

**STUDY GUIDE**  
**FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

**University of Maribor**

# WHY STUDY AT THE

# UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR

- › A wide range of diverse and interesting undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes.
- › Many possibilities for student exchange, student practice, and internship abroad.
- › Encouraging an active approach to career development and job search among students.
- › Efficient tutoring system.
- › High levels of graduate satisfaction with their studies and obtained knowledge.
- › Intensive connections with the economy.
- › Green and digital transformation of UM; achieve curricular renewal and change to a green, sustainable and digitally connected university.



- › Short courses for obtaining microcredentials as a type of life-long learning.
- › The use of e-study materials (e-study environment Moodle) and partial performance of certain study programmes in the form of e-study.
- › ECTS accredited extracurricular activities.
- › The Career Centre of the University of Maribor.
- › Various extracurricular activities in the field of sports, culture, etc.
- › Participation in student competition teams, regularly achieving top results at numerous international student competitions (Demola, Imagine Cup, Formula Student, TechCrunch Disrupt, Reimagine Imagination, etc.)

Did you know that Slovenia is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world?



# KEY FACTS:



## Republic of Slovenia

Population: approx. 2 million  
Capital and the largest city: Ljubljana  
Area: 20,273 km<sup>2</sup> (7,827 sq miles)  
Official language: Slovene  
Major religion: Christianity  
Currency: Euro (EUR)  
International calling code: +386

Hoče ● ● Maribor

● Velenje

● Kranj

● Celje

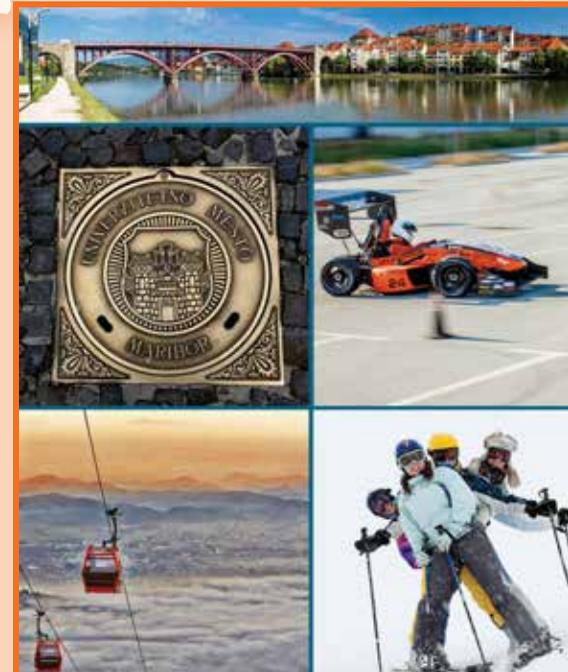
● Ljubljana

Krško ●

Brežice ●

- › the second largest university in Slovenia;
- › established in 1975;
- › approx. 14,500 students, with more than 10% being foreigners, and the percentage is increasing every year;
- › 17 faculties and 2 additional members (Student dormitories and University library);
- › 165 study programmes (1st-cycle: 73; 2nd cycle: 56; 3rd-cycle: 36);
- › a staff of approx. 2.100;
- › most faculties are located in Maribor, 5 in other cities around Slovenia.

## UM FACULTY LOCATIONS



# AMONG THE BEST

# IN THE WORLD

According to the international university rankings in recent years, the University of Maribor has been named among the 4 percent of the world's best universities.



On the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for 2024 the University of Maribor is ranked 1.200+ among almost 32.000 world universities across 108 countries and territories.

The commitment of students and professors at the University of Maribor to address the world's greatest challenges, including environmental sustainability, social inclusion, economic growth and partnerships are measured by following rankings: GreenMetric, THE University Impact Rankings and QS World University Rankings - Sustainability.



According to the Times Higher Education Rankings, the University of Maribor has been ranked among the top 350 young universities in the world and is also ranked in top 300 on the QS World University Rankings – Europe

In 2023, the University of Maribor was named among the 500 ranked universities in the fields of MATHEMATICS and HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES according to the Shanghai Ranking (Academic Ranking of World Universities)



The University of Maribor has won the StudyPortals “Global Student Satisfaction Awards 2019” in the “Overall Satisfaction” category.



In 2019, the University of Maribor received the Athlete-Friendly Education Certificate by the Olympic Committee of Slovenia –for encouraging activities in the field of dual-career of athletes and athlete-friendly education (adjustments during studies)

Did you know that Slovenia has more than 80 ski areas?

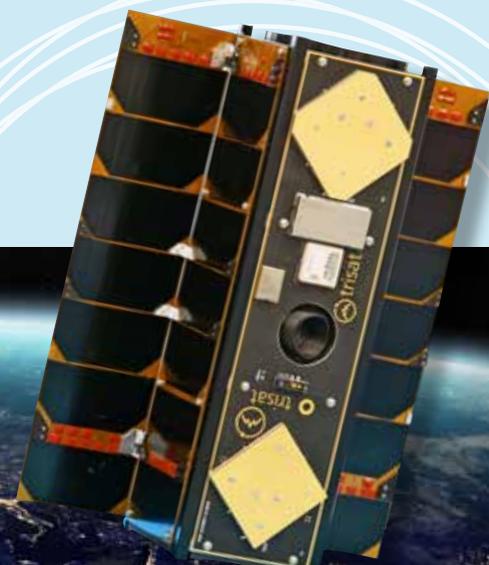
# SOME ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR

- › The development of the first Slovenian nanosatellite TRISAT, which flew into space.
- › Development and successful launch of the second TRISAT-R satellite.

- › By cooperating in the establishment of the national supercomputer center HPC RIVR, we are supporting new areas of research and development of new services based on the principle of open access.
- › With the successful installation of the state-of-the-art research infrastructure (RIUM), we enable research with the most modern scientific research equipment according to the principle of open access.

Maribor is the host of many top events: the famous Festival Lent, the wine-culinary Old Vine Festival, the Maribor Theatre Festival, the Golden Fox World Cup Skiing competition, and many other popular events.

- › An important contribution of the faculties in the development of electric aviation (HYPSTAIR) and the first test flight of a hydrogen aircraft (MAHEPA).
- › Outstanding achievements of the Student Formula at the world's largest competition for engineering students.
- › The prestigious Reimagine Education Award for the Demola project, which connects interdisciplinary teams of innovative students with companies looking for solutions to their specific technological challenges.
- › As a partner, we are cooperating in the Athena European University.



# STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR

The University of Maribor comprises 17 faculties, which offer undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes renewed in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Declaration. They are regularly monitored, updated, and altered in line with the legal provisions and Criteria for the accreditation and external evaluation of higher education institutions and study programmes of the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

Besides study programmes for obtaining a degree, the University of Maribor is also offering study programmes for further training as a form of lifelong learning, primarily to improve, complement, deepen, and update knowledge.

From the academic year 2019/2020 the University of Maribor offers ECTS accredited extracurricular activities, enabling students to earn part of their credits through various extracurricular activities in the fields of sports, computer science, research projects, etc.



Did you know that Maribor is home to the oldest vine in the world?

## OUR FACULTIES:

- › Faculty of Economics and Business
- › Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- › Faculty of Energy Technology
- › Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Architecture
- › Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology
- › Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- › Faculty of Logistics
- › Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- › Faculty of Organizational Sciences
- › Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- › Faculty of Tourism
- › Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security
- › Faculty of Health Sciences
- › Faculty of Arts
- › Faculty of Medicine
- › Faculty of Education
- › Faculty of Law

## Interdisciplinary undergraduate study programmes:

- › Industrial Engineering
- › Mechatronics

## Interdisciplinary postgraduate study programmes:

- › Industrial Engineering
- › Mechatronics
- › Management in Health and Social Welfare
- › Bioinformatics



## FIRST APPLICATION PERIOD

Slovenian and EU citizens	Citizens of non-EU member states and Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship
Application: February to March e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ portal.evs.gov.si/prijava	Application: February to April e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ portal.evs.gov.si/prijava
A test of ability, capacity, and skills (if required by the study programme): June to July	Enrolment to the faculties: June to July
Enrolment to the faculties: July to August	Enrolment to the faculties: until end of September

## SECOND APPLICATION PERIOD

Not admitted candidates; candidates admitted in the first application period but did not enrol	Not admitted candidates; candidates who did not submit the first application
Application: August e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ portal.evs.gov.si/prijava	Application: September e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ portal.evs.gov.si/prijava
A test of ability, capacity, and skills (if required by the study programme): September	Enrolment to the faculties: until end of September

## ENROLMENT PERIOD FOR FILLING THE REMAINING ENROLMENT PLACES

Application: September  
e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ  
portal.evs.gov.si/prijava

# HOW DO I APPLY FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY?



### Maribor

Population: approx. 100,000  
Ranking: 2nd biggest city in Slovenia  
Area: 41 km<sup>2</sup>  
Altitude: 275 m  
Website: [www.maribor.si](http://www.maribor.si)

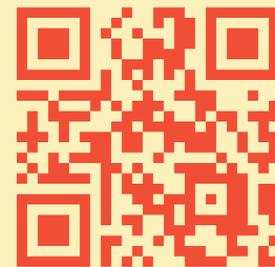
# GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN THE 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY:

- › Successfully completed relevant secondary education.
- › Completed procedure for the recognition of secondary-school certificates obtained abroad.
- › Some study programmes require the candidates to pass a test of ability, capacity, and skills.
- › Certificate of Slovene language competency if required by the faculty (faculties determine the required level of Slovene language proficiency and time frame by which students shall pass the Slovene language exam).

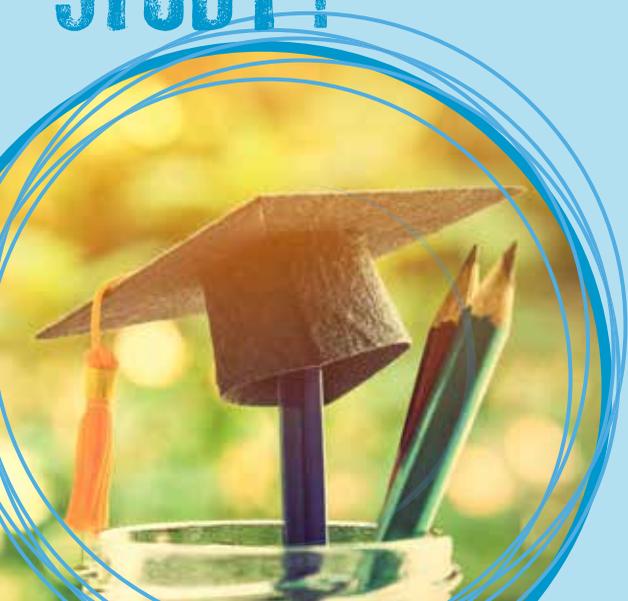
Did you know that due to Slovenia's geographical diversity and climate variety you can pick autumn fruits in the morning, bathe in the Adriatic in the afternoon and go night skiing in the evening?



More details on:  
[moja.um.si](https://moja.um.si)



# HOW DO I APPLY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY?



<b>FIRST APPLICATION PERIOD</b>	
<b>Slovenian and EU citizens</b>	<b>Citizens of non-EU member states and Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship</b>
<b>Application:</b> March to September e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ <a href="http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava">portal.evs.gov.si/prijava</a>	<b>Application:</b> March to May e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ <a href="http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava">portal.evs.gov.si/prijava</a>
<b>Enrolment to the faculties:</b> until mid-September	<b>Enrolment to the faculties:</b> until end of June
<b>ENROLMENT PERIOD FOR FILLING THE REMAINING ENROLMENT PLACES</b>	
Not admitted candidates; candidates who did not submit the first application; candidates who have in the first application period applied for a study programme that will not be implemented	
<b>Application:</b> end of September e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ <a href="http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava">portal.evs.gov.si/prijava</a>	<b>Application:</b> July to September e-application via the Web Portal eVŠ <a href="http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava">portal.evs.gov.si/prijava</a>
<b>Enrolment to the faculties:</b> until end of September	

Did you know that dozens of thermal springs in eastern Slovenia have therapeutic properties?

# GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN THE 1st YEAR OF POSTGRADUATE STUDY:

## **Master's study programmes (2nd-cycle):**

- › completed bachelor's (1st-cycle) or equivalent study programme in the relevant subject area.

## **Doctoral study programmes (3rd-cycle):**

- › completed master's (2nd-cycle) or equivalent study programme.

# RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR

In Slovenia, under the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act (ZVPI), candidates who have finished their studies in a foreign country (not Slovenia) and would like to continue education at the University of Maribor are obliged to acquire a decision on the recognition of foreign education (if they have not obtained one already).

In this case, the application form for enrolment is also an application for the initiation of the process of recognition of foreign education for the purpose of further education at the University of Maribor (if the candidate states in the application form that he/she has finished previous education outside of Slovenia and not yet obtained a decision on recognition of foreign education). The form is submitted via the eVS web portal ([http://](http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/?locale=en)

[portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/?locale=en](http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/?locale=en)) within specified time periods when the call for applications is open.

The decision on recognition of foreign education for the purpose of further education at the University of Maribor is a mandatory document for the candidate's enrolment application to be complete.

Candidates are recommended to begin the process of recognition in a timely manner. The deadline for issuing a decision on the recognition under the Assessment and Recognition of Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 87/2011, Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 97/2011 - corr. and Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 109/2012) is two months from the receipt of a complete application.

**More info: E-mail: [recognition@um.si](mailto:recognition@um.si), Tel.: +386 2 23 55 263**  
**During office hours: every weekday from 9:00 to 11:00 and 13:00 to 14:00**

# WHERE CAN I PASS THE SLOVENE LANGUAGE EXAM OR SIMPLY ATTEND A SLOVENE LANGUAGE COURSE?

Did you know that over 56% of the Slovenian territory is covered in forests, which places Slovenia among the 3 most forested countries in Europe?



If you have completed your primary or secondary education in Slovenia or have already obtained an undergraduate degree in Slovenia, you do not have to take the Slovene language exam.

## BASIC LEVEL

Andragoški zavod Maribor  
Maistrova 5  
2000 Maribor  
Phone: +386 23 41 111  
E-mail: [info@azm-lu.si](mailto:info@azm-lu.si)  
Website: [www.azm-lu.si](http://www.azm-lu.si)

## A2, B1, B2, C2 LEVELS - only for candidates applying to the University of Maribor

Faculty of Arts UM  
Koroška cesta 160  
2000 Maribor  
Phone: +386 2 22 93 796  
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Website: [ff.um.si/o-fakulteti/iz-pit-iz-slovenskega-jezika-za-tu-je-studentke-in-studente](http://ff.um.si/o-fakulteti/iz-pit-iz-slovenskega-jezika-za-tu-je-studentke-in-studente)

## BASIC, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED LEVEL

University of Ljubljana  
Centre for Slovene as a Second  
/ Foreign Language  
Kongresni trg 12  
1000 Ljubljana  
Phone: +386 1 241 86 47  
E-mail: [izpitni.center@ff.uni-lj.si](mailto:izpitni.center@ff.uni-lj.si)  
Website: [www.centerslo.net](http://www.centerslo.net)



# HOW MUCH DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR STUDYING?

The amount of the tuition fee is set by the relevant educational institution and is equal to the tuition fee of part-time study programmes for Slovene citizens. The tuition for the current academic year must be paid upon enrolment. The price list is available at: [moja.um.si/en/future-students/Strani/co-funding.aspx](http://moja.um.si/en/future-students/Strani/co-funding.aspx).

Foreign citizens who reside in the Republic of Slovenia and are taxable persons there (or their parents/ guardians), EU citizens, and citizens of countries Slovenia has concluded bilateral agreements with are exempted from paying the tuition fee for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate master's study programmes (2nd-cycle).

# WHERE TO STAY?

For support regarding accommodation in student dormitories, you should contact [sd.um.si/portal/index.php/angleske-strani-2](http://sd.um.si/portal/index.php/angleske-strani-2)

For support regarding private accommodation, you should contact our International Relations Office at [www.um.si/en/international-relations](http://www.um.si/en/international-relations)



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**[poststudy@um.si](mailto:poststudy@um.si) (postgraduate study)**

**Website: [www.moja.um.si](http://www.moja.um.si)**



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