Instruction on Arrival for International Students

Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS)
Office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs
Directorate of International Affairs and Development
Marketing and Recruitment Division
We would like to welcome you to Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS). You have been amongst the few who have been selected by TUMS Admissions Committee for International Students to join us at TUMS. By now you have received your “Visa Study Form,” from us. After emailing the completed form to us, to receive your entrance visa to Iran, you will be issued a visa number to take to the embassy indicated in your Visa Study Form. You will enter Iran with a one-month visa. We will assist you to convert your entrance visa to student visa.

When you receive your visa and purchase your ticket to Iran, please inform us of your arrival date at least 10 days in advance by forwarding a copy of your ticket to us.

You are now ready to come to Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS). The documents you need to bring with you to TUMS for registration are:

- Passport in original + 2 photocopies of main pages
- 15 photos (3cmX4cm)
- Two previous degree[s] in original + 2 photocopies of the degree(s) + Official Transcript(s)

Ph.D. candidates should provide both their Bachelor’s and Master’s (or any other related degree such as M.Phil., etc.)

All educational documents need to be approved (signed and verified) by

- The Institution which has issued the degree
- The Ministry/Department of Education
- The Ministry/Department of Foreign Affairs

Please note that all the documents need to be original, or else the copies should be proved same as original by the Head of the Certification Issuance Authority. For the documents which are not issued/written in English (or Persian), the English/Persian translation that is approved by a notary public should also be attached to the original document.

On your arrival to Tehran, we will pick you up from the airport and will transfer you to your place of living (The transport will be free-of-charge from Tehran airport to your dormitory). Please inform us of the time of your arrival and send a copy of your ticket at least 10 days in advance of your arrival. Please inform us of any changes concerning your arrival.

The next business day after you arrive, a representative will pick you up and bring you to the Office of Admissions to complete your registration. Please provide the above-mentioned documents to our office when you arrive. You can prepare any questions you might have to make your stay more comfortable. Our staff and advisors at the Office of Admissions are available to assist you with your needs.

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You will enter Iran with a one-month visa. After visiting your school and familiarizing yourself with your schedule and surroundings, we will accompany you to the Iranian Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology in order to process your one-year student visa.

Visa Process:

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— Language and Religion

The Iranian people are an Indo-European ethnic-linguistic group. Currently more than 90 percent of the total population is Muslim.

— Weather in Iran

Spring
Spring time (March to June), in Iran is mild, and most of the rainfall seen in Iran occurs during the spring and winter periods.

Summer
Summer weather (June to September) in Iran is typically hot and dry.

Fall
During the fall season (September to December), Iran has fairly mild weather.

Winter
In the winters (December to March), Iran is typically cold with snowfall.
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— Food and Dining Options

Most shops in Iran sell a range of breads, dairy products, as well as canned foods. However, if you have special needs, it is recommended to think ahead and come prepared. Bakeries around Tehran specialize in different types of Iranian flat bread, baguette, sandwich bread or toast. Most common meats found in Iran are cow, sheep, chicken, and fish. Rice is abundantly found and is the main source of carbohydrates in Iran. Fast food and sandwich shops are also available in the city of Tehran.

— Dress Code

The word Hijab refers to
a) the head covering traditionally worn by Muslim women
b) styles of dress in general

Following Islamic rules including Hijab or Islamic dress code is necessary while in Iran.

Body: Should be covered with loose clothes. Arms should not be bare.
Legs & feet: Legs should be covered down to ankles.
For women: Hair should be covered. Scarf is the most common covering for head.

— Accommodations

Student housing provides wireless Internet service for residents. Our housing units are double- or triple-bedroom apartments. Each bedroom is equipped with two single beds. The apartments are furnished with table and chairs as well as a TV set. Each unit has an independent shared kitchen which is furnished with basic appliances, refrigerator/fridge, microwave oven, washing machine, iron and an ironing board.
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— Post Office/DHL

Please search country-specified rules and regulations, if you like to send and receive packages.

— Money Exchange

You are able to exchange money inside Iran. It is recommended to exchange some money at an official organization before you enter Tehran. Generally, shops and services do not accept foreign currency. There are facilities available close to your dormitories which will provide money exchange services.