

CROATIA /



The Republic of Croatia is a country at the crossroads of Central and Southeast Europe, on the Adriatic Sea. It borders Slovenia to the northwest, Hungary to the northeast, Serbia to the east, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro to the southeast, and it shares a maritime border with Italy. It is a relatively small country with a population of just over 4 million.

Rich historical heritage, natural beauty and a pleasant climate comprise a framework which, together with high-quality accommodation, gastronomic excellence and an abundance of activities and entertainment, enables Croatia to attract the modern-day tourists as well as foreign students.

### STUDYING INAPRES

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We are located in Zaprešić, a small town with a population of 30,000, situated 17 km west of the Croatian capital Zagreb and near the Slovenian border. According to statistics, Zaprešić has the youngest and most educated population in Croatia. It is also famous for its rich cultural heritage and beautiful nature. Zaprešić is located along the Sava River and at the foothill of Medvednica Mountain. It has good public transport connections to Zagreb and access to Medvednica Nature park and Sljeme ski trails.

Zaprešić and the surrounding areas offer several interesting tourist destinations: castles, churches, flora and fauna reserves, excellent cuisine and traditional events.

Lake Zajarki, situated just south of the town's centre, offers numerous facilities including a fishing pond, a picnic area, a football pitch and handball and beach volleyball courts.

Zaprešić is a city of sports. Sporting options include football, handball, basketball, bowling, equestrian sports and show jumping, paragliding, hang-gliding, motocross, cycling, tennis and golf.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BALTAZAR ZAPREŠIĆ

Our University was founded in 2001 and named after Baltazar Adam Krčelić, a famous local historian, theologian and lawyer.



Apart from our main location in Zaprešić, we have three more branch campuses: in Zagreb, Osijek (in north Croatia) and Biograd na Moru (on the Adriatic coast).

Our University is characterised by scientifically-based and practice-oriented studies, adapted to meet the requirements of the labour market and employers in the fields of Economics, Finance, Communications, IT and Culture. Studying at Baltazar means attending high-quality programmes which allow students to be creative and active during their studies.

### Learn with academics and scientists

All study programmes of the University are original and unique; they were set up by top experts in education and accredited by the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport. Teachers working at the University are scientists and experts in their fields; there are 30 PhD holders with highest teaching and scientific-teaching titles. They are devoted to seeing every student develop their talent and achieve their full potential.

### Development of Hybrid Online Study

Keeping up with the global trends, students' wishes and needs and labour market demands, we developed a hybrid online study which combines traditional face-to-face coursework with online learning. By introducing new technology into the classroom, we would like to facilitate studying, but also encourage our students to develop creativity and deductive thinking skills.

### **Undergraduate Professional Studies**

### **Business and Management**

- Business Economics and Finance
- Cultural Management
- Office Management

**Information Technologies** 

### Specialist Professional Graduate Studies



**Innovation Management Communications Management Public Sector Management Financial Management Project Management** 



### High standards of studying

Classes are held in modern, well-equipped lecture halls, video-conference halls and IT classrooms.

In our library you can borrow books, read magazines, final papers and graduate thesis, use computers, study, and prepare for exams.

### **Extracurricular activities**

Coordinated by the Student Council, the University offers a wide range of entertainment, as well as recreational and social activities. In addition to making sure students have optimal living and studying conditions, the Student Council organizes various events, gatherings, trips, forums, conventions and projects.



### **Baltazar Sport**

Student Sport association Baltazar is a student association active in planning, improving and promoting sport activities, organizing training sessions, preparing members to participate in the University's sports teams and ensuring cooperation with similar associations from Croatia and abroad. Become a member of our winning sport teams and compete in more than 30 sports. Whether your talent is volleyball, futsal,

(cross-country) running, athletics or some other sport, you are welcome to show your skills at Baltazar.

## ERASMUS HALAS

Baltazar has signed more than 50 bilateral agreements with institutions of higher education in Europe and around the world. We are very open to receiving foreign visiting staff and exchange students as well as participating in international projects.

Every foreign student or staff member at our University is provided with great support and various opportunities in the form of cooperation, project work, new knowledge and experiences, culture, research, etc.

You are very welcome to Baltazar! Come and study with us within the Erasmus+ programme!





A 30-ECTS-point English course programme - you will be integrated with other incoming international students and local students who take classes in English. Some courses and seminars are given by international guest lecturers. The required level of English Lanquage Proficiency is B1.

Check our offer for the next academic year at www.bak.hr/en

Welcome days at the beginning of each semester - these include social, cultural and integration activities offered by our International Team. You will get essential information regarding registration, course enrolment, services provided by the University and leisure activities. Students also have the opportunity to discover the cities of Zaprešić and Zagreb and our branch campuses and meet other Erasmus students, as well as local students and teaching staff.

An academic mentor for each student - he or she will assist you in choosing the right classes, provide you with the timetable, help you find your way around Baltazar and give you all the necessary information regarding our teaching methods and assessment.

Buddy programme - a support programme for international students is organized by the Student Council. They help incoming students to get to know Zapresic and meet Croatian students; they organize tours, events and visits and provide support for international students in all aspects of their college life.

Croatian language and culture course for foreigners - you can join free Croatian language classes, which will bring you 6 ECTS points per semester. The aim of the course is to provide students with a basic functional level of Croatian for practical everyday use, as well as introduce them to Croatian culture. Based on individual student's needs and interests, additional lessons of Croatian language can be arranged.

Student card - you can use it to get student benefits such as subsidised meals, discounts on public transportation and in certain public institutions, etc. The student card enables you to have a whole meal in a student restaurant for less than 1 euro.



Studying at Baltazar for one semester was an exciting experience.
Thanks to all the help and support from my coordinators, professors and fellow students, my stay in Zaprešić was fun and inspirational.
What characterize Baltazar is a friendly atmosphere, personalized attention, motivated professors, small groups and classes with a lot of group tasks and projects. The ESN offers great support for living in Zagreb and organizes amazing fun events. I had a great time, met a lot of friends with whom I am still in contact and had a wonderful possibility to explore Croatia and its natural and cultural beauties."

Mariam Jobava, Tbilisi, Georgia

### TESTIMONIALS /

From the very beginning my coordinator, teachers and students of the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar welcomed me better than I could ever imagine. They made me feel at home from the start. This has been a great learning experience, not only in terms of language or economics. \*\*

Pablo Manteiga Bautista, Valencia, Spain







Students from partner institutions who want to study at the "Baltazar Zaprešić" University of Applied Sciences for one semester need to get in touch with the international office of their home institution and follow the defined local procedures.

Once selected and nominated by your home institution, our International Office staff will send you the necessary documents, explain the procedures and assist you in your application

For any information regarding academic matters, admission and practical issues concerning Erasmus mobility, please contact international@bak.hr

# USEFULI INFORMATION

### Academic calendar

Winter semester: October – January Final exams period: February Christmas Holidays: December 23 – January 6 Summer semester: March – mid June Final exams period: mid-June – mid July Summer Holidays: mid-July – August

Autumn exams period: September

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Baltazar does not provide accommodation for the exchange students. However, our International team will help you to find something suitable. You can search for private accommodation in Zaprešić or Zagreb. Prices are approximately 200 – 300 euro per month for a single room with a shared kitchen and toilet or 400 euro per month for a studio apartment.

Average monthly living expenses in Croatia are estimated at 400 to 600 euro, depending on the type of accommodation, student needs and lifestyle. This amount should cover food, accommodation, utilities, books, transportation and other expenses.

For practical information on staying and studying in Croatia, please check the web portal Study in Croatia at www.studyincroatia.hr

## UNIVERSITY TAILORED TO STUDENTS' NEEDS

### **Contact us!**

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