



# TEACHER Introducing competence-based preschool teacher education curricula in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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University of Bihać is an accredited public higher education institution established by the Assembly of Una-Sana Canton on 28 July 1997.

Since 12 January 2010, University operates as an integrated university with 6 organizational units and one associate member.

# **Pedagogical faculty**

7 departments

Physical education

Elementary education

Pre-school education

Mathematics and physics

German language and literature

English language and literature

Bosnian language and literature



Model of study 4+1+3



# **Biotechnical faculty**

3 departments

Agricultural Sciences

**Food Processing** Technology

Environmental Sciences

Forestry department



4 + 1 + 3



### Technical faculty

5 departments 1 institute

Civil Engineering

**Mechanical Sciences** 

Wood-processing technology

Electromechanical sciences

Textile design and technology

Institute



Model of study 3 +2 +3



### Faculty of Economy

Academic study program



**Department of Business Economy** 

Professional study program



Model of study 4 +1 +3 3+0

## Islamic Pedagogical Faculty

2 departments



**Islamic Education** 

Social pedagogy and spiritiual care



Model of study 4 +1 +3

# **College of Nursing Studies**

2 departments

Nursing Studies

Sanitary Engineering



Model of study 3 +0



### Faculty of Law





Model of study 4 +1 +3



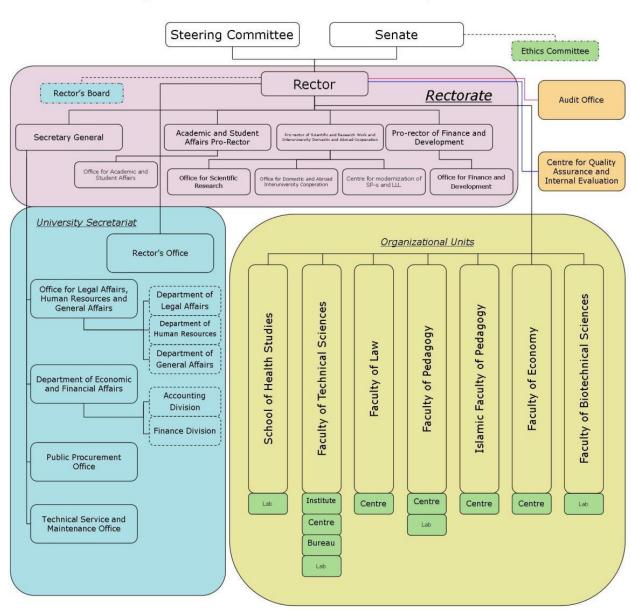
#### ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

- There are 83 study programs at the University of Bihac, 44 in the first study cycle and 39 in the second study cycle. In the previous academic year teaching process at the University of Bihac was organized through 33 first cycle and 7 second cycle study programs.
- The implementation of second cycle studies began in the academic 2010/11. The second cycle is not organized at all faculties.
- The University is in final stage of organizing third cycle studies at the Technical faculty.



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#### Organizational Scheme of the University of Bihac







Application of Bologna Study model at University of Bihac began in the academic year 2006/07, meaning that the university issues following qualifications:

- three years of undergraduate study students acquire the title of a bachelor worth 180ECTS,
- four years of undergraduate study students acquire the title of bachelor worth 240ECTS,
- graduate studies students gain the title of master worth 300 ECTS,
- doctoral studies students gain a PhD title worth 480 ECTS.









- All subjects are organised on one-semester basis and there are five or six subject per semester.
- Subjects in the study program are divided into compulsory and optional, and an average load for students is 25 lessons per week.
- Teachers are applying modern teaching methods and learning techniques, as well as the practical training of students while continuously monitoring their performance during the study years.









In order to provide education for qualifications as close as possible to those of EU

- The University has implemented a quality assurance system, which along with the institutionalized quality assessment of study programs and teaching process, continuously monitors and improves the quality of education.
- European dimensions in higher education are promoted through the international cooperation (study visits, student exchanges, thesis development, joint projects, etc.).
- Lifelong learning is the weakest link in the chain at the University and its Bologna implementation process, but it will be given more attention in coming years.







- Number of staff at the University of Bihać currently is as follows:
  - 133 teaching staff full-time contract
  - 174 teaching staff part time contract
  - 66 administrative staff.
- Number of students: cca 5000







#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Since 2002, University of Bihać has signed over 50 agreements on cooperation, with various universities from Bosnia and Herzegovina, region and world.
- In addition, the university participated in multiple European projects, mostly Tempus projects, which enabled further international cooperation with some very prestigious universities in Europe.
- University of Bihać has become member of various exchange programs such as CEEPUS and Mevlana, Erasmus Mundus and newly established Erasmus+ program.













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