

Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

Faculty of Medicine Osijek

Student Information Guide



Dear Students,

Welcome to the Faculty of Medicine Osijek of the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and to the beginning of your academic and professional journey.

By enrolling in this study program, you have taken an important step that will shape both your professional and personal development. Ahead of you lies a period of intensive learning, numerous challenges, and exceptional opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values that will form the foundation of your future career.

Please remember that you are not alone on this journey. Your teachers, mentors, and senior students are here to help you overcome challenges and adapt to a new way of studying.

To help you navigate your studies more easily, we have prepared this Information Guide, which is intended to support your everyday functioning at the Faculty, familiarize you with key regulations, and guide you toward the successful fulfillment of your academic obligations. In it, you will find useful information about classes, examinations, student rights, as well as opportunities for professional and personal development.

We encourage you to use this Guide as a source of information throughout your studies and to contact the relevant Faculty services should you require any additional assistance or information.

We wish you every success in your studies and future professional work.

Yours sincerely,

The Management, Academic, and Administrative Staff of the Medicinski fakultet Osijek

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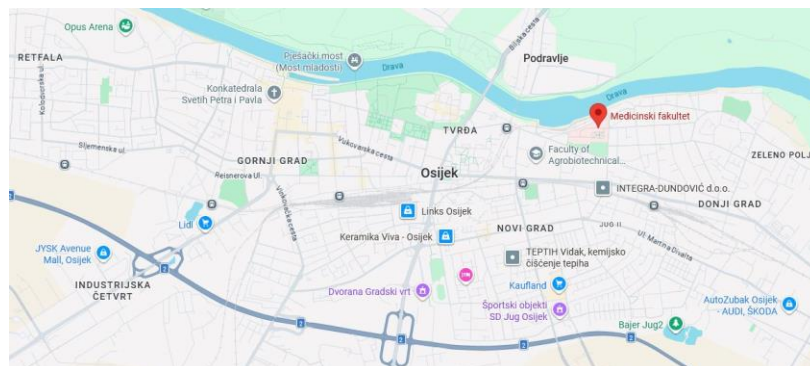
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## **STUDENTS AND STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

The Students and Studies Department (Referada) is the first part of the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek that you will meet upon enrollment and where you will receive all the necessary information about your rights and obligations during your studies. The Students and Studies Office of the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek is divided into four parts – the Department of Medicine, the Department of Pharmacy, the Department of Medicine in German and the Department of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics. The Students and Studies Department is also responsible for issuing and certifying the necessary certificates and transcripts of grades within the study. The working hours of the Students and Studies Department are every working day from 7:00 to 15:00, and it is available for work with students every working day from 9:00 to 12:00.

## **WEBSITE**

You can find all information related to the Faculty of Medicine Osijek on our official website: [www.mefos.unios.hr](http://www.mefos.unios.hr). The most important part of our website for you is the "Students" menu.

## **COMMON EMAIL**

At the beginning of the academic year, you will be given a password and username for the common study email, where you will receive notifications generally related to your studies and classes.

## **STUDENT ID CARD**

At the beginning of the academic year, you will be given a student ID card (X-card) in the Department for Students and Studies. The student ID card is a public document and proves your student status. The student ID card entitles you to all student rights (meals in restaurants, public transportation, scholarships, work through Student Services, etc.). Always carry your student ID card with you and keep it safe, because with it you can prove to everyone and everywhere that you are a student. If you lose your ID card, please contact the Department for Students and Studies to have a new student ID card issued.

## **STUDOMAT**

At the beginning of the academic year, you will be given the data (username and password) to access Studomat. Studomat is a module of the Higher Education Information System (ISVU) intended for students. It contains all your data: which year of study you are in, whether you are a full-time student, what grades you received in exams and whether you use subsidized meals. You must use Studomat to register and deregister for exams. A student cannot take an exam if he/she has not previously registered for it on Studomat. The exam must be registered for no later than five working days before the exam is held, and deregistered no later than 24 hours before the day set for the exam. If the exam is not deregistered and the student does not take it, it is counted as a failure and a failure.

## **AAI Identity**

At the beginning of the academic year, you will also be given the data (username and password) for your electronic identity (AAI) which will be used to access your official email. Please keep this data safe. In the event of loss of your access data, please feel free to contact the Department for Students and Studies. You will conduct all future digital communication with teachers and the Department for Students and Studies at the individual level via your official email. Using your electronic identity, you will also be able to access the university survey and e-learning computer systems (Merlin). In the event of technical difficulties, please feel free to contact the Department for Students and Studies and, if necessary, you will be redirected to the IT service.

## **TEACHING**

The academic year begins on October 1 of the current year and ends on September 30 of the following year. Classes at the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek sometimes begin before October 1 and are marked by an Academic Hour, the schedule of which is announced on the Faculty's website. Classes are held in rotation (subject by subject), in semesters: winter and summer, and the courses are compulsory and elective.

## STUDENT STATUS

Student status is acquired by enrolling in a study program (the student concludes a contract with the Faculty), and is proven by a student document issued by the Faculty (student ID card). All students at our Faculty have a full-time status that lasts no longer than twice the prescribed duration of the study program. Students with a full-time status study within the framework of a full-time schedule, enrolling in 60 ECTS credits in an academic year in accordance with the study plan. ***The Regulations on Studies and Studying at the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek*** are an important document that every student should study in order to be well informed about their rights, duties and obligations. The Regulations are available for reading on the websites of the Faculty and the University. For a more detailed interpretation of individual rights and obligations in accordance with the Regulations, you can contact the Department for Students and Studies.

## TAKING THE EXAM

A student who has fulfilled all the prescribed obligations set out in the study programme and the teaching plan may take the exam. The student takes the exam with a teacher specified in the study plan. The exams can be theoretical and practical, and are taken only orally, only in writing, or in writing and orally. The entire exam must be completed within seven working days. The number of times the exam can be taken during the academic year is NOT LIMITED. The oral exam is public and is taken in the presence of two or more students. The duration of an individual student's oral exam cannot exceed 45 minutes. There are regular and extraordinary exam periods. The regular exam periods are: winter, summer and autumn. The regular exam period lasts at least four weeks. There can be a maximum of two extraordinary exam periods in one semester, which cannot be in September and October. A student who is not satisfied with the grade achieved may, within 48 hours after the exam, file an objection to the final grade from the exam and request a retake of the exam before the teaching committee.

## ECTS POINTS

In order to increase the transparency of study programs offered at the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek, the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is applied. Each course carries a certain number of ECTS points. Each academic year contains 60 ECTS points. In order for a student to be eligible for admission to a higher year of study, he or she must earn at least 51 ECTS points during the academic year. If a full-time student earns at least 55 ECTS points during the academic year, he or she pays only the costs of

enrollment and the Student Union project (EUR 34.00) when enrolling in a higher year. If a full-time student earns less than 51 ECTS points, he or she can enroll in a repeat year once, paying the costs of the Student Union project and tuition according to the linear study model. The costs of enrollment and the amounts of tuition fees that full-time students must pay when enrolling in higher/repeated years of study are determined by the Decision on Special Fees at the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and Scientific and Educational Units 2023 and the Decision on the Linear Model of Studying at the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek. The aforementioned Decisions are available for reading on the websites of the Faculty and the University. Enrollment in higher/repeated years is carried out every year in the second half of September. In case of any uncertainty or need for additional information, you can feel free to contact the Department for Students and Studies.

## **RECOGNITION OF EXAMS**

If a student has passed an exam at another higher education institution, the passed exam may be recognized with the same or a different name of the passed exam, the same grade and the acquired ECTS points, provided that the passed exam is from a course with the same or similar content. The recognition of the exam is carried out using the provided form in which the subject teacher is requested to recognize the exam. Along with the form, it is necessary to attach a transcript of grades from the higher education institution where the exam was passed. A special form can be downloaded from the Department for Students and Studies.

## **INTERNSHIP**

During the summer semester, students at the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek complete a professional/clinical internship, which is mandatory and an integral part of the curriculum of the study programs. The purpose of the professional/clinical internship is to familiarize themselves with working in healthcare institutions, to adopt new and apply acquired knowledge, and to acquire the necessary skills in order to be better prepared for independent work upon graduation. The professional internship is carried out in the teaching facilities of the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek with which the Faculty has signed a cooperation agreement. The referral of students to institutions where professional/clinical internships are held is the responsibility of the professional/clinical internship course leader. After the internship, the acquired learning outcomes are evaluated through a practical exam.

## **LIBRARY AND IT SUPPORT**

The library of the Faculty of Medicine Osijek and the Clinical Hospital Osijek, located in the hospital complex (address: J. Huttlera 4, Osijek), is available to you every working day from 7:00 to 15:00. It contains all the necessary professional literature from which you can study. Register for the Library now so that you can borrow books during your studies. The Faculty of Medicine Osijek has a special space – the reading room, for quiet student work, which is not large but is quiet and where you can study. Other libraries available near the Faculty of Medicine Osijek are: on campus, the library of the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture Osijek (address: Vladimira Preloga 3, Osijek), the library of the Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek (address: Vladimira Preloga 1, Osijek). You can also study in the classrooms and living room of the New Student Dormitory. If you live near the center of Osijek, you can also study at the Osijek City and University Library, located at Europske avenij 24. It is important to know that professional literature cannot be borrowed from the city library.

## **FOOD**

Student meals are organized in three student restaurants. The restaurant at Istarska 5 and the Campus restaurant (Lavoslava Ružičke Street 3) on the University Campus operate on a self-service basis, while the Gaudeamus restaurant (Istarska 5), where the Studentski klub café is located, operates with waiter service. In addition to restaurants, student meals are also available in a number of facilities offering quick and easy food and beverage preparation and serving services – located at the Faculties of Economics and Philosophy, the Department of Mathematics, and in student dormitories. The beneficiary of the support proves and exercises their right to them through their student ID card (the popular X-ica). You can check the daily food offer on the Student Center's website Student Meals | Student Center in Osijek. In restaurants, students receive preferential prices with the X-ica, which can be used in addition to the three restaurants, in the Studentski klub café, Index, and in the canteens of other faculties as well as in student dormitories. In addition to hearty meals, you can buy various groceries on X-ica, such as snacks, juices, and baked goods. On X-ica, you have a certain amount of co-financing for food, which depends on the distance of your place of residence from Osijek, which means that the further away you are from home, the greater the amount on your X-ica.

## **ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING**

In the City of Osijek, as the university center of eastern Croatia, there are three student dormitories: STUDENT DOM dr. ANDRIJA ŠTAMPAR (address: Ivana Gorana Kovačića 4, Osijek), STUDENT DOM VLADIMIR PRELOG (address: Julija Knifera 3, Osijek) and STUDENT DOM LAVOSLAV RUŽIČKA (address: Julija Knifera 3, Osijek). There are currently 1,475 beds available to students. If you have chosen a dormitory for your accommodation during your studies, you must carefully monitor the website of the Student Center in Osijek ([http://www.stucos.unios.hr/?page\\_id=84](http://www.stucos.unios.hr/?page_id=84)) every year in order to obtain all the necessary documentation for your application. Student dormitories continue to be the most affordable and comprehensive accommodation for students, who pay 50, 70.99 or 130 euros per month, depending on the status and number of beds in the room. If accommodation in a dormitory is not suitable for you and you want to live alone, you can always look for private accommodation. There are many rooms and apartments for rent in the city of Osijek.

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

If you are studying outside your place of residence and are several hundred kilometers away from your hometown, it would be a good idea to consider transferring your medical records to your family doctor in your place of study. If you do not want to replace your family doctor with a new one in your place of study, but you have fallen ill and urgently need help, you can go to the Unified Emergency Hospital Admissions Office at the Osijek Clinical Hospital Center (Address: Ulica Josipa Huttlera 4, Osijek), call the ambulance on 112, or contact the student doctor, who will refer you for free further specialist treatment. The student doctor in the first year of the faculty performs a systematic examination, which includes a discussion about your habits and adaptation to the rhythm of studying. You can contact this same doctor during your studies in case of difficulties related to learning and new living conditions. You will also contact him/her if you are unable to do physical education, for an examination for the student dormitory and to exercise the right to a single room for health reasons, as well as to suspend student obligations for health reasons. The responsible physician for the Faculty of Medicine Osijek is hon. doc. dr. sc. Vesna Bilić-Kirin, dr. med., specialist in school medicine. You can contact her at 031/225-753. She works with students on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM (address: Drinska 8, room 37).

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Office for Students with Disabilities of the University of Osijek is located on the University Campus in a building on the corner of Ulica cara Hadrijana and Ulica kralja Petra Svačića, which it shares with the Student Union. The Office provides support to students with disabilities by ensuring better access to higher education and by addressing the educational needs of students with disabilities and striving to increase their number. By filling out the Registration Form for Students with Disabilities, you register with the Office for Students with Disabilities. The Office for Students with Disabilities is open from Monday to Friday between 9:00 and 12:00. You can register at [dspanic@unios.hr](mailto:dspanic@unios.hr). For more information about the work of the office and the rights of students with disabilities, please visit: <http://www.unios.hr/studenti/studenti-s-invaliditetom/podrska/>. At the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek, there is a coordinator for students with disabilities and a coordinator for students from underrepresented and vulnerable groups.

## **INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY**

If you like to travel and at the same time do what you are studying for, then exchanges are a great way to combine business with pleasure. At our Faculty, you can participate in the Erasmus and Erasmus+ programs. The Erasmus+ program encompasses all European and international programs and initiatives of the European Union in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. If you decide to do Erasmus one day, contact Ms. Sandra Lustig ([slustig@mefos.hr](mailto:slustig@mefos.hr)), she will be happy to help you with the paperwork and the exchange process! In addition to the Erasmus program, the Faculty also offers one-month student exchanges as part of the International Medical Students Association of Croatia, CroMSIC. There are scientific and professional exchanges. Scientific exchanges are for students from 1st to 6th year, and professional exchanges are for students from 3rd to 6th year. You choose the country, month, project and department you want to be in. Before the exchange competition, CroMSIC Osijek always organizes a How to exchange? lecture where you can find out all the answers to your questions about exchanges.

## **LEISURE TIME**

If you want to spend your free time in the classic Osijek way - sitting in cafes, Osijek offers a large number of cafes located on almost every corner. On weekends, the fun continues until late at night in pubs and clubs located mostly in the old town of Tvrđa, which is considered the center of Osijek's nightlife and where you can relieve stress after a successful (or unsuccessful) exam. If you prefer to spend your free time more actively, Osijek has a large number of gyms located in all neighborhoods of the city, most of which offer

special prices specifically for students. For those who like to exercise in the fresh air, near Tvrđa there is the High School Playground with a running track and fields for all the most popular sports. The most beautiful and easiest option is to go down to the promenade and run or cycle the length of the entire city with a beautiful view of the Drava.

## **STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS**

At first, it may seem like you don't have time for additional activities, but as the years go by, you will regret not participating in at least one activity and getting to know your older and younger colleagues. You can choose an association based on your preferences. If you want to participate in the work of the Faculty, you can become a member of the Student Union of the Faculty of Medicine Osijek. Feel free to contact your colleagues from the Union if you are interested in something or have an idea on how to contribute to the work of the Faculty and improve the conditions of study.

If you are interested in sports and have a competitive spirit, then Sport MEFOS is for you. You can compete for the Faculty in various sports: from women's and men's football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, table tennis, etc. The Humanities Festival is also organized once a year. It is an international sports and educational meeting of biomedical faculties. You can find out more about it from the members of Sport MEFOS.

The International Medical Students Association of Croatia, CroMSIC, offers various opportunities for activities from volunteering to organizing projects and actions organized by sections for: medical education, human rights and peace, public health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, including HIV and AIDS, and the Student Exchange Committee. If you are interested in what projects they do and where you could get involved, visit their Instagram and Facebook pages (CroMSIC Osijek).

The Faculty also established the Croatian Medical Laboratory Diagnostics Students' Association, better known as CMLDSA, a student association that brings together students of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics from all over Croatia.

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Do you want to be financially independent, but you are not sure whether you will be able to balance your student job with your university obligations or you are simply not able to do it? We have a solution for that. The state, universities, counties, cities and municipalities of the Republic of Croatia announce scholarships every year.

## **State Scholarships**

Three types of state scholarships are awarded each year: State scholarships for students in STEM fields of science, for which you only need to be exactly that; a student in the STEM field of science, and the Ministry collects data from higher education institutions and the NCVVO and contacts you if you have won it, pretty simple, right? State scholarships for students of lower socio-economic status and scholarships for special groups of students are the remaining two types of state scholarships, and you can find all the conditions that need to be met for them with one click on the website of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia.

## **University Scholarship**

The University of Osijek also takes care of its students and awards scholarships and grants in four categories (with corresponding subcategories)! Category A (scholarships for excellence), category B (scholarships for active student athletes), category C (scholarships for students in social need) and category D (support for students in social need). The university website contains all the information you need to find the category you belong to and successfully participate in the competition.

## **County, city and municipal scholarships**

Counties, just like cities and municipalities, also support their students by awarding several types of scholarships. All you need to do is invest a little time and look on the website of the county, city or municipality to find out which category you belong to and what documents you are required to obtain and submit in order to participate in the competition. Take a little time, find your category and don't miss the opportunity to be one of the scholarship recipients in the next academic year.

## **RIGHT TO WORK THROUGH STUDENT SERVICE**

The Student Center in Osijek, or Student Service, within the scope of its activities, provides temporary and occasional employment for students and pupils. Therefore, membership in the Center is required. All full-time students, regardless of their place of study or residence, full-time students in the final years of secondary schools, and persons who have completed their studies as full-time students, but no longer than three months after completing secondary school or studies, have the right to join. Information on membership can be found on the website of the Student Center in Osijek, under the Student Service section. For all other inquiries, students can contact the Student Center at the following telephone numbers: 031/ 220 600, 031/ 207 121.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT (BUTRA - autoBUS and TRAM)**

A student card is a card for which part of the fare is paid by the passenger, part by the City or municipality (depending on the place of residence), and for students of the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University who have a place of residence or temporary residence in the city of Osijek, Livana, Čepin or Bijelo Brdo, the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth. Regular students of colleges and universities and faculties with a regularly enrolled year of study are entitled to this card based on a certified application. In order to exercise the right to a co-financed transport price, full-time students of the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek, who are enrolled in the current academic year of study and have a place of residence or temporary residence in the city of Osijek and in the municipalities of Čepin (the settlements of Čepin and Livana) and Erdut (the settlement of Bijelo Brdo), in addition to a certified application, they must also bring a certificate of place of residence or temporary residence (a copy of their ID card is also acceptable).

## STUDY PROGRAMS OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OSIJEK:

### University integrated undergraduate and graduate study of Medicine

Mode of study: Full-time study

Language of study: Croatian

Duration of study and ECTS credits: 6 academic years (12 semesters), 360 ECTS credits

Academic title: Doctor of Medicine (Dr. med.)

Enrollment requirements: The requirement for enrollment in the study is completion of a four-year secondary school, passing the mandatory part of the state matura and passing the elective subjects: biology, physics and chemistry. Applications for the study are processed simultaneously with the selection of the state matura exam through the NISpVU system, via the website:

<https://www.postani-student.hr/> Applicants for enrollment in the study program are ranked according to the points achieved based on the evaluation of success in high school, state matura results and additional achievements.

Competencies acquired upon completion of the study: Professional status is regulated by the Act on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (Official Gazette 124/09) and is in line with the provisions of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Commission. During this study, students acquire knowledge in general education, basic medical, preclinical, clinical and public health subjects. Through various forms of teaching, as well as work in clinical departments, they are taught to solve specific problems in medical practice.

Possibility of continuing education: The completed study of medicine is an excellent basis for additional, scientifically oriented education at postgraduate doctoral studies or numerous specialist postgraduate studies at our Faculty, as well as similar higher education institutions in the country and the world.

### University integrated undergraduate and graduate study of Medicine in German language

Mode of study: Full-time study

Language of study: German

Duration of study and ECTS credits: 6 academic years (12 semesters), 360 ECTS credits

Academic title: Doctor of Medicine (Dr. med.)

Requirements for admission to the study program: Applicants who have completed a minimum of four years of secondary school and have taken the state school leaving exam (Das Abitur) are eligible to enroll in the first year. Applicants are selected based on the results of the admission process.

The classification procedure includes points achieved on:

1. based on the success achieved in the state matriculation examination - maximum 200 points

2. checking the candidate's abilities (knowledge test, conducting a test focusing on the candidate's cognitive skills and personal qualities and interview with the committee) - maximum 500 points
3. checking the candidate's motivation and based on previous qualifications (e.g.: volunteer work in healthcare institutions) - maximum 300 points

Applications for the Admissions Competition are made via the website: <http://www.mefos.unios.hr/index.php/de/>, link to access the application form <https://www.medizinstudieren.jetzt/> (click on "jetzt bewerben")

Competencies acquired upon completion of studies: Professional status is regulated by the Act on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (Official Gazette 124/09) and is in line with the provisions of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Commission. During this study, students acquire knowledge in general education, basic medical, preclinical, clinical and public health subjects. Through various forms of teaching, as well as work in clinical departments, they are taught to solve specific problems from medical practice.

Possibility of continuing education: The completed study of medicine is an excellent basis for additional, scientifically oriented education at postgraduate doctoral studies or numerous specialist postgraduate studies at our Faculty, as well as similar higher education institutions in the country and the world.

### University Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Pharmacy

Mode of study: Full-time

Language of study: Croatian

Duration of study and ECTS credits: 5 academic years (10 semesters), 300 ECTS credits

Academic title: University Master of Pharmacy (univ. mag. pharm.)

Enrollment requirements: Completed four-year secondary school, passed the mandatory part of the state matura and passed elective subjects: chemistry and/or biology. Applications for the study are processed simultaneously with the selection of the state matura exam through the NISpVU system, via the website: <https://www.postani-student.hr/> Applicants for enrollment in the study program are ranked according to the points achieved based on the evaluation of high school success, state matura results and additional achievements.

Possibility of continuing education: After completing this study program, Masters of Pharmacy graduates can enroll in postgraduate doctoral university studies (duration of three years, 180 ECTS) and/or postgraduate specialist studies (duration of one to two years) at higher education institutions in the country and abroad.

### University undergraduate study Medical Laboratory Diagnostics

Mode of study: Full-time study

Language of study: Croatian

Duration of study and ECTS credits: 3 academic years (6 semesters), 180 ECTS credits

Academic title: university bachelor's degree (baccalaureus/baccalaurea) in medical laboratory diagnostics (univ. bacc. med. lab. diag.)

Enrollment requirements: The enrollment requirement for the study is a completed four-year secondary school, passed the mandatory part of the state matura and passed the elective subject biology or physics. Applications for the study are processed simultaneously with the selection of the state matura exam through the NISpVU system, via the website: <https://www.postani-student.hr/> Applicants for enrollment in the study program are ranked according to the points achieved based on the evaluation of high school success, state matura results and additional achievements.

Competencies acquired upon completion of the study: Having completed the study program, completed an internship in medical laboratories (clinical, biochemical, hematological, microbiological and pathological) for one year and passed the professional exam, a Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics is a healthcare professional qualified to perform tasks according to general acts that determine the conditions for performing certain tasks in healthcare (Act on Healthcare Activities; Official Gazette, 87/09). The profession of Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics is included in the list of academic titles and academic degrees and their abbreviations (Official Gazette, No. 50/15), in the Code Book of the Croatian Health Insurance Institute under code 747, in the Database of Acquired Education of the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute, in the Database of Regulated Professions in the EU, and in the Database of Regulated Professions in the Republic of Croatia at the Agency for Science and Higher Education (RNIC/NARIC Office).

Possibility of continuing education: Upon completion of the University undergraduate study in Medical Laboratory Diagnostics, a student may continue his/her studies at the University graduate study in Medical Laboratory Diagnostics or another similar university graduate study and acquire the academic title of university master with the indication of the profession of university master. The conditions for continuing studies are determined by the higher education institution conducting the study.

### University graduate study Medical Laboratory Diagnostics

Mode of study: Full-time study

Language of study: Croatian

Duration of study and ECTS credits: 2 academic years (4 semesters), 120 ECTS credits

Academic title: University Master of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics (univ. mag. med. lab. diag.)

Enrollment requirements: The enrollment requirement for the study is: completed university undergraduate study of medical laboratory diagnostics (180 ECTS); completed professional undergraduate study of medical laboratory diagnostics with a teaching load

of at least 180 ECTS with the determination of differential exams; grade point average of at least 3.5. The classification procedure consists of determining the ranking list of candidates based on the overall average exam grade, defined as the arithmetic mean of exam grades during the university/professional undergraduate study (to three decimal places). Rankings are created at NISpDS (NISpDS is a system of the Central Registration Office of the Agency for Science and Higher Education, through which applications are made, admission requirements are published, and rankings of graduate study programs of higher education institutions in Croatia that participate in the central registration of graduate studies are generated and published). Competencies acquired upon completion of the study: After completing the University Graduate Study in Medical Laboratory Diagnostics, a university master's degree holder/master's degree holder in medical laboratory diagnostics has the right to work independently by registering in the register of the competent professional chamber in the Republic of Croatia, after obtaining approval for independent work in accordance with the competencies acquired through education. The profession of university master's degree holder in medical laboratory diagnostics is included in the list of academic titles and academic degrees and their abbreviations (Official Gazette 50/15), in the Code Book of the Croatian Health Insurance Institute under code 774 and in the Database of Acquired Education of the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute. The acquired knowledge and skills enable Masters of Medical Laboratory Diagnostics to actively engage in scientific research, as well as to transfer knowledge and skills through work at universities and scientific institutes.

Possibility of continuing education: Upon completion of the University Graduate Study in Medical Laboratory Diagnostics, the student can continue his studies at the doctoral university study in the field of biomedicine and health. The conditions for continuing studies in other fields are determined by the higher education institution conducting the study.

## **Frequently asked questions:**

### ***What is the difference between semester and rotation classes?***

Round-the-clock teaching means that the students take one major course along with several minor courses, and upon completion of the course they have the right to take the final exam (written and/or oral) if they have met the requirements for exit during the course. The advantage of this way of holding classes is in the higher quality of the material covered and better understanding of what has been learned since all attention is focused on a smaller scope of the material.

### ***What is the difference between preclinical and clinical years of study?***

The first three years of the integrated study are considered preclinical years, and the second three years clinical. In the first three years, general material is covered, which is the basis for mastering what follows and for understanding and applying specialist topics covered in the clinical years of study (during these three years, students spend most of their time at KBC Osijek and actively study with patients and various medical cases).

### ***What does teaching at MEFOS look like?***

Teaching at MEFOS is usually made up of three main parts: lectures, seminars, and exercises. In lectures, professors talk and teach about a specific topic; in seminars, students participate in discussions about the topic covered in the lecture, actively solving problems and thinking critically; and in exercises, students have the opportunity to apply what they have learned to the previous two forms of teaching.

### ***How does the grading system work at MEFOS?***

During classes, students earn points through active participation and attendance, as well as by taking written and oral tests during and after the course. Each department is required to provide students with its own grading system at the beginning of classes, which rarely differ from each other and are mostly uniform.

### ***How is my knowledge tested?***

In addition to active participation in lectures, seminars and exercises, knowledge testing is carried out through midterms (a small written exam covering a specific part of the material), final exams (a written exam covering the entire material), oral exams and practical exams. Some courses contain all of the above tests, while others only some.

### ***What is an ECTS point and why is it important to me?***

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a system for accumulating points in accordance with the knowledge acquired during studies. In accordance with the workload of a particular course, all courses carry a certain number of ECTS points. One point represents 30 hours of study and thus indicates how much time is needed to master a certain material, and the workload of one academic year is 60 ECTS points. Let's take a course of 6 ECTS points as an example. According to the calculation, to master this subject, 180 hours of study are needed, which includes classes and independent study outside of classes. The duration of the course is also determined in accordance with the points in order to ensure enough time to master it. In order for a student to pass the academic year, he must achieve a minimum of 51 ECTS points during it, and a maximum of 9 of them can be transferred to the next year. By passing the course, regardless of the grade, the full number of ECTS points that the course carries is achieved. The number of ECTS points achieved is important when applying for certain student accommodation and scholarships.

### ***Is there an internship at MEFOS?***

In addition to the practical skills acquired during classes, during or after each academic year, students are required to complete professional/clinical internships at the teaching facilities of the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek. The aim of this is to provide students with additional insight into medical practice and to provide them with some experience in the healthcare system. Referral of students to institutions where professional/clinical internships are held is the responsibility of the course leader for professional/clinical internships. After the internship, the acquired learning outcomes are evaluated through a practical exam.