

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Types of study programmes offered

The University of Montenegro offers the following study programmes:

Undergraduate academic studies, BSc, BA (lasting 3 or 4 years)

Undergraduate applied studies, BApp (lasting 3 years)

Postgraduate specialist studies (BSc, BA and BApp + 1 year)

Postgraduate master studies (BSc and BA + 2 years; postgraduate specialist studies + 1 year)

Doctoral studies (MSc + 3 years)

Grading system

Assessment is done in compliance with the ECTS grading scale: A, B, C, D, E and F.

A – excellent (exceptional success with negligible mistakes)

B – very good (above average, with some mistakes)

C – good (average, with noticeable mistakes)

D – satisfactory (generally good, but with significant deficiencies)

E – sufficient (satisfies minimum criteria)

F – insufficient (needs considerably more work)

Programmes for degree students

A list of all programmes can be found at www.ir.cg.ac.yu in the section Prospectus.

All courses are taught in Montenegrin.*

* Some master and doctoral courses can be organized in English, in agreement with the mentor.

Courses for exchange students

Same as for degree students

Academic calendar for 2008/2009

Month	Mon	Tues	Wedn	Thur	Frid	Sat	Sun	week	Students activities
VIII	18	Beginning of the study year							
		19	20	21	22	23	24		
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
IX	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2	Beginning of lectures I week of lectures
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	II week of lectures
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4	III week of lectures
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5	IV week of lectures
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	V week of lectures
X	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	VI week of lectures
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8	VII free week
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	9	VIII week of lectures
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	10	IX week of lectures
XI	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	X week of lectures
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	XI week of lectures
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	13	XII week of lectures
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	14	XIII week of lectures
XII	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	15	XIV week of lectures
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	XV (final) week of lectures
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	17	Weeks of the final exams
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18	
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		HOLIDAYS
I	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	Make up exams week
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	22	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	23	Week of preparations for the next

									semester
II	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	24	Beginning of lectures I week of lectures
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	25	II week of lectures
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	26	III week of lectures
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	IV week of lectures
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	28	V week of lectures
III	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	29	VI week of lectures
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	30	VII Free week
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31	VIII week of lectures
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	32	IX week of lectures
IV	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	33	X week of lectures
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	34	XI week of lectures
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	35	XII week of lectures
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	36	XIII week of lectures
V	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	37	XIV week of lectures
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	38	XV (final) week of lectures
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	39	Week of the final exams
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	40	
VI	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	41	Break between exams
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	42	Weeks of make up exams
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	43	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	44	
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	45	Final week of the academic year
VII	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	46	
	13	14	15						Collective holiday beginning on July 16

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

Admission criteria for degree students

Admission into the first year of studies is done based on a public call of the University for all study programs.

The call is published in a daily newspaper published in Montenegro and on the University web site.

The call is published for every admission term.

The first admission term is organized in the second half of June of the current year.

In cases when in the first admission term the number of qualified students for admission is smaller than the determined number for admission, the second or the third admission term is organized.

The second admission term is organized in the first half of June of the current year.

The third admission term is organized in the second half of August of the current year.

A candidate for admission has to submit an application and the following documents:

- Original of secondary school certificates
- Original diploma on the secondary school leaving exam i.e. final exam
- Birth certificate

Admission into postgraduate studies is done based on a public call that is published by the University.

The call is published for each study year at latest 30 days before the end of the summer semester of the previous study year.

The call is published in the daily newspaper published in Montenegro and on the University web site.

Candidates who have completed undergraduate studies, i.e. obtained 180 ECTS credits and who obtained a diploma of undergraduate studies from an adequate field of sciences or arts have the right to apply for admission into postgraduate studies.

The candidate has to submit an application and the documents as foreseen by the call.

Admission into doctoral studies is done based on a public call that is published by the University.

The call is published in the daily newspaper published in Montenegro and on the University web site.

Candidates who have obtained a diploma for the academic title of master in an adequate field of sciences have the right to apply for admission into doctoral studies.

The candidate has to submit an application and the documents as foreseen by the call.

Admission criteria for exchange students

A student has the right to spend a certain period of time (one semester or one study year) during his/her studies at another higher education institution in the country or abroad, based on international programs for exchange of students or bilateral agreements between universities.

In compliance with the agreement signed between a student and the university s/he is recognized a certain number of credits.

Student exchange does not imply issuing of a diploma, i.e. obtaining of a degree, by the host university, unless the issuing of joint diplomas i.e. recognition of degrees is foreseen between universities.

Along with the request for stay at another higher education institution, the following original documents as foreseen by the ECTS rules for the change of place of studying, are submitted:

- Student application form
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of Records
- Information Package

Tasks related to the administrative and academic aspects of ECTS (informing of students, assistance with documents preparation, communication between the university unit and the home institution, assistance with the involvement of guest students into the education system) are performed by ECTS coordinators of study programs at university units.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

Visa

Citizens of the following countries can stay in Montenegro up to 90 days only with a passport, no visa needed for: Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Great Britain, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Island, Monaco, Andorra, San Marino, Israel, Cyprus, Malta, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Croatia, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

Foreign citizens may apply for a Montenegrin visa at the competent diplomatic or consular post of Montenegro in a foreign country. In countries where Montenegro has no diplomatic or consular post, Montenegrin visa applications may be submitted to the Serbian diplomatic or consular post.

Required documents for visa application:

1. Photograph
2. Valid Passport
3. Completed Visa Application Form
4. Invitation Letter from a natural person or legal entity with permanent residence in Montenegro, verified by a competent body
5. Return Air Ticket
6. Travel Voucher and evidence of sufficient funds to cover the costs of a tourist stay
7. International Health Insurance.

More information on obtaining visas and terms under which foreign citizens could stay in Montenegro could be found at www.gov.me/eng.

Accommodation

Students of the University of Montenegro who are financed from the Republican Budget can use six students residence halls including restaurants and clubs. There are residence halls in Podgorica, Nikšić, Kotor and Cetinje, i.e. in towns where faculties are located.

Students eat in student restaurants. For Montenegrin students, financed from the budget, food and accommodation prices are affordable and they do not exceed 20 Euros per month.

It is possible to provide accommodation for a foreign student in one of these resident halls, but it is always advisable to deal with this matter at least two months before arrival in order to check the availability of rooms in residence halls. In case no rooms can be obtained in residence halls foreign students are advised to seek for private accommodation. Private accommodation is more expensive than residence hall, and price varies according to the type of accommodation: room, studio or apartment. For foreign students, meals could be provided in student restaurants.

Usually, scholarships that exchange students obtain are sufficient to cover private accommodation, food and local transport costs.

How to get there

Montenegro is connected to the world by road, railway, maritime and air transport. You can select the manner that suits you best in order to get to Montenegro.

It takes only an hour, by plane, to get to the capital of Montenegro from Rome or Budapest, and an hour and half to get to Montenegro from Zurich.

Distances from the capital:

Podgorica- Rome 500 km air line

Podgorica- Paris/Berlin 1500 km air line

Podgorica- Moscow 2000 km air line

Airports in Montenegro: Podgorica and Tivat. It is also suitable to arrive at the airport in Dubrovnik (Croatia) considering that it takes only few hours to reach the capital of Montenegro by car or by bus.

During high season, many charter flights are introduced increasing the possibility to get to Montenegro at the most convenient time.

Insurance, Health care

All exchange students coming to Montenegro have to obtain a valid international health insurance. This insurance covers all health services provided by the Students Polyclinic. At the polyclinic, general health care, dental care, gynecological and psychiatric care are provided.

Students polyclinic

Adress: Svetozara Markovića br 37, 81 000 Podgorica

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Climate

The climate features in Montenegro are extremely diverse. So many different climate zones on such a small territory as Montenegro are a rarity throughout the world. There are three climate zones in Montenegro: the coastal zone, the continental zone and the mountain zone. The most significant factors influencing the climate are the warm Adriatic Sea, the costal topography, the hydrographic system (river and lakes), plains and continental topography.

Coastal zone

The coastal belt, which is the narrow strip along the Adriatic Sea separated from the hinterland by steep mountain ranges, enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with long dry summers and short mild winters. Average July temperatures are 28°C with a high approaching 30°C; average annual sunshine is over 2,500 hours with a summer average of 300 plus hours per month - or ten hours a day. The winter average temperature is 9°C and rarely drops below the freezing point, but northern winds can be very cold.

Spring is characterized by sunny weather with moderate temperatures and autumn with frequent rainfalls. November is generally the wettest month.

Continental zone

The central part of Montenegro encompasses the Zeta plain and the Bjelopavlici plain. Mediterranean penetration along the Bojana valley and the Skadar Lake, the influence of the watery surfaces on this inland area, is very significant and it is why the central plain is warmer in summer than the coast. The cold air penetrations from the north into this area are frequent and are the reason why the number of frosty days is three times larger here than on the coast. Podgorica averages a January temperature of 5°C and a July temperature of 28.5°C. The maximum can reach 40°C with a minimum of -10°C.

Mountain zone

The highest mountain area consists of plains of around 1,700 m rising to peaks at around 2,000. The climate is sub-alpine with cold snowy winters, up to 5 m in the mountains, and moderate summers averaging 270 hours of sunshine per month. Winter maximum temperatures are around 3°C with minimums around -8°C. In the summer months it goes from 23°C to 9°C. If you are visiting these regions even in the middle of July, you should pack some warm clothing for the evenings.

Registration for degree students

In order to register as degree students at the University of Montenegro, prospective students have to submit the following:

- receipt on payment of the tuition fee
- an "index" i.e. student's book
- 2 application forms
- 2 photographs

After registration they have to sign an Agreement on Studying with the faculty.

Registration for exchange students

In order to register at University of Montenegro, exchange students need to:

Have a learning agreement

Buy and fill in "index" – students book

Go to the student service office of the Faculty at which they will pursue their period of exchange where they will obtain further instructions on registration.

Services at the University

Each faculty of the University of Montenegro has its own students' service. Records and data on every student are kept here and students address these offices for every administrative issue regarding their studies. Further, each faculty has a vice-dean for teaching and contact point for international relations affairs.

Also, at the central level, there is International Relations Office of the University of Montenegro where exchange students can also come for an advice regarding various matters. Contacts at www.ir.ac.me.

The City

History reveals that people have lived in region of Podgorica since the prehistoric period so this is the city with rich history and cultural heritage. Due to the tumultuous war history and frequent devastations of the city, especially during the WW II, there are not many well preserved old buildings. This resulted in fast development of the city, especially during the last ten years when new apartment blocks emerged, business centers, lines of communication and many other facilities which serves to its 200 000 citizens and resulted in turning it into a modern administrative center of Montenegro.

Situated on five rivers, with deeply cut riverbeds, Podgorica is less than one-hour drive far from the sea, and two hours far from mountain tourist centers.

More information on Podgorica and Montenegro, together with many practical info, could be found at www.en.pgto.org. or www.visit-montenegro.com.

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