

Travel document

University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business

Orientation week

Orientation week in University of Zagreb was organized for exchange students from all the faculties. University informed students that orientation week will start on Monday (one week before school starts). They told ESN Zagreb -organization was mainly responsible for the events but University is working together with them to inform students. Each day during the week there was different kind of activities around the city. There was always activities during the day and also something to do in the evening.

Language course information

During the orientation week University of Zagreb organized Welcome day in their campus. They told about the possibilities to study Croatian language courses but unfortunately the courses were organized outside the University which meant that students who wanted to take part needed to pay. The language course for beginners was around hundred euros.

Academic calendar

The academic calendar is different depending which level of studies student is taking part of. Bachelor studies started 2.10.2017 and master studies started 6.11.2017. For both the last day of winter semester was 24.2.2018.

Holiday periods

Christmas holiday was from 23.12.2017-7.1.2018. There are few National holidays during the semester (1.11 for example).

Exam periods

The exam period was from 5.-24.2.2018. In each course students can choose if they will complete the course with two mid-terms or the final exam. There are two different final exams for each courses during the exam period.

Course recommendations

Corporate risk management

Course description: The course covers topics on the measuring and managing risks like exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and operating risk. Students will learn how

to incorporate the process of risk management into the business strategy and the financial analysis of a company. The methods for measuring corporate risks and relating strategies and instruments for managing risks will be analyzed.

The course is quite demanding (you need to be present for most of the lectures and seminars) but in the end students will gain a wide knowledge of the topic. The course is divided into two parts – first there is only lectures and then there is seminars and independent work with the case study. Students will prepare a practical case study with a group of four to five people.

Management skills

Course description: Understanding importance and acquiring different management skills needed for the success in the complex and turbulent business environment of today, which demands from the contemporary managers to be people-oriented, cherish diversity and introduce change.

In this course there is a lot of practical assignments in the seminar classes. The topic is interesting and each class is about a different management style – and students will practice these with simulated situations.

Before leaving

Before the semester starts you can apply for buddy from the University and from the ESN Zagreb. The local students help you as well as they can with all the issues you have and can tell you a lot about the life in Zagreb.

Housing

The housing situating in Zagreb is really good. The dorms are located quite far away from the city center so you need to take tram. From the dorms to the Faculty of Economics and Business it takes around 40 minutes. I personally recommend staying in the private accommodation. You can find a studio apartment right in the city center for 400-500 euros. In the shared apartment (own room, few roommates) you can stay for 200-300 euros in the best locations in the city. Search for a room from Home in Zagreb and Erasmusu websites. There you can book a room in shared apartment/studio apartment. Ask around from Erasmus students in Zagreb Facebook group for roommates/apartment if you want to book a place privately for you and your friends.

University practices

For the most of bachelor courses and for some master courses it is mandatory to be present but you can skip three times in total during the semester. Usually the lectures are for two hours and right after

you will have seminar class for two hours. The international office in the Faculty is helping you with every issue you have.

The campus for Faculty of Economics and Business is located 15 minutes from the city center by tram. The trams are going from the main square every two minutes. The student restaurants is located in the Faculty of Economics and Business and it is called Menza. There is a fast food Menza where you can order for example burger, pizza and chicken breast for 2-3 euros. The “real Menza” is located downstairs and in there you have different options and depending what you order the food is from 50 cents to 2 euros.

Free time

The possibilities to travel from Zagreb are amazing if you are willing to spend time in bus. A lot of popular European cities within six hours travel (Wien, Bratislava, Venice, Split, Budapest). With Flixbus you can travel to Milan and Prague (8-10 hours in bus) with less than 20 euros. Unfortunately Ryanair doesn't fly at all from Zagreb airport. During your free time you should explore the cities nearby but don't forget the Croatian coast.

City presentation

Zagreb is full of small bars and restaurants and during the day local people is sitting in the terrace and drinking their espresso for few hours. The city is around the same size as Helsinki. The students all over the Croatia are coming to study and work in Zagreb and there is a lot of students and young people living in the city. The atmosphere is more central European style than coastal style.

The winter time in Zagreb is really beautiful. The Christmas market in Zagreb has won the best Christmas market in the Europe now three times in row and in was indeed worth the hype. During the winter the temperatures can get as cold as in Finland (-10 Celsius and lot of snow in February). Local people are speaking a lot about the cold temperatures but during my stay in Zagreb (from October till the end of January) the coldest temperatures was around -2 Celsius.