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RECTOR'S WELCOME

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We created this University Guide to help those who have chosen the University of Mostar (SUM) for their studies. This publication is intended particularly for students who come through exchange programmes, but it can also serve all other students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and interested parties.

Welcome to the University of Mostar with ten faculties, one academy, more than 10.000 students, and 1.000 teachers.

We are designing the “new era” of the University of Mostar. We aim to achieve recognized European standards in higher education, strategically determine priorities and goals, contribute to society, strengthen student competencies, be the authority of knowledge, and constantly interact with the economy and society.

Teaching and quality of teaching are the condition sine qua non. Optimal organization Teaching and quality of teaching are the condition sine qua non. Well-organized university encouraging scientific and professional work presents both a challenge and an opportunity. We consider intensive international cooperation, exchange of students and professors, joint master's studies, and international projects as our priorities. New trends and possibilities and constant changes need to motivate our teachers and associates to put more effort into achieving excellence. Of course, excellence should bring results in research and innovation, a better quality of teaching, and the publishing of scientific works and publications in recognized domestic and international journals and textbooks.

The University of Mostar is open to differences, dialogue, new and competitive ideas, domestic and international partners, cooperation in scientific research, projects, joint studies, and all other possibilities in the science and education field.

Students are always at the heart of our University and all our endeavours. Working with students, solving their problems, and considering their priorities and ideas is a challenging but noble task and obligation. Involving students in all University activities and making their voices heard stays our commitment.

Society has to prioritize knowledge in development and put universities at the centre of changes and a better future. The University of Mostar will carry a responsible role in creating a better society. Fulfilling our mission and vision is not only an obligation. We are honoured to serve and build a better world around us.

Rector of the University of Mostar,

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The International Relations Office has defined its goals and activities through the Strategy for International and Interuniversity Relations. Strategy is the driving principle for all our activities.

The first strategic goal is to increase the number of incoming and outgoing mobility of students, teaching, and non-teaching staff. The University of Mostar is involved in Erasmus+ KA1 projects. Their primary goal is to develop an individual's competence and increase employment opportunities through modernization and improvement of higher education, exchange “good practice” between the University and the economy and contribute to the pooling of knowledge.

It is also necessary to mention the opportunity for studying at other universities and the possibility of learning or training for our staff that the Erasmus+ programme enables. So far, this mobility programme has provided our students and staff with the opportunity to spend their time at universities in Granada, Almeria, Valencia, Barcelona, Poitiers, Lyon, Nysa, Maribor, Graz, Brno, Leuven, Paderborn, Limerick, Prague, Pécs, etc. This programme also gave the possibility of conducting research for doctoral dissertations 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.

Our next strategic goal is to ensure the quality of higher education through the internationalization of study programmes and the formation and development of joint studies with European and world higher education institutions. Therefore, we have launched several study programmes with partner countries.

In addition to participating in the International Summer Schools, one of our goals is the organization of summer schools that the University successfully does with partner countries such as the University of South-Eastern Norway and University Milano Bicocca.

Our priority goal is certainly to increase the number of international projects. International projects strengthen the teaching, curricular, management, and infrastructure capacities of the University and modernise the University in accordance with generally accepted European standards.

In cooperation with organizational units, the International Relations Office is actively working on projects within the Erasmus+ Capacity Building programme in the higher education field. Through these projects, the University has collaborated with many higher education institutions across Europe so far. The University is currently participating in several active projects within this programme.

The strategic goal of promoting and improving the visibility of the University by creating conditions for sustainable development with partners from Europe and the environment in the field of higher education and generally promoting European values

for the International Relations Office means working on establishing bilateral cooperation with other European and world universities, defining and signing agreements with renowned universities and institutes from European countries. The University has signed cooperation agreements or Memoranda of Understanding with around 200 regional and European universities. Worth mentioning are direct contracts on inter-university cooperation with universities in Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Spain, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, France, Malaysia, China, Israel, Jordan, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA, etc. Internationalization, as a priority goal of the University's development, means the mobility of students and teachers, but it also refers to the University's activities in international networks and associations. The University of Mostar is a member of significant European and regional university associations and academic networks such as the EUA (European University Association), EUA-CDE (EUA Council for Doctoral Education), DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference), UNIADRION, EUCEN, AARC, AUF, BRAUIC, PETRA-E, and others.

Strengthening the institutional capacity of international cooperation is achieved through education and training of employees of the Office and all those involved in the internationalization process from organizational units.

The last strategic goal is the development of inter-university cooperation in the country and countries in the immediate vicinity to exchange experience in education and research and participation in joint projects. Besides these activities, the Office seeks to achieve this through partnerships with embassies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Where do we want to be tomorrow?

The task of the International Relations Office, 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 to make the University of Mostar recognizable as a contemporary and research-competitive institution within the academic community.

We also want to support all our constituent units in connecting with potential partners - regardless of whether it is a university or an international economic association - for concrete projects that will contribute to the University's growth and development and the local community.

Prof Sanja Bijakšić, PhD
Vice-Rector for International Relations

THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR IN BRIEF

Higher education and educational institutions in Mostar and Herzegovina began to develop at the end of the 19th century. The roots of higher education in Mostar are related to the Franciscan Theological School, which launched its activity in 1855. It was the first school at the university level. The Teacher Training School began to work after the Second World War (1950), followed by the establishment of the Higher Engineering School (1959), Higher Agricultural School (1960), and departments of the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Economics, which became autonomous faculties in 1976. From 1977 to 1992, both higher schools and faculties operated as a part of the University “Džemal Bijedić” in Mostar, with the official Croatian-Serbian or Serbian-Croatian language. In 1992, the name was changed to the University of Mostar, and Croatian was introduced as the official language instead of the former Croatian-Serbian. Afterwards, the University developed as several new faculties and scientific-research institutes were opened.

On 7 April 1992, during the Homeland War, the teaching process was interrupted because the first grenades fell on the Student Centre and the Faculty of Economics. The University ceased its work only from April to July 1992 due to the ongoing aggressor bombing of Mostar. Summer exams were taking place in Široki Brijeg for students who did not reside in Mostar. In the following two academic years (1992/93 and 1993/94), the lectures for the first-year students were organized in Neum and Široki Brijeg. In 1994/95, the lessons were 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.

After Bosnia and Herzegovina had signed the Bologna Declaration, preparation for its implementation started. In the academic year 2005/2006, the way of studying at the University of Mostar was changed and harmonized with Bologna Declaration recommendations.

Since 2007, we have been continuously working on curriculum evaluation, quality improvement of the teaching process, and creating better conditions for their implementation. It was a crucial year for implementing the reform. The University worked on staff reinforcement, providing adequate space and equipment, cooperation with the economy and other social structures, and developing the quality assurance system.

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, encourages scientific research, 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

The University makes strategic decisions to promote the development of science, curriculum, professional work, and international cooperation plans with external partners in scientific activities and higher education. The University provides and implements the mechanisms for the mobility of students and teachers and 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 that focuses on students in undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate studies, preparing them to be highly professional, self-motivating, and productive experts in their current and future activities through the teaching and research process.
- Scientific-research work - based on excellence and integrated into the education process at all levels. The goal is 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 aims to be a driving force of the overall economic, cultural, and social development in the region and at the national and international levels. Through its activities, the University promotes and preserves the historical and cultural legacy of our community on regional, national, and international levels.

Today, the University of Mostar includes ten faculties, one academy, over 10,000 students and 1,000 teachers.

Welcome to the University of Mostar!

ORGANIZATION CHART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR

Rectorate

Rector
Vice-Rector
Assistant to the Rector
Secretariat of the Rectorate
General Secretary of the University
Legal Affairs Office
Public Procurement Office
General and Technical Affairs Office
Human Resources Office
Finance and Accounting Office
Planning, Analysis, and Reporting Office
Rector's Office
Public Relations Office
Projects Office
Office for Inter-University and Inter-Institutional Cooperation
Office for International Cooperation
Office for Student Support for Students with Disabilities
Office for Quality Improvement and Assurance
Office for International Ranking
Office for Innovation and Technology Transfer
Office for Social Research
Office for Independent University Studies
Office for Intercultural Cooperation
Office for Intellectual Property
University Library
University Publishing House - PRESSUM
Internal Audit
University Television (SUM TV)
Museum of Modern Art
Center for Information Technology
Posavina Center
Central Bosnia Center

GOVERNING COUNCIL: Governing Council that consists of nine members manages the University of Mostar.

SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY: Senate of the University of Mostar is a university council which consists of rector, vice-rectors, deans of the faculties and academy, and student representatives.

Faculties

Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology
Academy of Fine Arts in Široki Brijeg
Faculty of Economics
Faculty of Science and Education
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electrical Engineering
Faculty of Health Studies
Faculty of Pharmacy
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy
School of Medicine
Faculty of Law

Permanent and Associate Members

Student Centre
University Clinical Hospital Mostar
Student Council

DEGREES AWARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR

The studies are conducted at three levels:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME	⇒	3-4 YEARS 180-240 ECTS	⇒	Bachelor
GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME	⇒	1-2 YEARS 60-120 ECTS	⇒	Master
POSTGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME	⇒	3 YEARS 180 ECTS	⇒	PhD

FACULTIES OF THE 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 dedicated to the education of highly qualified experts,

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development, and broadening of professional knowledge in agriculture and food technology. Since 1994, when the faculty was founded, it has been continuously educating staff on the transfer of modern achievements in the agricultural practice and further scientific and research work focused on finding new and better solutions for agricultural production or the food industry. We have adopted 3+2+3 cycles of education with ECTS norms in 2005. The faculty has aligned its curriculum with the Bologna Declaration principles. Changes in the European education system led to the modernization of studies, which required a reform of study curricula. The Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology introduced a 3+2+3 education system. The Bologna process initiated these reforms and enabled the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology to be part of the European Higher Education Area or "Europe of Knowledge".

Due to the importance of practical training, the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology of the University of Mostar turned unused land on its second campus in Rodoč into permanent orchards with various fruit trees, vineyards, and fields of aromatic and medicinal plants. The current area of the plantation covers 15 hectares of land, and it is still in progress. In the experimental fields of the faculty, we aim to develop innovative techniques in the research area of plant production and protection and provide practical knowledge and skills for our students.

Academy of Fine Arts in Široki Brijeg

The Academy of Fine Arts in Široki Brijeg is the single artistic-educational component of the University of Mostar. It operates as an independent establishment delivering an integrated undergraduate (three years or six semesters) and graduate study programme (two years or four semesters) in visual arts. Also, it conducts an "Ars Sacra" doctoral study programme for three years or six semesters.

The undergraduate study programme in Fine Arts is divided into three study tracks: painting, sculpture, and graphic arts, and the graduate degree programme is divided into five study tracks: painting; sculpture; graphic arts.; graphic design; direction, film editing and scenario, which is divided into two tracks, i.e. direction and film editing as first one and scenario as second.

The Academy of Fine Arts Široki Brijeg was established by the University of Mostar and the Decree of the Governing Council on 7 March 1996. Its operational objectives are educating professionals for both independent artistic creation and pedagogical work within the school system. Since 1 October 2005, it has been implementing the regulations of the Bologna Declaration in its curricula development and teaching practices. The Academy of Fine Arts in Široki Brijeg is one of the key initiators of the range of activities within the cultural and educational sphere of the Herzegovina region, which is following one of its fundamental society-oriented missions.

Faculty of Economics

The Faculty of Economics was founded in 1971 as the Department of the Faculty of Economics in Sarajevo. In 1976, it became an independent faculty. The Faculty of Economics is a constituent unit of the (public) University of Mostar that organizes and

conducts undergraduate university and professional study programmes, graduate university study programmes, and postgraduate doctoral study programmes. The Faculty of Economics also carries out scientific and highly-professional work in economics. Following the transformation process of higher education according to the principles of the Bologna declaration, the Faculty of Economics adopted a new curriculum in 2005/2006. Besides Mostar, the classes are organized and conducted in centres in Vitez (undergraduate and graduate study programmes).

The Faculty of Economics of the University of Mostar conducts undergraduate and graduate study programmes in five study tracks: Marketing, Management, Business Informatics, Doing Business with the EU, Accounting and Finance. The Faculty of Economics also conducts a professional study programme divided into study tracks of Entrepreneurship, Accounting and Taxes, and Tourism Business.

The Faculty of Economics of the University of Mostar performs a postgraduate doctoral study programme in Economics and Business Economics as an independent one.

Faculty of Science and Education

The Faculty of Science and Education (FPMOZ) at the University of Mostar is a higher education institution in the field of educational, natural, social, and human sciences and art, which was established as a successor of the Faculty of Pedagogy in 2006. The Faculty is a direct successor of the oldest secular institution in Herzegovina, the Higher Pedagogical School, founded in 1950. The largest scope of the Faculty of Science and Education includes preschool, elementary, and high school education. It is run through 12 study groups (preschool and classroom teaching, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, geography, pedagogy, educational rehabilitation, kinesiology, music). Analysing the social needs of different educational profiles and students' interests, the Faculty offers a flexible organizational approach to future students by offering different combinations of studies. Apart from the University of Mostar, the teaching staff participating in the teaching process of our Faculty come from the other Universities. In 2005/2006, the Faculty harmonized its work with the Bologna Declaration principles, so teaching is organized by the system (3+2 (or 4+1)+3 depending on the study group and compliance with the reference foreign higher education institutions of higher education. In addition to teaching and scientific-research activities, the Faculty emphasises 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 Electrical Engineering

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 train engineers in Mostar and Herzegovina, which is the cornerstone of scientific thinking and enables the transfer of new knowledge to business people in this highly significant geographical area as an 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 turned a new page in its history of academic 2002/2003. Along with the current mechanical engineering study, a computing study was introduced. It changed the Faculty's name to the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Computing University of Mostar.

In 2017, an electrical engineering study was established as the resulting effort invested in one of the Faculty's most comprehensive challenges it faced. A laboratory for basic electrical engineering was also opened, attended by numerous guests from academia, politics, economy and colleagues from related technical faculties. This idea has existed since 2001, and today it has become a reality.

The Faculty has aligned its curriculum with the principles of the Bologna Declaration. It changed the Faculty's name to the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Computing and Electrical Engineering University of Mostar.

A reason for studies reform at the Faculty includes acceptance of the European education system of 3+2+3 and the need for studies modernization. The reform is entirely in line with the Bologna Declaration goals. It 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 2nd, 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) programme that would be awarded with 120 ECTS. The curriculum for the graduate university programme was approved by the Scientific-Teaching Council and University Senate.

University graduate programmes (2nd cycle):

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

The Faculty of Health Studies conducts a university postgraduate study programme “Health Sciences” from 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 programme 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 a new study programme 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

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.

In 2019/2020, at postgraduate level, the *Interdisciplinary postgraduate studies programme*, built upon the experiences of earlier cycles of the postgraduate study programme Languages and cultures in contact was offered. It incorporates the fields of humanities and social sciences.

The study is offered in three modules: Society and Culture module, Language and Literature module and Information Society module.

Each module is divided into courses.

The Society and Culture module includes the following courses:

Philosophy, History and Political Science. The Language and Culture module includes the following courses: English Studies, German Studies, Croatian and Latin. The Information Society module includes the following directions: Information and Communication 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, Architecture and Geodesy

The Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Geodesy in Mostar is a higher education institution in construction, architecture, and urbanism, as well as geodesy and geoinformatics. It started to work on 1 September 1978 as the Faculty of Civil Engineering. Since the beginning of its activities, the Faculty has been striving to become a part of the unique European higher education. The first generation of students attended only the constructive-performing study track, and the second one the hydro-technical study track, with significant personnel assistance from the faculties of civil engineering in Sarajevo and Split and personnel and spatial assistance from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Mostar.

In 1999/2000, we launched the professional study programme of civil engineering and geodesy of level VI/1 for a short time. In 2004/2005, the Faculty harmonised their system with the principles of the Bologna Declaration. Since then, the programme has been mostly harmonised and updated following our reference Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Geodesy from Split.

The university study of civil engineering was organized into two levels: an undergraduate study programme lasting three years (180 ECTS credits) and a graduate study programme lasting two years (120 ECTS credits) with two study tracks: Constructions and General study track.

In 2008, the Faculty moved to a new building. The Government of the Republic of Croatia provided the funds when the International Scientific Symposium on Modeling Structures opened, and a monograph Thirty years of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Mostar was published. In June 2011, we launched e-JOURNAL, included in the EBSCO and Hrčak databases, which has a DOI number, and since 2021 it has been included in the DOAJ (The Directory of Open Access Journals). In 2014/2015, we started the interdisciplinary study track Architectural Urban Engineering within the graduate study programme. After 40 years of work, in 2017/2018, we launched a new study programme - a university undergraduate study programme of Architecture and Urbanism (three years/180 ECTS credits), with the full support of the Faculty of Architecture in Zagreb and the Association of Architecture and Urbanism in Croatia that we joined in 2017 as a full member.

In 2018, the Faculty marked the 40th anniversary of its existence, celebrated by holding several important symposia and publishing a monograph, and the 10th anniversary of the Association of Croatian Faculties of Civil Engineering.

In 2018/2019, we started the study track Hydraulic Engineering and Environmental Engineering within the graduate study programme. In 2019/2020, we launched the university undergraduate study programme of Geodesy and Geoinformatics for three years (180 ECTS credits) and the postgraduate doctoral university study programme of civil engineering in Croatian and English (three years/180 ECTS credits).

In September 2021, the name of the Faculty was changed to the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy (FGAG). The Faculty aims to prepare young experts to approach the complex and demanding issues of civil engineering, geodesy, architecture, and urban design in an informed, creative and responsible manner in the context of our time. There is a continuous interest in these studies with regard to the social and economic importance of their fields. Job market demand is significant in both the private and public sectors. We believe that our studies offer a wide range of skills and competencies that allow our graduates to be active in other related fields.

The Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Geodesy at the University of Mostar, along with the International Association of Civil Engineering Students (IACES LC Mostar) and the Student Union, organized competitions for high school students. During 2023 and 2024, two competitions were held under the title "Measure, Draw, Build!" with tasks covering all three fields of study at the Faculty.

School of Medicine

The School of Medicine was established on April 22, 1997 and it is the only medical school in the 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 producing young doctors for the needs of the 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 worldwide. At the School of Medicine in Mostar the following programmes are offered:

- Medicine and Dental Medicine
- Postgraduate Doctoral Studies in Biomedicine and Health.

Each year 120 students are enrolled in School of Medicine:

- 60 students in Medicine programme,
- 30 students in Dental Medicine programme, and
- 30 students in Medical Studies in English language programme.

As in most other countries in Europe, students who successfully pass all the exams earn the title of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dental Medicine. The Medicine programme is an integrated programme that lasts six years and during this time students earn 360 ECTS credits. Curricula and programmes are aligned with accredited programmes of European Union countries. Upon completion of the Medicine programme, our students can enrol in the Postgraduate Doctoral Studies in Biomedicine and Health that comprises a teaching programme 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 of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

The University of Mostar School of Medicine is a modern scientific- educational institution that follows contemporary European educational trends and where teaching are conducted in accordance with the Bologna Declaration.

The Medical Studies in English programme was established in 2018 and it is entirely instructed in English language. It is an integrated programme that lasts six years and during this time students get 360 ECTS credits. Curricula and programmes are aligned with accredited programmes of European Union countries and they are also USMLE-oriented.

Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law of the University of Mostar, as a department of the Faculty of Law in Sarajevo, was established in 1971. The Faculty started to operate as an independent higher education institution on 15 November 1976. Today, the Faculty of Law is the organizational unit of the University of Mostar. The main task of the Faculty of Law is to provide quality and innovative legal education. that is internationally recognizable and primarily and continuously focused on the needs of students. University undergraduate and graduate study programmes are organized and conducted as full-time and part-time studies. Classes are conducted and organized for the study programmes of Law, Criminalistics and Security Management and Insurance Law. The

study of Law is conducted as the university undergraduate, and graduate study programme. In 2012/2013, they started a postgraduate doctoral study programme as well. In 2023/2024 a new, modern Postgraduate doctoral study in Law was created. They launched the study programme of Criminalistics and Security Management in 2016/2017. It has been conducted as the university undergraduate and graduate study programme. From 2023/2024 Postgraduate specialist study in Insurance Law has been conducted as well.

In addition to the above study programmes, the Faculty of Law also conducts off-campus classes at the Posavina Centre. Undergraduate and graduate study programmes are conducted, but only for part-time students. Off-campus classes at the Posavina Centre began in 2006/2007. Aiming to provide better education for its students, the Faculty of Law of the University of Mostar has signed agreements/contracts on cooperation with teaching bases and institutions that enable resources and knowledge. Together with the Faculty, they help train legal professionals competitive in the labour market. In addition to the above forms of teaching, students of the Faculty of Law also participate in competitions, e.g., moot courts and debate competitions, nationally and internationally, where they achieve notable results and thus acquire additional competencies recognized in the labour market. The Faculty of Law of the University of Mostar has equipped a modern courtroom for moot courts, a forensics laboratory, and a modernly equipped IT classroom to conduct practical training and educate its students. The courtroom for moot courts ensures the application of acquired knowledge in specific legal cases from case law and thus, develops the creativity of young people, providing them with the necessary practical dimension of the education of lawyers.

The scientific activity of the Faculty of Law is reflected in the organisation of scientific conferences and publishing activities. The Faculty of Law of the University of Mostar is the publisher of two Proceedings: Proceedings of the Faculty of Law, University of Mostar and Proceedings of the International Conference “Current Affairs of Civil and Commercial Legislation and Legal Practice”. Proceedings of the Faculty of Law, University of Mostar is an open access scientific journal with a long tradition (31 issues). The journal publishes papers primarily in legal sciences and interdisciplinary ones, i.e., other fields related to legal sciences. The journal is published at least once a year. The journal is available free of charge in electronic form on the official journal website. Every year, the Faculty of Law of the University of Mostar organizes an international conference entitled “Current Affairs of Civil and Commercial Legislation and Legal Practice”, which brings together eminent legal theorists and practitioners in civil and commercial legislation, and legal practice. The conference is recognized and known in the region and beyond. It opens relevant and current legal issues, offers the professional public attractive round tables that combine theory and practice, scientists and practitioners from several countries, and serves the implementation of many projects and the adoption of new legislation. Along with this conference, a collection of papers of the same name is published. It is a scientific journal of the Faculty of Law, University of Mostar, which since 2003 has been publishing scientific and professional papers in the field of theory and practice of civil and commercial law. The content of this journal is also available free of charge in electronic form on the official website.

International Relations Office

The International Relations Office has defined its goals and activities through the developed Strategy for International and Inter-University Cooperation. This strategy serves as the main guiding thread for all activities of the International Relations Office. The strategic goal of promoting and enhancing the recognition of the University is ensured through bilateral collaborations with other European and global universities. For the University, internationalisation as a priority development goal also means active involvement in international networks and associations.

The University actively participates in international projects that strengthen its teaching, curricular, managerial, and infrastructural capacities, modernising the institution in accordance with widely accepted European standards. Notably, the University of Mostar is the first university in Bosnia and Herzegovina to receive support from the European Commission for the project of the nine-partner European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies—EUPeace—under the Erasmus+ Initiative for European Universities, which supports alliances of higher education institutions.

Focus on International Mobility and Research

The University of Mostar is dedicated to fostering the mobility of students and faculty, expanding knowledge, and enhancing career development for all university members. This commitment not only strengthens individual growth but also boosts the overall competitiveness and global recognition of the University. The International Relations Office, along with the offices for international relations in all administrative units, focuses on creating an environment that supports international research collaborations and aligns study programs with global standards. Key to this mission is facilitating the mobility of students, teaching staff, and administrative personnel, ensuring a dynamic exchange of knowledge and ideas.

The confirmation of continuous work and quality improvement in international cooperation is manifested by the awarding of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) as an exceptional recognition and a significant step towards even better integration of the University of Mostar into the EU higher education community.

Centre for Information Technologies of the University of Mostar – SUMIT

Centre for Information technologies of the University of Mostar - SUMIT was founded on December 13, 2017. with the goal of providing support to the educational and academic community in the usage of information-communication technology and provision of access to new technologies and information services. Partner institutions with whom the University of Mostar has a longstanding cooperation are important in fulfilling the mission statement and vision of SUMIT.

Especially important is the cooperation with HT Eronet Mostar, Croatian Academic and Research Network - CARNET, University Computing Centre (SRCE) and faculties that deal with the problems of development of information systems. Also important is the cooperation with local, reliable IT companies.

Centre for information technologies of the University of Mostar (SUMIT), organisationally and technically, has successfully responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and technical requirements have been secured to perform remote teaching at the University as well as at the schools that have curricula conducted in croatian language. Coordination of ministers of education, sciences, culture and sports of the cantons that have curricula conducted in croatian language in coordination with the University of Mostar has in mere days changed the system of teaching. At the moment SUMIT performs maintenance of a great number of systems at the University of Mostar, and also works on the digitalisation of the entire vertical of education and securing spatial requirements at the campus at Rodoč.

SUM TV

Television of the University of Mostar is part of the SUM Media Centre, and its goal is to educate, inform and entertain its public. It is primarily focused on the production of educational programmes, but through the informative component, it presents numerous events and useful information from the University. The Internet Television of the University of Mostar is technically modern with modern directing, with as many as 14 cameras, several teleprompters, microphones, professional lighting in four studios, and a "payout" system like most modern televisions and several nonlinear video editing systems. Students of Journalism and Public Relations participate in the production as they have practical classes in the production of television programmes, filming, editing, preparation of shows, and appearances in front of cameras. In addition to students, the employees of the University of Mostar also attend media training for a public appearance on University Television. SUM TV can be watched on the modern interactive and multimedia website <https://tv.sum.ba/>.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The University of Mostar founded the Museum of Modern Art in 2020. The space, which used to be a military cinema, was renovated according to the highest standards and equipped with new technologies. It houses a permanent exhibition of its art collection, which is an overview of contemporary art in the region. The Museum also hosts contemporary art exhibitions and holds popular programs for the public, such as Art & Wine, art workshops, book presentations, lectures and expert guides, through which visitors can get to know the contemporary art scene of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Museum organises the international University Art Symposium, a unique event attended by numerous fine artists, curators, art historians and critics, as well as many museum institutions from the region. As part of the Museum, a special library for the field of art history was established at the initiative of Božo Biškupić, an art collector and patron of arts who made an initial donation of 1,100 books. The Museum also has an archive for fine arts, which is a reference place for researching modern art in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since its foundation, the Museum regularly publishes exhibition catalogues and books on modern and contemporary art.

The Museum of Modern Art has been chosen to organise the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the 60th Venice Biennale in 2024, the Pavilion is called The

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Measure of the Sea, the exhibiting artist is Stjepan Skoko, and the commissioner and curator is Marin Ivanović.

University Printing House - PRESSUM

The University Printing House PRESSUM was established in 2019 with the goals of developing the University of Mostar, improving the quality of scientific communication, enhancing international cooperation, and promoting scientific activities.

The scope of work of the PRESSUM includes coordinating the publishing activities of the University of Mostar, analysing publications registered in scientific research project databases, and reviewing the works of University of Mostar staff and associates.

Currently, the University of Mostar publishes 10 scientific and professional journals, and our works can be found in the University of Mostar Work Registry.

The PRESSUM has developed several databases and repositories:

- The Journal Academic Association Portal – SUMPAAUK, which serves as the central registry for accessing scientific and professional journals and proceedings at the University of Mostar;
- The Digital Academic Repository of Final Theses – VIDRA, a system that stores data on final (undergraduate, master's, and doctoral) theses at the University of Mostar. VIDRA aims to collect, preserve, and share digital data and information from these theses while ensuring their accessibility;
- The Research Data Repository, which gathers, permanently stores, and provides open access to raw research data generated as a result of scientific research. Research data include all collected, recorded, or generated data for analysis to reach new, original research results.

The Books/e-Books System, part of the PRESSUM, was created to track the University's publishing activities, providing access to all bounded (non-serial) publications (monographs, catalogues, manuals). The system is divided into two sections – Books and e-Books. In the Books section, users can view basic information about the books. In the e-Books section, users can view basic information about books (printed editions) and download electronic versions in open access.

The Work Registry, or the bibliography of researchers at the University of Mostar, will significantly contribute to the openness, visibility, and free access to all types of publications and research data produced by our scientists. The University of Mostar Work Registry serves as the central database of bibliographic data on the published works of University staff.

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Office for Students with Disabilities was established within the framework of the Tempus project "Equal Opportunities for Students with Special Needs in Higher Education." The office is intended to improve access, meet the needs and rights, and enhance the study experience of students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are considered a heterogeneous group, which includes students with motor impairments, visual impairments, speech-language communication difficulties (voice disorders, speech fluency disorders: stuttering and cluttering, autism spectrum disorders, social communication disorders, language disorders, motor speech disorders, hearing impairments), specific learning difficulties (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia), psychological disorders, intellectual disabilities, chronic illnesses, and other forms of disabilities that put students at a disadvantage compared to their peers.

Relying on international documents and current legal regulations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which ensure basic human rights, including the right to education, the University of Mostar aims to ensure conditions for equal access and active participation in higher education for all. The body established with this goal is the Office for Students with Disabilities, whose primary task is to provide assistance, support, and develop an inclusive approach for this group of students.

Services of the Office The office provides support in several areas:

- Counselling students with disabilities in planning and conducting their studies,
- Offering support in everyday life and situations where certain difficulties may arise (e.g., during exams, housing, relationships with other students, etc.),
- Providing necessary information and support in the Office's premises and other university spaces (in person, by phone, email, or through the website and printed brochures),
- Enabling access to assistive technology and advising academic and non-academic staff,
- Informing academic and non-academic staff about the impact of disabilities on learning processes and adjusting to these needs accordingly,
- Eliminating stereotypes, prejudices, and achieving understanding of the challenges faced by people with disabilities by teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students. Students with disabilities, regardless of the degree of physical impairment, have the right to request an individualised adapted way of taking exams and assessments during their studies. Additionally, the office possesses equipment for students with visual and hearing impairments, allowing them access to literature and easier following of lectures.

The regulation addresses the needs of those students who, due to long-term impairments, difficulties, or illnesses, encounter environmental barriers that hinder their fulfilment of academic obligations in accordance with the entire study process. The adoption of the Regulation on Studying for Students with Disabilities is just one of the activities of the Office for Students with Disabilities at the University of Mostar, as

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the university has set a priority goal to intensify teaching and spatial adaptations at its faculties in the coming period to reduce barriers and activate support systems in the context of higher education through associations and university counselling centres. These activities aim to ensure equal opportunities for students with disabilities in the study process and provide an adapted and safe environment at the University of Mostar, motivating future students, including high school students and people with disabilities, to enrol in higher education in greater numbers and continue their academic journey.

The guide is intended for students with disabilities and offers a special form of help and direction in accordance with the type and severity of the disability. The guide is also intended for staff in higher education: the administration of the University of Mostar and the administrations of its constituent units, academic and non-academic staff, the Student Center, and all those who, during their work at a higher education institution, may find themselves in a situation where they need to recognize and respond to the specific requirements of students with disabilities. Moreover, using this guide raises awareness about the challenges faced by students with various types of disabilities, making students more sensitive to their own issues as well as those of others.

The SUM Foundation – Fund for Socially Disadvantaged Students was established by the decision of the University of Mostar Senate on March 25, 2022. It was created in response to the needs of students who face financial difficulties during their studies.

Foundation's Purpose:

The main goal is to finance the education of students from low-income backgrounds and students with disabilities, ensuring that more young people can begin their studies and careers at the University of Mostar.

Foundation Activities:

Annual Charity Event: Held around Easter, this event gathers financial support through social activities, bringing together the academic and broader community to help students in need, such as those without parental care, low-income students, and students with disabilities. The funds raised are directed towards scholarships and infrastructure adjustments for students with disabilities.

Salary Deduction: University employees can support the Foundation through a regular salary deduction. This initiative is also open to local businesses in the community.

Humanitarian Party: Organised annually during the Christmas season by Social Work and Speech Therapy students, this event aims to raise funds for fellow students in need.

Art Auction: Held once a year to secure necessary funds, featuring artworks created during the University's Art Symposium. The proceeds support the Foundation's mission of aiding students.

Foundation's Rules:

The Foundation operates under a regulation that outlines the conditions and procedures for granting financial aid. It governs the application process and eligibility criteria for

students seeking one-time financial support from the SUM Fund for Socially Disadvantaged Students.

STUDENT UNION

The 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 the Academic Senate, which consists of 15 members, there are two student representatives – president and deputy president of the Student Union Presidency.

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. The election procedure is opened by the University's Rector, who officially issues writs for elections. Elections are implemented by student election boards as well as voting committees.

Every student has the 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 the 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 the Presidency, there are elections for president and vice-president and for secretary-general of the Student Union of the University of Mostar. The president and vice-president of the Student Union Presidency are members of the Academic Senate in which they represent the interests of all students of the University. Although there is no law on student organizations in Bosnia & Herzegovina, the University of Mostar, following the example of European standards, established the Student Union - a student representative body, and the legitimacy derives from the regular student elections. For the last 15 years, Student Union has actively been working on the improvement and development of the studying quality and activation of the student scene in Bosnia & Herzegovina, thus providing a 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 organisations of significance for students, Student Union actively works on different kinds of student projects.

Every year the Student Union gives out Public Invitation for Student Projects. All students need are ideas and good will, and Student Union can provide the rest; financial, technical and advisory support in the realisation of the projects. Throughout fifteen full years of their work, students have realised 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 a 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 a great variety of student projects!

For more information, visit <https://studentskizbor.sum.ba/>.

WELCOME TO MOSTAR – UNIVERSITY CITY

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 km².

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 the cultural, economic and political centre 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 105.074 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

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Herzegovina. One of the city's most beautiful landmarks, the Old Bridge, has been on the list of UNESCO protected cultural heritage since 2005.

Herzegovina, together with Mostar, Medjugorje - a pilgrimage centre, and Neum - the centre 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.

By bus:

There are two bus stations in the town. Transit terminal for buses and trains, located on the 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. For more information, visit 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 st and 2 nd January	New Year's Day
6 th January	Holy three kings
1 st March	Independence Day
	Easter Sunday
	Easter Monday
1 st and 2 nd May	Labour Day
25 th November	National Day
24 th December	Christmas Eve
25 th 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 of BAM is:

1 BAM = 0,51129 € or

1 € = 1.95583 KM

1 BAM equals 100 fenings.

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 Centre, 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: <https://dzmostar.com/>.

Emergency number 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 a 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 Centre or to live off campus within the private rentals sector. The Student Centre of the University of Mostar

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is an institution that organises cultural, athletic and recreational activities for students, acts as a mediator in temporary and occasional hiring of students, carries out educational work with students, organises cultural and entertainment evenings, and performs other activities related to student standard improvement. The Student Centre consists of two pavilions: the Old and New Home. The great reconstruction of the Centre was carried out in 2008, after which it became the most modern student centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Funds for the reconstruction of the accommodation capacities of the Centre were made possible by the Government of the Republic of Croatia. The accommodation capacity of the centre is 187 rooms (420 beds), five of which are reserved for the teachers of the University and exchange students. The centre also has two multimedia centres, a fitness club, a gym, two reading rooms, a student cafe bar, a laundry room, a university library and a student lounge. Within the Centre 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 the second option, all students are advised to do some research, particularly about tenancy agreements and deposit schemes, when it comes to the private rental sector.

For more information, visit <https://www.scm.ba/>.

Before making any decisions or choosing private rented property you are advised to contact the International Relations Office of university or faculty.

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 the 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 meeting of East and West, Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian culture, tradition, and modernity, turned Mostar into a melting pot of different cultures and artistic creations. The old town exudes and lives the eastern culture carved into every stone of the Old Bridge, Kriva ćuprija, paved streets, and traditional houses along the coast of green beauty. Just a few hundred metres away are the Franciscan monastery and the church of St. Peter and Paul. The Church's bell tower offers the most beautiful view of Mostar. In the lavish era of Austro-Hungary, they built impressive buildings such as the Old Grammar School and other several buildings along the promenade through the Street of Nikola Šubić Zrinski. The spirit of Mostar's culture is most alive on the boards that mean life. The Croatian Home of Herceg Stjepan Kosača, the Croatian National Theater, and the National Theater staged a series of plays. For those who enjoy digital projections and top world or domestic cinema, Mostar cinemas have to offer the latest blockbusters in modernly equipped movie theatres that take watching movies to a new level.

At the Museum of Modern Art you will always find its art collection on display, together with new exhibitions and interesting public activities such as Art & Wine, workshops and guided tours through the national art scene.

NIGHT LIFE: Each year, the Student Union organises the official Freshmen's welcoming party "Brucošijada", held in the most popular student night club Golden Cube. Of course, there are other nightclubs in the city, with different types of music so that every student can find the desired entertainment.

There is never a lack of fun and a good mood in Mostar, especially when it comes to young people. During the day, many coffee bars and urban restaurants offer a relaxed atmosphere with a cup of coffee and delicious dishes of local and regional gastronomy. At sunset, the party takes on a new look - from eclectic and energetic performances by local bands and singers in pubs and bars to the hot atmosphere in nightclubs, thanks to famous DJs and singers from the region.

SPORTS AND ENJOYING NATURE: Fans of sports and outdoor activities in Mostar will find their little piece of paradise whether they prefer to participate in activities or watch top athletes in gyms. Football, handball, and basketball are certainly one of the most popular sports in Mostar, and they are intensively followed by martial arts such as karate, tae kwon do, and kickboxing. Throughout Mostar, you can find many sports centres and gyms, which in recent years have become gathering places for young people eager for activities and healthy living. For those who prefer to experience sports and adrenaline in nature, the surroundings of Mostar offer several possibilities. Excursion site on Goranci offers its visitors, in addition to natural beauty, active activities such as tennis, basketball, cycling, hiking, off-road and quad riding, horseback riding, and many other activities. Rujište Mountain Nature Park offers idyllic scenes of snow activities during the winter. During the warmer months, it is a favourite choice for hikers. The green core of karst Herzegovina offers the possibility of rafting in the upper reaches or calmer panoramic sailing in the city area. Those who enjoy the feeling of adrenaline will have an unforgettable experience if they decide to climb the rocks in Blagaj or if the road takes them to Fortica above Mostar where they can cross the suspension bridge, and zip line at a height of 510 metres or walk the skywalk with an incredible view of the city.

Mostar – new experience of living

A series of organised events makes Mostar an attractive destination in this part of Europe and provides countless opportunities for entertainment and socialising for young people. The recognizable traditional jumps from the Old Bridge and those in partnership with the Red Bull Cliff Diving organisation; the Mostar Summer Fest, Moba - Street Food Festival and Mostar Film Festival that bring together impressive music and film names from the region; the Mostar Half Marathon or Street Arts Festival on Neretva are events that enable fun activities for young people. Mostar is not just a stopover to visit; Mostar provides a new experience of living and having fun for everyone who comes, especially for young people who choose this karst city as a new home while studying.

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