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# An Introductory Word from the Rector



Dear colleagues,

We have created this *International Student Guide* to offer support to who have chosen to spend time at the University of Rijeka. It is primarily intended for students on exchange programmes, but it is also a valuable aid for all other students and staff who are coming to our institution for a temporary stay.

*Photo: Rector of the University of Rijeka, Prof. GORAN HAUSER, MD, PhD*

With this *Guide*, we would like to address general questions you might have regarding your future studies at our University and help you get the grip with the formalities - accommodation, food and all the little things you need to know to make your life and stay here more pleasant and easy-going.

By choosing to come to our University, you have decided to become part of an open and diverse academic community. We believe that universities should be at the heart of society and actively involved in community life. And indeed, we trust that upon your return home, you will carry with you a part of our university's ethos, enriching your own community with the spirit of what you've experienced here.

With the adoption of the Bologna Process, European countries have created the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), and the University of Rijeka has agreed to contribute to the creation of this "Europe of Knowledge". Accordingly, we have integrated the Bologna principles into all our study programmes since 2005/2006. We are constantly improving the quality of teaching and academic life and work. Today, every member institution of the University of Rijeka has both experienced staff and numerous academics who have been educated at top centres and institutions worldwide.

In collaboration with our partners - the County and the City of Rijeka - the University of Rijeka has transformed the former military area in Trsat into a vibrant University Campus. The Campus is a home to several University's institutions, i.e., the Academy of Applied Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Teacher Education, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Mathematics, Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies, Faculty of Physics, Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Research, Faculty of Speech and Language Pathology and Science and Technology Park (Step Ri). While the Campus serves as a nucleus for many of our faculties and centres, it's important to note that other University institutions are dispersed across various locations throughout the city. This decentralized approach allows us to engage with our community on multiple fronts, fostering collaboration and enriching the academic experience for all.

Proudly positioning itself as a modern European university, the University of Rijeka warmly welcomes foreign students, teaching staff, and researchers, and remains attuned to contemporary trends in higher education. As a testament to our commitment to innovation and international collaboration, our University is a proud member and active contributor to Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) alliance and Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN). We also participate in bilateral and multilateral higher education projects and programmes like Erasmus+, Horizon, CEEPUS, Fulbright, and others.

In addition to our international engagements, the University of Rijeka plays a vital role in shaping the societal landscape of Croatia. Through active integration efforts within the city and region, we foster a sense of enthusiasm and unity while nurturing individual talents and entrepreneurial potential.

At the University of Rijeka, we strive to create a student-centric environment and involve students in the decision-making processes. Our commitment to prioritizing students' needs is reflected in our

ongoing efforts to evolve our teaching methods, enhance social consciousness, and cater to the diverse needs of our academic community. Central to this ethos is our unwavering investment in elevating students' living standards. However, our notion of standards extends beyond mere accommodation and dining; it encompasses the quality of education, research opportunities, and the university's engagement with broader society. We believe that fostering a supportive and enriching learning environment involves addressing all facets of student life.

We are delighted to welcome you, dear student, as you embark on your journey at our University. Join us in shaping our University a true modern European university of the future!

On behalf of the teaching and administrative staff at the University of Rijeka, along with your future fellow students, we eagerly anticipate adventures that lie ahead and look forward to navigating this exciting journey together.

Rector of the University of Rijeka  
Prof. Goran Hauser, MD, PhD



# 1 Croatia – Facts and Figures

## 1.1 About the Country

Croatia is a country with a thousand-year-old history. Encompassing an area of 56,542 square kilometres, it is characterized by its stunning coastline stretching 5,835 kilometres, inclusive of its picturesque islands. Of the 1,185 islands, only 47 are inhabited. Croatia's total population was 4.02 million in January 2023. The capital is Zagreb, a city teeming with Central European charm.



Croatia lies at the intersection of the Mediterranean, the Alps and the Pannonian plains. These various features have merged into a unique and charming harmony of opposites. Although Croatia's main attraction is the coast and its islands, the beauty of its inland might surprise you.

*Photo: Dubrovnik by Ivo Pervan, Croatian National Tourist Board*

Gorski kotar is a mountain region where nature lovers, mountaineers, hikers, winter-sports enthusiasts, and hunters can enjoy the unspoiled beauty of nature. Lika, the region nestled behind the Velebit mountain range, provides a serene retreat for visitors. Moving inland, Hrvatsko zagorje features charming Baroque castles and thermal spas, while the region of Podravina and the fertile plains of Slavonija captivate with their picturesque scenery and rich cultural heritage.

Alongside its diverse natural beauty, Croatia is also renowned for its pristine environment. Today, around 8% of Croatia's territory is designated as nature reserves, mainly national parks. It is a remarkably valuable and environmentally preserved asset nestled in the heart of Europe. Of the eight national parks, half are located in mountainous regions (Risnjak, Paklenica, Plitvice Lakes and Sjeverni Velebit), while the other four are on the coast (Kornati, Mljet, Brijuni and Krka). Of the latter four, all except Krka are located on islands.



Croatia is home to numerous monuments that are part of the world's cultural and historical heritage. Particularly noteworthy are the "monument cities" of Dubrovnik (part of the World Heritage Site and under UNESCO protection), Split, Pula, Poreč, Trogir, Hvar and Šibenik.

*Photo: Plitvice Lakes by Luka Esenko, Croatian National Tourist Board*

The Austrian and Hungarian royal families, and many other European kings and emperors, heirs and dukes came here in winter to enjoy the mild climate and beautiful scenery. Croatia has attracted many famous personalities throughout history, such as the famous dancer Isadora Duncan, who was enchanted by the beauties of Opatija, Lord Byron who fell in love with a beautiful blonde from the north, and Agatha Christie, who spent her second honeymoon in Dubrovnik and Split.

Some world-famous writers have commented on the beauty of the country in their works. Writers such as George Bernard Shaw, Carlo Goldoni, Jack London and Eugene Ionesco have all written about Croatia. Few know that Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is set here, Jules Verne's *Voyage au centre de la Terre* began in Pazin (Istria) and James Joyce lived in Pula for a time.

Croatia was named the top destination for 2005 by Lonely Planet Staffers, one of the world's leading travel platforms. Furthermore, it was included among the top 10 countries to visit in 2024. In 2006, National Geographic Adventure declared Croatia the number one "Hot Adventure Destination."

**Croatia's claim to fame:**

- The necktie
- The ballpoint pen and the fountain pen (Slavoljub Penkala)
- The torpedo (Ivan Lupis)
- Alternating current (Nikola Tesla)
- First workable system of fingerprint identification (Ivan Vučetić)
- Marco Polo
- The founder of San Marino (Marin from the island of Rab)
- The parachute (Faust Vrančić)

## 2 University Locations

### 2.1 Rijeka – the City, [www.rijeka.hr](http://www.rijeka.hr)

With its 130,000 inhabitants, Rijeka is the third largest city and the largest Croatian port. Rijeka is located on the Kvarner Bay, in the northernmost part of the Adriatic Sea, where the Mediterranean Sea penetrates deepest into the European mainland and comes closest to the countries of Central Europe. The city is not far from the Italian and Slovenian borders and is surrounded by mountains and numerous picturesque coastal towns.



*Photo: Croatian National Tourist Board*

Rijeka enjoys a pleasant Mediterranean climate characterized by warm summers and relatively mild winters. Temperatures range from 6°C in January to 37°C in July. The average temperature in July is 23°C, while the coldest month, January, averages 5.2°C. Winter lows typically remain above -3°C, and during the summer, air temperatures can influence sea temperatures, which can reach up to 25°C. The annual average sea temperature stands at 16°C.

The mountains around Kvarner, from Učka over the hills of Gorski kotar to Velebit, form an impressive natural backdrop that is particularly beautiful when approaching Rijeka from the sea. Occasionally, throughout the year and especially in winter, the cold bora (bura) wind blows down the mountains, causing a sudden drop in temperature and purifying the air over Rijeka.

In addition to the bora, which brings cold and clear weather, the sirocco (jugo) brings cloudy and rainy weather. In summer, the north-westerly wind mistral is frequent. It brings a breath of cool air on hot summer days and is ideal for sailing.

The Rječina, a karst river, plays an important role in the life of the city of Rijeka, as it supplies the city and its surroundings with drinking water.



*Photo: Risnjak by Ivo Biocina, Croatian National Tourist Board*

The close proximity of the Gorski kotar highlands and the tourist centres on the coast offer Rijeka residents and visitors a unique opportunity to take part in various sports and recreational activities.

The first known inhabitants of the area were the Illyrians and the Celts. During the Roman Empire, a municipality known as Tarsatica was located here. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the Croats settled in Tarsatica and the surrounding area. In later eras, until the end of Second World War, Rijeka was ruled alternately by the Habsburgs, the Hungarian royal family, the Croatian nobility and Italy. Rijeka became part of Croatia in 1945.

In addition to its role as an economic and transport hub, Rijeka continues to be an important cultural and educational centre. Rijeka hosts numerous cultural events, such as theatre performances, concerts, exhibitions, the traditional international Carnival Parade, fairs and sporting events. Rijeka is renowned for its cultural landmarks that offer glimpses into past centuries. These include the remnants of ancient Tarsatica, the Roman Arch known as the Gate (the oldest historical monument in Rijeka), the City Tower, the Church of St. Sebastian, the Church of the Assumption, the Palace of the Old Town Hall, and St. Vitus' Church. Additionally, notable sites include the Maritime and Historical Museum of the Croatian Coast (formerly the Governor's Palace), the Croatian National Theatre, the University Library featuring the Modern Art Gallery, Trsat Castle, and various buildings predominantly dating back to the 19th century.

#### Curiosities:

- The world's first torpedo was made in Rijeka.
- Fiorello la Guardia, New York's most famous mayor, worked at the American consulate in Rijeka.
- Rijeka is the city with the highest number of Baroque marble altars on the eastern part of the Adriatic coast.
- The first steam engine in Southeast Europe was manufactured in Rijeka.
- The first museum in Croatia was founded in Trsat in 1843.
- The first photo of a supersonic flying bullet was taken in Rijeka.
- You can find one of the few surviving life jackets from the Titanic in Rijeka.

## 2.2 Opatija, [www.opatija.hr](http://www.opatija.hr)



The name Opatija is derived from the Benedictine abbey (opatija in Croatian), which was built on the coast between 1400 and 1440. The oldest known records of Opatija date back to the mid-15th century and include documents from fra Giacomo (1449) and a bull of Pope Nicholas V (1453). Initially settled by fishermen and farmers, Opatija's population grew to about 250 by the mid-19th century.

*Photo: Opatija by Željka Stašić, Croatian National Tourist Board*

A historical turning point in the development of the town was the year 1844, when a prominent citizen of Rijeka, Iginio Scarpa, built a summer residence next to the 16th century Church of St. Jacob, which he named Villa Angiolina after his wife. Thanks to the Scarpa family's hospitality, Villa Angiolina became the centre of social life in Istria and Opatija became a popular tourist destination. The year 1844 is considered the beginning of tourism in Opatija. The visits of Ban Josip Jelačić in 1854 and Empress Maria Ana, the wife of Emperor Ferdinand I, in 1860 contributed to Opatija becoming increasingly well-known outside Istria.

News of the pretty little town on the Adriatic coast spread throughout Europe, and on March 4, 1889, Opatija was officially named a health resort, which greatly boosted its development.





Photo: Opatija by Proces Media, Croatian National Tourist Board

Opatija, popularly known as the pearl of the Austrian Riviera, became an important tourist destination for Austrian and European celebrities. In 1920, Opatija was awarded to the Kingdom of Italy by the Treaty of Rapallo, which slowed down the town's development.

After the Second World War, tourism was revived and today Opatija is one of Croatia's most famous and renowned tourist centres and a popular venue for conferences and meetings. *With the opening of the Thalassotherapia, Ambassador, Adriatic and Admiral hotels and the Ičići marina, Opatija gained particular importance as a health resort and tourist destination.*

## 2.3 Croatia info card – What to expect?

**Language.** The official language is Croatian, written in the Latin alphabet. In the coastal regions of the country Italian can be useful, as the local population speaks a related dialect. If these languages are not your forte, don't worry – most younger people and officials speak English, so you should have no trouble getting around if you know English.

**Religion.** According to the last census (2021), 79% of Croatia's population identifies as Catholic. Other religions are represented to a lesser extent, with 3.3% identifying as Serbian Orthodox and 1.3% as Muslims. Nearly 5% of the population identifies as nonreligious or atheists. In Croatia, major holidays are based on Catholic liturgical year. However, members of other denominations are free to celebrate their holidays and practice their religious customs.

**Politics and economy.** Croatia is a democratic republic with the president as the highest political authority and an elected parliament. The country is divided into 21 self-governing counties. The capital is Zagreb, which is also the largest city, followed by Split and Rijeka in terms of size. The official currency is the euro. The most developed economic sector is the tertiary sector, especially tourism and hospitality.

**Population.** The Croatian population is around 4 million people. Ethnically, the population consists mostly of Croats (>90%), while most national minorities include citizens from neighboring countries.

**Climate.** Croatia has different climate zones: Mediterranean, continental and mountainous, but the climate can generally be described by dry and hot summers and humid and mild winters. With an average of 2,600 hours of sunshine per year, the Adriatic coast is one of the sunniest regions in the Mediterranean, with an average summer sea temperature of 25°C to 27°C. Another note: rain is not an uncommon sight in Rijeka.

**Customs.** Croatia, like many Mediterranean countries, maintains a smaller interpersonal distance, so it's common for people to stand close when talking, waiting in line, or in crowded places. Warm relationships and friendly communication styles, even with strangers, are typical. Croatians take pride in their rich cultural heritage and sports achievements. Food and drinks play an important role in the culture. Croatia is generally considered safe, with the only notable risk being pickpocketing in crowded tourist areas during the summer.

## 3 Useful Information

### 3.1 General

#### 3.1.1 Post and Telecom Services

The phone code for Croatia is +385, succeeded by the two-digit code of the town.

Post offices are typically open from 7 h until 20 h and on Saturdays until 13 h.  
Stamps can be purchased at post offices and newsstands.

If your cell phone does not have a roaming option, we strongly recommend that you arrange this with your local mobile provider before your departure. When you arrive in Croatia, one of the three networks will automatically be shown on your display (A1, T-Mobile or Telemach). For price information, please contact your mobile phone provider before your departure.

You may also purchase one of the prepaid start packages. For additional information visit:

- T- Mobile <https://www.hrvatskitelekom.hr/>
- A1 <http://www.a1.hr/privatni>
- Telemach <http://www.telemach.hr>
- BON BON <http://www.bonbon.hr>

For local calls from a cell phone to a landline, you must dial 051 (area code for Rijeka) and then enter the phone number.

#### 3.1.2 Chemists/Pharmacies

Pharmacies are open during normal business hours from 8 h to 20 h. The pharmacy “Centar” is open 24 hours a day and is located in the city centre at Riva 18, near the beginning of Korzo Street.

#### 3.1.3 Banks

Banks are open on weekdays from 8 h to 19 h, and on Saturdays till 12 h.

#### 3.1.4 Shops

Common working hours are weekdays from 8 h to 20 h, and on Saturdays until noon. Working on Sundays is generally prohibited, but merchants may choose to open retail stores up to 16 Sundays per calendar year. Therefore, it is advisable to check their websites for specific opening hours. Local food shops operate from Monday to Saturday, typically from 6 h to 19:30 h. Supermarkets, which usually offer lower prices, are open from 7 h until 21 or 22 h, depending on the season. ZTC /<http://www.ztc-shopping.hr/> and Tower Centre Rijeka / <http://www.tower-center-rijeka.hr/> are large shopping malls, offering a wide range of stores, food courts and entertainment facilities.

#### 3.1.5 Currency – Exchange Rates

The currency in the Republic of Croatia is the euro (€).

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices, post offices and most tourist offices, hotels, campsites and marinas.

All major credit cards – Visa, Diners Club and Mastercard are accepted almost everywhere. ATMs are easily found in the region.

### 3.1.6 National Holidays

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day
- January, The Epiphany
- Easter and Easter Monday, variable, e.g. 2024 = March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 01<sup>st</sup>
- May 1<sup>st</sup>, Labour Day
- May 30<sup>th</sup>, Statehood Day
- Corpus Christi, variable, e.g. 2024 = May 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Anti-Fascism Day
- August 5<sup>th</sup>, Victory and Homeland Gratitude Day
- August 15<sup>th</sup>, The Assumption
- November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints' Day
- November 18<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day
- December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Holiday

### 3.1.7 Useful Phone Numbers

Unique emergency call number	112
Police	192
Fire brigade	193
Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance)	194
HT service numbers:	
Various notifications and information	18981
Information on subscriber numbers	11888
Hrvatske ceste (Road Conditions)	+38514722555
HAK – Roadside assistance	1987
Traffic wardens	0800 5101
Red Cross	+385 51 333 699
SOS phone	+385 51 211 888
Police HQ of the Primorsko-Goranska County	+385 51 430 333
Mountain Rescue Service	112
Sea Rescue	195
Tourist Information Centre	+385 51 335 882
University of Rijeka	+385 51 406 500
Student Counselling Centre	+385 51 265 841

### 3.1.8 Hospitals

There are three hospitals at three different locations in Rijeka. Opatija has a health-care centre.

Main Hospital RIJEKA Krešimirova 42 Tel: +385 51 658 111	Hospital SUŠAK Tome Strižića 3 Tel: +385 51 407 111
New hospital complex SUŠAK Women's and Children's healthcare Vjekoslava Dukića 7 Tel: +385 51 407 111	Health-Care Centre OPATIJA Stubišće Dr. Vande Ekl 1 Tel: +385 51 271-227

### 3.1.9 Useful information

- Time zone: Central European Time (CET) (GMT+1)
- Electric current: 220 V, 50 Hz
- Sockets used are type F (so-called “Schuko” sockets), plug type F needed
- Tap water is drinkable
- No vaccination required
- Internet cafés can be found in all major cities.
- Public transportation options include buses and taxis.

### 3.2 Entertainment

<http://www.visitrijeka.eu/>  
[www.mojekarte.hr/en.html](http://www.mojekarte.hr/en.html)

Rijeka is famous for its carnival, which is the third largest in the world. If you are lucky enough to be in Rijeka during the carnival season (January - February), you can experience traditional folk festivals, carnival exhibitions, concerts or masked balls, as well as an international event where the International Carnival Parade gathers over ten thousand participants and 150,000 visitors from Croatia and abroad.

Rijeka has several cinemas, and if you are a film fan, you can find the programme in the daily newspapers and in several places in the city centre. In summer, many concerts and other events take place in the surrounding tourist centres.

#### 3.2.1 Cinemas

ART-Kino Croatia  
Krešimirova 2  
Tel: +385 51 323-261  
e-mail: [ulaznice@art-kino.org](mailto:ulaznice@art-kino.org)  
[www.art-kino.org](http://www.art-kino.org)

Blitz Cinestar  
Tower Center  
J. P. Kamova 81  
<https://rijeka.cinestarcinemas.hr/>

#### 3.2.2 Theatres

The Croatian National Theatre Ivan pl. Zajc  
Uljarska 1  
Tickets: Verdijska bb  
Tel: +385 51 337 114  
[www.ulaznice.hr](http://www.ulaznice.hr) (tickets on-line)  
[www.hnk-zajc.hr](http://www.hnk-zajc.hr)

The HKD Theatre  
Strossmayerova 1  
Tel: +385 51 373 502  
<https://hkd-rijeka.hr/>

Prostor Plus  
Korzo 28/I  
Tel: +385 91 221 4493, +385 91 360 1939  
E-mail: [prostorplus@gmail.com](mailto:prostorplus@gmail.com)  
<http://www.prostorplus.hr>

Ri-Teatar Kalvarija  
Kalvarija 8  
Tel. +385 51 375 866  
E-mail: [ri.teatar@ri.t-com.hr](mailto:ri.teatar@ri.t-com.hr)  
[www.ri-teatar.hr](http://www.ri-teatar.hr)

The City Puppet Theatre  
Blaža Polića 6  
Tel: +385 51 325 690  
E-mail: [gradsko-kazaliste-lutaka@ri.t-com.hr](mailto:gradsko-kazaliste-lutaka@ri.t-com.hr)  
[www.gkl-rijeka.hr](http://www.gkl-rijeka.hr)



### 3.2.3 Museums and Galleries

The City Museum  
Krešimirova ul. 28  
Tel: +385 51 336 711  
E-mail: [info@muzej-rijeka.hr](mailto:info@muzej-rijeka.hr)  
[www.muzej-rijeka.hr](http://www.muzej-rijeka.hr)  
Opening hours Tue-Sat 10–18 h

The Maritime and History Museum  
of the Croatian Coast  
Trg Ricarda Zanelle 1  
Tel: +385 51 553 666  
[www.ppmhp.hr](http://www.ppmhp.hr)  
Opening hours: Mon 9–16 h,  
Tue-Sat 9–20 h, Sun 9–13 h

Peek & Poke Museum of Informatics  
and Technology  
Ivana Grohovca 2  
tel: +385 91 780 5709  
E-mail: [info@peekpoke.hr](mailto:info@peekpoke.hr)  
[www.peekpoke.hr](http://www.peekpoke.hr)  
Opening hours: 1.5.–15.10. Mon-Fri 10–18 h  
Sat 11–16 h; 15.10.–1.5. Mon-Fri 11–16 h

JGL Pharmacy Museum  
Užarska 11  
E-mail: [muzej-farmacije@jgl.hr](mailto:muzej-farmacije@jgl.hr)  
<https://muzej-farmacije.jgl.hr/>  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10–19h

SKC Gallery  
Kružna 8  
[skc@uniri.hr](mailto:skc@uniri.hr)  
<https://www.skc.uniri.hr/galerija-skc/>

University Library Rijeka – The Glagolitic  
Script Exhibition  
Dolac 1  
Tel: +385 91 245 0007  
[www.svkri.uniri.hr](http://www.svkri.uniri.hr)

Treasury and Gallery of the Shrine  
of Our Lady of Trsat  
Frankopanski trg 12  
Tel: +385 51 452 900  
[www.trsat-svetiste.com.hr](http://www.trsat-svetiste.com.hr)

Gallery Bruketa  
Užarska 25  
Tel: +385 51 335 403  
E-mail: [info@mala-galerija.hr](mailto:info@mala-galerija.hr)

The Natural History Museum Rijeka  
Lorenzov prolaz 1  
E-mail: [info@prirodoslovni.com](mailto:info@prirodoslovni.com)  
[www.prirodoslovni.com](http://www.prirodoslovni.com)  
Opening hours: 9–20 h

The Museum of Modern and  
Contemporary Art  
Krešimirova 26c  
Tel: +385 51 492 611  
[www.mmsu.hr](http://www.mmsu.hr)  
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12–19 h; Sat-Sun 12–17h  
Mon. Holidays. Closed

Peek + Poke Museum of Childhood  
Ivana Grohovca 2  
tel: +385 91 780 5709  
E-mail: [info@muzejdjedinjstva.com](mailto:info@muzejdjedinjstva.com)  
[www.muzejdjedinjstva.com](http://www.muzejdjedinjstva.com)  
Opening hours: Sat 11–16 h

The Kortil Gallery  
Strossmayerova 1  
Tel: +385 51 373 502  
E-mail: [GalerijaKortil@hkd-rijeka.hr](mailto:GalerijaKortil@hkd-rijeka.hr)  
<https://hkd-rijeka.hr/galerija-kortil/>

Filodrammatica Gallery  
Korzo 28/I  
Tel: +385 51 212 957  
[www.drugo-more.hr](http://www.drugo-more.hr)

Memorial library and collection  
Mažuranić-Brlić-Ružić, Villa Ružić  
Pećine 5  
Tel: +385 91 512 7254  
[www.villaruzic.hr](http://www.villaruzic.hr)

Galerija Principij-Fotoklub Rijeka  
Pod voltun 4  
+385 95 913 17 69  
E-mail: [fotoklubri@gmail.com](mailto:fotoklubri@gmail.com)  
[fotoklubrijeka.hr/galerija-principij/](http://fotoklubrijeka.hr/galerija-principij/)

### 3.2.4 Restaurants

There are various restaurants, fast-foods, cafés, confectioners', bistros, snack bars, taverns and other places where you can enjoy your meal.

A list with detailed information on places to eat can be found at <http://www.kvarner.hr/en/tourism> and <https://visitrijeka.hr/en/gastronomy/>

### 3.2.5 Bars

The most popular bars are mostly located in the town centres of Rijeka and Opatija. For more information: <https://visitrijeka.hr/en/entertainment/>.

### 3.2.6 Libraries

The City Library Rijeka  
Krešimirova ul. 26  
Tel: +385 51 211 139  
gkri@gkri.hr  
www.gkri.hr

The University Library Rijeka  
Dolac 1  
Tel: +385 91 245 0007  
ravnatelj@svkri.hr; posudba@svkri.hr  
www.svkri.uniri.hr

## 3.3 Sports and Recreational Centres

<http://www.appleby.net/yellowpages/rijekaN-Z.html#Sport>  
<https://visitrijeka.hr/en/activity-holiday/>

Sports fans can visit the football stadium and swimming pool complex in the western part of the city called Kantrida, as well as the "Mladost" sports hall in Trsat (where basketball, handball and volleyball are played).

The Zamet sports centre is located in the Zamet district of Rijeka. It has various facilities: a sports hall, a local committee office, shops, a public square and a car park.

Near Rijeka, on the Grobničko polje (Grobnik field), the famous Alpe Adria race takes place every year, which is known worldwide.

## 3.4 Local Transport

Public transport in Rijeka is organised by the city bus company Autotrolej. The company also offers journeys to many tourist destinations in Kvarner (to Opatija and Lovran in the north and to Crikvenica and Selce in the south), making these towns easily accessible. However, the city bus company does not offer connections to the island of Krk, so you will have to take the regular intercity bus line, which is more expensive, and these buses can be very crowded on weekends and in summer.

**There are several types of bus tickets:**

- Monthly bus pass: price 21,37 € for students and 44,06 € for non-students (city line prices)
- Round-trip ticket: price 2,80 € (city line prices). These tickets may be obtained at newsstands.
- One-way ticket (only available on the bus): price 2,00 € (city line prices).
- Day ticket: price 3,19 €
- Weekly ticket: price 12,74 €

### **How do I get a monthly bus pass?**

- Bring a photo (3 x 3.5 cm), a certificate of attendance from the administrative office of your faculty and a completed and verified application for a bus pass, which you can obtain at the Autotrolej office on Jelačić Square.
- If you have only come to Rijeka as a visitor, you are also entitled to a bus pass. It is slightly more expensive than the student pass, but the procedure is easier. Just go to the office mentioned above and bring a document, a photo and the money and you can buy your pass.

Information on city and suburban bus services can be found on the following website: [www.autotrolej.hr](http://www.autotrolej.hr), click on routes and timetable and then on city routes (inner city lines) or suburban routes (outskirts).

### **TAXI stands Rijeka**

Autobusni kolodvor – Trg Žabica 1

Centar grada – Jelačićev trg

Željeznički kolodvor – Krešimirova 5

Full list of taxi providers and their contacts can be found here: <https://visitrijeka.hr/taxi/>

## 4 Travelling to the University of Rijeka and Settling In

### 4.1 Visa Application Requirements

Foreign citizens require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia in accordance with the visa system prescribed by the Croatian government.

You do not need a visa for travelling within the EU if you are a citizen of an EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland.

Visas are normally issued by the diplomatic mission or consulate of the Republic of Croatia. A visa cannot be used as a work permit.

#### 4.1.1 Procedure

Foreign citizens who are subject to visa requirement are obligated to apply for a visa prior to their entry into the Republic of Croatia, at the authorized Croatian diplomatic mission/consular post.

If there is no Croatian diplomatic mission or consular post in the applicant's country, an application for a visa may be submitted to the nearest Croatian diplomatic mission/consular post.

As a general rule, a foreign citizen shall submit a visa application personally. Foreign citizens need not submit the application personally, but they are required to present themselves when called upon by the diplomatic mission/consular post.

A visa application for a foreign citizen who is a minor or a foreign citizen deprived of his/her business capacity shall be submitted by his/her legal representative.

Visa application shall be submitted no sooner than three months prior to the date of the intended trip.

**Foreign citizens shall enclose the following documents with the application:**

- Valid travel document (the period of validity of the travel document should exceed that of the visa's by three months, must be issued in the last 10 years, must have at least 2 empty pages left),
- Colour photo 35x45 mm,
- Evidence of paid visa fee,
- Supporting documents that prove,
- The purpose of the journey to the Republic of Croatia,
- Ensured accommodation,
- Means of subsistence to cover their stay in the Republic of Croatia and the return to their country of origin or to a third country have been provided,
- Means of transport and their intention to return to their country of origin or to a third country,
- Travel health insurance.

#### 4.1.2 Visa information

All information related to visa requirements, fees, the list of countries whose citizens require visa for Croatia as well as the Visa application form can be found at the web page of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs: <https://mvep.gov.hr/embassies-and-consulates/embassies-of-the-republic-of-croatia-in-the-world/244601>.

Note: The information on this website is subject to change. You should therefore check with your nearest Croatian diplomatic mission/consular post before travelling.

## 4.2 Requirements for Temporary Stay

### 4.2.1 Address Registration

Hotels and student dormitories register their foreign guests with the Primorsko-Goranska County Police Department. Foreign nationals (with the exception of nationals of the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) staying in a flat should register their address or change of address in person at the nearest police station of the Primorsko-Goranska County Police Administration within twenty-four hours of their arrival (excluding weekends).

The Ministry of Interior  
Primorsko-Goranska County Police  
Administration  
<https://mup.gov.hr/en>

Rijeka  
Department for foreign citizens  
Rijeka Police Station  
Trg žrtava fašizma 3  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
Tel: +385 51 430 333

Opatija  
Department for foreign citizens  
Opatija Police Station  
Ul. Maršala Tita 151  
HR-51410 Opatija  
Tel: +385 51 710 111; 710-188

There is a simple form to fill in (Form 8A: Registration and cancellation of residence or registration of a change of address) and the foreign citizen receives a receipt. If he/she changes his/her address or leaves the country during the 90-day period and returns, he/she must repeat the procedure.

#### Documents needed for the address registration:

- Passport (original and a copy),
- Form issued at the Primorsko-Goranska County Police Administration,
- A valid Croatian Identity Card of the landlord/landlady who legally owns the apartment (if a foreign citizen has already rented an apartment),
- Four copies of the Tenancy contract and four copies of the Proprietor's certificate for the rented apartment (notarized by a notary public).

### 4.2.2 Short-term stay – stay of up to 90 days, with or without visa

Foreign citizens who are not obligated to possess a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia may stay in the Republic of Croatia for a maximum of 90 days within a period of 6 months, starting from the day of their first entry.

### 4.2.3 Temporary Stay Permit on EU/EEA citizens

The students (holders of a scholarship within the following programmes: Erasmus+, Erasmus Mundus, CEEPUS, bilateral exchange) apply for the FIRST TEMPORARY STAY PERMIT in person at a local police administration or a police station in Croatia (check the Article 4.2.1 for the addresses).

EU citizens and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland must apply for a residence permit in person at the Primorsko-Goranska County Police Administration no later than 8 days after the end of their three-month stay in the Republic of Croatia.

#### The following documents should be enclosed with the application for the first temporary stay permit:

- The application for the issuance of his/her first temporary stay permit (Form 1a \*1),
- 2 colour photographs, 35 x 45 mm,

- Valid travel document (original and copy),
- Official confirmation of residence (lease contract or statement of apartment/house owner authorized and verified residence by a notary public and proof of ownership of apartment or sales contract or contract of gift),
- Official confirmation of insurance (original and copy of the health insurance policy),
- Official confirmation of subsistence means (certificate of employment with amount of income or other proof of secured means for subsistence in the Republic of Croatia. Proof of secured means of support attached to the request must be in the name of the foreigner, immediate family member or joint household family member in the approximate amount of 300.00 EUR – original and copy not older than 6 months),
- Proof of the reasons for temporary stay (Erasmus students shall receive a written confirmation by the University of Rijeka – Acceptance letter, proving their status of Erasmus exchange students),
- A copy of OIB - personal identification number (original and copy) – you will make the OIB upon arrival

#### **4.2.4 Temporary Stay Permit of non-EU citizens**

Third-country nationals can stay in the Republic of Croatia for a short stay of up to 90 days within a period of 180 days, whereby the 90-day stay can be used once or several times.

The application for a temporary stay is submitted to the diplomatic representation, i.e. the consulate of the Republic of Croatia, before entering the Republic of Croatia (for citizens who require a visa).

##### **Conditions for the granting of a temporary residence permit:**

- Prove the purpose of the temporary stay,
- Has a valid travel document; the period of validity of a foreign travel document must be three months longer than the period of validity of the temporary residence permit
- Has means of subsistence,
- Has health insurance,
- When arranging the first temporary stay, proof that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence in their home country or in the country in which they stayed for more than one year immediately before arriving in the Republic of Croatia (this proof does not have to be provided by a third-country national if they are a student or researcher from another EEA Member State)
- There is no entry and residence ban in the Republic of Croatia or a warning in the Schengen Information System for the purpose of entry ban,
- Does not pose a threat to public order, national security or public health.

The documents attached to the application must be originals or notarised copies. Documents written in a foreign language must be submitted together with the certified Croatian translation and notarised in accordance with the special provisions. The date of the documents should not be more than 6 months prior to their submission.

If the application is approved, the foreign citizen in question will receive a temporary residence permit in the form of a sticker in their travel document. The applicant should enquire at the police station where he/she applied for the temporary residence permit as to when the permit will be issued.

The authorisation for the first temporary stay, i.e. the extension of the temporary residence permit, is valid for a period of up to 1 year. The application for the extension of the temporary residence permit must be submitted to a police administration or police station no later than 30 days before the expiry of the existing temporary residence permit. If the foreign national concerned does not apply for the extension of the temporary residence permit, he or she will be fined.

### 4.3 Consular Offices in Rijeka and Opatija

The Republic of Austria  
Stipana Konzula Istranina 2  
Tel: +385 338 554  
Working hours: 9-15 h

The Kingdom of Sweden  
Riva 20  
Tel: +385 51 212 287  
Working hours: 12-13.30 h

The Kingdom of Denmark  
1. maja 58  
Tel.: +385 98 713 557  
Working hours: 11-13 h

The Kingdom of Norway  
Žrtava fašizma 2/II  
Tel: +385 335 827; 335 831  
Working hours: 8-16 h

The Republic of Finland  
Kumičićeva 13  
Tel.: +385 51 218 756 / +385 51 686 301  
Working hours: 9-13 h

Romania  
Korzo 2/A  
Tel.: +385 51 315 033  
Working hours: 15.9.-15.6. Wed: 10-12 h / 15.6.-  
15.9. Mon, Wed, Fri 10-12 h

The Kingdom Maroko  
Adresa: Užarska ulica 17/III  
Tel.: +385 51 807 221  
Working hours: Tue, Thu 10-12 h

The Republic of Serbia  
Erazma Barčića 9  
Tel: +385 51 337 420; 337 421  
Working hours: 9-13 h

The Italian Republic  
Riva 16  
Tel.: +385 51 355 200  
Working hours: 9-12 h

### 4.4 Health Insurance

All foreign students must have health insurance during their stay in Croatia. It is best to take out insurance in your home country that also covers your stay in Croatia. They can use the international health insurance of your home country or take out insurance with a health insurance company of your choice.

EU citizens and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland can apply for the European Health Insurance Card (or EHIC) from their country's healthcare organisation before travelling to Croatia.

The European Health Insurance Card is issued free of charge and enables anyone who is insured under an EU statutory social security scheme to receive medical treatment in another Member State free of charge or at a reduced rate if such treatment becomes necessary during their stay. It covers the costs of the treatment required to enable you to continue your stay until your planned return. The EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. It does not cover private medical treatment. It is therefore advisable to have both an EHIC and valid private travel insurance.

### 4.5 How to Arrive to Rijeka

#### 4.5.1 By Train [www.hzpp.hr/en](http://www.hzpp.hr/en)

You can reach Rijeka from Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, in less than 3 hours. The fastest means of transport is the Inter-City train from Zagreb to Rijeka, which runs twice a day. There are also daily direct trains to Rijeka from Ljubljana, Budapest, Munich and Vienna. It is very difficult to reach Rijeka by train from the southern parts of Croatia.

Train station – Rijeka  
Trg kralja Tomislava 1  
51 000 Rijeka  
Tel: +385 60 333 444  
Tel: +385 51 211 304

#### **4.5.2 By Air**

Rijeka Airport is located on the island of Krk, which is connected to the mainland by the Krk Bridge. The airport is about 27 km from Rijeka city centre. You can reach Rijeka city centre in about 45 minutes by bus operated by Croatia Airlines. Please check the website [www.rijeka-airport.hr](http://www.rijeka-airport.hr) for available flights.

However, there are several airports that are relatively easy to reach from Rijeka. Zagreb Airport (175 km from Rijeka) offers flights to all major European cities (Paris, London, Amsterdam, Zurich, Frankfurt, Brussels, Düsseldorf, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Munich, Sarajevo, Skopje and Mostar) as well as to many other cities (via Frankfurt). It is also possible to take a direct bus to/from Zagreb airport to/from Rijeka every afternoon. The bus journey to Rijeka takes 2 hours and the buses are generally comfortable.

Other airports close to Rijeka are: Brnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia) (138 km from Rijeka), Ronchi dei Legionari (Trieste, Italy) (112 km from Rijeka), Pula (97 km from Rijeka) and Marco Polo (Venice, Italy) (223 km from Rijeka).

Zagreb Airport (ZAG)  
Ul. Rudolfa Fizira 21  
10410 Zagreb  
Tel: +385 1 4562 170  
[www.zagreb-airport.hr](http://www.zagreb-airport.hr)

Rijeka Airport (RJK)  
Hamec 1  
51513 Omišalj  
Tel: +385 99 525 8911  
[www.rijeka-airport.hr](http://www.rijeka-airport.hr)

Pula Airport (PUY)  
Valtursko polje 210  
52100 Pula  
Tel: +385 52 550 926  
[www.airport-pula.hr](http://www.airport-pula.hr)

#### **4.5.3 By Coach**

ARRIVA offers regular international bus connections between cities and tourist centres of the Republic of Croatia and larger cities in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, France, Great Britain, all neighbouring countries and seasonally with the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

Central Coach Station Rijeka  
Žabica 1  
Info Tel: +385 51 660 660  
Fax: +385 51 211 988  
[www.arriva.com.hr](http://www.arriva.com.hr)  
[info@arriva.com.hr](mailto:info@arriva.com.hr)

#### **4.5.4 How to get to Opatija**

Opatija is quite easy to reach from Rijeka. A local bus (bus line 32) runs from Jelačić Square in Rijeka to Opatija approximately every 20 minutes.



## 4.6 Accommodation and Living

### 4.6.1 University Student Dormitories - Housing Services for Students



Student Centre Rijeka /  
Dormitory Trsat  
Radmile Matejčić 5  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
Tel: ++385 51 584 544  
Email: [dom@scri.hr](mailto:dom@scri.hr)

Student Dormitories  
Ivan Goran Kovačić  
Franje Čandeka 4  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
Tel: ++385 51 672 422  
Email: [dom@scri.hr](mailto:dom@scri.hr)  
[www.scri.uniri.hr](http://www.scri.uniri.hr)

*Photos: Dormitory Trsat by Domagoj Blažević*

The Rijeka Student Centre comprises two student dormitories: student dormitory Ivan Goran Kovačić residence and the new student dormitory Trsat on Kampus, which opened in July 2016. Life in student dormitories is organised according to the needs and requirements of the students. It includes an appropriate standard of living and dining. Students can satisfy their cultural and sporting needs and live in a safe environment.

Student dormitory Ivan Goran Kovačić Student Residence provides accommodation for full-time students, students on international exchange and mobility programmes, students on internships and full-time students who are victims of a major tragic accident. of larger scale. The dormitory consists of five buildings. The total capacity of student dormitory Ivan Goran Kovačić is 642 beds for students and 16 beds for visiting professors. In the dormitory there is a laundry room with equipment for glazing, a classroom, a computer room, a restaurant Mini, a kitchenette and a bathroom on each floor, a small gym, two sports fields and a terrace. All rooms have free internet access.



Student dormitory „Trsat“ offers 36 beds for Erasmus students. The new student dormitory has: a laundry room with equipment for glazing, a classroom, a large computer room, a fitness room, a restaurant, a pizzeria, a coffee bar and so on. All rooms have free internet access. The rooms are equipped with all necessary appliances and offer a high quality student life to the users of the accommodation. These rooms are available in the period from 1 September to 15 July.

The number of beds reserved for Erasmus students is limited. Rooms are allocated to students on a „first-come, first-served“ basis.

During the summer (from 1 July to 27 September), Erasmus students can be accommodated in a double room in Pavilion 1 in Student dormitory „Ivan Goran Kovačić“.

#### 4.6.2 Hotels and Hostel

Hotel accommodation in the region is quite expensive (€100/day and more).

Grand Hotel Bonavia  
Dolac 4  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
Tel: ++385 51 357 980  
[bonavia@plavalaguna.hr](mailto:bonavia@plavalaguna.hr)  
[www.bonavia.hr](http://www.bonavia.hr)

Hotel Continental  
Šetalište Andrije Kačića-Miošića 1  
Tel: ++385 51 372 008  
[www.jadran-hoteli.hr](http://www.jadran-hoteli.hr)  
[continental@jadran-hoteli.hr](mailto:continental@jadran-hoteli.hr)

Hotel Jadran  
Šetalište XIII. divizije 46  
Tel: ++385 51 216 600  
[www.jadran-hoteli.hr](http://www.jadran-hoteli.hr)  
[jadran@jadran-hoteli.hr](mailto:jadran@jadran-hoteli.hr)

HI Hostel Rijeka  
Šetalište XIII. divizije 23  
Tel: ++385 51 406 420  
<https://www.hicroatia.com/hostel/hi-hostel-rijeka/rijeka@hicroatia.com>

Hostel Dharma  
Spinčičeva 2  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
Tel: +385 51 562 108,  
Mob: +385 95 844 9567  
[www.dharmahostels.com](http://www.dharmahostels.com)  
[info@dharmahostels.co](mailto:info@dharmahostels.co)

Prenočište Kantrida  
Bujska 10  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
+385 51 262 111  
<https://www.prenociste-kantrida.com/>  
[prenociste@stm.hr](mailto:prenociste@stm.hr)

HI Hostel Rijeka, a beautiful 19th century villa, is located in a lovely residential neighbourhood (called Pećine) overlooking the Adriatic Sea. It is only a 15-minute walk from the city centre, but the local bus stops right in front of the hostel. Capacity is limited (61 beds) and booking in advance is strongly recommended. Erasmus students receive a 20% discount on the hostel rates.

Facilities include a reception (0-24), restaurant, TV room, seminar room, internet access, tourist information and vending machines with hot and cold drinks.

Dharma Hostel promotes holistic tourism and focuses on the holistic system that integrates body, mind and spirit to create a balanced, self-renewing and sustainable tourism and the relationship between people, buildings and the environment in connection with the natural cycles of the region.

Dharma Hostel services include sleeping facilities, various forms of active holidays (yoga, anti-stress techniques, meditation, excursions, etc.) and healthy vegetarian cuisine.

There are several other recently opened hostels that offer accommodation to students and young travellers. Some of them are:

Hostel Korzo  
Korzo 18  
<https://www.hostel-korzo.com/>

Hostel Kosy  
Užarska 1  
<https://visitrijeka.hr/hostel-kosy/>

Botel Marina Hostel  
Adamićev Gat  
[www.botel-marina.com/en](http://www.botel-marina.com/en)

Fun Hostel  
Šetalište XIII. divizije 28  
<https://www.facebook.com/funhostelrijeka/>

The full list of hostels in Rijeka can be found here: <https://visitrijeka.hr/en/accommodation/>

#### 4.6.3 Private Housing

The members of the Erasmus Student Network ([www.facebook.com/ErasmusRijeka/](http://www.facebook.com/ErasmusRijeka/)) and your Erasmus buddies will also be able to help you find suitable accommodation.

**The estimated prices for accommodation are as follows:**

- Room (with a landlord): €250–€350 per month
- Flat: €400–€600 per month

Prices vary depending on the size of the flat, central heating, location, overall comfort, etc. Service charges are sometimes included in the price and sometimes paid by the consumer. Payment is expected at the beginning of the month, while some landlords require payment for several months in advance.

The easiest way to rent a room or a flat is to place an advert in a newspaper or in the classifieds, for example in Butiga, Burza (free) and Novi List (paid).

The best time for apartment hunting is August and the beginning of September, as well as in between semesters (February). The end of September and October are the worst periods for apartment searching because many students are searching at that time, thus prices are higher and it is more difficult to find good value for money.

#### 4.6.4 Living expenses

Taking everything into account, the monthly cost of living should be around €830 (€500 for accommodation plus utilities, €300 for food, €30 for public transport). However, much depends on your own lifestyle and the accommodation you choose. The following prices are only a rough estimate for orientation purposes:

Bread	€1.5	Coke	€3.0
Beer	€3.0	Hamburger	€7.0
Coffee	€2.0	Pizza	€12.0

#### 4.6.5 Student identity card (X-card)

Erasmus students studying at the University of Rijeka are entitled to a student card (X-Card) during their stay in Rijeka. With it, they can eat in student cafés and restaurants at a reduced price. It serves as proof of student status and can also be used for a discount on some tickets and services.

The faculties provide students with identity cards (X-cards). Upon arrival in Rijeka, Erasmus students should contact their faculties in this regard. In order to obtain the X-card, students must apply for a personal identification number (OIB in Croatian) at the Tax Department (Riva 2, Rijeka). They must fill in the form they receive there and bring the original and a copy of their passport. The Tax Department will issue the OIB number on the same day.

**Subsidized meals in student restaurants in Rijeka – where to use X card:**

- Restaurant "Kampus", Radmile Matejčić 5
- Restaurant "Indeks", Krešimirova ul. 18
- Restaurant "Mini", Čandekova ul. 4
- Slano i slatko, Trg 128. brigade Republike Hrvatske

For all student restaurants and coffee shops, follow the link provided below:

<https://www.scri.uniri.hr/prehrana>

## 5 The University of Rijeka



Rector's Office  
Trg braće Mažuranića 10  
HR-51000 Rijeka  
T: +385 51 406 500  
E-mail: [ured@uniri.hr](mailto:ured@uniri.hr)  
[www.uniri.hr](http://www.uniri.hr)

The modern university was founded on 17 May 1973, but the first university was founded by the Jesuits in 1627 and enjoyed the same status as the academies in the largest cities of the Austrian Empire. The Faculty of Philosophy, founded in 1726, was in operation for two years. The Faculty of Theology was founded in 1728. From 1773 to 1780 Rijeka was the headquarter of the Royal Academy.

The University of Rijeka has matured into a modern European university and a centre of excellence whose impact extends beyond the region. The University of Rijeka is a research-, science- and education-orientated university that supports the social and economic development of our municipality, the city of Rijeka and the entire region.

The University of Rijeka currently consists of 15 faculties and 1 academy, as well as the University Library and Student Centre, which are located at various locations in Rijeka and Opatija. All faculties together offer 368 study programmes, including 15 study programmes in English.

The University of Rijeka is home to almost 20,000 people: 16,153 students (full-time and part-time) and 3171 academic and non-academic staff. Based on more than 760 Erasmus agreements with universities from 29 countries, we ensure the international mobility of more than 1600 students.

### **The University of Rijeka is a member of:**

- Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance
- Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN)
- Western Balkans Rectors' Forum (WBRF)
- Inter-University Centre of Post Graduate Studies in Dubrovnik (IUC)
- European University Association (EUA)
- Network of the Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian Basin (UniAdriion)
- Alps Adria Rectors' Conference (AARC)
- Central European Initiative University Network (CEI).

### **And a participant in:**

- ERASMUS+ programme,
- Horizon 2020, other EU programmes,
- CEEPUS (The Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies),
- Fulbright Programme.

In 2020, the University of Rijeka was included for the first time in one of the most recognised rankings of world universities, QS World University Rankings, placing it among the 4.5-5.5 percent of the best universities in the world. After being included in another prestigious ranking, the Round University Ranking (RUR) by Clarivate Analytics, the University of Rijeka is now also recognised as one of the best by the prestigious QS World University Rankings and placed on the Top 1000 list, which is headed by renowned universities from the world of higher education.

After joining the YUFE initiative in December 2018 and contributing to the YUFE project as an associated partner since June 2019, the University of Rijeka's continued efforts and active engagement have resulted in it being granted full member status of the YUFE consortium. Full member status was granted by the European Commission following a formal application by the YUFE Alliance. This puts the University of Rijeka on an equal footing with other member universities from Belgium, Cyprus, England, Finland, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain and will give it even more responsibility in helping to shape the first European university of the future, which is open to domestic and international students from all disciplines.

After being included in the QS World University Ranking and becoming a full member of YUFE, UNIRI became one of the first universities to join the Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN) as part of the first enlargement process since its foundation in 2015.

This progress is the result of our continuous efforts in the areas of research, education and science, which will allow us to continue to ensure the quality and international relevance of our teaching, scientific, artistic and professional work in the years to come.

## **5.1 The University of Rijeka Member Institutions**

### **Academy:**

- Academy of Applied Arts

### **Faculties:**

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Maritime Studies
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Teacher Education
- Faculty of Health Studies
- Faculty of Dental Studies
- Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies
- Faculty of Mathematics
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Research
- Faculty of Speech and Language Pathology

### **Other Member Institutions**

- Rijeka Student Centre
- University Library Rijeka
- The Foundation of the University of Rijeka

## Organizations

- Student Union
- Rijeka University Sports Association
- Association Erasmus Student Network Rijeka (ESN Rijeka)

## 5.2 International Mobility / Erasmus Centre



*Photo: UNIRI International Mobility Centre by Luka Mjeda*

The cooperation of the University of Rijeka with foreign universities, scientific and research institutions, international agencies and associations is an important area of development. It is also considered one of its fundamental goals

The University's openness towards society and the world is a prerequisite for its further development. Openness and contacts with foreign institutions are seen as an instrument for measuring progress and accepting the world's leading criteria in research and education.

The main focus is on participation in bilateral and multilateral research programmes, mobility programmes for students, exchange programmes for young researchers and university teachers and securing scholarships and grants for professional development.

The University endeavours to promote all existing forms of international cooperation and to create conditions for new models of international cooperation. The University of Rijeka promotes and facilitates student mobility through the Erasmus programme.

The International Mobility Centre is responsible for the Erasmus programme at the University of Rijeka, specifically for Key Action 1, the individual mobility of students and staff. UNIRI joined the Erasmus programme in 2009 and has since signed over 900 bilateral Erasmus agreements with universities from most EU countries. This co-operation includes student and staff exchanges. Since 2009, more than 2800 students from the University of Rijeka and 1300 staff members have participated in Erasmus. Since 2011, the University of Rijeka has welcomed more than 3400 new students and 1500 new staff members. Mobility numbers are increasing rapidly. Today, the International Mobility Centre of the University of Rijeka manages more than 800 incoming/outgoing students and 500 incoming/outgoing staff per academic year.

Student mobility and the accompanying academic recognition are seen as necessary prerequisites for an open and dynamic European educational area that will facilitate European integration and labour market mobility.



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### 5.3 ESN Rijeka



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#### What is ESN?

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the largest interdisciplinary student organisation in Europe, which has been supporting and promoting international student exchanges since 1989. It consists of around 15,000 members from over 550 local chapters in 43 countries at higher education institutions, including universities, universities of applied sciences and university colleges. The network offers its services to around 200,000 international students each year.

ESN Rijeka is a voluntary student organisation that is part of the Erasmus Student Network and, with the support and in cooperation with the International Relations Office of the University of Rijeka, takes care of exchange students arriving in Rijeka and local students leaving for their exchange stay. The members of the organisation, who work under the motto „Students helping students“, have the common goal of creating a connection between Erasmus students and between Erasmus students and the local community, so that their stay is educational and filled with unforgettable and fun experiences and friendships.

We facilitate the social and personal integration of international students and provide help, guidance and valuable information to both incoming and outgoing exchange students. We represent the needs and views of exchange students at local, national and international level and provide relevant information on academic exchange programmes and student mobility in general.

## History

ESN Rijeka is a young section that has been involved in the Erasmus Student Network and mobility programmes in Europe since 2012. However, the members are very active and motivated to make Rijeka and Croatia the best Erasmus places they can be.

In the beginning, our members were exclusively former Erasmus students who have come to know and love this international family that is the Erasmus exchange, but over the years many younger members, local students, have applied without ever having participated in an exchange. It is the good reputation of Erasmus student activities and ESN in Rijeka that has made them want to join in, help out and have fun!

### Activities towards incoming students

Starting an Erasmus chapter in a new city with a completely different culture and environment can be a difficult step. That is why we are here to help Erasmus students discover the beauties of Rijeka and its surroundings.

We offer our help through the ESN Buddy Programme, where Erasmus students are paired with a local student who helps them with general information about our beautiful Rijeka, finding accommodation, administrative matters and getting to know the local culture. This connection often goes beyond mere help and develops into a long-lasting friendship.

A welcome week is also organised each semester to help Erasmus students get to know each other and integrate, with a city tour, introductory events and parties.

Throughout the semester, regular activities such as national and international excursions, cultural, humanitarian and sporting events as well as educational workshops, outdoor activities, but also social gatherings can be expected, all organised by ESN Rijeka and all with the aim of making the Erasmus exchange an unforgettable time and giving Rijeka the chance to become a well-known and truly international student city.

We also offer Erasmus students and ESN volunteers the opportunity to purchase an ESNcard. The ESNcard is the membership card of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). It gives you access to all the services offered by ESN and all our partners. The aim of the ESNcard - or ESN membership - is to support international students and interns and give them access to affordable opportunities during their stay abroad. With the ESNcard, you can enjoy numerous discounts - accommodation, sports, food, bars, etc. - throughout Europe. You also have the opportunity to take part in hundreds of events organised by your ESN section and other sections in your destination country and beyond during your membership.

Are you interested in a student exchange in Rijeka, but still have doubts? You can always contact us by email or via our Facebook page and we will be happy to help you!

## 5.4 The Rijeka School of Croatian Studies

The Rijeka School of Croatian Studies is part of the Department of Croatian Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Rijeka.

It offers courses in Croatian as a second or foreign language. The courses offered vary in duration (number of lessons), content, objectives and intensity. Each course combines language lessons with lessons on Croatian culture and civilisation.

The Rijeka School of Croatian Studies promotes the Croatian language, literature and culture on an international level, develops modern methods for teaching Croatian as a second or foreign language, promotes mobility and organises tests for Croatian as a second or foreign language. Other goals include the development and production of standardised test and teaching materials, the organisation of academic and professional conferences and the implementation of specialist, translation and teaching projects to promote the Croatian language, literature and culture abroad. The school co-operates with



other domestic and foreign institutions that share its goals, with Croatian language teachers at foreign universities and academic institutions and with scholars in Croatia and abroad and establishes links with Croatian emigrants.

Prospective Erasmus students are recommended to choose the following courses: Croatian as a Foreign Language 1 (beginner level), Croatian as a Foreign Language 2 (intermediate level) and Croatian as a Foreign Language 3 (advanced level). Each course consists of 60 lessons, two hours/twice a week, and corresponds to 4 ECTS credits.

The courses are part of the Learning Agreement, and the student should inform the host Erasmus coordinator at the UNIRI faculty about the course participation.

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## 5.5 Erasmus coordinators

Please consult the page below for the contact details of the Erasmus coordinator at the faculty you will be studying at.

<https://uniri.hr/en/about-university/international-relations-and-erasmus/institutional-erasmus-coordinators/>

## 5.6 The Academic Year and the Examinations

### Winter semester:

Lectures begin:

- beginning of October – for freshmen
- a week later, in October – for sophomores, juniors and seniors

Lectures end:

- end of January

### Summer semester:

Lectures begin:

- beginning of March

Lectures end:

- mid-June

### Examination Periods:

Winter examination period: February

Summer examination period: from mid-June to mid-July

Autumn examination period: September

## 5.7 Teaching System

For most studies, students can expect a more or less equal mix of theoretical lectures and practical work, often in the form of seminars held for a restricted number of students.

Final assessment for most programmes takes place at the end of the semester/year by written and oral examinations for each of the courses attended. Usually, the final assessment is based on performance recorded during the semester.

## 5.8 The Grading System in Croatia

Grades range from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest possible grade.

Croatian Marks	Approximate Equivalent
5	Excellent
4	Very good
3	Good
2	Satisfactory
1	Unsatisfactory

In addition to the traditional grading system, an ECTS compatible grading system (A to F) is also in place.

## 5.9 Diversity, Inclusion and Student Support

University of Rijeka includes a number of student services related to different aspects of support and counselling. Official services (free of charge) are provided within the University Counselling Centre and include Psychological Counselling Centre, Office for Students with Disabilities and Career Office.

University of Rijeka is committed to assisting all students who have permanent, occasional or temporary difficulties in the implementation of daily academic activities due to illness or impairment. Students who require additional support or assistance regarding their disability or special educational need (e.g. visual, hearing, physical impairments, learning disabilities or illnesses) should contact the Office for students with disabilities as soon as they are enrolled to University of Rijeka and before classes start. Office activities are tailored to individual student needs (e.g. exam exemptions, peer support or specialized transportation).

Like any other part of life, studying may also bring various challenges which can sometimes be easy to deal with, but sometimes also interfere with student's everyday lives. For this reason, the University's Psychological Counselling Office offers students professional psychological help needed to improve the quality of studying and life or achieve their academic goals. Common activities include individual and group counselling, online learning assistance or psychoeducational resources (leaflets, brochures, workshops, lectures...).

University's Career Office provides students with professional assistance related to managing their careers, supports them in developing entrepreneurial skills, educates students how to increase their prospects on the labour market and connects them with potential employers. This is achieved through various activities like counselling, informing, educations or research.

UNIRI is committed to diversity and inclusion and aims towards addressing student's individual needs. For more information on student support services and Diversity & Inclusion at UNIRI contact us at [diversity@uniri.hr](mailto:diversity@uniri.hr).

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## 6 Member Institutions

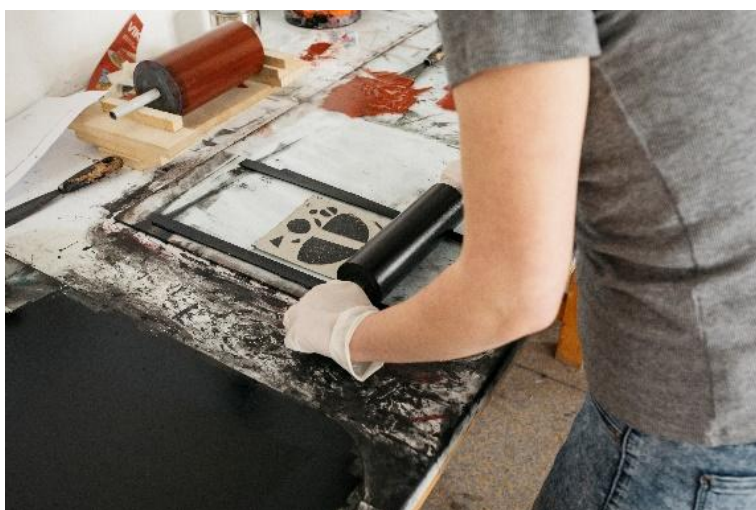
### 6.1 Academy of Applied Arts



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*Photos: Academy of Applied Arts, Karlo  
Čargonja & Ivan Vranjić*

The Academy of Applied Arts in Rijeka has its roots in the Department of Fine Arts, founded in 1963 at the Teacher's Training College in Rijeka as a two-year study. With the establishment of the Faculty of Education in 1977, the Department of Fine Arts started the programme of four-year study in the academic year of 1979/1980 and enrolled the first generation of students who would graduate as professors. In 1998, the Faculty of Education was renamed into the Faculty of Philosophy, so that the Department of Art Education and Fine Arts became an integral part of this higher education institution. During that period, the quality of the study gradually increased and the result of such education became evident in the emergence of many prominent art educators, artists and art historians both in the city of Rijeka and in the surrounding region. The Department of Art Education experienced further development in 2003, when the Department officially emancipated from Department of History of Art, which represents the beginning of the constitution of the Academy of Applied Arts.



In 2004, the Academy received a work licence issued by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, and in November 2005, the Academy was constituted as a new artistic educational institution of the University of Rijeka, as the only higher education institution in Croatia that fosters applied arts. Soon the Academy became attractive for the students from all the parts of Croatia.

The Academy is founded as an institution that fosters continuous propulsive varieties of styles, materials, ideas, and a strong and distinctive tradition of artists and educators and their works. The aim is to improve the aesthetic and intellectual environment which encourages and teaches the highest level of creativity and critical thinking, encouraged by implementation of two main undergraduate and graduate study programmes, Art Education and Applied Arts, which occurred in academic year 2005/2006, and the study programme Media Arts and Practices, started as the pilot study programme in 2013/2014. From the

academic year 2015/2016 the undergraduate study of Acting and Media became part of the study programmes of the Academy as well as the graduate study of Acting.

Graduate study programme of Visual Communication and Graphic Design started in the academic year 2017/2018 and the undergraduate study of Graphic Design and Visual Communications in 2020/2021.

Academy has also established four Centres of the Academy, in order to increase visibility of the Academy in public and provide its graduate students and Alumni with the opportunity for further professional development.

Centre for Innovative Media is active from the year 2017, Quark – Centre for ceramics from 2018, Centre for Design and Production from 2017 and Centre for Glass and Mosaic from 2021. So far Academy has partnered up with 34 universities within the scope of Erasmus+ and CEEPUS programmes.

Today Academy of Applied Arts is a propulsive art institution with the strategy of contemporary approach within the wide field of fine arts, applied arts, art education and acting and media, and with affirmative impact on community and job market.

Undergraduate studies	Course / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Art Education		6	180	Bachelor of Arts in Art Education
Applied Arts		6	180	Bachelor of Arts in Applied Arts
Acting and Media		6	180	Bachelor of Arts in Acting and Media
Graphic Design and Visual Communication		6	180	Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Visual Communication
Graduate studies	Course / Module	Duration in number of semesters	ECTS credits	Academic title acquired upon completion
Art Education		4	120	Master of Arts in Art Education
Applied Arts		4	120	Master of Arts in Applied Arts
Media Arts and Practices		4	120	Master of Arts in Media Arts and Practices
Acting		4	120	Master of Acting
Visual Communication and Graphic Design		4	120	Master of Visual Communications and Graphic Design

## 6.2 Faculty of Economics and Business



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Čargonja & Ivan Vranjić*

The Faculty of Economics and Business was founded in mid-1961 as a part of the University of Zagreb. Once the University of Rijeka was founded in 1973, the Faculty became its member. In 2020/2021, the Faculty of Economics and Business in Rijeka celebrated its 60th anniversary, sixty years of continuous teaching in the field of economics and business.

Since 2005/2006, the Faculty of Economics and Business has been running university study programmes in line with the Bologna Declaration, within two lines of studies: Economics and Business Economics. While developing new study programmes, the Faculty opted for the 3+2+3 model, i.e. after three years of studying at the undergraduate level, students obtain an university bachelor' degree. After two years of additional studies at the graduate level, they obtain a master's degree. After attending three years of postgraduate doctoral studies, students obtain a doctoral degree. The Faculty is also running several 1-year and 1,5-year postgraduate specialist programs in varies areas.

In addition to higher education, the Faculty carries out scientific and professional work. As a part of this activity, international cooperation of the Faculty stands out as a particularly important segment that is growing and developing through various forms of cooperation with many international universities and institutions. Other important segment of the Faculty is the scientific research work, which concerns a publishing activity through its own Proceedings - The Journal of Economics and Business, which has been abstracted and indexed in SCOPUS, SSCI, ESCI, JCR, EBSCO, EconLit, SocINDEX and ERIH PLUS databases. It is also important to mention the individual scientific work of Faculty's teaching staff, which regularly publishes their papers in national and international scientific and professional journals.

The Faculty of Economics and Business is an institution that successfully develops scientific projects funded by Croatian Science Foundation as well as EU founded projects. The Faculty also carries out professional and feasibility studies, seminars, conferences and other scientific and research activities for purposes of the local and national economy and the local government.

Furthermore, the Faculty is a full member of the prestigious EFMD - European Foundation for Management Development in Brussels (also EPAS-accredited) and the full member of the AACSB - Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, enjoying also partnerships within the PILA - Publishers International Linking Association, the CESENET - Central and South-East European PhD Network, the CEDIMES - Centre for Studies in International Development and Economic and Social Movements in Paris, the CEEPUS Network (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) , the NISPAcee - Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe, the EDAMBA (European Doctoral programs Association in Management & Business Administration), the PILA (Publishers International Linking Association, Inc.) and the EASE (The European Association of Science Editors).



Photo: Faculty of Economics,  
Faculty archives

Since 2011/2012 the Faculty runs a regular English-taught study program in International Business at both study levels bachelor and master, intended for international students, exchange students (Erasmus/CEEPUS), freemovers but also for Croatian students who want to attend their studies in English.

Undergraduate studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Business Economics	Finance (also online) Marketing International Business Management (also online) Entrepreneurship (also online)	6	180	Bachelor in Business Economics
	International Business (entirely lectured in English)	6	180	
Graduate studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Business Economics	Finance (also online) Marketing International Business Management (also online) Entrepreneurship (also online)	4	120	Master in Business Economics
	International Business (entirely lectured in English)	4	120	
Integrated undergraduate and graduate studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Economics	Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study	10	300	Master in Economics
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree

Economics and Business Economics	Economics Business Economics	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy – PhD (in the respective field)
The joint PhD programme Governance and Economics in the Public Sector	Economics Public Governance	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy – PhD (in the respective field)
Postgraduate – specialist studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Energy Economics - MBA		2	60	University Specialist in Energy Economics (MBA)
Health Economics – MBA		2	60	University Specialist in Health Economics (MBA)
Finance		2	60	University Specialist in Finance
Controlling		3	60	University Specialist in Controlling
E-business Intelligence		2	60	University Specialist in E-business Intelligence
Marketing Management		2	60	University Specialist in Marketing Management
Public Sector Management		2	60	University Specialist in Public Sector Management
Security Management in EU		2	60	University Specialist in Security Management in European Union
Doing Business with the EU		2	60	University Specialist in Doing Business with the European Union
Accounting		2	60	University Specialist in Accounting
Business Performance Management		3	90	University Specialist in Business Performance Management



## 6.3 Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management



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Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management, University of Rijeka was established in 1960 and during the course of time it has undergone various stages and organizational forms. Since 1974 it has been a constituent of the University of Rijeka. The Faculty is situated in Opatija, one of the leading tourist destinations in Croatia. Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management contributes largely to the tourism sector in Croatia in the area of science and education of human resources. The goal of the teaching staff of the Faculty is to support the development of the Croatian model of tourism through their pedagogical and scientific engagement. Nowadays, the Faculty is actively engaged in numerous research projects at home and abroad and also in the organization of scientific and professional conferences and meetings.

Strategic orientation of the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management is to strengthen its position as a highly respected institution of higher education for tourism, hospitality and sustainable development in the Republic of Croatia and to disseminate knowledge throughout the wider regional area. Accordingly, special emphasis is on the quality improvement of the teaching process and scientific research. Also, special attention is paid to the development of individuals and institutions as a whole, to the public activities of the teaching staff and employees, as well as to the role of the Faculty in improving the quality of life in the community.

Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management has recognized the importance of internationalization of higher education and therefore following activities are carried out by the Office for the international cooperation:

- Developing international cooperation with partner institutions in Europe and worldwide
- Encouraging mobility of students, teachers and non-teaching staff (Erasmus+, CEEPUS and YUFE programs)
- Participation in international projects
- Developing international educational programs
- Increasing the number of members in renowned associations etc.



Faculty is a member of four CEEPUS networks: "Amadeus", CESEENet, Tasa network – Tourism and Agriculture Sustainable Alliances and "Education without Frontiers". As a part of the Erasmus+ mobility program Faculty currently has more than 60 signed contracts with partners all over Europe. Every year international students can enrol in a number of subjects taught in English language under either Erasmus or CEEPUS student exchange programme.

*Photo: Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality management, Faculty archives*

For academic year 2023/2024 the faculty offered all together 36 undergraduate and 3 graduate-level subjects.

Undergraduate studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Business Administration in Tourism and Hospitality Management	Hospitality Management	8	240	Bachelor of economics (univ.bacc.oec.)
Management of Sustainable Development		8	240	Bachelor of Economics (univ.bacc.oec.)
Undergraduate study in English: HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT		8	240	Bachelor of Economics (univ.bacc.oec.)
Graduate studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Tourism Marketing		2	60	Master of Economics (mag.oec.)
Tourism Management		2	60	Master of Economics (mag.oec.)
Hospitality Management		2	60	Master of Economics (mag.oec.)
Sustainable Tourism Development		2	60	Master of Economics (mag.oec.)
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Business Administration in Tourism and Hospitality Industry		6	180	Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. (Doctor of Economic Science)
Management of Sustainable Development	Management of Sustainable Tourism Development	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. (Doctor of Economic Science)
	Regional and Local Sustainable Development			
	Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development			
Graduate professional studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Joint study Master of Sustainable Outdoor Hospitality Management		4	120	Professional specialist in Sustainable Outdoor Hospitality Management

## 6.4 Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



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Throughout its history, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has undergone several changes. For twenty years it operated as the Vocational College of Education and Teacher Training College. In 1977, when the Faculty of Industrial Education and the Teacher Training Colleges of Rijeka, Pula and Gospić merged and became a part of the University of Rijeka, the Faculty of Education was established. In 1998, the Faculty of Education was registered under the name Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.



Photo: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty archives

The mission of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is to provide excellence in education to students in pursuit of bachelors, masters and PhD degrees in the fields of social sciences and humanities. In the academic year 2005/2006, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences introduced comprehensive changes in line with the objectives defined by the Bologna Declaration, and adopted the three-cycles of higher education qualification and the ECTS.

Undergraduate studies (single major)	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Croatian Language and Literature		6	180	Bachelor of Croatian Language and Literature
Psychology		6	180	Bachelor of Psychology
Pedagogy		6	180	Bachelor of Pedagogy
Cultural Studies		6	180	Bachelor of Cultural Studies
Undergraduate studies (double major – free combinations)	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Croatian Language and Literature		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of Croatian Language and Literature
English Language and Literature		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of English Language and Literature
German Language and Literature		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of German Language and Literature
Italian Language and Literature		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of Italian Language and Literature
Philosophy		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of Philosophy
History		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of History
History of Art		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of History of Art
Pedagogy		6	(90) 180	Bachelor of Pedagogy
Graduate studies (single major)	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Croatian Language and Literature	Teaching / general	4	120	Master of (Education) Croatian Language and Literature
Psychology		4	120	Master of Psychology
Cultural Studies		4	120	Master of Cultural Studies
Pedagogy		4	120	Master of Pedagogy
Translation		4	120	Master of translatology: translator
Graduate studies (double major – free combination)	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion of programme
Croatian Language and Literature	Teaching	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) Croatian Language and Literature
English Language and Literature	Teaching	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) English Language and Literature
German Language and Literature	Teaching	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) German Language and Literature
Italian Language and Literature	Teaching/ general	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) Italian Language and Literature

Philosophy	Teaching/ general	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) Philosophy
History	Teaching	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) History
History and Heritage Interpretation	General	4	(60) 120	Master of Arts in History and Heritage Interpretation
History of Art	Teaching/ general	4	(60) 120	Master of (Education) History of Art
Pedagogy		4	(60) 120	Master of Pedagogy
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
History of Croatian Language and Dialectology		6	180	PhD in Humanities, field of Philology, Croatian language branch
Philosophy and Contemporaneity (international)		6	180	PhD in Humanities, field of Philosophy
Pedagogy		6	180	PhD in Pedagogy
Postgraduate doctoral study programme in Psychology		6	180	PhD in Social Sciences, field of Psychology
Publishing and The Media		6	180	PhD in Humanities, interdisciplinary field of Humanities
Postgraduate – specialist studies	Stream	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Counselling Psychology		4	120	University Specialist Postgraduate Degree in Counselling Psychology
Translation		2	60	Postgraduate Diploma in Translation

## 6.5 Faculty of Civil Engineering



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The Faculty of Civil Engineering of the University of Rijeka was founded in 1969 and offers various university and vocational educational programmes in civil engineering. The Faculty is an active and internationally recognised partner in the promotion of existing and creation of new knowledge in the field of civil engineering and related scientific disciplines. We collaborate for scientific and educational purposes with universities and departments around the world.

Hosting students under the Erasmus+ programme is one of our strategic goals, in which we see a great opportunity for collaboration with other faculties and progress. The Faculty of Civil Engineering is a socially responsible and open faculty - open to incoming students, teaching staff, researchers, but also to modern trends in higher education. In our system, students are at the centre of the educational process, and the system of teaching and learning is continuously monitored for quality. Quality assurance is based on the provisions of the Act on Quality Assurance in Science and Higher Education, the general acts of the University of Rijeka and the applicable European standards.

We are located at Radmile Matejčić 3 in Rijeka, in a building of approximately 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>, with a total of 14 lecture halls with modern equipment, six practicum, three IT cabinets, two rooms for independent student work, a library with a spacious reading room equipped with computers, and five fully equipped laboratories (Laboratory for Geotechnical Engineering, Laboratory for Hydraulic Engineering, Structural Engineering Laboratory, Laboratory for Materials, Laboratory for Transport Engineering)

The faculty offers the following study programmes:

### UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMMES

Undergraduate studies	Branches	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Civil Engineering		6	180	University Bachelor in Civil Engineering
Graduate studies	Modules	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Civil Engineering	Geotechnical engineering, Hydraulic engineering, Engineering modelling of structures, Structural engineering,	4	120	University Master in Civil Engineering

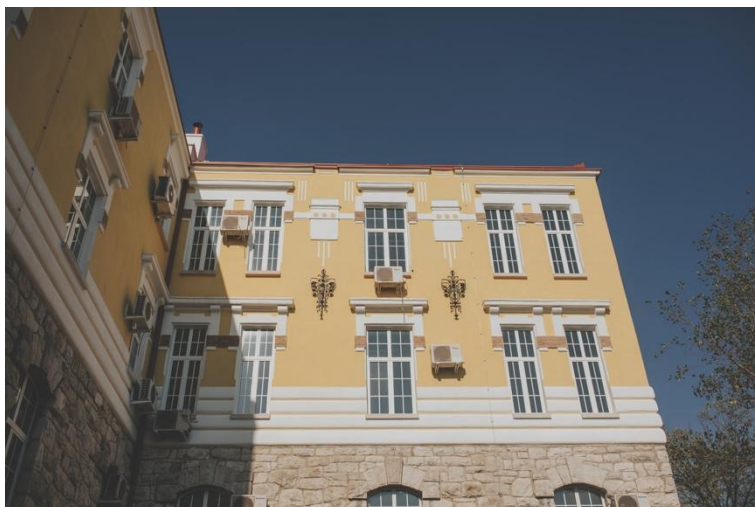
	Transportation engineering Urban engineering			
Postgraduate – doctoral studies		Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Civil Engineering		6	180	Doctor of Technical Sciences

#### **VOCATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

Undergraduate studies	Branches	Semesters	ECTS	Vocational title acquired upon completion
Civil Engineering	Building Construction, Civil Engineering Construction	6	180	Bachelor in Civil Engineering
Graduate studies	Branch	Semesters	ECTS	Vocational title acquired upon completion
Civil Engineering	Building in Coastal Region and Infrastructural Engineering	4	120	Master in Civil Engineering



## 6.6 Faculty of Medicine



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The Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka was founded in 1955. It was the first faculty established outside Zagreb and is the eldest constituent of the University of Rijeka.

The Faculty's activities began with teaching in the final years of medical studies. After having gained complete independence from the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Medicine in 1957, teaching activities developed rapidly, with an increasing number of academic staff members holding teaching and research positions. In 1961, a postgraduate study was established at the Faculty along with the study of Medicine and numerous other university and vocational study programs have since been introduced.

Research activities began to develop soon after the Faculty was founded. The first doctoral dissertation was defended at the Faculty as early as 1959. The rapid development of fundamental medical sciences contributed significantly to the research and professional development of clinical medical sciences.

By the end of the 1970s, the Faculty introduced a vocational study of Nursing, followed by other studies. All study programs were renewed in accordance with the Bologna process in 2005, and the ECTS evaluation system was adopted. A university study of Organization, Planning and Management in Health Care was designed on the principles of the Bologna declaration, and finally a vocational study of Midwifery was established. Since 2014, the study programmes Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, etc. have been conducted at the newly established Faculty of Health Studies in Rijeka. In 2017, the Faculty of Medicine started conducting the study programme of Medicine in English, and since 2021, the Faculty also offers the study programmes Pharmacy and Medical Laboratory Diagnostics.



The Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka is the most influential research institution in the Republic of Croatia outside Zagreb and the most widely recognized research institution of the University of Rijeka.

Several internationally prominent research teams at the Faculty are recognized as leaders in their respective fields. A major contribution to research development and recognition was provided by the employment or re-employment of several acclaimed scientists from abroad who formed their groups and

continued their successful work. The Faculty of Medicine has invested significantly in the education of research and academic staff, as well as in modern equipment and the establishment of new laboratories and centres.



The Faculty of Medicine has organized numerous scientific congresses and symposia, some of which were at the highest international level. Many Croatian and international awards as well as the highest state science awards of the Republic of Croatia were granted to researchers of the Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka.

Undergraduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Environmental and Public Health	6	180	University baccalaureus / baccalaurea of Environmental and Public Health
Medical Laboratory Diagnostics	6	180	University baccalaureus / baccalaurea of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics
Graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Environmental and Public Health	4	120	University Master of Environmental and Public Health
Integrated undergraduate and graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Medicine	12	360	Doctor of Medicine
Medical Studies in English	12	360	Doctor of Medicine
Pharmacy	10	300	University Master of Pharmacy
University specialist studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Management in Health Care	3 trimesters	90	University Specialist of Management in Health Care
Family Medicine	2	60	University Specialist of Family Medicine
Biomedicine of Developmental Age	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Biomedicine of Developmental Age
Psychiatry	2	60	University Specialist of Psychiatry
Gynaecology and Obstetrics	2	60	University Specialist of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Orthopaedics and Traumatologies	2	60	University Specialist of Orthopaedics and Traumatologies
Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention	3 trimesters	90	University Specialist of Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention
Quality Management in Health	2	60	University Specialist of Quality Management in Health

Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology	2	60	University Specialist of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Ophthalmology	2	60	University Specialist of Ophthalmology
Cardiology	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Cardiology
General Internal Medicine	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Internal Medicine
Gastroenterology	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Gastroenterology
Medical Oncology	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Medical Oncology
Endocrinology and Diabetology	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Endocrinology and Diabetology
Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology: Drug Testing and Administration	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology: Drug Testing and Administration
Anesthesiology, Reanimatology and Intensive Care Medicine	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Anesthesiology, Reanimatology and Intensive Care Medicine
Clinical Radiology	2	60	University Specialist of Clinical Radiology
Pulmonology	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Pulmonology
Emergency Medicine	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Emergency Medicine
General Surgery	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of General Surgery
Sport and Rehabilitation Medicine	3 trimesters	90	University Specialist of Sport and Rehabilitation Medicine
Abdominal Surgery	3 trimesters	60	University Specialist of Abdominal Surgery
<b>Doctoral studies</b>	<b>Semesters</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Academic degree</b>
Biomedicine	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
Health and Environmental Engineering	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
Public Health	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
Clinical Medicine	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
Dental Medicine	6	180	Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences

## 6.7 Faculty of Maritime Studies



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Educational activities at the Faculty of Maritime Studies date back to 1866 when, in the building of the former hospital, the Austrian-Hungarian Naval Academy opened its doors. Since 1889, the Academy had acted as the Imperial and Royal Naval Academy (Marine Academy). The Academy was open until 1914, when educational work was abandoned, and the Academy was turned into a field hospital.

Disruption in higher education in the field of maritime affairs lasted until 1949, when on 4 April 1949 the Maritime College in Rijeka was established by a Yugoslav government decree and later became a faculty and has continued its work to the present day.

In the academic year of 2005/2006, Faculty of Maritime Studies began with the implementation of the Bologna process by accepting the system of education that is based on three cycles: undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies. The curricula contain the necessary knowledge in the field of nautical studies, marine engineering, transportation technology, economics, law and management in shipping. Application of this knowledge allows recruitment and successful work in the profession, as well as in different maritime and transport agencies and companies whose activities are closely associated with shipping (shipping, sea ports, port authorities, the ministries responsible for maritime industry, cargo ships/freighters, agencies, the customs, transport companies, etc.).

The faculty continuously updates and improves the education of seafarers (deck and engine officers) for shipping companies, European and world market, experts for navigation and maritime technology, experts for marine engineering and maritime transport, experts for technology and organization of traffic, experts for logistics and management in maritime transport, experts for intermodal / multimodal transport, experts for electronic and computer technologies in maritime affairs.

The faculty develops and promotes the principles of safe and efficient navigation, the culture of safety at sea and protection of maritime environment. It also develops and updates postgraduate national and international Ph.D. studies concerning maritime affairs that are based on the latest scientific developments. Faculty of Maritime Studies is a Croatian reference centre of excellence in sustainable use of satellite navigational systems at the national level and directs its scientific research and expert activities towards accomplishing the goal of sustainable application of satellite navigation, which serves as a very important base of the national infrastructure.

### Departments and chairs:

- Department of nautical sciences
- Department of marine engineering and energetics
- Department of maritime logistics and management

- Department of electrical engineering, automation and computing
- Department of transport and transportation technologies
- Chair of natural sciences
- Chair of social sciences
- Chair of foreign languages



Photo: Faculty of Maritime Studies by Kristijan Vučković

**Simulators and labs:** Nautical simulators, Engine-room simulators, High-voltage simulator, Cargo-handling simulator, GMDSS station, Laboratory for control engineering and power electronics, Laboratory for marine electrical machines and systems, Laboratory for marine high-voltage systems, Refrigeration systems simulator, Computer lab, Satcom A station, Navigational GNSS laboratory, Laboratory for language, cognition and neuroscience (LACON Lab), Maritime engineering laboratory, Laboratory for electronics and measurements, Materials and mechanics laboratory (MASTER Lab), Laboratory for information processing (iPRO Lab).

Undergraduate studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Marine Engineering		6	180	Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Marine Engineering
Marine Electronic Engineering and Information Technology		6	180	Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Maritime Electronic Engineering and Information Technology
Logistics and Management in Maritime Industry and Transport		6	180	Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Logistics and Management in Maritime Industry and Transport
Nautical Studies and Maritime Transport Technology		6	180	Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nautical Studies and Maritime Transport Technology Programme
Transport and Mobility		6	180	Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Technology and Organisation of Transport

Graduate studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Marine Engineering and Technology of Transport		4	120	Master of Science (MSc) in Marine Engineering and Technology of Transport
Marine Electronic Engineering and Information Technology		4	120	Master of Science (MSc) in Maritime Electronic Engineering and Information Technology
Logistics and Management in Maritime Industry and Transport		4	120	Master of Science (MSc) in Logistics and Management in Maritime Industry and Transport
Nautical Studies and Maritime Transport Technology		4	120	Master of Science (MSc) in Nautical Studies and Maritime Transport Technology Programme
Transport and Mobility		4	120	Master of Science (MSc) in Technology and Organisation of Transport
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Maritime Studies	Nautical sciences Marine engineering and power systems Marine Electronic Engineering and Information Technology Information technologies in shipping and transport Logistics and management in shipping and traffic Hydrographical engineering Port systems Protection of the sea and landside Naval systems	6	180	PhD in Technical Sciences

## 6.8 Faculty of Law



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Faculty of Law is a constituent of the University of Rijeka. The Study of Law was started in 1973, first as a part of the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics. In 1976, the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law was established as an independent higher education institution, where the Study of Law continued to be carried out. From 1991 it is working under its present name – the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law. The Faculty operates in its own building, which was finished in 1980.

### The Faculty offers seven study programmes:

- 1) integrated undergraduate/graduate university Study of Law, upon completion of which students are awarded the academic title Master of Laws (univ. mag. iur.);
- 2) Postgraduate Specialist Study in Law of European Integrations, upon completion of which students are awarded the academic title of University Specialist in Law of European Integrations (spec. iur.);
- 3) Postgraduate Specialist Study in Corporate Finance Law, upon completion of which students are awarded the academic title of University Specialist in Corporate Finance Law (spec. iur.);
- 4) Postgraduate Specialist Study in Criminal Investigation, upon completion of which students are awarded the academic title of University Specialist in Criminal Investigation (spec. crim.);
- 5) the Postgraduate Doctoral Study Programme in the field of Social Sciences, the subject of Law, upon completion of which students are awarded the academic title of Doctor of Science in the field of Social Sciences, the subject of Law (dr. sc. socio.);
- 6) Undergraduate Professional Study Programme in Administration, upon completion of which students are awarded the professional title of Professional Bachelor of Public Administration (bacc. admin. publ.);
- 7) the Specialist Graduate Professional Study Programme in Public Administration, upon completion of which students are awarded the professional title of Professional Specialist in Public Administration (mag. admin. publ.).

Integrated undergraduate and graduate studies	Course/orientation/module	Semesters	Number of ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Law	Law	10	300	Master of Laws (univ. mag. iur)
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Course/orientation/module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Postgraduate Doctoral Study Programme in the field of Social	Law	6	180	Doctor of Science in the field of Social Sciences, the subject of Law (dr. sc. socio.)

Sciences, the subject  
of Law

Postgraduate – specialist studies	Course/orientation/module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Corporate Finance Law	Law	2	60	University specialist in Corporate Finance Law (spec. iur.)
Law of European Integrations	Law	2	60	University specialist in Law of European Integrations (spec. iur.)
Criminal Investigation	Criminalistics	3	90	University Specialist in Criminal Investigation (spec. crim.)
Undergraduate professional studies	Course/orientation/module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Administration	Administrative Law	6	180	Professional Bachelor of Public Administration (bacc. admin. publ.)
Specialist graduate professional studies	Course/orientation/module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Public Administration	Administrative Law	4	120	Professional Specialist in Public Administration (mag. admin. publ.)

## 6.9 Faculty of Engineering



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The Faculty was founded in 1960. At the beginning, only education in Mechanical Engineering was offered, but since 1969/1970 graduate engineers of Naval Architecture were also educated. The Faculty was renamed into the Mechanical-Naval Architecture Faculty and, in 1973, into the Faculty of Engineering. The opening of the study of Civil Engineering in 1971/72 at the Faculty brought about the establishment of the independent Faculty of Civil Engineering in 1976.

In 1965, the Faculty organised courses for higher vocational qualification, while in 1987 the vocational study of Electrical Engineering began. In the academic year of 1971/1972, the postgraduate study in the field of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture were introduced respectively.

In the past decade, the Faculty has intensively taken actions on developing new study programmes which resulted in the beginning of the graduate university study in Electrical Engineering in the academic year of 1999/2000, the undergraduate university study in Computer Engineering in the academic year of 2008/2009, and the graduate university study in Computer Engineering in the academic year of 2011/2012. In the academic year of 2024/2025 new undergraduate study programme Mechatronics and Robotics will be launched.

Currently, the Faculty offers vocational and university studies in Naval Architecture, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, as well as postgraduate doctoral studies in the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture, Fundamental Engineering Sciences, Interdisciplinary Engineering Sciences and Electrical Engineering.

Undergraduate studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Mechanical Engineering	-	6	180	University Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
Naval Architecture	-	6	180	University Bachelor of Naval Architecture
Electrical Engineering	-	6	180	University Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
Computer Engineering	-	6	180	University Bachelor of Computer Engineering
Mechatronics and Robotics	-	6	180	Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics and Robotics



Graduate studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Design and Mechatronics Computational Engineering Technological Computational Engineering Industrial Engineering and Management Computer Analysis of Structures and Engines Thermal Engineering Process Energy Engineering Naval Engineering Materials Engineering	4	120	Master of Mechanical Engineering
Naval Architecture	Design and Construction of Marine Objects Technology and Organisation of Shipbuilding	4	120	Master of Naval Architecture
Electrical Engineering	Electric Power Systems Automation	4	120	Master of Electrical Engineering
Computer Engineering	Software Engineering Computer Systems	4	120	Master of Computer Engineering
Postgraduate – doctoral studies	Course / Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Doctoral studies in the area of technical sciences	Production Technologies in Mechanical Engineering Thermoenergetics Computational Mechanics Design and Building of Floating Objects Mechanical Technical Design Quality Assurance and Engineering Systems Management Ecological Engineering and Environmental Protection Electrical Engineering	6	180	Doctor of Science (with Indication of the Scientific Field)
Vocational undergraduate studies	Course Orientation / Module	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Mechanical Engineering	-	6	180	Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
Naval Architecture	-	6	180	Bachelor of Naval Architecture

Electrical Engineering	-	6	180	Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
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## 6.10 Faculty of Teacher Education



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of instruction (Croatian, History) and was conducted at which was to educate teachers had the status of a collegiate two years. The named study, continued to be conducted the Teacher Training University

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Education of teachers of lower grades of primary school began in Rijeka as early as 1960 as part of the Teacher Training College. At the first stage, from 1960 to 1963, the undergraduate early primary education study combined with another subject Mathematics, Geography and the institution, the purpose of for primary schools. The College school and the study lasted for also in duration of two years, between 1978 and 1992, when College was established.

In 1992 the study was structured as a four years university study, upon whose completion students acquire university qualifications and the title of Graduate Early Primary School teacher. The university study was conducted at the Teacher Training University College, namely subsequently established Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies in Rijeka until 1998, when the Faculty of Teacher Education was established in Rijeka.

The basic activity of the Faculty was structuring and conducting the vocational undergraduate four years study educating teachers for lower grades of primary schools as well as the vocational study for preschool teachers and assistants in kindergartens. The undergraduate teacher study was conducted at first as a study with a major subject (Physical Education, Music and Art) and starting with the academic year 2001/2002 as the so called "pure" vocational study of early primary school education. This study has been, after adapting to the requirements of the Bologna process, conducted under the name of Vocational Early Primary Education Study.



Based on the resolution signed by the Minister of Science, Education and Sports on 22 September 2006, Faculty of Teacher Education in Rijeka was registered in the Register of Higher Education Institutions of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports.

*Photo: Faculty of Teacher Education, Faculty archives*

At the moment, the Faculty is conducting the Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Primary School Education university study as well as Undergraduate and Graduate Early Childhood and Preschool Education university study.

Undergraduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
University Undergraduate Study of Early Childhood and Preschool Education	6	180	Bachelor of Early and Preschool Education
Graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
University Graduate Study of Early Childhood and Preschool Education (Part-time study)	4	120	Master of Early and Preschool Education
Integrated undergraduate and graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Primary School Education	10	300	Master of Primary Education

## 6.11 Faculty of Health Studies



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Faculty of Health Studies is the youngest faculty of the University Rijeka and it was detached from the Faculty of Medicine in 2014. Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka was founded in 1955, but Rijeka got its first hospital and schooled physicians as early as 1440s, and the City Statute in 1530. Faculty of Medicine was the first medicine faculty in Croatia established outside Zagreb and it is the eldest member institution of the University of Rijeka. By the end of the 1970s, the Faculty of Medicine introduced a vocational study in Nursing, followed by other vocational studies: Physiotherapy, Medical Laboratory Diagnostics, Radiologic Technology, and at the end Midwifery. All these study programs were renewed in accordance with the Bologna process in 2005, and the ECTS evaluation system was adopted. Later, a number of university study programs have been also introduced on Faculty of Medicine. All these vocational studies as well as some university studies were relocated to new Faculty of Health Studies.

The building hosting Faculty of Health Studies was constructed in the 1940s and was supposed to offer poor people warm meal and shelter, but at the end of 2013 it was renewed and hosted Faculty of Health Studies.



*Photo: Faculty of Health Studies, Faculty archives*

It is interesting to mention some historical facts as that the first public midwifery school in Croatia was founded in Rijeka in 1786, by Giacomo Cosmini and Giovanni Carrobi. In February 1896, only a month after Röntgen's discovery, the first X-ray scan in Croatia was obtained by the physicist Peter Salcher, a professor at Rijeka Navy Academy and a collaborator of Ernst Mach at ultra-fast photography research.

Salcher was the first in the world to photograph a gun bullet in flight. Also, the vacuum extractor for babies was invented in Rijeka in 1952, by Viktor Finderle (1902–1964).

The aim of the formation of the Faculty of Health Studies and the main mission of the Faculty is to provide excellence in education of students in the fields of health care.

The main Faculty's activity is teaching, but also developing scientific research activities and scientific projects, as well as new study programs, including interdisciplinary studies. International cooperation of the Faculty of Health Studies is also very important segment and we develop it through various forms of cooperation with international universities and institutions.

Undergraduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Nursing	6	180	Bachelor of nursing
Midwifery	6	180	Bachelor of midwifery
Graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Nursing – Mental Health	4	120	Master of Nursing
Nursing – Healthcare Management	4	120	Master of Nursing
Nursing – Public health	4	120	Master of Nursing
Nursing – Gerontology	4	120	Master of Nursing
Physiotherapy	4	120	Master of Physiotherapy
Clinical Nutrition	4	120	Master of Clinical Nutrition
Midwifery	4	120	mag. obs.
Vocational studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Physiotherapy	6	180	Vocational Bachelor of physiotherapy
Radiologic Technology	6	180	Vocational Bachelor of radiologic technology

## 6.12 Faculty of Dental Studies



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The Faculty of Dental Medicine was founded on 23 July 2019 by decision of the University of Rijeka. The Faculty consists of six departments: Department of Oral Surgery, Department of Paediatric Dentistry, Department of Endodontics and Restorative Dental Medicine, Department of Oral Medicine, Department of Periodontology, Department of Orthodontics and the Department of Prosthodontics.

The primary role of our Dental Faculty is the training of dental students to become qualified dentists with key skills and clinical competencies. The oral care provided by our dental students is overseen by highly experienced dentists, dental specialists and university professors. In this way, our patients receive high-quality treatment while our students gain essential experience in an ideal learning environment.

The clinical part takes place at the Clinical Hospital Centre Rijeka – a complex of 33 clinics and clinical departments with 1069 beds and a staff of 3252 doctors and nurses, complemented by Health Centre Rijeka, state and private institutions.

Our dentistry program attracts international students from all over the world including Germany, Italy, France. Our small intake means that you will work closely with our academic staff, you will be taught in small groups and you will get a sense of belonging to a powerful team of classmates and practitioners offering you continuous support for personal and academic development.

Undergraduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Dental hygiene	6	180	University Bachelor of Dental Hygiene
Integrated undergraduate and graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion of programme
Dental medicine	12	360	Doctor of dental medicine
Dental Medicine in English	12	360	Doctor of dental medicine



## 6.13 Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies



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Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies (formerly known as the Department of Informatics) at the University of Rijeka resulted from a long-term development of educational and scientific activities in the field of informatics which date back to the year 1986 when the Institute of Informatics was founded at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (later renamed as the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) in Rijeka.

The Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies was founded in April 2008 as Department of Informatics with the mission of creating conditions necessary for scientific research in the area of social sciences, in the field of information and communication sciences, and in the area of technical sciences, in the field of computing.



Members of the Faculty work on educational and scientific activities in the domain of information systems, intelligent systems, networking, and communication systems, including the development of multimedia systems and learning support systems (e-learning systems).

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The aim of the Faculty is to be profiled as an internationally recognised scientific institution that fosters and encourages highest academic values in research and education in the field of information and communication sciences and computing, in order to develop the economy and improve society as a whole.

The Faculty of Informatics and Digital Technologies has seven chairs and five laboratories, which are organised to support educational and scientific activities: The Chair of Software Development, the Chair of Intelligent Systems, the Chair of Communication and Computing Systems, the Chair of Multimedia Systems and E-learning, the Chair of Information Systems, the Chair of Business Informatics, and the Chair

of Applied Mathematics and General Subjects. The five laboratories include the following: Laboratory for Pattern Recognition and Soft Computing, Laboratory for Semantic Technologies, Laboratory for Application of Information Technologies in Education, and Laboratory for Development of Information Systems.

Undergraduate studies	Study / orientation / track	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
University undergraduate study programme Informatics		6	180	Bachelor of Informatics
Graduate studies	Study / orientation / track	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Informatics	teaching orientation	4	120	Master of Education in Informatics
	Intelligent and Interactive Systems module	4	120	Master of Informatics
	Business Informatics module	4	120	Master of Informatics
Postgraduate - doctoral studies	Study / orientation / track	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Informatics		6	180	PhD in information and communication sciences



## 6.14 Faculty of Mathematics



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As a successor to various institutions that have been educating teachers of mathematics since the 1960's, the Faculty of Mathematics was established in April 2008, first named as Department of Mathematics, based on the Decision which was passed by University of Rijeka's Senate in December 2007. By another decision of the Senate in September 2021, Department of Mathematics became the Faculty of Mathematics. Most of the mathematicians from the University of Rijeka are either employed by, or in some way associated with the Faculty of Mathematics.

The studies which are organised and conducted by the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Rijeka, are: the first cycle study programme in mathematics and the second cycle study programme in mathematics and computer sciences.

The Faculty is divided into divisions: Division of Algebra and Number Theory, Division of Discrete Mathematics and Division of Mathematical Analysis. Since 2011, the Faculty has been organising and conducting the first graduate study programme of mathematics unrelated to teacher education at the University of Rijeka: Discrete Mathematics and its Applications. This study programme differs in its content and learning outcomes from other existing study programmes of mathematics in the Republic of Croatia (that are not aimed at education of future teachers).

Some of the most notable projects of the Faculty of Mathematics so far were the organization of NATO Advanced Study Institute on Information Security and Related Combinatorics in 2010 and 5th Croatian Mathematical Congress in 2012.

Nomenclature of first cycle study programme: (Bachelor level)	Course	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Mathematics		6	180	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (BSc level)
Nomenclature of second study programme: (Master level)	Course	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Mathematics	Teacher training	4	120	Master of Science in Mathematics Education (MSc level)

Mathematics and Computer Science	Teacher training	4	120	Master of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science Education (MSc level)
Discrete Mathematics and its Applications		4	120	Master of Science in Mathematics (MSc level)

## 6.15 Faculty of Physics



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The Department of Physics of the University of Rijeka was established at the end of 2007 as a successor to schools involved in the education of high-school teachers since the 1960's.

The Vocational College of Education was established in 1953 with the aim of providing education for teachers of mathematics and physics in vocational-technical and economic schools. The Department of mathematics and applied physics was established in the academic year of 1960/61. In 1962, the Vocational College of Education changed its name to School of Industrial Education which was transformed (in 1972) into the Faculty of Industrial Education with university courses in mathematics and physics. The Faculty of Education in Rijeka was established in 1977, including the Department of mathematics and physics as a part of it. In 1998, the Faculty was registered under the name Faculty of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts and Sciences) with the Physics Department as one of the founding members.



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More ambitious development of the University of Rijeka in the recent years has led to the establishment of an independent Department of Physics as a modern university department with the mission of organizing physics teaching at all Faculties and Departments of the University and performing internationally recognized scientific research. In this process, several respected scientists from foreign and domestic institutions have joined the Department. In this way, the Department has not only increased in the number of permanent staff, but also in the diversity of the research subjects, covering areas from atomic and molecular physics, nuclear physics or condensed matter physics, to particle physics, astrophysics, educational physics or the most fundamental research in unification of forces and superstring theory.

With the opening of the new building on the University Campus on Trsat the Department of Physics acquired adequate space that substantially improved the teaching, research and student standard. Also, the new laboratories, established jointly with Centre for micro nano-sciences and technologies, have been equipped with the state-of-the-art scientific equipment, while the existing ones were substantially modernized with financial support from the European Regional Development Fund and specifically by the University of Rijeka project "Development of the research infrastructure on the Trsat Campus". The students now have the opportunity to work on modern equipment equal to one found in the most advanced European laboratories. As a result of its development, the Department of Physics was renamed recently and became Faculty of Physics. It offers several programs in physics and two interdisciplinary studies.

Undergraduate studies	Optional subject	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Physics	Mathematics (there are still two possible choices: teacher training or research module)	6	180	Bachelor of physics
	Computer science (there are still two possible choices: teacher training or research module)	6	180	Bachelor of physics
	Environmental Science	6	180	Bachelor of physics
	Physics	6	180	Bachelor of physics
Graduate studies		Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Physics and mathematics	Teacher-training	4	120	Master of education for physics and mathematics
Physics and computer science	Teacher-training	4	120	Master of education for physics and computer science
Physics	Theoretical	4	120	Master of physics
	Experimental	4	120	Master of physics
Engineering and physics of materials		4	120	Master of engineering and physics of materials
Physics and Environmental science		4	120	Master of physics and environmental science

## 6.16 Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Research



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The Department of Biotechnology was founded in July 2008 by the Senate of the University of Rijeka as a research and teaching unit. It comprises of two divisions: Molecular and System Biomedicine Division and Medicinal Chemistry Division. Main research activities at the Department are performed in both fundamental and applied research areas of molecular medicine, medicinal chemistry, and high-throughput personalized medicine by use of state-of-the-art technology and equipment. The Department holds a number of co-operations with international research companies involved in drug research and development or new medical diagnostic procedures. In November 2023 Department changed its name to Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development.



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The mission of the Faculty is to educate highly qualified biotechnology experts to benefit human health, science and economy for the entire community in Croatia and abroad. Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development strives to provide the best education and research through recruitment and retention of best teachers, scientists, and students, by providing the best infrastructure and engaging in collaborative worldwide exchange with the best centres of higher education and research. Its main strategies are therefore:

- To advance science by bringing together outstanding researchers inside and outside the University
- To provide infrastructure and access to the state-of-the-art facilities and technologies

- To advance learning by combining technical skills, scientific integrity, and real-world opportunities
- To facilitate integration of research methods and state-of-the-art techniques into the curriculum
- To access external funding through grants, contracts, and endowments
- To present and publish results in peer-reviewed venues.

The Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development has been given national accreditations for teaching undergraduate, graduate and PhD students. Main study program subjects at the Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development are comprised of biotechnology, chemistry, and drug development.

Undergraduate studies		Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Research		6	180	Baccalaureate of biotechnology and pharmaceutical research
Graduate studies		Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Drug Research and Development		4	120	Master's degree in drug research and development (Msc.)
Biotechnology in Medicine		4	120	Master's degree in biotechnology in medicine
Medicinal Chemistry		4	120	Master's degree in medicinal chemistry (Msc.)
Biotechnology for the Life Sciences		4	120	Master's degree in biotechnology research in the life sciences (Msc.)
Postgraduate - doctoral studies	Modules	Semesters	ECTS	Academic degree
Medicinal chemistry	Modules 1 – 3 Obligatory medicinal chemistry modules Module 4. Advanced organic synthesis Module 5. Chosen topics on bioorganic and medicinal chemistry Module 6. Analyses and structural determination of new drugs structure Module 7. Molecular medicine Modul 8. Molecular virology and immunology Modul 9. Basics of cellular and molecular biology Modul 10. Microbiology Modul 11. Biology of viruses	6	180	Philosophy doctor (PhD.)



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The Speech and Language Pathology study programme was founded in 2020. In 2020/21, the first generation of students was enrolled in the first year. The enrolment quota is 30 students per year. Study programme is aimed at acquiring a wide range of knowledge and skills that provide students with an understanding of various phenomena that can lead to impaired communication skills, as well as language, speech, voice and swallowing abilities.

The study program enables the acquisition of competencies for prevention, diagnostics, therapy and counseling in the field of human communication and swallowing disorders. Interdisciplinarity of the study programme contributes to the personal development of the student, and due to acquired knowledge enables them to feel as a useful member of society who helps vulnerable groups and groups at risk of social exclusion. This interdisciplinarity gives students the opportunity for further training in various scientific fields and sectors of work (health care system, education, social welfare system, private practice etc.).

Teaching and clinical unit and an integral part of the Speech and Language Pathology study programme is Speech and language pathology centre (UniLOG). Its mission is providing speech and language therapy services to the local community, professional practice for students, organization of lifelong learning programs for speech and language therapists and other professionals as well as multidisciplinary research.

After completing the undergraduate university study programme, it is possible to continue education in the graduate study programme of Speech and Language Pathology at the University of Rijeka, which is in preparation.

Undergraduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Speech and Language Pathology	6	180	Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology
Graduate studies	Semesters	ECTS	Academic title acquired upon completion
Speech and Language Pathology	4	120	Master of Speech and Language Pathology

## 7 Useful Links

Rijeka	<a href="http://www.rijeka.hr/">http://www.rijeka.hr/</a>
	<a href="http://www.visitrijeka.eu/">http://www.visitrijeka.eu/</a> Useful information (where to stay, where to eat, where to go, Rijeka's best, tourist route, schedule of events, travel information, important info, various info).
Rijeka Carnival:	<a href="http://www.rijecki-karneval.hr/en/">http://www.rijecki-karneval.hr/en/</a>
Kvarner:	<a href="http://www.kvarner.hr/en/tourism">http://www.kvarner.hr/en/tourism</a>
Opatija	<a href="http://www.opatija.hr">www.opatija.hr</a>
Croatia:	<a href="http://www.croatia.hr">http://www.croatia.hr</a>
	<a href="http://www.studyincroatia.hr/">http://www.studyincroatia.hr/</a>
	<a href="http://www.worldtravelguide.net/croatia">http://www.worldtravelguide.net/croatia</a>
	<a href="http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/">http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/</a>
Maps, Rijeka	<a href="http://www.euroave.com/maps/00mapx.php?xcity=rijeka">http://www.euroave.com/maps/00mapx.php?xcity=rijeka</a>
Various	
Art & Culture, Hotels, Banking, Consulates, Medical services, Computers & Internet	<a href="http://www.mojekarte.hr/en.html">http://www.mojekarte.hr/en.html</a>
Tourist Information, Rent-a-Car, Sport, Translation Services, Veterinary Services, Various	<a href="http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information">http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information</a> <a href="http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Service_Information/Health_Facilities">http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Service_Information/Health_Facilities</a> <a href="http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Service_Information/Consulates">http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Service_Information/Consulates</a> <a href="http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Getting_Around_Rijeka/Taxi">http://www.visitrijeka.eu/Useful_Information/Getting_Around_Rijeka/Taxi</a>
Online dictionaries E-HR, HR-E	<a href="http://www.eudict.com">www.eudict.com</a> <a href="http://www.taktikanova.hr/eh">www.taktikanova.hr/eh</a>



## 8 Useful Words and Phrases

Book	Knjiga
Study Programme	Studij
Department	Odjel
Entrance	Ulaz
Exam	Ispit
Exit	Izlaz
Faculty	Fakultet
Goodbye!	Zbogom!
Good luck!	Sretno!
Good morning/afternoon/evening!	Dobro jutro/dan/Dobra večer!
Good night!	Laku noć!
Have a pleasant journey!	Sretan put!
Hello!	Bok!
Help!	U pomoć!
How are you?	Kako ste?
How much...?	Koliko...?
I want/I don't want	Hoću/Neću
I'm hungry/thirsty/tired	Gladan/Žedan/Umoran sam
I'm sorry! / Excuse me	Oprostite
Lecture	Predavanje
Library	Knjižnica
No	Ne
Number	Broj
Pharmacy	Ljekarna
Please	Molim
Polytechnic	Veleučilište
Postgraduate	Poslijediplomski
Sleep/Eat/Drink	Spavati/Jesti/Piti
So long! See you later!	Doviđenja!
Street	Ulica
Students' Office	Ured za studente, (studentska) referada
Thank you	Hvala
Town/city	Grad
Undergraduate	Preddiplomski

University	Sveučilište
Welcome	Dobrodošli
What's your name?	Kako se zovete/zoveš?
Where do I find...?	Kako ću naći...?
Who/What/Why/Where/When/How?	Tko/što/zašto/gdje/kada/kako?
Yes	Da
You're welcome	Molim/Nema problema

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