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## WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR - A WORD FROM THE RECTOR



Ladies and Gentlemen,  
You are holding A Concise Guide to the University of Mostar (SUM). It is a publication issued by University which presents the University and other useful information related to the studying to all incoming students, teaching, and non-teaching staff, and of course to all those who are interested.

University of Mostar is comprised of ten faculties, one academy, nine institutes, the University library, and a student center. Teaching for around 12.000 students is conducted in undergraduate, graduate, integrated, and postgraduate studies. More than 1,000 teachers are involved in the teaching process, with more than 190 staff performing administrative, technical and auxiliary work. However, the numbers themselves do not mean anything unless quality is embedded in them. The University develops its programs to enable students to acquire the competence, knowledge, and skills needed for the labor market. Special efforts are being made to increase the number of practical lessons. Moreover, students are also encouraged to partake of the numerous extracurricular activities. In addition, University of Mostar as the only public university in the Croatian language, guided by the principle of "middle way", takes care of those non-self-sustainable studies that are of strategic importance in

the preservation of identity, thereby we also fulfill our social mission.

When it comes to the implementation of the Bologna Process, it is important to emphasize the establishment of a quality assurance system, augmentation of international cooperation, and further improvement of our modern campus, the increase of student mobility, and involvement of students in the processes and all levels of management at the University. Especially it is important to emphasize every new generation of students who by enrolling to our academy and faculties recognized the quality of our study programs. Students, professors, assistants and other teaching staff are the pivot point of our University. Students strongly appreciate our teachers and their approach to teaching. We look at these facts positively, but at the same time, our future is in strengthening the excellence of the teaching process, and also in acquiring new competencies of teaching and professional staff. Special attention is paid to scientific-research projects, which is one of the core missions of the University. The coordination and compatibility of the scientific and teaching process will make the University more competitive in the market.

At the same time, turning to international co-operation should result in joint University of Mostar degrees with other European universities.

The University of Mostar is an accredited higher education institution which in June 2015 received an institutional accreditation from the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and in July of that same year it was registered in the State Register of Accredited Higher Education Institutions. Domestic and international experts, during their visit, and also in their final report, have recognized our efforts to ensure the necessary personnel, material and physical conditions, the appropriate organizational structure, and all procedures and measures that enable us to comply with quality standards and recommendations applied in the European area. Institutional accreditation assures that every one of our students' diplomas is equivalent with other European higher education institutions which increases the reputation of the University, and strengthens the potential for greater international recognition and cooperation.

In 2017, University of Mostar and its constituents

successfully passed accreditation process by the Agency for Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Croatia. Experts from seven European countries have prepared a Reaccreditation Report, results and recommendations of which are extremely satisfactory and further confirm the quality of our work, but at the same time provide clear guidelines for further improvement.

From the modern university, it is expected that education, scientific work and artistic creativity will stimulate creativity and innovation, thus directly influencing the economic development of its local and wider social community. Collaboration and dialogue with the economy is one of our challenges. We are doing everything to stimulate these relationships.

There are several crucial reasons in favor of connecting with the economy. Through collaboration in the development of strategies and curricula we want to educate experts for the labor market, rather than "experts" for the Bureau for Employment. The goal is to launch joint projects that will be of interest to both academic community and the economy. This cooperation should contribute to the equipping of new research laboratories at University of Mostar. Furthermore, the purpose of cooperation is also the exchange of knowledge.

We want as many of our students as possible to take part in practice with economic operators.

At the same time, we want to bring experts to the University who will transfer knowledge, cognizance and experience to students. Furthermore, one of our reasons for intensifying existing cooperation is also increasing student scholarships.

The university is currently in a very dynamic and changing environment. Changes in society are fast. At University of Mostar we try to recognize the signs of time and respond to all challenges. It is therefore a task for all of us, employees and students, to strive for maximum effort in our respective domains and to lay down, together, the quality foundation for building an integrated university of the future!

**Prof. dr. sc. Zoran Tomić**  
*Rector of University of Mostar*

## A WORD FROM THE GENERAL EDITOR



Ever since the academic year 2005/2006, teaching at the University of Mostar has been conducted in accordance with the Bologna process, which has also prompted certain challenges.

In addition to the already existing permanent efforts to promote the University in the international academic area, the emphasis is now also placed on student and administrative staff mobility, as well as removing barriers to their free movement.

Active involvement in international TEMPUS projects has contributed to the University's recognition. These projects have largely encouraged the introduction and improvement of certain activities which did not receive sufficient amount of attention before; above all, the introduction and implementation of quality assurance in all the units of organization as well as at the University level. Without constant work on quality assurance and monitoring activities carried out by European universities, we cannot become competitive or recognizable.

Currently, the University is a partner in several Erasmus + projects. Their primary goal is to develop an individual's competence and to increase employment opportunities through modernization and improvement of higher education, as well as exchange of "good practice" between the University and the economy within the pooled knowledge.

It is also necessary to mention the opportunity for studying at other universities which our students have through the Erasmus Mundus program. So far, this mobility program has enabled our students to study at universities in Graz, Berlin, Brno, Granada, Ankara, Leuven, Groningen, etc. Our academic staff received scholarships for employment and living at the universities of Graz, Tilburg, Brno, Granada, Bologna, Leuven, Maribor, etc. This program also provided the possibility of conducting research for doctoral dissertation in other countries that are signatories to this project.

The University is also a full member of the CEEPUS network that enables students and academic staff participation in exchanges with the Danube Region countries. In addition, the University of Mostar is a member of other major European and regional university associations and academic networks such as the EUA (European University Association), DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference), UNIADRION, EUCEN, AARC and others.

Also worth mentioning are direct contracts on inter-university co-operation with public universities in Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Spain, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, France ... The University has signed cooperation agreements or Memorandum of Understanding with over 45 universities, both regional and European universities.

Where do we want to be tomorrow?

The task of the Office for International Cooperation, along with the constant encouragement of student and academic staff mobility, is to create conditions that will enable the development of the University as a modern, competitive, and research-desirable destination. The goal is greater internationalization, creating the University's recognition as an institution which is, albeit "young", contemporary, research competitive academic community.

We also want to be in support of all our constituent units in their better connection with potential partners- regardless whether it is a university or an international economic associations- for concrete projects that will contribute to the growth and development of our University, and also to the growth of our wider local community.

**Prof. Sanja Bijakšić, PhD**  
*Vice- Rector for International Relations*



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR IN BRIEF

Beginning and development of higher education and educational institutions in Mostar and Herzegovina date from the end of the 19th century. Roots of higher education in Mostar are related to establishment of the Franciscan Theological School that launched its activity in 1985. That was the first school at the university level. The Teacher Training School began its work after the Second World War (1950). It was followed by the Higher Engineering School (1959), Higher Agricultural School (1960), departments of the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Economics, which became autonomous faculties in 1976. From 1977 till 1992 both higher schools and faculties worked as a part of the University "Džemal Bijedić" in Mostar, with the official Croatian-Serbian or Serbian-Croatian language. From 1992 both the name and the official language were changed. From that date the name is the University of Mostar and Croatian was introduced as official language instead of former Croatian-Serbian. After that a couple of new Faculties and scientific-research institutes were opened at the University.

During the Homeland War, on April 7, 1992, the teaching process was interrupted because the first grenades fell on the Student House and the Faculty of Economics. The University ceased with its work only in the period from April to July 1992 due to the ongoing aggressor bombing of Mostar. Summer exams were held in Široki Brijeg for students who did not reside in Mostar. The following two academic years (1992/93 and 1993/94) the lectures for the first year of study were organized in Neum and Široki Brijeg. Since the academic year 1994/95, the lessons have been held in partially renovated university facilities in Mostar.

After recovering from the consequences of the war, the University commenced strong development, and thus Mostar became a university city.

Right after Bosnia and Herzegovina had signed Bologna Declaration, preparation for implementation of its regulations started. From the academic year 2005/2006 the way of studying at the University of Mostar has been completely changed and harmonized with Bologna

Declaration recommendations:

Since 2007 we have been continuously working on evaluation of curricula, improvement of teaching process quality and creating better conditions for their implementation. That was a crucial year for providing facilities for the reform implementation. Staff reinforcement, providing adequate space and equipment, cooperation with economy and other society structures and development of the quality assurance system were marked as the main University tasks.

The University's mission is based on the tasks defined by the Law and Statute of the University of Mostar and the Law on Higher Education. The University organizes and conducts university studies, scientific and high-level work and develops artistic and technological creativity. With the pursuit of undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate education based on scientific, artistic and developmental research, the University's task is to transfer the knowledge to the economy and society in general.

The University makes strategic decisions to promote the development of science, curriculum, professional work and augmentation plans for external partners in scientific activities and higher education. The University provides and implements the mechanisms for mobility of students and teachers, the rational use of human and material resources, with constant monitoring of the quality, competitiveness and international competitiveness of scientific, teaching, artistic and professional work.

The University's mission is best reflected through three basic features:

- Education - based on excellence, which through the teaching and research process focuses on students in undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies, preparing them to be highly professional, self-motivating and productive experts in both their existing and future activities.
- Scientific-research work - based on excellence and integrated in the education process at all levels in order to train new generations of researchers capable of operating and accomplishing in the international research market.
- The development of the community - due to educational, artistic and scientific research work,

the University is the main agitator of the overall economic, cultural and social development both in the region in which it operates and at the national and international level; through its activities, the University promotes the preservation and promotion of the historical and cultural legacy of our community on regional, national and international level.

The University of Mostar today has ten faculties, one academy, over 12,000 students and about 1,000 teachers ...

Welcome!

## GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME

### **Rectorate**

- Rector
- Vice-Rectors
- Assistant-Rector
- General Secretary
- Office of the Rector
- Public Relations Office
- Projects Office
- IT Office
- International Relations Office
- Office for Inter-University Collaboration
- Quality Assurance Office
- Support Office for Students with Special Needs

**GOVERNING COUNCIL:** The Governing Council (nine members) manages the University.

**ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY:** The Senate of the University is a University Council which consists of: Rector, Vice Rectors, Deans of the Faculty and Academy, and Student Representatives.

### **Faculties**

Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology  
Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg  
Faculty of Economics  
Faculty of Science and Education  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electro Techniques  
Faculty of Health Studies  
Faculty of Pharmacy  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Faculty of Civil Engineering  
Faculty of Medicine  
Faculty of Law

### **Institutes**

Institute of Economy  
Institute of Construction  
Institute of Croatian Language, Literature, and History

Institute of Latin Language  
Institute of Mechanical Engineering  
Law Institute  
Institute for Research and Development on Karst  
Institute of Social Research  
Institute of Tourism and Environmental Protection

### **Permanent and Associate Members**

Student center  
University Library  
University Clinical Hospital Mostar  
Student Union

## DEGREES AWARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR

The studies are composed of the following three levels:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY	→	3-4 YEARS 180-240 ECTS	→	Bachelor
MASTER STUDY	→	1-2 YEARS 60-120 ECTS	→	Master
DOCTORAL STUDY	→	3 YEARS 180 ECTS	→	Ph D





## **FACULTIES OF UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR**

### ***Faculty of Agriculture and Food technology***

The Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology (APTF) of the University of Mostar is a higher education institution in the field of agriculture and food technology. Faculty is dedicated to the education of highly qualified experts, development and broadening of professional knowledge in the field of agriculture and food technology.

Since 1994 when it was founded, it has been continuously educating staff for transfer of modern achievements in the agricultural practice and for further scientific and research work aimed at finding new and better solutions for agricultural production or food industry. We have adopted 3+2+3 cycles of education with ECTS norms in 2005. Faculty has aligned its curriculum with the principles of the Bologna Declaration.

Changes in the European education system from one side and need for modernization of studies from other were reasons for the reform of study curricula. Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology introduced 3 + 2 + 3 education system. These reforms are in alignment with the Bologna process and enable the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology to be part of the European area of Education, or "Europe of Knowledge".





## **Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg**

The Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg is the single artistic-educational unit of The University of Mostar. It operates as an independent establishment delivering an integrated undergraduate and graduate degree programme in visual arts and “Ars Sacra” doctoral degree programme of respectively five-year (ten-term) and three-year (six-term) duration. The integrated undergraduate and graduate degree programme is divided into 3 branches: painting, sculpture and graphic arts.

The Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg was established by The University of Mostar Board of Directors’ decree on the 7th of March in 1996. Its operational objectives are educating professionals for both independent artistic creation and pedagogical work within the school system. Since October 1, 2005, it has been implementing the regulations and objectives of the Bologna Declaration in its curricula development and teaching practices.

The Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg is one of the key initiators of the range of activities within the cultural-educational sphere of Herzegovina region, which is in accordance with one of its fundamental society-oriented missions.





## **Faculty of Economics**

The Faculty of Economics, University of Mostar was founded in 1971 as the department of the Faculty of Economics in Sarajevo, and since 1976 it is an independent faculty. The Faculty of Economics is a constituent unit of the (public) University in Mostar, that organizes and offers university and professional study at the first cycle, university study at the second cycle and postgraduate doctoral study at the third cycle. The Faculty also carries out scientific and highly professional work within the area of economics. In accordance with the transformation process of higher education according to the principles of the Bologna declaration, the Faculty has adopted a new curriculum that is applied from the academic year 2005/2006. Except in Mostar the classes are organized and carried out in centers in Vitez (the first and second cycle) and Orašje (the first cycle).

The Faculty of Economics, University of Mostar provides undergraduate and graduate university studies in five areas: Marketing, Management, Business Informatics, Doing Business with the EU, Accounting and Finance. The Faculty also provides professional studies in the areas of: Entrepreneurship, Accounting and Taxes and Touristic Business.

The Faculty of Economics, University in Mostar performs postgraduate doctoral study in the field of Economics and Business Economics as independent study and as joint study with the Faculty of Economics, University in Split.





## **Faculty of Science and Education**

The Faculty of Science and Education (FPMOZ) at the University of Mostar is high education institution in the field of educational, natural, social and human sciences and art, which was created as a successor of a Faculty of Pedagogy on 1. 1. 2006. The Faculty is a direct successor of the oldest secular institution in Herzegovina, Higher Pedagogical School, which was founded in 1950.

The largest scope of the Faculty of Science and Education is pre-school, elementary and high school education, and it is run through 12 study groups (preschool teaching, classroom teaching, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, geography, pedagogy, educational rehabilitation, kinesiology, music). Analyzing the social needs for different educational profiles as well as students' interest, the Faculty offers a flexible organizational approach to future students offering different combinations of studies. The teaching staff participating in the Faculty, apart from our University, comes also from the other Universities.

Since the academic year 2005/2006, the Faculty has operated according to the principles of the Bologna Declaration, so teaching is organized by the system (3 + 2 (or 4 + 1) +3 depending on study group and compliance with the reference foreign higher education institutions of higher education.

In addition to teaching and scientific-research activities, the Faculty emphasis the importance of cooperation with the social community in accordance with scientific areas that it covers, through cooperation with educational, cultural, sports, artistic and economic subjects.





## **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electro Techniques**

The history of the Faculty dates back to 1959, the foundation of the High Technical School of Mechanical Engineering. The initial motives for establishing a school are related to the desire to provide training for engineers in Mostar and Herzegovina, which is the cornerstone of scientific thinking and to enable the transfer of new knowledge to business people in this extremely significant geographical and economic space.

Guided by these ideas, the school experienced different transformations until it became independent in 1976 within the University of Mostar.

Aware of the fact that the education system, on the one hand, is closely related to technological development and, on the other hand, to the social changes that are inevitably constantly occurring in the world. The faculty is academic 2002/2003 turned a new page of its history. A computational study was started with the existing mechanical engineering studies, which also changed the name of the faculty at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Computing at the University of Mostar.

Since 2017, an electrical engineering course has been opened, one of the largest projects we have been preparing at the faculty. The idea exists since 2001, and today it becomes a reality. A laboratory for basic electrical engineering was also opened, which was attended by numerous guests from academia, politics, economy, and colleagues from related technical faculties

The Faculty has aligned its curriculum with the principles of the Bologna Declaration. The reason for the reform of the studies at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electrical Engineering and the launch of studies under the 3+2+3 system are, on the one hand, a change in the education system of Europe and, on the other, the need for modernization of studies. The reform is fully in line with the Bologna Declaration goals and will enable the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electrical Engineering to be included in the European Space of Education, or "Europe of Knowledge".



## Faculty of Health Studies

School of Health Studies was established in Mostar in May, and began its operations on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000. In addition to the previously established Medical Secondary School (1949) and the Faculty of Medicine (1997), it became possible to educate medical professional of all profiles. In May 2008, the School of Health studies was renamed to the Faculty of Health Studies. The Faculty of Health Studies at the University of Mostar is a higher education institution and a constituent unit within the University of Mostar. The Faculty conducts university undergraduate and graduate studies, performs professional and scientific work in the field of biomedicine, clinical medicine and public health, and structures and conducts publishing and library activity for the purpose of teaching professional and scientific work. In the academic year 2011/2012 we adopted the curriculum for a university undergraduate study programme of sanitary engineering and a specialist graduate study of midwifery, as well as curriculums for the undergraduate study of midwifery, graduate study of sanitary engineering and postgraduate doctoral study "Health Sciences" in the academic year 2014/2015.

The Faculty of Health Studies conducts university undergraduate studies according to the Bologna process for following Bachelor titles:

- University undergraduate (baccalaureus) of nursing (180 ECTS)
- University undergraduate (baccalaureus) of physiotherapy (180 ECTS)
- University undergraduate (baccalaureus) of radiologic technology (180 ECTS)
- University undergraduate (baccalaureus) of sanitary engineering (180 ECTS)
- University undergraduate (baccalaureus) of midwifery (180 ECTS)

The Scientific-Teaching Council of the Faculty in the academic year 2008/2009 made a decision to launch a Master (graduate) program that would be awarded with 120 ECTS. The curriculum for the graduate university program was approved by the Scientific-Teaching Council and University Senate.

University graduate programs (2<sup>nd</sup> cycle):

- Clinical Healthcare
- Clinical Physiotherapy
- Radiologic Technology
- Sanitary Engineering

The Faculty of Health Studies conducts a university postgraduate study program "Health Sciences" since the academic year 2016/2017.

The Curriculum is adapted according to European standards.





## **Faculty of Pharmacy**

The Faculty of Pharmacy University of Mostar was founded in 2011, as a higher education institution in the field of Biomedicine and Health.

The Faculty was founded as a response to the market, scientific, research and educational demands of this part of Europe for highly - educated individuals in pharmacy and medicinal biochemistry.

The study is conducted as a unique five year-long master study (10 semesters). The curricula contain a ECTS point system. By defending the graduate thesis and performing all regular study tasks, a candidate receives a title - master of pharmacy (MPharm). The Faculty offers a program that is intended for the student, which integrates fundamental sciences, excellent education, professional standards and ethical principles, preparing the students for all challenges that come with modern pharmaceutical practice. The main goal of the Faculty is to continuously enable future pharmacists, as they will contribute to the protection of patients health, promotion of health itself and prevention and treatment of diseases.





## **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences emanated from The Teacher Training College in the 2005/06 academic year. The Croatian language and literature, English language and literature, German language and literature and History study programmes were introduced at the Teacher Training College in the 1994/95 academic year. The study of Philosophy, Journalism, Latin language and Roman literature, Art History and Archaeology were established in the period from the 1999/2001 to 2001/02. The 2005/06 academic year saw the introduction of new study programmes adapted according to the provisions of the Bologna Declaration. By the decision of the Administrative Council from March 2005, the former Teacher Training College was divided into the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Education. In accordance with the provisions of the Bologna Declaration, the third education cycle or the postgraduate study programme Languages and Cultures in Contact was launched at the Faculty of Humanities in the 2005/06 academic year. The Department of Psychology was established in the same academic year and the total number of study programmes offered at the Faculty of Humanities was ten. The Faculty of Humanities was renamed the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences on March 21, 2007. The same academic year saw the launch of two new study programmes: Political Science and Social Work. The study of Information Science was introduced in the 2011/2012 academic year and the study of Italian language and literature and the study of Russian language and literature started in the 2013/14 academic year. In 2014/15, the Faculty introduced the Study of Public Relations, and in 2015/16 the study of Logopedics.

At postgraduate level, the Languages and Cultures in Contact study programme is offered. It incorporates the fields of humanities and social sciences. The study is offered in two modules: Language and Culture module. Each module is divided into courses. The Language Module includes the following courses: English Studies, German Studies, Croatian and Latin. The Culture Module includes the following directions: Philosophy, History, Information and Communication Sciences and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

The Department of Political Sciences established a joint Master's programme with the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of the University of Matej Bel from Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, which will be held in English.



## **Faculty of Civil Engineering**

Faculty of Civil Engineering at University of Mostar is an institution of higher education in the field of civil engineering and architecture that started to work in the fall of 1978. In our 40 year long history, the Faculty established its reputation and justified its establishment and existence. It became and has remained to this day the holder of research activities in the fields of engineering structures, transportation facilities, hydraulic engineering, geotechnics and architectural urban engineering.

Like in the entire University, from the academic year of 2004/2005, teaching at the Faculty of Civil Engineering was begun according to the new system aligned with the Bologna process. The start according to the new system was very successful. Since then, teaching is carried out according to the programme that is in largest part aligned with the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy of Split, which we chose as our reference faculty. Establishment of the Architectural and urban design study was initialized several times, and finally the first generation of students is enrolled in academic year 2017/18 with the help of University of Mostar and University of Zagreb as well as the Faculty of Architecture in Zagreb.

The Faculty aims to prepare young experts to approach the complex and demanding issues of civil engineering, architecture and urban design in an informed, creative and responsible manner in the context of our time. Regarding social and economic importance of the fields it deals with, there is a continuous interest for these studies. Job market demand is significant in both private and public sectors. We believe how our studies offers wide range of skills and competences that allow our graduates to be active in other related fields.



## **Faculty of Medicine**

The School of Medicine University of Mostar was established on April 22, 1997. and it is the only medical school in Croatian language in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since its founding, School of Medicine in Mostar has been striving and succeeding in order to become the part of a unique European higher education system. It is primarily an institution for the purpose of educating and creating young doctors for the needs of community, and the emphasis is placed on the teaching part. Success is measured by the quality of student education and the reputation of this School in Europe and World. At the School of Medicine in Mostar the following programs are offered:

- The study of medicine and dental medicine
- Doctoral study in Biomedicine and Health

Each year, 60 students are enrolled in a study of medicine and 30 students are enrolled in a study of dental medicine. As in the most of other countries in Europe, students who successfully pass all the exams earn the title of Medical doctor and Doctor of dental medicine. The study of medicine consists of an integrated program that lasts six years and during this time students get 360 ECTS credits. Curricula and programs are aligned with accredited programs of European Union countries. Upon completion of an Integrated Study Program of Medicine, our students can enroll in the postgraduate doctoral program. Doctoral study in Biomedicine and Health comprises a teaching program in the scientific fields of basic medical sciences, clinical medicine and public health. This study is based on the immediate scientific and research work of students on the doctoral thesis. Students earn 180 ECTS credits during the period of three years and they complete this study by acquiring the title Ph.D. The School of Medicine University of Mostar is a modern scientific-educational institution that follows contemporary European educational trends and where teaching is conducted in accordance with the Bologna Declaration.

The Medical Study in English language was established in 2018. The study of medicine consists of an integrated program that lasts six years and during this time students get 360 ECTS credits. Curricula and programs are aligned with accredited programs of European Union countries and they are also USMLE-oriented.

## Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law was established in 1971 as a section of the Faculty of Law of the University of Sarajevo. Since 1976 the Faculty of Law has been working as an independent higher education institution. As a part of the University of Mostar, the Faculty of Law establishes and manages university studies, scientific and professional work in the field of legal sciences. In the last 15 years there have been crucial adjustments to the principles and demands of the Bologna process, and there have been crucial changes as regards to the legal frame of working of higher education in B&H.

The Faculty of Law annually organizes international conference - "Current issues of civil and trade legislative and legal practice."

The conference, which in the year 2017 has celebrated 15 years of its establishment, gathers experts of theory and practice in all branches of law, and their papers are published in proceedings of the conference. Faculty also regularly publishes the collected papers with scientific papers of the eminent legal scientists and practitioners of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region - "Collected papers of Faculty of Law".

In the academic year 2004/2005, Faculty initiated the integrated study of law established on principles of the Bologna process. It was based on referential law faculties in the Republic of Croatia and as such the integrated model of study program was chosen, based on the model 5+0, after which completion the student gets the title master of law; In line with the successful practice of the Center of the Faculty of Law in Vitez, which was established in the academic year 1997/1998, in the academic year 2006/2007, the Faculty started the integrated study of law in the dislocated Center in Orašje.

The III cycle of education - Postgraduate Doctoral Study was initiated in 2012/2013. It is conducted in cooperation with law faculties from Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad. The revision of the existing integrated study program has been carried out that same year and clear cycles of undergraduate and graduate university study programs were introduced. The first generation of undergraduate students enrolled in 2012/13, while the first generation of graduate students enrolled in academic 2016/17. In the same year the Faculty started with the Undergraduate Study on Criminalists and Security Management.

In the next academic year, Faculty prepares to begin with the study program of a three-year Undergraduate Professional Study „Public administration“ and a one-year Postgraduate Specialist Study called "Law of Insurance and Torts".

Faculty of Law has during 2017 undergone an External Re-accreditation of the Study Programs which was carried out by the Agency for Science and Higher Education (AZVO) of Croatia. Study programs of the Faculty of Law University of Mostar were evaluated positively.





## STUDENT UNION

Student Union is the representative body of all students of the University of Mostar. It was established by the Decision of the Governing Council and Academic Senate of the University of Mostar in 2000, in the same year when the Statute, basic document of the Student Union, was adopted. The legitimacy of the Student Union, in relation to its role of representing the student rights, derives from regular student elections. Every year the student elections are being held and, consistently with the Statute of the Student Union, students elect their representatives. Elected student representatives participate in the work of University bodies and University members by representing students' interests. Depending on the Faculty, students can have between 2 and 6 representatives in academic councils. In Academic Senate, which consists of 15 members, there are two student representatives - president and deputy president of the Student Union Presidency.



### About student elections and the organizational structure of the Student Union

Student elections are being held every year, when, consistently with the Statute of the Student Union, students elect their representatives. Election procedure is opened by the University Rector, who officially issues writs for elections. Elections are implemented by student election boards as well as voting committees.

Every student has right to vote and to run as a candidate. Student elections are being performed on three levels. In the first level, students of each faculty year elect representative and vice-representative of their academic year. In the second level, representatives of all academic years of each faculty elect president and vice-president of their faculty branch of the Student Union. Presidents and vice-presidents of all faculty branches of the Student Union form the highest organizational, constitutional and representative body of the Student Union.

And in the final level, within Presidency there are elections for president and vice-president as well as for secretary general of the Student Union of the University of Mostar. President and vice-president of the Student Union Presidency are members of the Academic Senate where they represent interests of all students of the University. From 2000 to the present...

Although, there is no law on student organizations in Bosnia & Herzegovina, University of Mostar, following the example of European standards, established the Student Union - student representative body whose legitimacy derives from the regular student elections. For the last 15 years Student Union has actively been working on improvement and development of the studying quality and activation of the student scene in Bosnia & Herzegovina, thus providing guideline to the students of other universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



### Rights and duties of the student representatives

Rights and duties of the student representatives in the University bodies are: presenting student proposals and opinions, representing the students, protecting and improving the student interests and well-being. Student representatives also represent student interests before government bodies and various domestic and international organizations which are significant to students.

### Active student scene

Besides its basic assignment of representing the student interests in the University bodies and other organizations of significance for students, Student Union actively works on different kinds of student projects.

Every year Student Union gives out Public Invitation for Student Projects. All students need are ideas and good will, and Student Union can provide the res; financial, technical and advisory support in the realization of the projects. Throughout fifteen full years of their work, students have realized hundreds of projects in the fields of sport, culture, and entertainment. Moreover, they work hard on improving and developing students' standards and expanding existing charity work. Year by year, we have increased the number of student projects and we have encouraged students to partake in diverse engagement in extracurricular activities.

Active students promote a positive and creative approach to wider living environment. This is the way to develop their potential, sane critical thinking and also to agitate our, sometimes stale, environment.

Therefore, dear colleagues, stop by the office of the Student Union and change your everyday life by participating in great variety of student projects!

For more information, visit [www.studentskizbor.ba](http://www.studentskizbor.ba).





## WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY CITY OF MOSTAR

Mostar is located in the Herzegovina region, which is a historical and geographical region in the southern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina, formerly called “the Land of Hum, Zahumlje or Hum. The total area is close to 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

As a historical region, Herzegovina offers a lot of historical sites such as the Old City of Mostar, Pocitelj, Blagaj, Mogorjelo, Radimlja, Ljubuski fortress, and many more. Excavations of ancient history are preserved in the museums of Herzegovina, therefore offering every visitor a unique “walk” through time.

Mostar is located on the banks of the Neretva River. It is the largest city in Herzegovina and also is the administrative headquarters of the Herzegovina-Neretva County. The city of Mostar is cultural, economic and political center of the Croats in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mostar is one of the sixteen official cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to the latest official census of 2013, the city of Mostar had 105,797 inhabitants. The city is named after bridge watchers (“mostari”) on the banks of the Neretva River. It is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of the city’s most beautiful landmarks, the Old Bridge, is on the list of UNESCO protected cultural heritage since the 2005.

Herzegovina, together with Mostar, Medjugorje - a pilgrimage center, and Neum - the center of summer tourism, and other attractions, is one of the most desirable regions in southeastern Europe.

### HOW TO GET TO MOSTAR?

#### **By car:**

Mostar is easy to reach by car from Sarajevo (130 km), Split (170 km) or Dubrovnik (145 km). For any advice about the state of the roads, visit [www.bihamk.ba](http://www.bihamk.ba).

#### **By bus:**

There are two bus stations in the town. Transit terminal for buses and trains, located on eastern part of Mostar and the

Mostar Bus Station, located in the west zone of the city. Both stations are well connected with the main Bosnian and Herzegovina and European cities.

From the central station, the best way to access other points in the city is by taxi.

**By train:**

Mostar Railway Station is reachable by the Sarajevo – Ploče line.

**By plane:**

Mostar Airport is 10 km from the city centre. There are regular flights to Rome, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf, and Zagreb. However, there is a great choice of other European cities through connecting flights. For more information, visit [www.mostar-airport.ba](http://www.mostar-airport.ba).

**LANGUAGE:** Croatian language, mother tongue of Croats and one of three official languages Bosnia and Herzegovina is an official language at the University of Mostar

**TIME ZONE:** Central European Time (CET), UTC +1

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:**

1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	New Year's Day
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy three kings
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Independence Day
	Easter Sunday
	Easter Monday
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Labour Day
25 <sup>th</sup> November	National Day
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day

**WEATHER:** Mostar has a moderate Mediterranean climate with lighter but cold winters (with little or no snow). In hot summers the temperature in the shade may be up to 45 ° C.

**CURRENCY:** The Convertible Mark (KM) is the legal instrument of payment in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1998. The international name for KM is BAM. Each issued banknote has a cash backing in Euros. Fixed exchange rate KM is:

1 KM = 0, 51129 € or

1 € = 1.95583 KM

**1 mark consists of 100 fenings.**

**COST OF LIVING:** The estimated cost of living in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a single person is 468 KM per month. For cost of living in Bosnia and Herzegovina see [www.bhas.ba](http://www.bhas.ba)

**BANKS:** Most banks are open from Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Most of them are opened on Saturday mornings. There are 24-hour ATMs around the city.

**CREDIT CARDS:** Most hotels, restaurants and shops in Mostar accept the main credit cards such as VISA, Mastercard, American Express, etc.

**TIPPING:** Tips are included in all prices and bills, so tipping is not considered obligatory. However, if the service received is considered friendly, especially in bars and restaurants, a tip is often left.

**HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:** In an effort to provide basic health care to the students of the University of Mostar, the Mostar Health Center, in cooperation with the Rector of the University, opened a student ambulance located on the campus of the University of Mostar. The student ambulance is intended for the provision of services in the field of health care to students who reside outside Mostar (those who come from other municipalities, cities or states). For more information visit [www.dzmostar.com/index.php/centralna-lokacija-4](http://www.dzmostar.com/index.php/centralna-lokacija-4)

## Emergency hotline is 124.

**TELEPHONES AND POST OFFICES:** The country code for Bosnia and Herzegovina is 387. To call from Bosnia and Herzegovina, dial 00 (or use the “+” sign) for an international line, then the country code followed by the area code and finally the phone number. To use your mobile phone you should get an Bosnia and Herzegovina phone card (SIM card). There are several cell phone companies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, e.g. Eronet. They all offer various services including prepaid phone cards.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Public transport is carried out by the Mostar bus company operating under the City Administration. Mostar bus is recognizable by its yellow buses- a donation from Japan.

**ACCOMMODATION:** As a new student to the University you have a few accommodation options available to you: to live at the Student Center or to live off campus within the private rentals sector. The Student Center of the University of Mostar is an institution that organizes cultural, athletic and recreational activities for students, act as a mediator in temporary and occasional hiring of students, carries out educational work with students, organizes cultural and entertainment evenings, and performs other activities related to student standard improvement. The Student Center consists of two pavilions: the Old and New Home. The great reconstruction of the Center was carried out in 2008, after which it became the most modern student center in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Funds for the reconstruction of the accommodation capacities of the Center were made possible by the Government of the Republic of Croatia. The accommodation capacity of the center is 187 rooms (420 beds), five of which are reserved for the teachers of the University and exchange students. The center also has two multimedia centers, a fitness club, a gym, two reading rooms, a student cafe bar, a laundry room, a university library and a student lounge. Within the Center there is also a Student Service which has provided temporary and occasional employment possibilities for students for many years, and has more than 3 200 members in its archives.

Regarding second option, all students are advised to do some research, particularly about tenancy agreements and deposit schemes, when it comes to private rental sector. Before making any decisions or choosing private rented property you are advised to contact International Relations Office of university or faculty. For more information visit <http://scm.pogled.ba>.

**HEALTH ISSUES:** European citizens must bring the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This is proof that you are entitled to health insurance at home. Citizens and students from non EU countries should have health insurance from an insurance company in their country.

**REGISTRATION/ RESIDENCE PERMIT:** Students who are staying for more than three months need to request registration at Service for Foreigners' Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. For all documents needed see: <http://sps.gov.ba/dokumenti/dokumentacija/en/PB-2.3.pdf>

**CULTURAL SCENE:** The Croatian National Theater in Mostar was founded on September 22, 1994 as the first professional theatre of the Croatian people in Bosnia and Herzegovina. With the project entitled 'Students for HNK, HNK for Students', free tickets for theatre performances were provided to all students of the University of Mostar.

**NIGHT LIFE:** Each year the Student Council organizes the official Freshmen's' welcoming party "Brucošijada", which is held in the most popular student night club 'Pink Panther'. Of course, there are other nightclubs in the city, with different types of music so that every student can find the desired entertainment.



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