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UPKM – Past and Present

The University of Pristina was founded on 18 November 1969. At that point, according to legal requirements, the University established courses in the Serbian as well as the Albanian language.

When founded, the University of Pristina consisted of 14 faculties, twelve of which were located in Pristina. Those were the following: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Laws, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Faculty of Agriculture,



Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Civil-Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. The Faculty of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering was located in Kosovska Mitrovica, and the Faculty of Pedagogy was located in Prizren. Due to the continuous expansion of its faculties, the forming of a wide range of courses and degrees, and the establishing of fully adequate conditions for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students alike, the University of Pristina was able to develop into one of the most prestigious universities in Serbia.

This was not always discernible. During the war in 1999, around 1,500 professors, administrators and other employees of the University in Pristina, together with 16,000 students (whose lessons were in Serbian), were expatriated and evicted from the University. Their property was usurped and their return has never been made possible. After the exile from Pristina, the University and a few other faculties have been temporarily relocated. As a result of a governmental resolution of the Republic of Serbia at the end of 2001, the university resettled in Kosovska Mitrovica, which has been its temporary

settlement since then. Gradually, all faculties have returned to Kosovo and Metohija. In spite of the past difficulties and turbulences, our university has consolidated and succeeds in doing its best: providing young people with high quality education and a proper perspective for the future.

Today the University can be correlated, and even equated with other European universities.

The University has the status of a state university, as a comprehensive/multidisciplinary university, and comprises ten Faculties. The Bologna agenda has been adopted by the University and a three-cycle system of studies was introduced in 2006. Almost all scientific disciplines (with the exception of the political sciences) are covered at the University, as well as three levels of studies (BA, MA and PhD), which are covered at ten different faculties:

- ⇒ Faculty of Economics
- ⇒ Faculty of Medicine
- ⇒ Faculty of Agriculture
- ⇒ Faculty of Law
- ⇒ Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- ⇒ Teachers' Training Faculty
- ⇒ Faculty of Sports and Physical Education
- ⇒ Faculty of Technical Sciences
- ⇒ Faculty of Arts
- ⇒ Faculty of Philosophy

Currently, there are nearly 10.000 students and 900 academic and administrative staff.

Management of the University

Our University is comprehensive, independent and self-governing institution, consisting of the central unit, called a Rectorate, and several faculties. The University is headed by the rector, who appoints vice-rectors to take charge of departments for education and student affairs, and science and international relations.

Each Faculty is headed by a Dean, who is a senior member of academic staff, supported by vice-deans and the various departmental heads.

The University is not integrated, meaning that faculties are groups of legal entities linked to the central units, with a decision-making process dependent on faculties' bodies.

University Symbols:

Coat of Arms



Logo



Flag



The University has its University Symbols. Those are the Rector's Collar and the Rector's Toga (academic gown). The University also has other special symbols, such as a Medal, Badge and other representative signs.

University Day and Special Academic Achievements

The University day is St. Vitus' Day with celebrations and festivities on 28 June. Each year the University com-

memorates this day, when a certificate is bestowed to prominent students and employers.



International and Inter-University Cooperation

The University is an initiator and participates actively in various national and international projects, and has established educational networks and signed official cooperation agreements with a great number of universities abroad.

International Relations Office is a central unit at the University. The Office is headed by the vice-rector for international relations. The IRO manages and coordinates international cooperation activities and student/staff mobility, and it established numerous links to all faculties, departments and centres at the University.



The University became a full member of the EUA in 2008, and signed the Magna Charta Universitatum in 2010.

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Levels and Types of Study Programmes

Apart from the Faculty of Medicine, all study programmes are organised according to the following levels:

1. Bachelor
2. Master
3. Doctoral

To achieve a high quality of education, lessons and exercises are conducted in small groups, which provides active contact between professors and students.

Bachelor Degree

Bachelor degree is awarded to students who have completed the relevant courses in their field of study. Depending on the faculty, this may involve three or four years of study. Bachelor academic studies correspond to 240 ECTS-credits, which is equivalent to four years, or 180 ECTS-credits, equivalent to three years of study. Students who complete the Bachelor academic studies acquire the professional title that denotes completing the first degree of academic studies in the given profession.

Masters Degree

Master studies are for those students who wish to upgrade their previous studies. Master studies involve one or two years of study, with the last semester usually comprising of thesis work. Master academic studies correspond

to 60 ECTS-credits, which is equivalent to one year, or 120 ECTS-credits, equivalent to two years of study. The completion of the study programme of graduate academic studies implies the obligation to produce the final work. Students who complete graduate academic studies acquire the academic title “graduated”, including the name of the Master academic studies in a given profession.

Doctoral Degree

A doctoral degree is appropriate for students who have completed a Master degree and now wish to solidify their knowledge further and potentially work in the academic discipline or research field of their expertise.

Doctoral studies correspond to at least 180 ECTS, if 300 ECTS-credits were scored during the Bachelor and Master Studies. The PhD dissertation is the final part of the doctoral studies programme, with the exception of the PhD in Art, which includes an art project. Alternatively, a person can achieve the PhD title by graduating from medical studies and having completed a specialisation on the grounds of a dissertation defense based on the works published in leading world journals.

Integrated academic studies

Prospective students can enrol the first year of integrated academic studies for medical doctors and dentists if they completed a four-year secondary education.

Foreign students can enrol the faculty under the same conditions.

A candidate who applies for the first year of academic studies, should take entrance tests of biology and chemistry.

Students who finish Integrated academic studies receive the academic title of a Medical Doctor (MD).

The primary goal of the Faculty of Medical Sciences is to enable students (by providing them with research and education), to apply professional and scientific achievements in the field of prevention, diagnostic and treatment of disease, as well as the promotion of a healthy way of life and the improvement of the overall health protection standards.

By acquiring the academic title of a Medical Doctor, graduates are able to work independently in those sectors of health institutions that demand a higher academic degree.

Five year integrated academic studies are awarded with 300 ECTS for Dentistry, and six year integrated academic studies are awarded with 360 ECTS for General Medicine.

Academic calendar

Study term	Start month	End month	*Examination Period
Winter semester	October	January	January - February
Summer Semester	February	May	June and September

*Additional exam periods: October, April

Grading system

Grades range from 5 to 10, 5 being the lowest and 10 being the highest possible grade.

Grades	Approximate Equivalent	Number of Points	ECTS Grading Scale
10	excellent	91-100	A
9	very good	81-90	B
8	good	71-80	C
7	satisfactory	61-70	D
6	sufficient	51-60	E
5	fail	0-50	F / FX

Enrolment

Prospective students can apply for undergraduate studies after successfully completing secondary education. Undergraduate studies consist of either a three or four-year period.

Each prospective student must pass an entrance exam for their respective faculty. The test contents are determined by each faculty and specific field of study. Enrolment usually takes place on 1 or 2 July, with a second application period open during September.

When applying, candidates are obliged to bring documents proving they finished high school and evidence of prior payment of entry test fee. The following documents need to be submitted together with the application form:

- ⇒ Certified copies of high school diplomas and certificates
- ⇒ evidence of payment of entry test fee (each year the faculty determines the amount of studying costs)

Candidates should show their passport or ID card when taking the exam. If a prospective student receives the required score to pass the exam and they are accepted into the faculty, they should submit the following original documents to complete their official enrolment into the faculty: birth certificate, two application forms, academic transcript, two photos, and for self-financed students, evidence of payment of tuition fees.



FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS



FACULTY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Bachelor:

1. Architecture
2. Civil Engineering
3. Electronic and Computer Engineering
4. Industrial Engineering
5. Environmental Protection Engineering and Occupational Safety Engineering
6. Mechanical Engineering
7. Mining Engineering
8. Technological Engineering



Master

1. Architecture
2. Civil Engineering
3. Electrical and computer engineering
4. Environmental Protection Engineering and Occupational Safety Engineering
5. Mechanical Engineering
6. Mining Engineering.
7. Technological Engineering

PhD

1. Electric and Computer Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
3. Technological Engineering





FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

Bachelor

1. Philosophy
2. Sociology
3. Psychology
4. Pedagogy
5. History
6. History of Arts
7. Serbian Language and Literature
8. Serbian Literature and Language
9. Russian Language and Literature
10. English Language and Literature

Master

1. Sociology
2. Psychology
3. Pedagogy
4. History
5. Serbian Language and Literature
6. Serbian Literature and Language
7. Russian Language and Literature
8. English Language and Literature

Doctoral

1. Sociology
2. History
3. Pedagogy
4. Language and Literature





FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Bachelor

1. Business Economics
 - a. Accounting and Auditing
 - b. Finance, Banking and Insurance
 - c. International Economics and Foreign Trade
 - d. Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Master

1. Business Economics
2. International economy



FACULTY OF ARTS

Bachelor

Department of Fine Arts

1. Painting
2. Graphics
3. Sculpture
4. Graphic design

Department of Dramatic Arts

1. Acting

Department of Music

1. Music Pedagogy
2. Piano
3. Violin
4. Viola
5. Cello
6. Flute
7. Trumpet
8. Clarinet
9. Performing Arts





Master

Department of Fine Arts

1. Painting
2. Graphics
3. Sculpture
4. Graphic design

Department of Music

1. Piano
2. Violin
3. Flute
4. Clarinet
5. Trumpet
6. Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts

1. Acting



FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor

1. Informatics
2. Geography
3. Mathematics
4. Physics
5. Chemistry
6. Biology

PhD

1. Chemistry
2. Biology

Master

1. Informatics
2. Geography
3. Mathematics
4. Physics
5. Chemistry
6. Biology



FACULTY OF LAW

Bachelor Studies of Law

**Master Academic Studies
of Law**

Doctoral Studies of Law



FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

Bachelor

1. Stock Farming
2. Crop Farming
 - a. Field and Vegetable Crops
 - b. Fruit-growing and Viniculture

Master

1. Stock Farming
2. Crop and Vegetable Farming
 - a. Plant Protection
 - b. Crop Farming
 - c. Vegetable Farming
 - d. Genetics and selection
 - e. Pomology
 - f. Ampelology

PhD

1. Crop and Vegetable Farming
2. Stock Farming



FACULTY OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Bachelor Studies of Physical Education and Sport

Master Studies of Physical Education and Sport

Doctoral Studies of Physical Education and Sport



FACULTY OF TEACHER TRAINING

Bachelor

1. Classroom Teaching
2. Pre-School Teacher Education

Master

1. Classroom Teaching
2. Pre-School Teacher Education





FACULTY OF MEDICINE

- Integrated Academic Studies for Medical Doctors**
- Integrated Academic Studies for Dentists**
- Bachelor Academic Studies for Health Care**
- Doctoral Studies of Medicine**





The Student Parliament

The Students Parliament counts 30 members from a total of ten faculties.

Every year in April, elections for the representative body of students (the Student Parliament) are organised and conducted. Before the elections take place, a campaign is initiated for student organisations and individuals who run for office at the faculty or university level.

The Students Parliament is the body of individual faculties and the University as a whole, which aims at implementing rights and protecting student interests.

Campus Life

Apart from the attendance of regular courses and academic chores, campus life usually includes many other activities at the University. We recognise that it is very important to meet students' needs and concerns in all aspects of life, ranging from cultural activities and arts to sport activities. Thus, at our University, students not only have a voice in academic and campus affairs, they also have the opportunity to engage themselves creatively, artistically, spiritually, intellectually and athletically in their spare time. On the University campus students have their choice of several students' centres: the Cultural Centre, Centre of Informatics, Sports Centre and several libraries. The Student Cultural Centre offers students various cultural programmes: literary evenings, concerts, theatrical performances, movie projections and similar.



Support services

1. Student Accommodation Centre provides accommodation and food, at a modest price. To accommodate 1.700 students of the University of Pristina the Center offers ten separate student dormitories that allow students a choice between single and multi-bed rooms. The Center offers a student restaurant that provides 2,000 students with a warm meal and snacks on a daily basis. For the convenience of the students, the restaurant is located in close vicinity of the dormitories. To pay, students use meal-tickets. Incoming students are able to stay in the dormitories and eat in the students' restaurant. Apart from providing accommodations in student dormitories, the Student Centre also offers accommodation to professors, assistants and researchers employed at the University. The fact that students and professors often reside side by side, promotes closer student-professor relationships and a more collegial atmosphere.

In the premises of the Student Accommodation students can study in one of the reading rooms, they can exercise inside, in the gym or outside, at a play court, and they also have several entertaining places at their disposal. They can use free internet connection at a coffee shop 'Index, 'or spend time with their friends in a multimedia centre and play billiard, table tennis, play social games and similar.

2. Student Societies and Clubs are organizations operated by students; they promote the interests of a particular group of people through a series of events including debating, role-play, gaming, sporting activities, and performing arts. The societies meet the extracurricular needs of students who share a particular interest in or appreciation for culture, arts or an academic field (e.g., Mathematics Society).
3. Students Polyclinics where students can receive free of charge medical care.

Alternative accommodation

Students also have a wide choice of different options of private accommodation, e.g. they can rent an apartment from local people for an affordable price (as rents vary between 70 and 200 euros per month). This possibility also offers a unique glimpse of people's lives in Kosovska Mitrovica and, thus, can be especially rewarding for international students and professors.



The University Library

The University has founded a system of libraries in such a way that it represents an organisational unity within its whole complexity. The library's work takes place in the context of tuition, science-based research work and educational and cultural processes at the University. We believe that any of our libraries, beyond the common library activities, should have the goal of raising the degree of development of a unique library system at the University, as well as the overall academic activity. This, we manage to do by implementing a large number of integrative functions into our library. In that regard, our University participates in the Erasmus+ project: Library Network Support Services.



Our library and its staff invest a great deal of effort in order to provide adequate place for its visitors and enlarge the library fund, e.g. by improving librarians' knowledge through different seminars, which are provided by the National Library of Serbia.

Due to the fact that many libraries are the working place of many students, the libraries of the University and faculties possess a variety of publications. These are, for example: doctoral dissertations, course books, specialist and scientific books and journals, all of which are intended to make the study programmes at the University a worthwhile and profitable experience.

If a desired book should nonetheless not be available, we can offer access to other libraries in the country and abroad. The library further offers reading rooms equipped with computers and internet connection. The library service includes bibliographic research, inter library loan, instructions for users, editing, photocopying, etc.

About the town

Kosovska Mitrovica was founded in the 14th century, around the church of St Dmitri, after which it got the name. The town was a major industrial city until the beginning of the 1990s. Because of the rich amount of its natural resources, the famous Trepca mining company was also founded, with its factory buildings standing as a symbol of the city. Due to the political developments, the predominantly Albanian majority lives in the southern part, while the north of the city is mainly populated by Serbs. The University campus is located close to the centre of the northern part, on one of the two main streets; Kralja Petra I Street is a vibrant place during the day, with many markets and stalls where people offer their goods, such as clothes and vegetables. General living expenses are considerably lower than those in Western Europe, but similar to other South-East European countries. There are many possibilities for having a (cheap) meal. A lunch in a simple restaurant will cost you 3-5 Euros. Buying a sandwich in a shop is even cheaper. For a good dinner in a restaurant, one should expect to pay 6-15 Euros. There are many shops and

some mini-markets. Taxis are affordable and trips within the city should not cost you more than 1 euro. Kosovska Mitrovica can also be easily visited on foot.

The Serbian language is a demanding challenge and will take some time to learn. But once knowing how to start a conversation, it is a key advantage to socialise and thereby get connected to the people of Kosovska Mitrovica, who will appreciate one's efforts. As there is a considerable number of students living in the city, there are also many opportunities to go out for a drink in one of the bars or pubs near the centre, to have some valuable discussions and relaxed conversations, which is most helpful to learn about life in Kosovo and Metohija and understand Serbian culture. Other things to see are the famous Ibar Bridge, known as a strong political symbol throughout the world, as well as the newly constructed Serbian Orthodox Church and the Miner's Monument, both watching over the city from the adjacent mountains.



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