	\$ 1,000	Mandatory
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 9,150	

Important Dates	
January 2025	The list of courses for the 2025 summer session is available on the official Harvard Summer School website
March 4, 2025	Registration for courses
Beginning of March	Request student housing
No later than April 15	TSU-nominated and HSS accepted students are required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Submit I-20 Questionnaire along with all supporting documentation, including financial statements b) Must be fully registered in an I20-eligible course load c) Submit immunization requirements

A list of courses offered by the Harvard Summer School is available [here](#); over [150 courses were offered during the 2024 Summer School](#), including:

Full Session (7 weeks): over 90 courses offered

4-Week Session: over 20 courses offered

3-Week Session I: over 25 courses offered

3-Week Session II: over 15 courses offered

The courses offered by the 2025 Summer School will be published on the website no later than January 10, 2025.

The Harvard Summer School 2025 academic calendar can be found [here](#).

Course Changes and Withdrawals

- After registering for courses, you may wish to make changes to your course [schedule](#). Review the following deadlines, exceptions, and policies before making changes. For detailed information, please refer to the provided [link](#).
- The amount of tuition refunded when you drop a course and how the course is reflected on your permanent record when you withdraw from a course depend on the date that your drop or withdrawal is submitted online or received at 51 Brattle Street. See [Refunds](#) for additional information.

The Selection Process of the TSU nominees:

1. Review of Electronic Application and Supporting Documentation: Conducted by Tbilisi State University.

2. Interview with the Selection Committee: Organized by Tbilisi State University.

The final decision regarding the selection of applicants nominated by Tbilisi State University is made by the Harvard Summer School.

Students interested in participating in the Summer School must submit the following documents in English:

1. **Copy of Passport:** A scanned PDF version.
For Dual Citizenship: A scanned PDF copy of the second passport (if applicable).
2. **Copies of All Obtained Visas:** Scanned PDF versions.
3. **Certificate of Student Status:** Must include the applicant's GPA.
4. **Certificate of English Language Competence:** Refer to the conditions specified above.
5. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Updated and in English.
6. **Motivation Letter** in English:
 - o Maximum length: 2 page
 - o Technical specifications: Times New Roman font, size 12, single line spacing, 2 cm margins
7. **Letter of Recommendation** in English:
 - o The recommendation must be submitted electronically via the mobility management portal mobility.tsu.ge.
 - o The applicant must indicate the recommender's email in the application form. The portal will automatically send the questionnaire to the recommender's email for completion.
8. **Applicant's Informed Consent Form:**
 - o Download **Appendix 1**, complete the required fields, sign the form, and upload a scanned PDF version.
9. **Applicant's Financial Consent Form:**
 - o Download **Appendix 2**, complete the required fields, sign the form, and upload a scanned PDF version.
10. **Financial Guarantee Form:** Filled in, signed and stamped (*if relevant*) by the Guarantor/Guarantors
 - o **Appendix 3**
11. **Financial document** (*please consult details listed on page 3 of the Financial Guarantee Form*): supporting documentation to show that the Guarantor is in the possession of financial means to qualify for the sponsorship

Students interested in applying for the program must complete the following steps:

1. Register on the electronic registration portal for exchange and mobility programs: mobility.tsu.ge.
2. Upload all required application documents in PDF format.
3. Submit the application electronically no later than February 20, 2025, at 17:59 (Tbilisi time).

Important Information:

- The selection interview will be conducted in person.
- Once submitted, application materials cannot be replaced or modified. Ensure that all uploaded documents are final and complete before submission.
- The application cannot be submitted unless the recommender has completed and sent their recommendation. Therefore, it is crucial to inform your recommender about the submission deadline well in advance.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at outgoingmobility@tsu.ge