



The University of Zagreb (1669) is the oldest and biggest university in South-Eastern Europe. As a comprehensive public Central European university, University of Zagreb offers education and research in all scientific fields (arts, biomedicine, biotechnology, engineering, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences) and a broad spectrum of courses at all study levels, from undergraduate to postgraduate. With 29 Faculties, 3 Art Academies and the University Centre for Croatian Studies it is the flagship educational institution in the country, a place where more than 7900 teachers and 72480 students develop knowledge and acquire skills. The University excels not only in teaching, but also in research, contributing with over 50 percent to the annual research output in Croatia and 80 percent of scientific productivity of all Croatian universities. The central strategic issue of the future development of the University of Zagreb is for it to be a research oriented institution with teaching of high quality. Accordingly, the focus will be on master and doctoral programs, encompassing all fields of science and art, boosting transdisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity as well as translational research, nurturing the culture of innovation and transfer of knowledge. This should result in better intersectoral harmonization on local and regional levels. University of Zagreb is in the process of building a new Campus "Borongaj" which is the biggest investment in Croatian education in the last 150 years, and when it is built (finished) it will be used by more than 20 000 students. The Campus was officially opened on October 12th 2007 and for now it hosts 4 university units: Centre for Croatian Studies, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Traffic Engineering and Faculty of Economics and Business (only vocational study programmes in economics and business). Five other faculties are also planning to relocate to the Campus in the next few years.

Besides the (re)construction of university buildings, Campus will be a home to a sports centre, student residence hall and a number of institutes.

Vision and mission

The mission of the University is based on scientific and artistic research and aims at sustainable development, artistic creativity and professional work as well as organization and performance of university studies and, exceptionally, occupational studies. As a central and leading institution, the University gives special regard to carrying out the programmes of strategic interest for the Republic of Croatia and for the development of regional and local communities. All university activities enhance the development of personality and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Governing structures

The UNIZG has four major governing bodies in its structure: the Rector, the Senate, the University Council and the Rector's Collegium. As support to these bodies, there are six Field Councils (based on the division of scientific and artistic disciplines) and a number of committees.

Senate

The Senate is the main governing body of the University. The Senate has 70 members and is comprised of the Rector, academic staff, and student representatives. The Rector presides over the Senate. It meets once a month and adopts new university legislature, study programmes, academic promotions (full professors), university textbooks, financial plans, investment plans, etc. Every four years the Senate elects the new Rector.

University Council

The University Council is an oversight and counselling body that has twelve members: six appointed from the University and six by public institutions (Croatian Parliament, Chamber

of Commerce, City of Zagreb and City of Varaždin). The Council meets regularly every three months to oversee and discuss the activities of the University. The University council has no role either in the process of electing the new Rector or in any concrete decision-making process.

Rector's Collegium

The Rector and the Vice-rectors form Rector's Collegium that is extended to the enlarged Rector's Collegium by seven representatives from the Field councils and one student representative. The enlarged Rector's Collegium discusses the issues and assists the Rector in decision making. It meets once a week and discusses University policies; and it presents proposals on the University Budget, develop-

mental and research programmes, and investments to the Senate. It advises the Senate on rules and regulations proposals, improvement of administrative and legal services, etc.

Rector

The Rector, as the head of the University, is chosen for a term of four years that can be repeated once. Only a full professor from the University can be candidate for the Rector. The Rector proposes the positions of Vice-rectors to the Senate for adoption. There are five Vice-rectors (for study programmes and students, for research and technology, for financing, for international and legal affairs, and for spatial planning and inter-institutional cooperation).