



Sveučilište u
Zagrebu

Welcome Message: Winter Semester 2023/2024

Dear international exchange students,

Welcome to the 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 the winter semester 2023/2024, or even the whole academic year, in Zagreb. You – over 450 international exchange students – represent not only the European Union (EU) countries, but also many other countries across the globe.

Founded in 1669, the University of Zagreb is Croatia's oldest and most vital university that places education at the core of its responsibility. But please do not forget that your own contribution to the learning environment remains essential!

During this year's Welcome Week programme, we focus mostly on Croatian topics – language, culture, history, and contemporary society. However, we know the perspective is international. Nowadays, internationalization is key, 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. Skills acquired in an international environment make you more attractive to future employers and give you broader opportunities as a prospective entrepreneur! Explore the opportunities available to you here!

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 programmes that the University has to offer. Zagreb is an amazing city, and Croatia is a country with a remarkable history, rich culture and beautiful nature.

I urge you to make the most out of your study abroad in Zagreb and in Croatia!

The years spent as a university student is a formative time. But taking a semester abroad is especially valuable for facilitating your personal and academic development! You step out of your comfort zone, and you can expect to enjoy new experiences. Going abroad expands our perspective!

The International Relations Office will support you on your way. Your academic success and well-being are as important to us as they are to you. Thus, if you need any help, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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

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