I. ISIC Card:

Each foreign student is obliged to use an identification card to obtain access to the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava.
ISIC (International Student Identity Card)

As a student at the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava you can purchase an ISIC card, which is an identity document for your studies. The card is the only internationally- recognized student ID.

It is your passport to great discounts and services at home around the world.

We greatly recommend this card for our students.

The ISIC card provides:

- discounts for bus, tram, rail transport - can be used as a transport card
- discounts when visiting cultural institutions (such as museums, galleries …)
- other specific student discounts

II. Health Insurance & Medical Care

With the arrival in Slovakia, it is obligatory for all foreign students coming to study in Slovakia to have health insurance valid for the territory of Slovak Republic.

EU students

If you are a student from one of the EU/EEA or a Swiss citizen, you must have your European Health Insurance card (E111 card).

Students should request this card from their home country's health service before leaving. When attending health care services, you will be also asked to show your valid ID/passport along with the card. The European Health Insurance Card cannot be used for private sector health care providers. Majority of the health care costs are covered by the European Health Insurance but there are some treatments where you must pay the full prize. Please bear in mind, that the European Health Insurance Card entitles you only to coverage of the costs of medical care which are urgent, this means non-urgent treatment, or medically assisted transport home following serious illness or injury, are not covered. Therefore, it is recommended to arrange also additional travel health insurance at a commercial insurance company in the home country before coming to Slovakia.

Non-EU students

If you are from a non-EU country, you must have your own health insurance either from your home country or from a Slovak Health Insurance Company. We strongly recommend doing this at home, before coming to Slovakia because you need it when applying for Visa. You need to have insurance for the whole period of stay in Slovakia. You must have included sufficient health insurance, for all the possible cases, in your home country. In case of needed medical treatment, it is necessary to

pay for their treatment immediately at the doctors. Your contractual insurance company will reimburse the costs for the medical treatment concerned to you after your arrival back in your home country. The scope of insurance depends on the agreed type of insurance. The type of insurance and the sum insured are specified in the individual insurance contract.

Recommended Health Insurance Companies in the Slovak Republic

- Všeobecná zdravotná poisťovňa
- Zdravotná poisťovňa Dôvera
- Zdravotná poisťovňa Union

All students must have insurance with the coverage against any accidents that may occur during your educational activities and with the coverage of all costs that may arise in connection with the repatriation of the applicant to their home country due to health problems, urgent medical treatment, emergency hospital treatment or death.

In case of emergency, dial 112 to call an ambulance. 112 is the European universal emergency number.

The national emergency numbers:

150 - fire and rescue

155 - emergency medical service

158 – police

III. Transportation:

How to get to Bratislava
Travel by air:
You can arrive to Bratislava by plane to the Bratislava Airport, or the airport at Vienna – Schwechat.
Bratislava Airport official website: www.bts.aero
Bratislava airport can be reached from the city center in 15–20 minutes.
You can take the bus no. 61 to the main train station.

The airport at Vienna-Schwechat is only forty kilometres west of Bratislava and Slovaks mainly use it for long-haul flights. It is one of the main gateways to Slovakia. Buses to Bratislava depart at 30 to 60-minute intervals. Tickets can be bought on the bus; check the following companies blaguss, eurolines.sk

Travel by train:

Official website: slovakrail.sk

RegioJet

Travel by bus:

Official website: slovaklines.sk
Bratislava is also conveniently connected with many European cities via a network of bus lines. It has frequent service to the surrounding areas and also to other regions in Slovakia. Buses arrive and depart from Mlynské Nivy bus station. Coaches between Bratislava and Vienna run at one-hour intervals.

eurolines.sk studentagency.sk blaguss.at

BRATISLAVA CITY TRANSPORT:
http://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport

IV. FREE SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSE:

The Academy of Performing Arts offers the Slovak language course for incoming students. The course is held once per week and you can get 2 credits.

V. First welcome to Bratislava

http://www.visitbratislava.com/

Events, best places in Bratislava:
Bratislava | EVENTLAND

VI. Public holidays in Slovakia

1 January	Republic Day
6 January	Epiphany
29 March	Good Griday
1st April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
8 May	Liberation Day
5 July	St.Cyril and St. Methodius Day
29 August	Slovak Uprising Day
1 September	Constitution Day
15 September	Lady of Sorrow´s Day
1 November	All Saintś Day
17 November	Freedom and Democracy Day
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	2nd Day of Christmas

There are no lessons during the public holidays.

VII. Meals:

Lunch menu at cheaper restaurant: around 7 - 8 Eur

Some tips:

Bagetka na Zelenej (salads, panini)

https://restaurantguru.com/Bagetka-na-Zelenej-Bratislava

Traditional Slovak meal:
Bratislava Flagship restaurant

http://www.bratislavskarestauracia.sk/en/

Jedalen u Igiho (Canteen)
Svoradova 13 (near the Theatre Faculty building at Svoradova str.)

Gatto Matto (at Ventúrska, and Panská streets)

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