



Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek  
Faculty of Law Osijek

# General Information *for* **Erasmus** Incoming Students

## WELCOME!

Dear exchange students,

we are very pleased that you are considering the Faculty of Law Osijek for your Erasmus exchange.

This publication contains practical information for students considering the Faculty of Law Osijek for their Erasmus exchange. The information may also be valuable to international students wishing to visit the Faculty through other exchange programs or as free movers.

In the European context, the J.J. Strossmayer University of Osijek (UNIOS) is medium-sized. Since adopting the Bologna principles, it has developed into a modern European higher education institution. Today, UNIOS is a regional center of knowledge, research, and excellence. All our efforts are channeled into continually improving the quality of teaching and learning. UNIOS offers high quality student accommodation, learning facilities and other student services. Osijek is a university town synonymous with youth and life.

The UNIOS International Relations Office (IRO) is available for all your exchange-related questions and will help you to settle in and adjust to living and studying in Osijek more quickly. You may reach the IRO via phone or e-mail. We strive to provide our exchange student with all necessary information. Should you decide to come to Osijek, we will try to make your exchange a great experience!

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# BASIC INFORMATION

## Osijek

With a population of 100,000, Osijek is the largest city in Slavonia and the fourth largest in Croatia. Located on the banks of the Drava River, it is the academic, administrative, judicial, cultural, and business center of the Osijek-Baranja County. Osijek's rich history is reflected in its Art Nouveau architecture, the world-famous historic center - Tvrđa, and the co-cathedral, among others. The Osijek tram has been running continuously since 1884. Osijek is also hometown to two Nobel laureates.

Osijek's many parks, cafés, events, sports courts and halls, bike paths, walkways, libraries, museums, and galleries make it a great choice for (exchange) students. The 20,000 students at UNIOS are a testament to that.





## JOSIP JURAJ STROSSMAYER UNIVERSITY OF OSIJEK (UNIOS)

Higher education in Osijek began early in the 18th century. UNIOS was founded in 1975 under the auspices of the Croatian Parliament. In 1990, UNIOS was named after Josip Juraj Strossmayer - a prominent bishop and founder of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Today, UNIOS has 12 faculties, an art academy and four university departments. Abreast of European trends, UNIOS continually implements the Bologna principles and is cognizant of the increasing availability of international research programs and projects, as well as the development of new technologies.

The UNIOS Rectorate is headquartered in Tvrđa.



## FACULTY OF LAW OSIJEK

Although it has existed as part of the Faculty of Economics in Osijek since 1973, the Faculty of Law Osijek was formally established in 1975. The Faculty operates at three locations: at Stjepana Radića 13 and 17 (Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study of Law and University Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Social Work), and at Cara Hadrijana bb on Campus Street (Professional Administrative Study).

In addition to theory classes, the Faculty's 2,000 students are offered practical lessons. The Faculty continually strives toward excellence in research and instruction. This is achieved by systematically developing and improving its organizational units' activity, as well as by offering lifelong learning to equip its students and alumni with knowledge and skills suited to the challenges of the modern society.



# ACADEMIC INFORMATION



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The academic year is divided into two semesters. The first (winter) semester starts in October and ends in January. The first exam period takes place in February. The second (summer) semester starts in March and ends in June. The second exam period starts mid-June (and lasts until end of July). Summer break takes place in August. The third exam period takes place in September.

Between the several UNIOS buildings around Osijek, the central one is the UNIOS Campus.

## LANGUAGE POLICY

UNIOS welcomes all students, researchers, teachers, and staff. At UNIOS, there are great opportunities for studying, research, teaching, professional training, all of which have been designed with the UNIOS mission, vision and development strategy in mind. In its day-to-day operations, UNIOS uses Croatian as the official language. Apart from Croatian, UNIOS fosters the use of English, in recognition of its indispensableness in communication in education, science and lifelong learning. The use of other languages, especially minority languages, is also encouraged. Per the UNIOS language policy, each minority language is treated equally, subject to the UNIOS human resources and capabilities. In line with its international outlook, the globally visible information on UNIOS is published in English. Relevant websites are translated into English. UNIOS student organizations also provide relevant information in English. All publications are made electronically available.

## COURSES AVAILABLE AT THE FACULTY OF LAW OSIJEK

Croatian is the primary language of instruction at the Faculty. Listed below are the courses offered in English and other foreign languages.

Where sufficiently fluent in Croatian, exchange students are welcome to attend class held in Croatian. For more information on courses held in Croatian, please contact our Erasmus Coordinator, via e-mail at [erasmus@pravos.hr](mailto:erasmus@pravos.hr). Information on available courses within a specific study program will be provided upon request.

In coordination with your Erasmus coordinators at home, you are advised to prepare a preliminary learning agreement before arriving to Osijek. Be advised to check our webpages for updated information.

More details on courses held in English:



## LIST OF COURSES IN ENGLISH

EU and Croatian Competition Law	Freedom of Expression	Transport and Environmental Law	European Legal Tradition	Human Rights Theory	Environmental Protection
Access to Justice and European Convention On Human Rights	Croatian Human Rights Law	English for Eu Law	English for Lawyers 3	English for Lawyers I	Environmental Protection
EU Public Law	European Family Law	European Labour Law	EU and International Animal Law	Historical Development of Consumer Protection	International and European Child Law
International Human Rights Law	Law and Ethics of the Legal Profession	Structure of Croatian Tax System	History of Social Work	Procedural Protection of Consumer Rights under EU Consumer Law	Right to Privacy and Data Protection in EU
English for Lawyers 4	English for Lawyers II	Council of Europe law	European Equality Law	Legal English in Business and Company Law	EU International Family Law
International Arbitration Law	EU State Aid Law	The legal status of women throughout history			

## CROATIAN LANGUAGE PREPARATORY COURSE

To our Erasmus students we offer a preparatory Croatian language course covering the basics of the Croatian language and culture. The course is offered free of charge to all Erasmus incoming students. ECTS credits are awarded upon successful completion of the course.

## THE CROATIAN GRADING SYSTEM

The Croatian national grading system consists of five (5) grades with numerical equivalents, *excellent* (5) being the highest grade:

izvrstan (5)	excellent (5)
vrlo dobar (4)	very good (4)
dobar (3)	good (3)
dovoljan (2)	sufficient (2)
nedovoljan (1)	fail (1)

## COMPARISON TO ECTS CREDITS

	ECTS Credits Scale		Croatian Grade
86 – 100 %	A	excellent	excellent (5)
71 – 85 %	B	above average	very good (4)
56 – 70 %	C	average	good (3)
50 – 55 %	D	below average	sufficient (2)
40 – 49 %	E	fail	fail (1)
25 – 39 %	FX	fail	fail (1)
0 – 24 %	F	fail	fail (1)





## **THE CITY AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

The City and University Library Osijek, conveniently located downtown, is open on weekdays from 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and on Saturdays from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The Library is subscription-based. Its American Corner and Austrian Reading Room hold books and magazines in English and German language.

Apart from the City and University Library, students may use the UNIOS constituents' proprietary libraries, which offer print, audio and visual materials and other information services within particular scientific areas.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Once nominated by your home university to participate in Erasmus+ or other form of mobility at UNIOS, you are required to complete the application package, which consists of the following:

- Application Form
- Accommodation Form
- Preliminary Learning Agreement for Studies OR Learning Agreement for Traineeships
- Two (2) headshots
- A copy of the passport (only the page containing relevant personal information)
- Transcript of Records from your home university
- Certificate of the Erasmus+ student status (signed by your Erasmus coordinator and bearing the relevant official stamp)
- CV in Europass format



# BEFORE LEAVING HOME



## VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

If your application is accepted, you will be issued a Letter of Acceptance and a Confirmation of Accommodation. The two documents will be required for your visa or residence permit application.

Exchange students who intend to stay in Croatia longer than 90 days (i.e., three months), are obligated to obtain a residence permit upon arrival.

More details:



## HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is mandatory for exchange students in Croatia. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) provides access to medically necessary, state-provided health-care. Non-EU students may use emergency health care services during their temporary stay in Croatia (provided that they are coming from countries with which Croatia has an international agreement).

Before coming to Croatia, exchange students should check with their health insurance provider at home their eligibility for health services in Croatia.

More details:



## OTHER STUDENT INFORMATION



## ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN)

Our ESN home students - ESN buddies - will help you to adjust to a new living and studying environment more quickly. ESN buddies will keep you informed on the day-to-day student life in Osijek and other practicalities in preparation for your move to Osijek, as well as studying at UNIOS.

We advise exchange students to contact ESN Osijek immediately following their mobility acceptance to UNIOS.

### Contact

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ESNOsijek

### Contact person:

Ines Komić, ESN Osijek President,  
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## PLANNING YOUR TRAVEL

### Flying to Croatia

The Franjo Tuđman Airport - Croatia's major airport - is well connected to many European cities. Osijek's local airport offers direct flights to and from Frankfurt-Hahn.

### Railway travel

Croatia is connected to many European countries and cities by direct train lines.

### Bus travel

Bus service is offered countrywide. Regular international bus lines connect Croatia to its neighboring countries, as well as with Austria, France, Italy, Germany, and Slovakia.

The most straightforward way to reach Osijek from abroad is to fly to Zagreb and then take a train to Osijek. The train service from Zagreb is frequent, safe, and reliable.

More details:



# ACCOMMODATION

Exchange students may opt for accommodation at the UNIOS Student Residence (located at the UNIOS Campus). Rooms are single or double occupancy, priced at HRK 700 and HRK 550 monthly, respectively. Exchange students opting for the UNIOS Student Residence are required to submit the accommodation form as part of their application. Accommodation at the UNIOS Student Residence is subject to availability.

Exchange students may also opt for privately rented apartments or rooms. Single rooms start at EUR 100 monthly, and furnished apartments at EUR 200 monthly.



## STUDENT REGISTRATION

Upon arriving to Osijek, you should contact the UNIOS IRO, located at Trg Svetog Trojstva 3 (in Tvrđa).

Registration takes place on the first working day following your arrival to Osijek.

The UNIOS IRO is open Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM.

At registration, UNIOS IRO will inform you of the relevant enrollment procedure (that takes place at your host faculty's student affairs office), as well as assist you with other related steps.

## WELCOME DAY

The UNIOS IRO hosts the annual Erasmus Students Welcome Party. It is a networking opportunity for incoming exchange students and their ESN buddies.

The Welcome Party program is emailed to exchange students well in advance, as well as communicated during registration at UNIOS.

## STUDENT IDENTITY CARD – THE X CARD

Exchange students at UNIOS are entitled to the UNIOS Student ID Card, also called the X Card. The X Card unlocks government-subsidized food and meals at student cafeterias and restaurants. The X Card is also proof of active student status, which grants government-subsidized prices of transport tickets, certain services etc.

## INCOMING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The UNIOS Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) is committed to providing support and assistance to all home and exchange students with disabilities. Most UNIOS facilities are accessible via elevators and/or ramps. Where possible, the UNIOS OSD Staff will gladly tailor its services to students with disabilities. The UNIOS OSD cooperates with disability organizations at the local, regional, and national level. To create a supportive environment, students with disabilities looking to visit UNIOS will be assisted to the maximum extent possible.

### Contact

Damir Španić, UNIOS  
Coordinator for Students with Disabilities  
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## STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

The Faculty of Law students' primary channel of international cooperation is the European Law Students' Association (ELSA). Boasting an advisory status in the UN, ELSA provides various international opportunities for students and young lawyers (such as traineeships, international projects, professional seminars, cultural exchanges, trainings, workshops, and competitions). ELSA Osijek is committed to developing, promoting, and advancing the Faculty of Law students' knowledge and networking throughout Europe in the areas of legal education, professional standards, and research. ELSA Osijek fosters knowledge dissemination and EU law harmonization by preparing its members to provide their best possible work within the environment of total European integration. ELSA Osijek strives to enrich academic life at the Faculty and provide students with an array of opportunities to acquire knowledge and practical experience, and network in Europe and the USA.

Students can put their theoretical knowledge into practice at the UNIOS Legal and Business Clinic, which has been its primary purpose since its establishment in 2013. Apart from improving the quality of their study, the Clinic is a platform for its 80 students (annually) to serve the local community. Through providing free legal and financial advice to small and medium-size businesses, the scientific and professional capacities of two of the four Clinic's founders (the Faculty of

Law Osijek and the Faculty of Economics Osijek). Additionally, given that it is also a platform for student-future employer networking and their first contact with the labor market, the Clinic is good preparation for the "real world" and future employment.

Established in 2000, the Faculty's Student Sports Association's (SSA) purpose is to meet the common needs and interests in the area of student sport, physical and health education and recreational activities. The SSA offers extra-curricular sports activities to students, be they recreational (hiking, cycling, and roller-skating, swimming) or competitive (football, mini-football, handball, basketball, volleyball, athletics, cross-country, basketball, chess, swimming, tennis, table tennis, billiards, bowling and darts). The SSA students achieve excellent results. They are five-time table tennis and swimming champions (both men's and women's teams). The Faculty's football and volleyball teams are UNIOS Championship winners. The SSA handball and basketball teams won second place last year. Our students also excel in individual sports (tennis, chess, billiards, darts, and badminton). Through the SSA, the Faculty's students take part in sporting events such as the Student Sports Day, New Year's Race, the Olympic Day etc. The SSA also arranges the students' attendance of major sporting events, such as the World Cup Gymnastics, Handball World Championship, the SEHA League, and the Croatian 1A Volleyball League matches etc.



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