Study in Croatia!

Ministry of Science and Education
COUNTRY NAME: Republic of Croatia
CAPITAL: Zagreb
OTHER MAJOR CITIES: Split, Rijeka, Osijek, Zadar, Pula, Dubrovnik
LANGUAGE: Croatian
GOVERNMENT: Parliamentary democracy
CURRENCY: Croatian kuna (HRK)
AREA: 87,609 square kilometres
POPULATION: 4,284,889 million
TIME ZONE: CET (GMT + 1)

Why study in Croatia?

Croatia is a country of strong academic tradition, some of its universities are the oldest in South-East Europe. There are 49 higher education institutions in Croatia, including 10 universities (8 public and 2 private), 15 polytechnics (11 public and 4 private) and 24 schools of professional higher education (3 public, 21 private).

Croatia is a member of the Bologna Process, and all study programmes in Croatia are aligned with the Bologna structure.

Croatian higher education institutions provide 1,708 accredited study programmes in all scientific fields, and a list of all study programmes can be found here:

Study opportunities at Croatian higher education institutions are available to prospective international students who do not speak Croatian (or are not studying Slavic languages). Some higher education institutions offer degree programmes taught in English and other foreign languages, as well as specific courses in foreign languages (lasting one or two semesters). For prospective students who speak Croatian (or are studying Slavic languages), a wide variety of degree programmes or exchange programmes are available for studying at higher education institutions throughout Croatia.

Paulina Chmielecka, a 21-year-old Erasmus student from Poland:

“I love the way students and professors interact – most of our lectures are very interactive and we feel free to come and ask for help or advice about our projects and essays.”

More information on study programmes taught in foreign languages can be found at:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/studying-in-croatia/institutions-and-programmes/teaching-language

Admissions and enrolment

1. Degree-seeking students

International degree-seeking students should contact the International Cooperation Office or a designated contact person at the higher education institution well before starting their studies to obtain relevant information on application procedures and other important matters.

More information at:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/studying-in-croatia/admissions-and-enrolment

2. Student exchange

International student mobility is based on exchange programmes such as Erasmus+, CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) and bilateral cooperation (on the basis of agreements signed between Croatia and other countries).

European Universities Games Zagreb-Rijeka 2016:
students of Croatian universities are winners of the largest number of medals

Trakošćan Castle in Northern Croatia (source: Croatian National Tourist Board; author: Domagoj Blažević)
The University of Zagreb is the oldest university in Croatia and the largest in South-East Europe. It was founded in 1669 by a decree issued by Leopold I, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Hungary, Croatia and Bohemia, granting the university status and privileges to the Jesuit Academy in Zagreb.

The University offers comprehensive study programmes leading to Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral degrees in the following fields: arts, biomedicine, biotechnology, engineering, humanities and social sciences, and natural sciences. It employs more than 7,500 staff members and has a student population of more than 77,000 students. Consisting of 34 constituent units (30 faculties, 3 academies and the Centre for Croatian Studies), the University of Zagreb is the flagship university in Croatia.
1. ART ACADEMIES
- Academy of Dramatic Art
- Academy of Fine Arts
- Academy of Music

2. FACULTIES

BIOMEDICINE
- Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
- School of Medicine
- School of Dental Medicine

BIOTECHNOLOGY
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology
- Faculty of Forestry

ENGINEERING
- Faculty of Architecture – School of Design
- Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing
- Faculty of Geodesy
- Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering (Varaždin)
- Faculty of Graphic Arts
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture
- Faculty of Metallurgy (Sisak)
- Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering
- Faculty of Textile Technology
- Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- Catholic Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Centre for Croatian Studies
- Faculty of Philosophy of the Society of Jesus
- Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Faculty of Kinesiology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Organization and Informatics (Varaždin)
- Faculty of Political Science
- Faculty of Economics and Business
- Faculty of Teacher Education

NATURAL SCIENCES
- Faculty of Science

STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH:

UNDERGRADUATE
- Engineering, University of Zagreb

GRADUATE
- Business Economics, Managerial Informatics, Faculty of Economics and Business
- Master of European Studies, Faculty of Political Science
- Environment, agriculture and resource management, Faculty of Agriculture
- Medicine in English, School of Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine in English, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
- Diplomacy, University of Zagreb
- Business Management in Construction, University of Zagreb (Croatian / English)
- Language and Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Zagreb (Croatian and English)
- Biomedicine and Health Sciences, School of Medicine

INTERDISCIPLINARY POSTGRADUATE SPECIALIST
- Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region, Faculty of Agriculture

INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL
- Management and Counselling in European Education, Faculty of Teacher Education

DOCTORAL
- Geo-Engineering and Water Management, University of Zagreb

JINT MASTER
- Joint INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL

A link to all study programmes can be found here:
http://www.unizg.hr/homepage/study-at-the-university-of-zagreb/degrees-studies-and-courses/
Why study in Zagreb?

- University excels in teaching and research
- Strong emphasis is placed on scientific and artistic research
- Strong international cooperation, especially international student and staff mobility (holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education)
- University’s mission aims at sustainable development, artistic creativity and professional work
- Special emphasis is placed on carrying out the programmes of strategic interest for the Republic of Croatia and on the development of regional and local communities
- All activities aim at enhancing the development of personality and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms

Student experiences

Mohamed Medhat Mohamed Yakout Sokkar,
Law student from Egypt:

- The student exchange in Zagreb is one of the greatest experiences I have had in my life. I have learned a lot and the most important and beautiful thing is that professors are very friendly and I connected with the Croatian society. I made a lot of friends at the faculty of Law and the quality of education is pretty good, since it depends on research and gives you real-life knowledge.

Matti Kastikainen,
Finland, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences:

- Zagreb was just the right place for me – it’s not too big, not too small and there’s everything you need in terms of culture, sports and social life… It was easy to participate in the lectures and to do practical work at a local primary school… All in all, I enjoyed my time at the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences and I learned some really useful stuff that I really can and will use in my future work as a special education teacher.

Welcome to Zagreb

Zagreb is the capital and the largest city of Croatia. With origins going back to medieval times, today it is the political, administrative, economic and cultural centre of Croatia. Renowned for its art deco architecture, it has a history of strong urban culture, and an astonishing variety of places to visit – be it numerous theatres, museums, art galleries and parks or Lake Jarun - the Zagreb sea; and you can go trekking to the highest peak of the Medvednica mountain.

Zagreb is a picturesque city of undisputed beauty and charm that is being rediscovered again and again not only by visitors, but by its own citizens as well.

Zagreb funicular - one of the shortest public-transport funiculars in the world, offering an enjoyable 64-second ride (source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Željko Krčadinac)

Museum of Illusions (source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Domagoj Blažević)

Zagreb is the location where scenes were shot for ‘The Process’ by Orson Welles and ‘Sophie’s Choice’ featuring Meryl Streep – King Tomislav Statue (source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Robert Rajtić)

Did you know that...

- Zagreb was elected best Christmas market in 2016?
- every day since 1877 a cannon (so-called Grgić Cannon) is fired in the very centre of Zagreb to mark midday?
- the Zagreb film company Jadran Film owned the largest and most famous film studio in central Europe in the 2nd half of the 20th century?
- the renowned Zagreb School of Animated Films was awarded twice for short animated films - a Grand Prix for Samac (Lonely Guy) and an Oscar for Surogat (The Substitute)?
The University of Split was established in 1974 and it is the second largest university in Croatia. Around 22,000 students are enrolled in its undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate study programmes offered by 11 faculties, 1 academy and 4 University departments.

Picture: University of Split

Study programmes in foreign languages

- STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH:

  - INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
  - Medical Studies in English, School of Medicine

A link to all study programmes can be found here:

Why study in Split?

- University of Split is a medium-sized university, aiming to become the leading regional university in this part of Europe, with a strong Mediterranean orientation.
- Dedication to teaching, scientific research, artistic creation and professional activity.
- Key activity is to attract and motivate students to use their education opportunities to the maximum, as well as to constantly encourage them to engage in research, innovation, creative challenges and especially in taking up leadership roles both in their profession and society.
- International student and staff mobility encouraged (holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education).
- Commitment to student entrepreneurship and a high level of the quality of student life.
- Mediterranean climate and the setting of the “most beautiful city in the world.”
Student experiences

José Pedro Forte, Portugal, Department of Professional Studies

“A life changing experience. From the early start here I knew that it would be an endless love, I was fascinated by your culture, climate, way of life and history. A little tip for students to come to Split: be prepared because Croatians love hugging and welcoming foreign students, they can make everyone smile with a simple “Hvala”.”

Alma Juniczović, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture

“I chose Split because I have always found it magically beautiful. After a few months spent in Split I realized I had been right. Now I think Split is more than magical. It is a city with soul... There are many places to visit, many new things to try, and a number of places to go out. Studying at the University of Split was a great experience. The University has a great number of highly qualified professors, who are always there to help you. The best thing about Split is that people here are always ready to help you, they are generally very relaxed and always ready to party. All in all, if you choose Split, you will both learn a lot and have a great time.”

Welcome to Split

Split is the second largest city in Croatia, situated in the heart of Dalmatia, a Croatian region characterized by a warm and pleasant climate and a Mediterranean culture. The city itself is 17 centuries old, with the Roman emperor Diocletian’s Palace in its core. Diocletian’s Palace and the entire historical core of Split have been on the World Heritage UNESCO list since 1979, not only for the extraordinary preservation of the Palace, but also for the fact that the Palace and its city have continued to live a full life. Today, Split is an important cultural, tourist and sports centre in Croatia, as well as an international port.

Did you know that...

...Diocletian was the only Roman emperor to abdicate voluntarily, after 29 years of rule?
...Split-born Marko Marulić (1450-1524), father of Croatian literature, was the first to use and define the notion of psychology, as used today?

Other useful links:
Virtual Tour of the University of Split (in Croatian):
http://www.unist.hr/smota/split.html
International Student Guide:
http://eng.unist.hr/Portals/5/docs/INTERNATIONAL%20STUDENT%20GUIDE%20UNIVERSITY%20OF%20SPLIT-%20web%20final.pdf
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek is the third largest university in Croatia, founded in 1975 as the fourth Croatian university. Today it has 18,000 students and 1,100 of teaching staff. It is developing into a modern European higher education institution, acting as a regional centre of knowledge, research and excellence.

Picture: Faculty of Agriculture in Osijek

**Why study in Osijek?**

- Excellence in teaching and research
- Holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
- International and inter-institutional cooperation is encouraged and carried out, especially through mobility in CEEPUS and Erasmus+, within the activities based on bilateral inter-institutional agreements (almost 300 Erasmus bilateral agreements signed with partner universities), international university networks, international scientific and professional research projects, and international activities of student organisations
- As one of the promoters of the development of Eastern Croatia, the University’s strategic goals are based on encouraging cross-border cooperation, particularly joint international scientific research projects
- Cooperation is carried out with the Universities of Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Zadar, and it is mainly based on the improvement and implementation of joint study programmes and collaboration in scientific research projects

**Student experiences**

**Alină Žiburtytė**, Lithuania

“As an Erasmus student I came back here because people are so friendly and kind. I met people who became my friends for life. The University building is cozy and beautiful. I think its every corner has a different story – it makes it mysterious. I am brave enough to say that Osijek is my second home! Ivala na svemu!”

**Alexander Titov**, Hungary

“Osijek became my second home in Europe. It is a very nice and quiet city with a wonderful university. I really appreciate the chance of my life to get acquainted with such professional teachers and, at the same time, very open-minded and friendly people.”

Links to all study programmes can be found here:
- [www.unios.hr/en/education/undergraduate-studies/](http://www.unios.hr/en/education/undergraduate-studies/)
- [www.unios.hr/en/education/graduate-studies/](http://www.unios.hr/en/education/graduate-studies/)
- [www.unios.hr/en/education/integrated-studies/](http://www.unios.hr/en/education/integrated-studies/)
Osijek is the fourth largest city in Croatia and the economic and cultural centre of the fertile eastern Croatian region of Slavonia. It is a city of rich historical and cultural heritage, whose origins date back to Neolithic times. The city developed along the lines of other central European cities, with cultural, architectural and socio-economic influences from Vienna and Budapest. The city is well known for its Baroque architecture and its rich gastronomic offer that includes traditional Slavonian specialities.

Picture left: A wonderful panorama of Osijek

Did you know that...

... Osijek has its Copacabana, a sports centre located on the left bank of the Drava river, providing opportunities for various water sports?

... Tvrđa, the city’s Old Town, is the best preserved and largest ensemble of Baroque buildings in Croatia?

... the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the city’s landmark popularly called ‘the Osijek Cathedral’, is in reality a co-cathedral?

Other useful links:
Student Guide:
Why study in Rijeka?

- Extremely successful student and staff mobility:
  the number of incoming and outgoing students
  and staff increases every year
- Holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
- High-quality teaching and scientific-research activities
- International cooperation is encouraged in all its forms, especially through mobility,
  with over 475 Erasmus bilateral agreements signed with a majority of European universities
- University’s goal is to be included within the top 500 European universities, through
  systematically facilitating mobility and development of research careers while providing
  every individual with an opportunity to express their talents and entrepreneurial energy

Student experiences

Sara Berger, Germany

"Croatia - so close, so different, so wonderful! I came to Croatia more or less by coincidence. I wanted to go on Erasmus. I didn’t really know where. Life sent me to the perfect place. Sometimes it can be as simple as that... Arriving in Rijeka in storm and rain in September, celebrating my birthday at Kantrida beach in bikinis in October, spending New Year’s Eve with a perfect view over the Kvarner bay from Trsat Castle, studying while looking at the sea, celebrating and partying with great people from all over Europe, travelling along the beautiful Croatian coast... where should I start from?? My advice: Pack up! And start the time of your life! Croatia welcomed me with its charm, contrasts, beauty and open arms and I am sure it will do the same for you!"

Dimitris Moschos, Greece

"My Erasmus experience: One word – Priceless. When I chose the University of Rijeka for my Erasmus exchange, I was oblivious to what the city and its people had to offer. The amount of time you have there may seem vast at the beginning, but later you will wish you had done more things, met more people and had more stories to tell about this wonderful experience."

Welcome to Rijeka

Rijeka is the third largest city and the largest port in Croatia. It is the administrative centre of a region characterised by an unusual link between sea and mountain. It is a perfect base from which to discover all the surrounding diversity, including visiting the neighbouring Italy and Slovenia. It has a pleasant Mediterranean climate with exceptionally warm summers and relatively mild winters. It is a strong urban centre – the Rijeka Carnival is the third largest carnival in the world.
Did you know that...

... the University of Rijeka’s rector, Katja Ivišević, was the first female rector in Croatia and the second female rector in Europe (1993-1998)?

... Rijeka has been awarded the title of European Capital of Culture 2020?

... the torpedo was invented in Rijeka, a weapon that was to change the concept of sea warfare?

... the only preserved lifebelt from the Titanic can be found here?

... the first newspaper ever written in the Italian language was printed in Rijeka?
Foreign students have the opportunity to attend a free Croatian language course during the semester (2 hours per week, 2 ECTS).

A link to all study programmes can be found here:

Courses in foreign languages can be found at:

An information package for each department can be found at:

Why study in Zadar?

- High-quality teaching and scientific activities
- More than 300 courses in the English language carried out
- Holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
- Participation of its units is encouraged in international competitive projects, incoming and outgoing mobility of students, academics and academic administration
- Development of international joint programmes is encouraged, as well as contacts and encounters with both domestic and foreign representatives of academic, political and economic communities
- Owing to the diligent and responsible work of its staff and students, the University of Zadar grows and progresses each day, thus contributing to general development

Student experiences

Jana Vytásková,
Psychology, Czech Republic

My Erasmus experience in Zadar has completely changed my view of Croatia and its culture. I was surprised by high-quality studies and a friendly attitude towards international students at the University of Zadar. And what will I miss the most? The entire city - its atmosphere, people, the sunny weather, coffee breaks, the sea and sunset. So, if you have a chance, definitely go to Zadar!!!

Giedré Bubaitė,
Tallinn, Estonia

I wanted to try something different – the Mediterranean coast. Croatia was definitely the best choice. The Erasmus experience has totally changed my life.
Placed neatly on a small peninsula with shiny and polished cobbled streets, Zadar is an important historical town, rich with world renowned heritage visible at every step. Zadar is a city monument, surrounded by historical ramparts from ancient and medieval times, as well as Renaissance and many contemporary architectural achievements. Being the capital of Zadar County, it is a strong maritime, tourist, harbour and industrial city in the Middle Adriatic.

Picture left: Cathedral of St. Anastasia

Alfred Hitchcock once said: “Zadar has the most beautiful sunset in the world.”

The first sea organ in the world

Did you know that...

... Zadar was elected European Best Destination 2016?
... the Dominican higher education institution Studium generale, later known as the Universitas Jaderna, was founded as early as 14 June 1396 in Zadar?
... the first Croatian novel ‘Mountains’ by Petar Zoranić was published in Zadar in 1536?
... the 19th century Zadar was a place where many things were introduced for the first time in Croatia – the first newspaper printed in Croatian, the first operation under aether narcosis, the first public park (Queen Jelena Madievka Park) and the first Red Cross branch?

Juraj Dobrila University of Pula was founded in 2006 and it offers 42 high-quality and modern study programmes that are continuously updated in line with labour market needs and are developing towards the science areas of technology and biomedicine. The University delivers study programmes in social sciences, humanities, arts and natural sciences.

Picture left: University building

**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS:**

1. ACADEMIES
   - Academy of Music in Pula
2. FACULTIES
   - Faculty of Economics and Tourism Dr. Mijo Mrković
   - Faculty of Educational Sciences
   - Faculty of Humanities
3. DEPARTMENTS
   - Department of Interdisciplinary, Italian and Cultural Studies
   - Department of Information Communication Technologies
   - Department of Natural Sciences and Health Studies
   - Department of Engineering

**STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ITALIAN:**

INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

UNDERGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL

POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL

University Teacher Studies, Faculty of Educational Sciences

Undergraduate specialist study of Preschool Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences

Postgraduate Degree in Translation in the context of Croatian-Italian bilingualism, Department of Interdisciplinary, Italian and Cultural Studies
Pula is the largest town on the Istrian peninsula, with origins going back to ancient Roman times. It is a city with a rich urban culture offering a variety of activities and attractions—here modern bars, pavement cafés and boutiques sit happily among ancient Roman ruins, with the Roman Amphitheatre and the Temple of Augustus as its most prominent landmarks. At the same time, it is a Mediterranean coastal resort, popular for its sunny climate and pristine beaches.

Picture right: Arch of the Sergi in Pula

Arena in Pula — the largest monument of ancient architecture in Croatia and the only remaining Roman amphitheatre with all four side-towers entirely preserved (source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Damir Fabijanić)

Medieval town of Motovun — home to the internationally renowned Motovun Film Festival (source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Sala Halambek)

Did you know that...

... James Joyce lived in Pula for several months working as an English teacher?
... the Pula Film Festival is the oldest Croatian film festival annually held in the Pula Arena?
... Pula is host to the world’s most famous festivals for young people – SeaSplash Festival, Dimension Festival, Outlook Festival (Fort Punta Christo in Stonjan, near Pula)?
... at Cape Grakalac you can walk the trail of dinosaurs and visit one of the few sites of fossilised footprints of dinosaurs 98 million years old (source: Public Institution of Kamenjak; http://www.kamenjak.hr/en/rekreacija.aspx)?

Student experiences

Justina Tarvydaitė, Lithuania

“After the first year of my studies in Pula, I wanted to go through the Erasmus experience once again so I applied for Erasmus placement at the University’s International Office. Living and studying in Pula has improved my language skills and helped me have more confidence in myself. I love Pula.”

Franco Ismael Loza Casillas, Spain

“I really want to return to Pula or, at least, to Croatia. For me, only 6 months was enough to fall in love with your country.”
The University of Dubrovnik was founded in 2003, based on a long tradition dating back to the 17th century. It is an integrated university comprised of 8 departments, with the Institute for Marine and Coastal Research and the Institute for Mediterranean Plants operating within it.

Campus building

**Student experiences**

**Signe Lacer, Latvia:**

“I think Dubrovnik is a great place for Erasmus+ students. It has everything you need. I am grateful for the positive behaviour and an obliging attitude by teachers, students and the locals – they are always very helpful and supportive. Each day brings a new adventure and surprise. I enjoy every day here.”

**Luka Gustin, Slovenia:**

“For historical and cultural reasons and the fact that I have always wanted to live near the sea, I chose Dubrovnik for my second exchange. I came to the University of Dubrovnik since the offer of courses in English was great, without any trouble I managed to find the courses that would easily be recognised in the first year at my home university. It is a small university with very friendly staff, where students are not treated as numbers. It was great, I really love Dubrovnik!”

Study programmes in foreign languages

- Double Degree Master Courses in “Economics” and “Business Economics – Marketing” in the English language, with the University of Palermo, Italy (the only such programme in Croatia).
- The Departments offer more than 100 courses in English.

A link to all study programmes can be found here: [http://www.unidu.hr/index_eng.php](http://www.unidu.hr/index_eng.php)
In the past, Dubrovnik was the capital of the Republic of Ragusa, an important sea power notable for its skilled diplomacy, whose wealth was based on maritime trade. The Republic was so highly developed that it was among the first places in Europe to construct a medieval sewage system, establish an orphanage, and the first for setting up a quarantine (place for separating people suffering from infectious diseases). Today, Dubrovnik is one of the most prominent Mediterranean tourist destinations, its Old City being a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979.

University North, situated in Varaždin and Koprivnica, towns in north-west Croatia, is the youngest public university in the country. With more than 3,000 students enrolled, the University provides 15 practice-oriented study programmes. As a modern and future-oriented higher education institution, the knowledge gained at University North will provide an excellent basis for starting an independent career.

**Did you know that...**

... King’s Landing, a fictional city in Game of Thrones, is mainly Dubrovnik?

... according to English chronicles, King Richard the Lionheart found safe shelter in a bay on the island of Lokrum near Dubrovnik, upon returning from the Crusades?

... the town’s Old Pharmacy in the Franciscan Monastery originally opened in 1317 has been in operation ever since and is one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe?
Why study with us?

Varaždin Old Town
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Iva Bilićina)

- More than 300 experts employed from various scientific fields, many of whom are at the forefront of their fields in Croatia and beyond
- High-quality equipment provided (numerous classrooms and laboratories for practical instruction)
- Each study programme designed in line with the latest technological and scientific trends
- International student and staff mobility encouraged (holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education)
- Opportunities for continuing training; keeping up with the latest technologies, quality teaching
- All courses offered are also available on e-learning platforms (Google for Education, Microsoft Office 365 Education and others)

SpancirFest, a street festival held annually in Varaždin, features many world-famous artists (http://spancirfest.com/en)
Libertas International University is a modern international higher education institution with premises in Zagreb, Dubrovnik and Kutina. It consists of four faculties (International Relations and Diplomacy, International Business and Economics, Film and Performing Arts, Health Sciences) and a Business School.

Study programmes:
- Undergraduate university:
  - International Relations (Diplomacy)
  - International Business
  - Acting
- Undergraduate professional:
  - Business Economics
  - Tourism and Hotel Management
  - Business Security Management
  - Sports Management
- Graduate university:
  - International Relations and Diplomacy
- Graduate professional:
  - Domestic and International Trade Management
  - Banking, Insurance and Financial Management
  - Tourism and Hotel Management
- Postgraduate:
  - Quality Management in Healthcare (postgraduate specialist)
  - Economics and Business Economics (PhD)
  - International Relations (PhD)

Why study with us?
- Study programmes are in line with labour market needs
- Among teaching staff are teachers from Harvard University, Princeton University, Georgetown University, London School of Economics, Sorbonne University, New York University, Virginia School of Law, and other leading higher education institutions worldwide
- International learning environment encouraging international staff and student mobility (holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education)
- Lectures take place in small groups, with a student-centred approach
- Knowledge is acquired through an active approach to relevant topics

Picture: Dubrovnik premises of Libertas, set in the historical Dominican monastery, is home to an international environment of students and teachers.

Graduation ceremony Libertas
The Catholic University of Croatia was established in 2006, with premises located in Zagreb. It currently has five departments: Department of History, Department of Psychology, Department of Sociology, Department of Communication Sciences and Department of Nursing.

A number of higher education institutions in Croatia deliver professionally-oriented study programmes that are comprised of two levels:

- Undergraduate professional study programmes
  - lasting 2-3 years with 120-180 ECTS credits awarded, exceptionally lasting 4 years with 240 ECTS credits awarded

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes
  - lasting 1-2 years with 60-120 ECTS credits awarded

The names of professionally-oriented higher education institutions vary, depending on the number of programmes delivered by the institution: they are called schools, colleges, polytechnics or universities of applied sciences.

Study programmes

- Undergraduate:
  - History
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
  - Communication Sciences
  - Nursing

- Graduate:
  - History
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
  - Nursing

Why study with us?

- Study programmes are aimed at providing excellence in teaching and learning
- Focus on integrating both theory and practice into the learning process
- Lectures take place in small groups of students, with a student-centred approach
- International student and staff mobility encouraged (holder of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education)
- Active participation in the life of the Croatian society by organising round tables, exhibitions, concerts and public forums

- Study programmes are in line with labour market needs
- Focus on practical training and the acquisition of practical skills and competences; knowledge and skills gained are aimed at preparing students for employment or further education
- Work placement available at a number of higher education institutions, thus enabling a successful and faster integration into the workplace
- International student and staff mobility encouraged
- All professionally-oriented higher education institutions included in this publication are holders of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
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PUBLIC PROFESSIONALLY-ORIENTED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Polytechnic in Požega

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Viticulture-Oenology-Pomology
- Food Technology
- Accounting
- Commerce
- Administration

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- Trade Business

Marko Marulić Polytechnic of Knin

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Commercial Business with Entrepreneurship
- Food Technology
- Karst Agriculture – Animal Husbandry
- Karst Agriculture – Plant Production

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- Economic and Regulatory Framework of Entrepreneurship

Building of the Polytechnic in Požega

Building of the Polytechnic of Knin
Social and Technical Sciences

Virovitica College

www.vsmti.hr

Polytechnic ‘Nikola Tesla’ in Gospić

www.velegs-nikolatesla.hr

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Management
  - sub-specialisation Management in Computer Science
  - sub-specialisation Management in Rural Tourism
- Entrepreneurship
  - sub-specialisation Entrepreneurship of Services
- Computer Engineering
  - sub-specialisation Software Engineering

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
- Management
  - sub-specialisation Management of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
  - sub-specialisation Destination Management

Polytechnic of Šibenik

www.vus.hr

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Management
- Traffic
- Public Administration

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- Management

Cathedral of St. James in Šibenik
(SOURCE: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Boris Katan)

Polytechnic of Međimurje in Čakovec

www.mev.hr

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Computer Engineering
- Management of Tourism and Sports
- Sustainable Development

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- Management of Tourism and Sports

Polytechnic students
**SOCIAL SCIENCES, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES**

**College of Slavonski Brod**

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Plant Production - specialisation Horticulture
  - Plant Production - specialisation Farming
  - Management
  - Production Engineering

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
  - Ecological Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Energetics
  - Management

**Zagreb University of Applied Sciences**

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - Information Technologies
  - Mechatronics
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Orthotics and Prosthetics
  - Computing

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - Information Technologies
  - Computing

**BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH**

**University of Applied Health Sciences**

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Nursing
  - Physiotherapy
  - Laboratory Medical Diagnostics
  - Radiological Technology
  - Environmental Health Engineering
  - Occupational Therapy

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
  - Management in Nursing
  - Public Health
  - Clinical Nursing
  - Psychiatric Nursing
  - Physiotherapy
  - Environmental Health Engineering

**BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**Križevci College of Agriculture**

- Undergraduate professional study programme:
  - Agriculture

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
  - Agriculture
  - Sustainable and Organic Agriculture
  - Management in Agriculture

Students

Practical classes in a College laboratory
**Undergraduate professional study programmes:**
- Business IT
- Entrepreneurship Economics
- Film, Television and Multimedia
- Journalism
- Public Relations and Media Studies
- Technical Management
- Tourist and Hotel Management

**Specialist graduate professional study programmes:**
- Accounting and Finance
- Entrepreneurial Management
- Human Resources Management
- IT Management
- Managing Business Communications
- Managing Sustainable Tourism Development

VERN's graduation ceremony

VERN® University of Applied Sciences
www.vern.hr
Undergraduate professional study programmes:
• Economics and Management
• Business Mathematics and Economics
• Business Law and Economics

Other programmes:
• Double Degree Master Programmes
• Executive MBA Programme
• Executive MBA in Human Resource Management

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
• General MBA
• Specialized MBA programmes in:
  • Management
  • Marketing
  • Management of Information Systems
  • Finance and Accounting
  • Finance and Banking
  • Accounting
  • Auditing and Taxes
  • Quantitative Finance
  • Human Resource Management
  • Supply Chain Management
  • Master of Arts in Economics

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
• Business Management
• Tourist Destination Management and Marketing

Other study programmes (including at the specialist graduate level), are to start in 2018
University College Effectus -
College for Finance and Law

Undergraduate professional study programme:
- Finance and Law

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
- MBA Masters in Business Management within the designated specialisation in:
  - Financial Management
  - Taxes and Business Law
  - Management of Human Resources and Knowledge

Graduation

effectus-uciliste.com

RRIF College of Financial Management

Undergraduate professional study programme:
- Accounting and Finance

Specialist graduate professional study programme
- Corporate Finance

RRIF graduate

Dag Hammarskjöld - University College of International Relations and Diplomacy

Undergraduate professional study programme:
- International Relations and Diplomacy

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- International Relations and Diplomacy

Graduation

University College of Management and Design Aspira

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Sports Management;
- International Hospitality and Tourism Management with specialisations in Gastronomy, Hotel Management and Destination Management Organizations (OMO) and Companies (DMC)

Graduation

www.aspira.hr

www.rvs.hr

www.diplomacija.hr
Baltazar University of Applied Sciences

english.bak.hr

- in Zaprešić

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Business and Management,
  with specialisations in:
  - Business Economics and Finance
    (branch campus in Biograd na Moru)
  - Cultural Management and Office
    Management
  - Information Technologies

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
- Project Management
- Communications Management
- Financial Management
- Public Sector Management

University College of Economics, Entrepreneurship
and Management "Nikola Šubić Zrinski"

www.zrinski.org

Undergraduate professional study programme:
- Entrepreneurship Economics

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
- Management of Small and Medium Enterprises
- Project Management

College of Inspection and Personnel
Management in Split

hr.vsikmp.hr

- Undergraduate professional study programme:
  - Inspection Management and Personnel
    Management in Maritime Affairs

Graduation

Zagreb School of Business

www.vpsz.hr

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Marketing and Communication
  - Management and Production in Culture
  - Supply Chain Management

- Specialist graduate professional study programme:
  - Marketing and Communication

Students
Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- International Hospitality and Service Management
- International Business
- Information Technology

Study programme of Master of Science in Service Leadership and Innovation

Study programmes are delivered on two campuses – Zagreb and Dubrovnik

Students

Graduation

Undergraduate professional study programmes:
- Software Engineering
- System Engineering
- Multimedia Computing
- Digital Marketing

Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
- Software Engineering
- System Engineering
- Game Development
- Data Science
- Digital Marketing
- e-Leadership MBA

Polytechnic Pula - College of Applied Sciences

www.politehnika-pula.hr

Undergraduate professional study programme:
- Polytechnics

Two-year undergraduate professional study programme:
- Polytechnics

Specialist graduate professional study programme:
- Creative Management in Processes

College building
University of Applied Sciences Velika Gorica

www.vvg.hr

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Management in Crisis Situations
  - Computer System Maintenance
  - Optometry
  - Motor Vehicle Maintenance
  - Aircraft Maintenance

- Specialist graduate professional study programmes:
  - Crisis Management
  - Management of Logistic Systems and Processes
  - Information Systems

Bjelovar University of Applied Sciences

vtsbj.hr

- Undergraduate professional study programmes:
  - Computer Science
  - Mechatronics
  - Nursing

College for Information Technologies (VSITE)

www.vsite.hr

- Undergraduate professional study programme:
  - Information Technology

- Specialist graduate professional study programme:
  - Information Technology

College students
situated in central and south-east europe, croatia is characterized by a unique blend of mediterranean and central european culture. it is a country of rich cultural heritage, stunning natural beauty and remarkable geographic diversity which is reflected in its culture and cuisine. a pleasant climate, breathtaking scenery, gastronomic excellence and a rich offer of cultural events and entertainment make croatia an ideal place to study for international students.
Even 8% of Croatia’s territory encompasses protected areas including 2 strict reserves, 8 national parks and 11 nature parks – Telašćica Nature Park on Dugi Otok Island
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Ivo Pervan)

One of the striking features of the Croatian coast is that it has a total of 1,244 islands, islets, rocks and reefs – Island of Sikirica near Dubrovnik
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Aleksandar Gospić)

Krapina Neanderthal Museum is one of the most modern museums in Croatia and Central Europe
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Sergio Gobbo)
Dinara, the highest mountain in Croatia
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Aleksandar Gospilo)

Veliki Tabor
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Ivo Biločina)

White and Samar Rocks
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Goran Šafarek)

Paklenica National Park
(source: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Ivo Biločina)
What to do before coming to Croatia?

1. **Student residence permit**
   - Foreign nationals intending to study in Croatia must regulate their temporary residence for the purpose of studying if they stay for longer than 90 days in Croatia

2. **Visa requirements**
   - Nationals of countries subject to the visa requirement need to obtain an entry visa for Croatia (Visa C)

3. **Living expenses**
   - Average monthly living expenses in Croatia are estimated to be between 400 and 700 EUR, depending on the type of accommodation and the city in Croatia
   - More information at: [http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/accommodation](http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/accommodation)

4. **Accommodation**
   - There are many options for accommodation, including student dormitories and private housing.
   - For more detail on accommodation please visit: [http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/accommodation](http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/accommodation)

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**Did you know that...**

... the smallest town in the world by population is Hum, in the Istrian region of Croatia?

... the necktie and the mechanical pencil are Croatian inventions?

... Faust Vrančić from Croatia was the first to construct the parachute, based on a sketch by Leonardo da Vinci?

... the Church of the Holy Cross in Nin is the smallest cathedral in the world?

... Marco Polo, one of the world’s most famous travellers and explorers, was born on the Croatian island of Korčula?

... Nikola Tesla, one of the world’s greatest inventors, was born in Croatia?

... the name of the Dalmatian dog derives from the Croatian region of Dalmatia?

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(SOURCE: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Ivo Pervan)
5. Health care

For more information on health care and compulsory health insurance please visit:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/health-care and www.hzno.hr

6. Travel

- Croatia offers many opportunities for travel - in whatever part of the country you decide to study, it is easy to reach and visit the beautiful Croatian coast, mountains and its protected areas. Its favourable geographical position and good air connections make it easily reachable from all parts of Europe and the world.

More information at:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/living-in-croatia/national-and-regional-travel

7. Learning Croatian

- While studying in Croatia, a Croatian language course can be attended at a number of locations throughout the country, at both Croatian higher education institutions and language schools.

More information at:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/learn-croatian

Useful links:

Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia:
http://public.mzos.hr/Default.aspx?sec=2428

Study in Croatia:
http://www.studyincroatia.hr/

Swans, Maksimir Park in Zagreb
(SOURCE: Croatian National Tourist Board, author: Ivo Pervan)
Croatian universities and professionally-oriented higher education institutions