UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES “BALTAZAR ZAPREŠIĆ”

Fact Sheet



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Institutional information

The University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić is a higher education institution that has been chosen by more than 9,000 students since 2001. The programs of the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić are original and unique, and were compiled by top experts and scientists in the field of economics. They were accredited by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the Agency for Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Croatia.



There are currently over **3,000 students** enrolled at our campuses which are located in Zaprešić, Zagreb, Biograd na Moru and Osijek. IIn addition, we continually welcome incoming students from various European countries. There is a very friendly atmosphere due to the relatively low number of students; therefore, meeting people and making new friends happens relatively quickly.

About us

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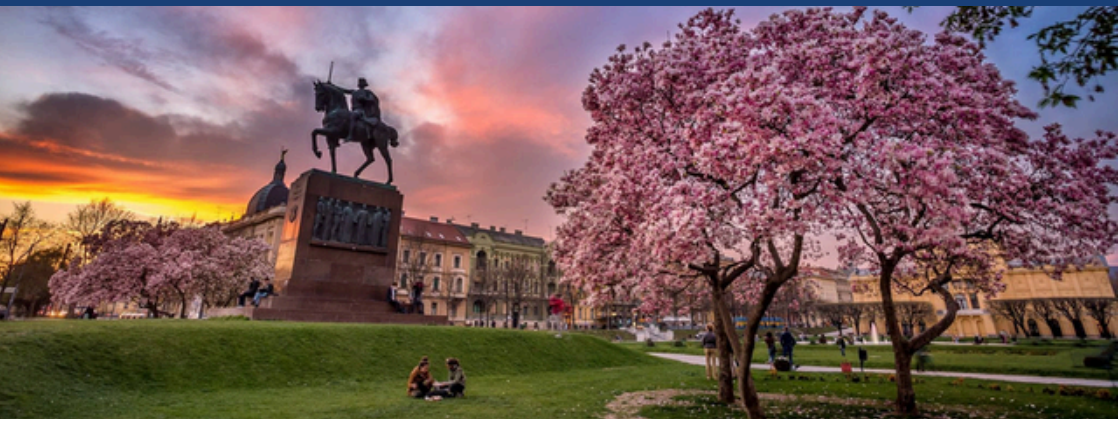
Academic offer

University of Applied Sciences "Baltazar Zaprešić"

Summer Semester

Creative Entrepreneurship	6 ECTS
Business skills	5 ECTS
Development Strategies and Project Operations	4 ECTS
Croatian language and culture for foreigners	6 ECTS
Applied Business Informatics	5 ECTS
Business Mathematics	6 ECTS
Cultural and Creative Tourism	5 ECTS
Business English 1	3 ECTS
Introduction to sociology	4 ECTS
E-organisation and office management	6 ECTS
Design and Visual Communications	4 ECTS
Public relations	4 ECTS
Business Ethics and Social Corporate Responsibility	4 ECTS

More information about courses you can find in our "English Erasmus Courses list".



Language of Institution & Language Requirements

Generally, the language of instruction is **Croatian**, but a number of courses for Erasmus students are held in **English**. The incoming students can attend the course **Croatian language and Culture for Foreigners (6 ECTS).**
The **language requirements** for the incoming students (in reading, listening, writing, and speaking): level B1 on the CEFR scale (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or equivalent.

Admission procedure

Once nominated, students must apply the following documents:
• Registration Form of the "Baltazar Zaprešić" University of Applied Sciences
• One photo in color
• Transcript of Records
• OLA - Learning Agreement signed by the student and the respective coordinator in charge at the home institution
• Copy of the ID card or passport (first page with the photo • and personal data)
• *Optional:* proof of language proficiency (minimum B1). Documents must be sent by email to international@bak.hr.

Academic calendar & Deadlines

Aplication deadlines

Summer semester: March – mid July

Deadline for sending nominations	**Nov. 15**
Deadline for sending documents	**Dec. 15**

Main dates

SUMMER SEMESTER

March -- Mid July

Final Exams:	mid June – mid July
Summer Holidays:	mid July – August
Autumn Exams:	September

The recrutation for Winter and Summer semester **will continue** if there will be free spots for the students!

Croatian National Holidays

New Year's Day	January 1
Epiphany	January 6
Easter Sunday and Monday	Easter and the day after Easter
Labour Day	May 1
Corpus Christi	60 days after Easter
Anti-Fascist Struggle Day	June 22
Day of Croatia Statehood	June 25
Victory and Homeland; Thanksgiving Day	August 5
Assumption of Mary	August 15
Independence Day	October 8
All Saints Day	November 1
Christmas	December 25

General Information

Full legal name of the Institution
University of Applied Sciences “Baltazar Zaprešić”

ERASMUS+ code
HR ZAPRESI01

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Grading System

National grading system consists of **five (5) grades** with numerical equivalents, 5 being the highest grade.

ECTS scale			Croatian grade
86-100	A	Excellent	Ezcellent (5)
71-85	B	Above average	Very good (4)
56-70	C	Average	Good (3)
50-55	D	Bellow average	Sufficent (2)
40-49	E	Bellow average	Sufficent (2)
25-39	FX	Fail	Insufficent (1)
0-24	F	Fail	Insufficent (1)

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Entering Croatia

According to the law regarding foreigners, foreign nationals intending to study in Croatia must regulate their **temporary residence** for the purpose of studying if their stay in Croatia is longer than 90 days.

More information on visa and residence permit requirements can be found at the link.



All foreign students also must have medical **insurance covered during their stay in Croatia**. EU nationals must have European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Non EU nationals should check with the healthcare provider at home and/or their home university.

For more information please check the "Study in Croatia" web-page.

Additional details before arriving in Croatia can be accessed at the following link.

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How to get to Zagreb?

Zagreb is **the capital and largest city of Croatia**, located in the northwestern part of the country. As the country's main transport hub, it is easily accessible by air, road, rail, and international bus services.



BY PLANE

The nearest airport is **Zagreb Franjo Tuđman Airport (ZAG)**, located approximately 15 km from the city centre. It offers direct flights to numerous European and international destinations and is served by airlines such as Croatia Airlines, Lufthansa, KLM, Air France, Ryanair, Eurowings, Turkish Airlines, and many others.

From Zagreb Airport to the City Centre

- *By airport shuttle bus:* approx. 35 – 40 minutes to the Main Bus Station. Shuttle buses operate after most arriving flights.
- *By public bus*: ZET Bus 290 connects the airport with Kvaternik Square, where passengers can transfer to the tram network. Journey time is approximately 35 – 45 minutes.
- *By taxi or ride-sharing services (Uber/Bolt)*: approx. 20 – 30 minutes, depending on traffic. Typical fare ranges from €20 – €35.

Other Airports

If you cannot find a direct flight to Zagreb, consider the following alternatives:

- *Ljubljana Airport (Slovenia)*: ~140 km from Zagreb. Shuttle services and buses connect Ljubljana with Zagreb in around 2 – 2.5 hours.
- *Graz Airport (Austria)*: ~190 km away. Bus and train connections are available, with a total travel time of around 3 – 4 hours.
- *Rijeka Airport (Croatia)*: ~170 km from Zagreb. Bus connections are available, although less frequent than those from Zagreb Airport.

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BY BUS

Zagreb has Croatia's largest and busiest Main Bus Station, with direct international and domestic services. Services are operated by companies such as **FlixBus**, **Nomago**, **Arriva**, and other international carriers. The bus station is centrally located and well connected to the city's tram network, providing easy access to hotels, universities, and business districts.

BY CAR

Zagreb is located at the intersection of several major European transport corridors and is easily accessible via Croatia's motorway network. The city is connected by the:

- A1 Motorway (towards Split and Dalmatia)
- A2 Motorway (towards Slovenia and Austria)
- A3 Motorway (towards Serbia and eastern Croatia)
- A4 Motorway (towards Hungary)



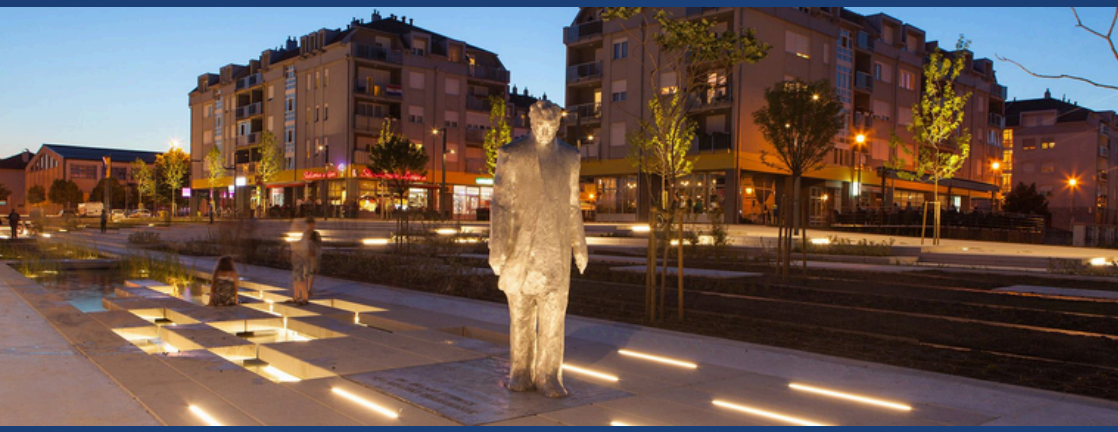
BY TRAIN

Zagreb Main Railway Station is Croatia's primary railway hub. International train connections are available from cities including: Ljubljana, Vienna, Budapest, Munich, Zurich. The railway station is located in the city centre and is within walking distance of several hotels, public transport stops, and key attractions.

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Accomodation

You can search for private accommodation either in Zaprešić or Zagreb. The offer is better in **Zagreb** and there is **a good public transportation** connection to Zaprešić (30 min by bus or train)



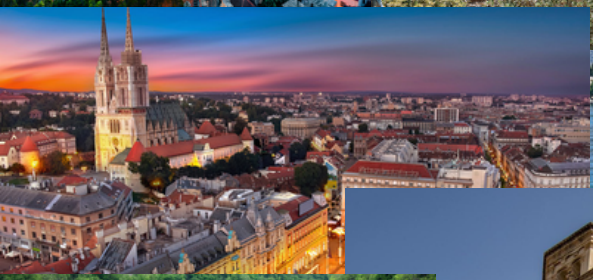
How to get to Zaprešić (from Zagreb)?

To get to **Zaprešić**, you first need to take a tram to the **Črnomerec station**. The tram number will depend on the area where you rent an apartment, use Google maps to find out which tram to take (trams 6, 11, 2 are the best). Next, at the Črnomerec station, you need to find the bus platform number 6 from which the bus number **172 "Črnomerec - Zaprešić"** departs (find the schedule at the link below). The nearest stop to the university in Zaprešić is called "Stadion".

You can also use the train departing from Main Railway Station in Zagreb (**Glavni Kolodvor Zagreb**). The train departs every 20 to 30 minutes, with a travel time of 21 minutes. It is best to take the train to the **Zaprešić Savska** station, after which you will need to walk 17 minutes to the university itself.

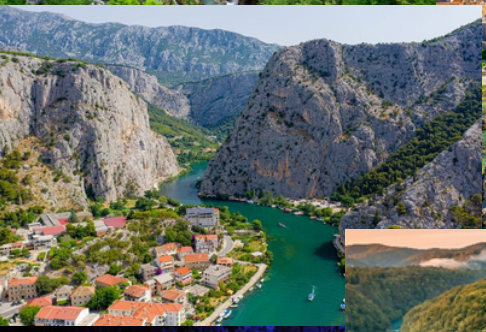
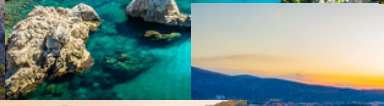
Welcome to Croatia!













Interesting facts about Croatia

The necktie was invented in Croatia

The necktie, or cravat, is said to have its roots in the 17th century when Croatian mercenaries wore a unique piece of cloth around their necks. The French term for necktie, cravate, actually comes from the Croatian word hrvatska.





The sea in Zadar sings

The Sea Organ in Zadar harnesses the power of crashing waves through submerged tubes to create enchanting melodies, turning the coastal area into a delightful symphony.

Croatia has an island of love

Galešnjak, known as Lover's Island, has captivated couples around the globe with its naturally formed heart shape.





Croatia has a version of the Great Wall of China

The Walls of Ston, often referred to as the European Wall of China, are an impressive system of stone defensive walls situated in southern Croatia.

Parts of Game of Thrones were filmed in Croatia

The popular television series Game of Thrones garnered worldwide praise and showcased stunning locations across Croatia. Of these, Dubrovnik stood out as the picturesque backdrop for King's Landing.





Croatia has one of the oldest inhabited cities

Nestled within Croatia's borders is Šibenik, a city that boasts a remarkable distinction as one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited urban centres.

Dalmatian dogs originated in Croatia

Dalmatian dogs are well-known for their unique coat pattern of black spots. They originally come from the Dalmatia region in Croatia.



Croatian Traditions

Klapa Singing
Traditional a cappella singing from Dalmatia, characterized by harmonized male or female voices. Klapa is recognized by UNESCO as part of Croatia's intangible cultural heritage.

Licitar Hearts
Colorful, hand-decorated gingerbread hearts, traditionally given as tokens of love and friendship, especially around Christmas and Valentine’s Day.

Pag Lace-Making
Intricate lacework traditionally made by hand on the island of Pag, each piece is unique and requires weeks or even months to complete.

Carnival (Rijeka Carnival)
A vibrant celebration before Lent featuring parades, costumes, and the burning of a man-like effigy called "Pust" to symbolically cleanse away sins and misfortunes.

Dalmatian Prosciutto (Pršut)
Dry-cured ham traditionally salted and aged by the strong bura wind in Dalmatia, known for its distinctive, rich flavor.

Bećarac Singing
Humorous, rhymed songs typically performed at social gatherings in Slavonia, known for their lively rhythms and playful, sometimes cheeky lyrics.

Slavonian Kulen
A unique smoked sausage made from ground pork and red paprika, prized in Slavonia and often served during festivals and celebrations.











What to see in Croatia?



Dubrovnik (The "Pearl of the Adriatic") – This historic city, with its medieval walls and stunning views over the Adriatic Sea, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk along the city walls, explore the marble streets of the Old Town, and take a cable car ride up Mount Srđ for panoramic views.



Plitvice Lakes National Park – Known for its cascading lakes, crystal-clear waterfalls, and lush forests, Plitvice is one of Croatia's most iconic natural wonders. The park's wooden pathways lead visitors over turquoise lakes and through scenic landscapes, making it a dream for nature lovers.



Split and Diocletian's Palace – In the coastal city of Split, visitors can explore the ancient Roman Diocletian's Palace, which is seamlessly integrated into the modern city. Wander through narrow alleyways, visit bustling local markets, and enjoy the lively Riva promenade by the sea.



Hvar and the Dalmatian Islands – Known for sunny beaches, lavender fields, and vibrant nightlife, Hvar island is ideal for relaxing and exploring historical sites like the Fortica fortress. Nearby islands like Brač (with its famous Zlatni Rat beach) and Vis (a peaceful escape) add to the allure of the Dalmatian archipelago.

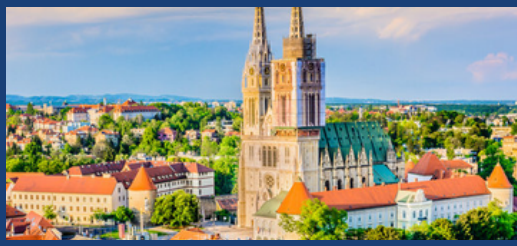


Istria (Rovinj, Motovun, and Pula) – The Istrian Peninsula offers charming coastal towns and hilltop villages. Rovinj captivates with its colorful seaside houses, Motovun is known for truffle hunting and vineyards, and Pula boasts a well-preserved Roman amphitheater still used for events.

What to see in Zagreb?



Ban Jelačić Square – The heart of Zagreb and its central meeting point, this lively square is surrounded by cafes, shops, and historic buildings, and is a great starting place for exploring the city.



Zagreb Cathedral – With its towering twin spires, this Gothic-style cathedral is a symbol of Zagreb. It houses beautiful frescoes and altars, as well as historical artifacts from Croatia's religious history.



St. Mark's Church – Known for its colorful tiled roof featuring the coat of arms of Croatia, Dalmatia, and Slavonia, St. Mark's is one of Zagreb's most iconic landmarks, located in the charming Upper Town (Gornji Grad).



Maksimir Park – One of the largest and oldest public parks in Zagreb, Maksimir offers lush green spaces, serene lakes, and charming walking paths. It's a peaceful escape from the city, featuring a variety of wildlife, including deer in the nearby zoo, and beautiful pavilions perfect for relaxation.



Dolac Market – Zagreb's vibrant open-air market where locals shop for fresh produce, flowers, cheese, and meats. It's a great place to experience local life and sample Croatian food specialties.



Museum of Chocolate – A delightful stop for sweet-tooth enthusiasts, this interactive museum in Zagreb offers a journey through the history and art of chocolate-making. Visitors can learn about the origins of chocolate, watch live demonstrations, and taste various chocolate creations, making it a fun and delicious experience for all ages.

What to see in Zagreb?

Museum of Broken Relationships – A unique museum that showcases personal objects from past relationships, each with its own story. It's an emotional, fascinating look at love, loss, and human connection.





Mirogoj Cemetery – Often described as one of Europe's most beautiful cemeteries, Mirogoj is both a serene park and a historic resting place with beautiful arcades, sculptures, and mausoleums.

Lotrščak Tower and the Grič Cannon – Located in the Upper Town, this medieval tower offers great views of the city and houses the Grič cannon, which fires every day at noon—a local tradition since the 19th century.





Art Pavilion and King Tomislav Square – The oldest art pavilion in Southeast Europe, showcasing Croatian and international exhibitions. King Tomislav Square, just in front, is a picturesque park with a statue of Croatia's first king.

Zrinjevac Park – A beautiful, tree-lined park in the center of the city with fountains, statues, and historic pavilions. In winter, it transforms into a charming Christmas market, while in warmer months it's perfect for picnics and strolls.



Welcome to Zaprešić!

Nestled just a short drive from Zagreb, **Zaprešić** is a charming town that offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and nature. With its picturesque Jelačić Castle, vibrant public art scene, and easy access to the stunning Žumberak-Samoborsko Gorje Nature Park, Zaprešić is an ideal destination for those seeking a peaceful escape. Explore the town's rich heritage, enjoy outdoor activities in lush landscapes, and immerse yourself in local festivals and traditions. Whether you're a history enthusiast, nature lover, or simply looking for a relaxing getaway, Zaprešić has something special to offer.



Jelačić Castle – A must-see historical landmark, this 19th-century castle surrounded by lush gardens offers insight into the region's noble past. Visitors can admire the beautiful architecture and explore the tranquil parkland.





Jezero Zajarki – A beautiful lake located just outside Zaprešić, Jezero Zajarki is a perfect spot for nature lovers. Surrounded by greenery, it's ideal for a peaceful walk, birdwatching, or a relaxing day by the water, offering a serene escape from the town's bustle.

Žumberak-Samoborsko Gorje Nature Park – Just a short distance from the town, this natural gem offers hiking, cycling, and breathtaking views. It's perfect for outdoor enthusiasts looking to connect with nature and explore scenic landscapes.



Experience a foreign culture, meet new people and learn a foreign language with us. We are waiting for you!



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