Welcome Message: Summer Semester 2020/2021

Dear international exchange students,

Welcome to University of Zagreb! Dobrodošli na Sveučilište u Zagrebu!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the University of Zagreb. We are very happy that you have chosen to spend summer semester 2020/2021 in Zagreb. You – over 300 international exchange students – represent not only the European Union (EU) countries, but also many other countries across the globe.

The University of Zagreb is Croatia’s oldest and most vital university. It was founded in 1669. Indeed, two years ago we celebrated 350th anniversary! The University of Zagreb places education at the core of the university’s responsibility. But do not forget your own contribution to the learning environment remains essential!

During this welcome week programs, we focus mostly on Croatian issues – language, culture, history, and contemporary society. But we know the perspective is international. Today, the internalisation is more important than ever. For the challenges we face cannot be solved by any one nation acting alone. More than ever do we need knowledge and awareness of the threats and opportunities that lie ahead of us.

Currently, we are living in a time of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus outbreak, one of the major global challenges that will be remembered in history. At the University of Zagreb we also have guidance about how to combat coronavirus spread. For more info see: [http://www.unizg.hr/homepage/](http://www.unizg.hr/homepage/) and [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/coronavirus-impact_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/coronavirus-impact_en)

But do not forget your own contribution to all these remains essential! Simple rules are:
Stay Responsible & Informed
Stay Active & Connected
Stay Positive & Calm

You are here to study, for sure! I really hope you will be inspired by the teaching and the learning environment at the University of Zagreb. But I hope you will also have time to avail yourself of all the varied cultural and social programs that the University has to offer. International skills make you more attractive to future employers and gives you broader opportunities as an entrepreneur! Use your opportunities here!

I hope that you take time to explore and enjoy Zagreb as well. Zagreb is an amazing city and Croatia is a country with an amazing history, culture and beautiful nature. I urge you to make the most out of your study abroad in Zagreb and in Croatia!
The years as a university-student are formative years. But the semester as an exchange student is even more changing your own life! You are stepping out of your comfort zone and you can expect to see new happenings in your life! Going abroad expands our perspective!

International Relations Office will support you on your way. Your academic success and well-being is as important to us as it is to you. Thus, if you need any help please do not hesitate to contact us:
http://www.unizg.hr/homepage/international-exchange/exchange-students/

Good luck on your journey! Thank you, and welcome!

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