

A photograph of a classroom. A teacher is standing at the front, facing a class of students. Several students in the foreground and middle ground have their hands raised, indicating an interactive or question-and-answer session. The teacher is wearing a light-colored shirt. The students are seated at desks. The background features a green chalkboard. The overall lighting is soft and slightly dim, creating a focused atmosphere.

The Education System in Malta

Pre-school / kindergarten

- Children in Malta attend kindergartens from 3-4 years old completely free of charge. During this period learning is informal, through a lot of games and playing as well as through interaction with other children.



Primary school

- At 5 years old the child becomes a student and starts Primary School which last for 6 years, until they are 10 years old. Attendance at Primary School is compulsory for all children and there is a school roughly in each town.
- Malta's goal is social inclusion therefore the goal is to place students with special needs in mainstream schools, however specialized schools are available too.



Secondary school

- After primary school students move on to start secondary school which lasts for 5 years, from 11-16 years of age. These are larger schools where students from several primary schools join together.
- Here most schools oblige students to take up a new foreign language and further studies such as ICT are implemented into the students' studies.
- When completing secondary school, compulsory education is over, however, students can opt to sit for their O-levels on their own which will help them get into high school and higher education.





High School / Post Secondary Education

- As students turn 16 years old they can opt to go to Sixth Form which lasts for two years until they are 18 years of age.
- There are four schools to choose from, MCAST Junior College and Higher Secondary School and ITS.
- At High School the students study different topics and are being prepared to sit for their A-levels which is needed to get into University.

University / Tertiary Education

- After students pass their A-levels, (2 A-levels and 4 intermediate–compulsory SOK) they are free to start at the University.
- Usually students start when they are around 18 years old, and graduate accordingly to how long their courses are.
- The University of Malta is the highest form of educational institution in Malta, and it is also the oldest University in Europe being over 400 years old.
- The University of Malta offers undergraduate and post-graduate level degrees and it is entirely financed by the Government. Courses of studies last between one and six years, and then the possibility of doing a Ph.D. program.



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Thank you :)
