

Living Expenses Guide for Incoming KIMEP Students in Almaty: Average Prices for Academic Year 2026-2027

Item	KZT	Comments
Visa	≈ 2 200	Subtotal for invitation and registration
	≈ 130 000	Multi entry visa extension
	≈ 30 000	One entry visa extension
Meals	≈ 225 000	3 times average cost meal at “KIMEP Grill” canteen for 30 days, (average 2500 KZT each)
Dormitory	≈ 108 050	Per month. Bed in a shared room for 2 people
Dormitory Deposit	≈ 71 180	Will be returned at the check-out if no damages. In case of damages – a cost of damage will be deducted
Urban Transport		120 KZT one-way-ticket without ONAI CARD Regular degree student in a bachelor-level program can get student's ONAI Card (60 KZT one-way-ticket)
Supplies (stationery, copying, etc.)	≈ 8 000	Varies per student's needs
Library deposit (partially refundable)	≈ 74 270	Fulfilled every semester after rental fee of 25% from cost of each book. Refundable by the end of study
Student activity fee	≈ 9 130	Per semester
Medical Fee	≈ 6 560	Per semester
Medical check	≈ 7 000	One time ≈6000 KZT (medical form 075 and Xray)
Other: notary	≈ 10 000 - 15000	Notary translation for nostrification for degree seeking students only!!! (one page of notarized translation from English to Russian cost ≈3000 tenge)
Sim card	≈ 5 000	Depends on carrier and monthly packa
Student ticket at cinema/ theatre	≈ 2 000	One time
“My Hostel Almaty” hostel	≈ 7 000	Per night

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Exchange rate as of May 2026:

1 Euro ~ 542 KZT,

1 USD ~ 463 KZT,

1 GBP ~ 626 KZT,

1 KRW ~ 0.3 KZT,

1 CNY ~ 68 KZT

1 KGS ~ 5.3 KZT,

1 UZS ~ 0.04 KZT,

1 TJS ~ 50 KZT,

Check exact exchange rates at www.nationalbank.kz

