



UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI  
University of Ljubljana

# WELCOME GUIDE

*for International  
Students*







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# University of Ljubljana at a Glance

**23**  
faculties

**3**  
art academies




**Fields of study**  
Art  
Fine Arts  
Natural Science  
Technology and Engineering  
Social Sciences  
Humanities  
Medicine  
Health Sciences  
Sports


**149**  
Bachelor and single-cycle  
master degree programmes

**181**  
Master degree programs

**22**  
Doctoral degree programs

**31**  
bachelor and master degree programmes  
in English





Around  
**40.000**  
students


**6.661**  
employees

**3.640**  
international  
degree-seeking students

More than **2.000**  
incoming exchange  
students

**47**  
libraries

**643**  
EU funded projects



**2.299**  
PhD students


**4.406**  
registered  
researchers

**397**  
young  
researchers


**353**  
new PhD theses

More than  
**2500 Erasmus+**  
interinstitutional  
agreements and more  
than **550** international  
cooperation agreements

**67**  
post-docs



**15.072**  
alumni





# Ljubljana at a Glance



Sunshine:  
1.955 hours



Precipitation:  
1.370 millimeters



Average temperature:  
summer: 23 °C  
winter: 0°C

**The cost of living** depends on your lifestyle and the accommodation you choose (average is 500€ - 700€/month).

## **A Bite of Slovenia:**

Kranjska klobasa (Carniolan sausage), potica, Prekmurska gibanica (Prekmurje layered cake), Kraški pršut (Kras prosciutto), štruklji, Bled Cream Cake (Blejska kremšnita)

## **Discover Slovenia:**

Alps, Adriatic sea, Hiking, Ski, Spas, UNESCO World Heritage, World's oldest vine, Caves

## **Discover Ljubljana:**

Café and restaurant terraces, cultural events, leisurely shopping at various markets, cycling lanes, Ljubljanica river, Tivoli park, museums, beautiful architecture, Ljubljana castle

University  
of Ljubljana





# The University of Ljubljana

University of Ljubljana was founded in 1919, with 23 faculties and 3 art academies, is the oldest and largest higher education, scientific research, and art institution in Slovenia.



Postcard featuring the Provincial Diet Mansion.  
(Historical archive and Museum of the University of Ljubljana)

The University fosters basic, applied, and developmental research. Today, the University of Ljubljana ranks among the top 3% of universities in the world. Our degree programmes range across all fields of study: **Art, Fine Arts, Natural Science, Technology and Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Health Sciences, and Sports**, all designed in line with the Bologna Process guidelines.

In cooperation with foreign universities, we conduct interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies and we emphasize international exchanges of students and staff. We are actively involved in international partnerships and we are a member of EUTOPIA – an Alliance of ten European universities committed to developing a new model for European integrated higher education institutions through transnational cooperation, which is part of the European Universities Initiative.

Each year around 40,000 students increase and develop their knowledge and skills at our institution, including more than 9% of the student body comprised by international students from more than 100 countries.



# Studying at the University of Ljubljana

Studying at the University of Ljubljana is a great way to gain the knowledge, practical experience, and skills you need to succeed in your career, experience student life, make new friends and feel part of our academic community. We know that matriculating to a University might be the first time you've lived away from home and this can be daunting as well as exciting. We're committed to making that transition as easy as possible for you and we'll help you every step of the way. To make the best of your time with us, we would like to encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities. We wish you all the best in your studies and hope that you enjoy your time in Slovenia.



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# Welcome Month for International Students



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## International Student Welcome Day: Every year in September

Before the beginning of the academic year, the University of Ljubljana holds a traditional international student welcome day. Join us at the online event, learn all there is to know about studying at our University, and living in Slovenia and Ljubljana, and ask any question that comes to mind. [More information and registration](#)

## Temporary Residence Permit Documentation Review

At the beginning of the semester, we will help you to [check the documents](#) required to apply for a temporary residence permit.

## Guided Tour of the Provincial Mansion

The Provincial Mansion, home to the University of Ljubljana Rectorate, will open its doors at the beginning of the academic year to international students who would like to see the inside of the 120-year-old building and meet the international student ambassadors.

## Orientation Week at Academies and Faculties

Some of the [academies and faculties](#) will hold orientation as a series of meetings at the beginning of the semester, where you will receive all necessary information and documents. You will get an invitation to these events from the academy/faculty coordinators.



# Living in the Republic of Slovenia

## Arrival to Slovenia

We have prepared a short guide to help you before your arrival in Slovenia and later with your integration into the Slovenian environment, studies and work. The procedures for obtaining a temporary residence permit that you will have to go through will depend on your personal circumstances and expectations. In general, your country of origin will determine the procedures to a great extent, but you will have to make some decisions. You can find more information on our [website](#).



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## Accommodation

Find a place where you will be happy. The University of Ljubljana, unfortunately, does not provide student accommodation, but there is still a variety of accommodations available across the city. A very limited number of beds in student dormitories are available, but only for exchange students and for the recipients of ministry scholarships. The friendly staff at the Student Counsel Institute can assist you with rental accommodation solutions and general accommodation queries. To help you make the right choice, check our [website](#) to research your option and find appropriate accommodation.

## Medical Insurance & Student Health Services

Before coming to Slovenia make sure you have [appropriate health insurance coverage](#) (including for accidents and liability) and enough supply of any prescription medications that you need. If you have medical issues, you should contact the [Student Health Centre of the University of Ljubljana](#), which has a team of qualified professionals providing healthcare to University of Ljubljana students.

## Local Transportation

It is very easy to get around the city on foot, and there is a good [public transport system](#) covering the city and all the main suburbs. The most effective means of public transport in Ljubljana is the [city bus](#). The fare is paid by the [URBANA](#) card. You can further apply for [subsidized transport](#).

Ljubljana also has established a bicycle system called "[Bicikelj](#)", which operates 24/7 and offers more than 60 stations, from 300 to 500 meters apart, easily accessible, and ideal for overcoming short distances.

## Student Meals System

Students can use a system of [subsidized student meals](#). The system is used at the majority of restaurants in Ljubljana and also in other cities in Slovenia.

## Student Work Opportunities

During your studying in Slovenia and with student status you may work [via student job centres](#) or, rather, a job referral note.

## Banking in Slovenia

Opening a [bank account](#) is possible at almost any bank in the Republic of Slovenia. It is safer to deposit your money in an account – carrying large amounts of cash is not recommended. Using a card is the most common way to pay in Slovenia. Most shops, hotels and restaurants accept Eurocard, VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express and other payment cards.

## Tax Identification Number

You will need a [tax identification number](#) to open a bank account (to work via a student job centre, receive a scholarship from a Slovenian institution, etc.).

## Mobile Phones

There are four main phone carriers in Slovenia: Hofer HoT, Telekom, A1, Telemach, and T-2. Each carrier offers a wide variety of cell phones, and you can choose from different pre-pay plans. Please visit a local store or their website for more information.

## Keeping Safe

[Slovenia](#) is considered to be a relatively safe destination. According to data from the Global Peace Index, Slovenia is ranked among the 10 safest countries in the world. However, it is important that you [take precautions](#) in keeping yourself and your possessions safe.

## Things To Do

[Slovenia](#) is a sustainable destination of unique experiences that we enjoy sharing with you. Take time to discover our beautiful green country, where the Alps meet the Mediterranean and the Pannonian Plain.

[Ljubljana](#) is a very lovely and vibrant city to live in. It boasts numerous sights, picturesque districts and pleasant corners. [10 of Ljubljana's Top Attractions](#).

# Study Process and Other Information

## Academic Calendar

In Slovenia, the academic year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September. Every year, the [academic calendar](#) specifies the duration of organized study activities, examination periods, school holidays, public holidays, and the university week. The academic calendar may differ from one academy / faculty to another.

## Student Identity Card

The Student Identity Card is your proof of student status and allows you to exercise your rights and obtain other benefits derived from student status (subsidized student meals, discounts on entrance fees to museums and other visits, etc.). You will receive your Student Identity Card at the relevant University member (academy or faculty).

## Tuition Fee

You will have to pay a [tuition fee](#) if you are from a non-EU country with which Slovenia does not have a bilateral agreement on waiving fees, if you have already acquired an equivalent degree of education, if you study at the PhD level, or in the event of part-time study. Regardless of this, all students need to pay an enrolment fee, administrative fees and compulsory health insurance.

## Co-Funding for Doctoral Studies

If you are a PhD student, you can apply for [subsidisation](#) of your tuition fee. The subsidy amount depends on the number of enrolled students who meet the requirements for co-funding. For more information, please contact the individual University of Ljubljana member (academy or faculty) at which you will be enrolled. Upon enrolment, PhD students must sign a statement confirming that they wish to receive co-funding and that they meet the requirements. Students are informed of the amount of co-funding by their faculties after enrolment in a doctoral programme, usually in December. There are no scholarships for doctoral students (only co-funding).

## Scholarship Opportunities

The Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia sponsors various [scholarship programmes](#). It awards the Zois scholarship, collects and publishes a list of corporate scholarships, and invites students to apply for scholarships promoting mobility in Slovenia and other scholarships for studying abroad.



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## Study Regulations

The internal legal document [Study Regulations](#) establishes uniform standards for studying at the University of Ljubljana. It contains all necessary information related to the teaching process and includes guidelines on course completion assessment, improving grades, as well as on the recognition of credits earned at other institutions, evaluations, and final examinations.

## Learning Slovenian Language

As the study is mostly conducted in Slovenian, you can attend various [Slovenian language courses](#) for easier integration into the Slovenian environment and more successful study, as well as the possibility of joining the activity called YEAR PLUS.

[YEAR PLUS](#) is designed to help international students in their first year of study in Slovenia integrate more easily into academic and everyday student life, and adapt to the Slovenian system and culture. It enables you to learn Slovene free of charge (within the compulsory course Slovene as a foreign language – lectorat 1 in the 1st semester, and Slovene as a foreign language – lectorat 2 in the 2nd semester) while simultaneously fulfilling your degree program's study obligations. You can apply for the Year Plus module 24 hours after completing the application process at the chosen academy / faculty.





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## Special Status

Can you demonstrate important athletic, artistic, and/or cultural achievements? Are you a student parent, student with special needs, or in a specific social situation? Find out more about special status, useful information on the acquisition and types of statuses, tutors, etc. by clicking [here](#).

## Psychosocial Support

Being away from home and starting out on your own can sometimes become a struggle. When it does, know that there's support available to you. If you feel homesick, the webinar [Homesickness as a challenge and opportunity for personal growth](#) may help you. If you would like to speak with a professional about your issues, do not hesitate to attend [psycho-social counselling](#) (also in English, if needed). Other useful information about psychosocial support is available to you on [this page](#), where you'll find even more helpful webinars or other effective stress relievers.

## Student Ombudsman

The [Student Ombudsman Office](#) is a helpful point of contact for students and staff who have experienced discrimination or unfair treatment, or for inquiries about maintaining an inclusive (academic) environment.

## IT Services

You are issued a ID Student number and [Digital Identity \(UL-ID\)](#) once you become a University of Ljubljana student. As a student of the University of Ljubljana you get multiple benefits, as you receive licences for programmes you will need during your study (this includes Office365, Adobe, unlimited Drive storage, etc.).

## Internet Access

To connect to the [Eduroam](#) Wi-Fi, install Eduroam CAT installer on your preferred device, supply your student username and password and click Connect. You can find CAT installer for Windows, MacOS and Linux [here](#). Android users can get two different apps from PlayStore - [eduroam CAT](#) (for Android version less than 11) or [getEduroam](#) (for Android version 11 or higher). iOS users can get app [getEduroam](#) from App Store.

Downtown Ljubljana is covered by access points to the [WiFreeLjubljana](#) wireless broadband network, providing 60 minutes of free internet access per day with a modern portable communication device.

## Access To The Libraries

As our student you will have complete access to the library system and its resources. There are [47 libraries](#) at the faculties and academies of the University of Ljubljana. The University library system incorporates [Central Technological Library](#) and the [National and University Library](#). Electronic journals, books and databases are remotely available through the [Digital Library of the University of Ljubljana](#). Theses, dissertations and the University researchers' publications are openly accessible through [the Repository of the University of Ljubljana](#).



# Students for Students



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## International Student Ambassadors

We are very happy to be able to connect you with our International Student Ambassadors who will assist you with all your questions related to studies and living in Slovenia and will be one of your first stops on your way to Slovenia and the University of Ljubljana. 15 international students from different countries and different faculties are there for you via [Chat with international students](#).

We are also very proud to present our video series [»With international students about...«](#), which aims to introduce you to studying in Slovenia and at the University of Ljubljana. In this series our international student ambassadors answer a range of questions, such as: why they decided to study in Slovenia and at the University of Ljubljana, what it is like to study here, whether they encountered any challenges, what the benefits of studying here, and much more.



## Student Associations

Student associations are run by students for students. They are non-profit organisations that carry out a wide range of activities. We invite you to find out about their activities and get in touch with your fellow students.

- The [University of Ljubljana Student Council](#) is a body of University students through which you can participate in academy, faculty or the university bodies and give your opinions, proposals and remarks on individual matters.
- The [Student Organization of the University of Ljubljana](#) holds various activities beyond the scope of degree programmes and provides various services to students (legal assistance, assistance in accommodation, cultural and sports activities, etc.).
- [ESN – Erasmus Student Network](#) represents European international students, supporting and encouraging student mobility.

## Other Clubs & Organisations

- [Klub zamejskih študentov](#)
- [OSSl Slovenija](#) (Organizacija srpskih studenata u Sloveniji): [website](#), [Facebook](#)
- [BiH študenti v Sloveniji](#)
- [Društvo Bosanskohercegovskih Študentov v Sloveniji](#)
- [Macedonian Student Organization in Slovenia \(MŠOS\)](#)
- [Iniciativa za tuje študente](#)

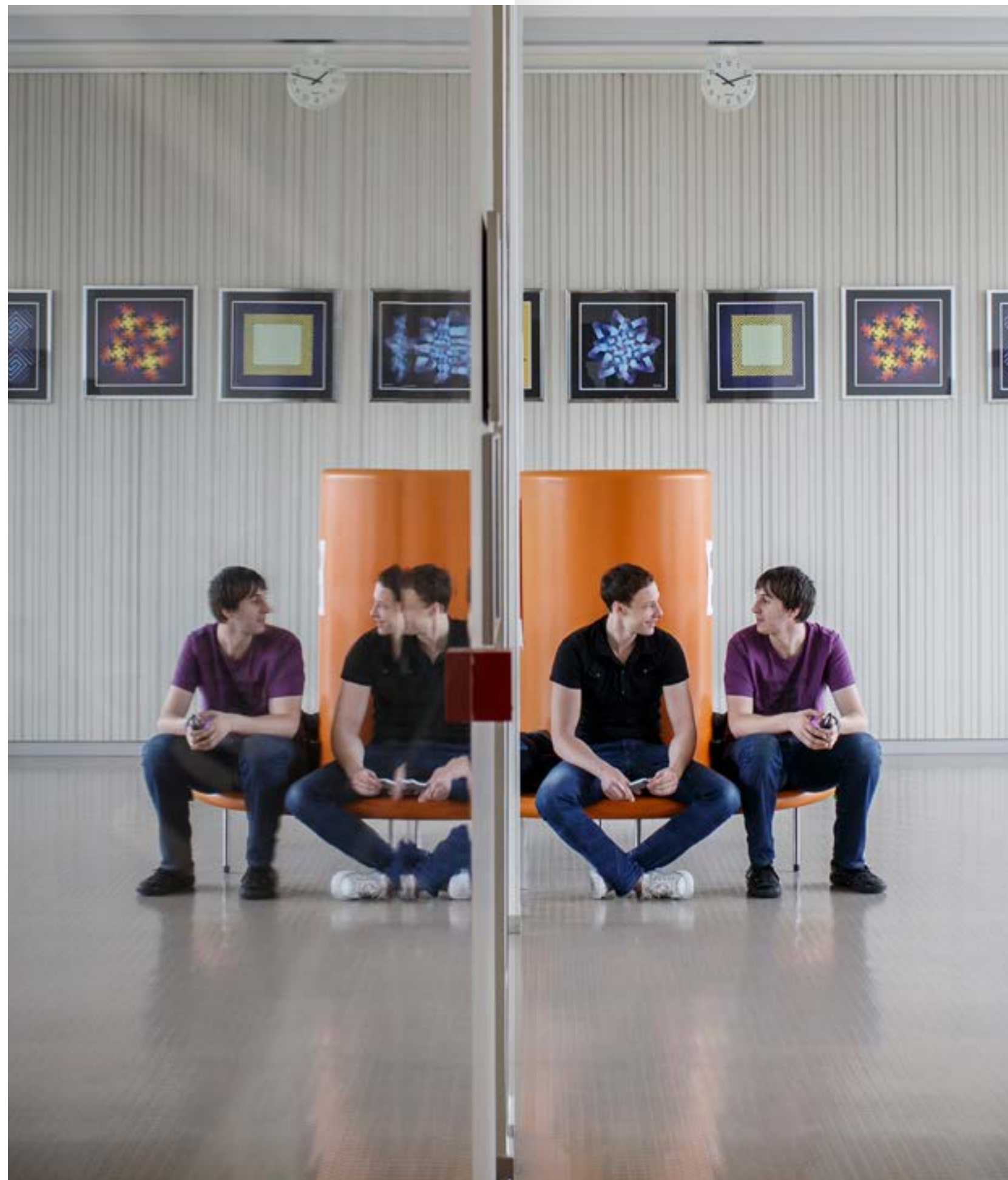


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## Buddy Programme

Even though you may have planned and prepared for your time at the University of Ljubljana, the extent of the change and the effect it has on you may take you by surprise. This is entirely normal and there are things you can do that can help. Talk with someone who understands your experience, such as another international student, a colleague in your department, or a tutor. You can contact [tutors](#) during tutoring hours or individually upon prior agreement over the phone or email. Tutors will happily provide you support in integrating into your studies and life in Slovenia. For more information on [tutoring programmes](#), contact your faculty or academy.

## Alumni & Friends

Once you leave the University of Ljubljana, you can become a member of our [alumni community](#). Make sure you stay in touch and keep your contact details up-to-date to maintain a rewarding relationship with the University and your fellow alumni.

## Srčna UL

Together with the Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth, we run a charity project in which we help students who are in financial distress. More about Srčna UL can be found on our [website](#).





# Extracurricular and Other Activities

## Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities approved by the University of Ljubljana Senate allow you to apply 5% of credits earned in external electives towards your bachelor's or master's degree. Furthermore, University members (academy or faculty) may recognize informal learning extracurricular activities based on the rules laying down the procedure and criteria for the recognition of informally gained knowledge and skills.

## Sports Activities

The Centre for Extracurricular Activities offers comprehensive ECTS and recreational programmes to ensure you achieve a balanced lifestyle while studying. It includes group fitness classes, social sport, exercise programmes, a weights and cardio room, and plenty of court space for casual, recreational athletes. Entry into the University Hall Rožna Dolina is free with a valid student ID card. You can also swim at the University of Ljubljana Faculty of Sport under expert guidance.

## For Music Lovers

Join the University of Ljubljana Academy of Music concert series and enjoy music performed by students and professors.

## AGRFT Festival

The Academy of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television of the University of Ljubljana organises the annual AGRFT Festival with numerous events, from productions and exhibitions to performances and short films.

## Language Courses

Every year, University of Ljubljana Faculty of Arts organize language courses of more than 30 languages. At the beginning of every academic year, they announce courses and publish dates and requirements. Check their website for more information.

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## University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana

Visit the [University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana](#) which is home to more than 4,500 different species and subspecies. A third of them are endemic to Slovenia, while the rest originate from other parts of Europe and other continents.

## Summer School Courses

The [summer school courses](#) offered by the academies and faculties of the University of Ljubljana are excellent opportunities for learning and networking. We invite you to explore the possibilities and find an enjoyable and productive way to spend your summer. Our faculties and academies offer summer courses from a wide range of disciplines: from economics and business to law, social work and technical sciences.

## Exchange Opportunities

Make your degree truly global. Spend one or two semesters abroad at one of the University of Ljubljana [partner's universities](#). You can travel the world, experience new cultures, gain skills to enhance your CV, and still earn credits toward your University of Ljubljana degree. You can apply for Erasmus+ grant or other scholarships.

## Eutopia Alliance for Students

Numerous [opportunities](#) to participate in international events, workshops, training courses and projects to acquire new knowledge and skills in an international environment.

## UL Knowledge Transfer Office

UL Knowledge Transfer Office and the [Ljubljana University Incubator](#) foster innovation and entrepreneurship among students.

## POPR

Join the platform [Personal and Professional Development portal – POPR](#) where you can register for events, make appointments with a career counsellor, and search for available job vacancies.



# Thinking About Future?

## Your Future Career

We know that university life is busy and you don't always have free time to spare, but if you put aside some time to identify personal or professional development, it will help you make a smooth transition to the next stage of your career. The [University of Ljubljana Career Centres](#) will happily provide you with guidance. Upgrade your knowledge, skills, and competencies through various activities, webinars, workshops, education, and training courses, where you can learn the skill of career management, find out about new professions, and establish contacts with potential employers. Sign up for [the newsletter](#), which will keep you informed about all our free events (career days, strengthening skills for effective study...). It will appear in your inbox on Tuesdays (also check the Promotions, Spam box).

## Your Employment Rights in Slovenia

Slovenia has basic rights and entitlements that apply by law to all workers. You can find more information on your basic work rights at the [Employment Service of Slovenia](#).





# Keep in Touch

Keep up-to-date with university and local news, events, competitions and more


## University of Ljubljana:

-  [@unilj](https://www.facebook.com/unilj)
-  [@univerza\\_v\\_ljubljani](https://www.instagram.com/univerza_v_ljubljani)
-  [www.youtube.com/univerza1](https://www.youtube.com/univerza1)  
(Univerza v Ljubljani/University of Ljubljana)
-  [@University of Ljubljana](https://www.linkedin.com/school/university-of-ljubljana)


## Career Centres:

-  [www.facebook.com/KariernicentriUL](https://www.facebook.com/KariernicentriUL)
-  [www.instagram.com/kariernicentriul](https://www.instagram.com/kariernicentriul)

## Sport UL:

-  [www.facebook.com/cod.sportul](https://www.facebook.com/cod.sportul)

## ESN Ljubljana:

-  [www.facebook.com/ESNljubljana](https://www.facebook.com/ESNljubljana)

## Useful Contacts & Links

- [Degree-seeking students](#)
- [Exchange students](#)
- [Slovenia's representation abroad](#)
- [Foreign embassies in Slovenia](#)
- [Phone & postal services](#)
- <https://infotujci.si/en>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/immigration>
- [www.slovenia.info/en](https://www.slovenia.info/en)
- <https://studyinslovenia.si>
- <https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/>
- <https://www.lpp.si/en/public-transport/map-bus-routes-and-p-r>

## More Information

Website: <https://www.uni-lj.si/en/study/international-students>

E-mail: [study.info@uni-lj.si](mailto:study.info@uni-lj.si)



In January 2024, the UL successfully passed the FINEEC (Finnish Education Evaluation Centre) international institutional audit and received the FINEEC Quality Label valid for six years. FINEEC audits are based on the so-called enhancement-led approach and stress the importance of providing feedback that aims to improve the quality of education.



