



Erasmus+ Programme
Key Action 1 - International Credit Mobility (KA107)

FACT SHEET

UNIVERSITETI KATOLIK “ZOJA E KËSHILLIT TË MIRË (UKZKM)
ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

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| FULL NAME OF THE HEI | UNIVERSITETI KATOLIK “ZOJA E KËSHILLIT TË MIRË” (UKZKM) CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL |
| ADDRESS | Rruga Dritan Hoxha, Tirana, Albania |
| PIC | 971436474 |
| WEBSITE | www.unizkm.al |
| HEAD OF INSTITUTION | Prof. Bruno Giardina, Rector |
| ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY | <p>UKZKM, is a private, accredited, non-profit HEI, founded in Tirana, Albania on 2004, and recognized as Catholic University on 2011. It operates on the basis of the principle of internationalization, aimed at offering a high-quality university and post-graduate education at EU level, in order to support the integration of the Albanian University Education in the European Space for University Education and in the Bologna Process. UKZKM is structured in 4 Faculties: Medicine; Pharmacy; Economic, Political and Social Sciences and Applied Sciences.</p> <p>Other important structures are: International Centre for Research and Studies, Centre for the Training of the parliamentarians of South East Europe countries; Observatory of Health Systems in the Balkans Area and European Centre of Peace Science, Integration and Cooperation.</p> <p>UKZKM is member of the European Federation of Catholic Universities and the International Federation of Catholic Universities.</p> <p>There are about 3000 students enrolled at all study cycles (1st, 2nd, 3rd). 25% of students are international ones, 2100 alumni and about 470 Italian and Albanian academic and research staff.</p> |



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

COURSE CATALOGUE FOR BACHELOR, MASTER AND PHD STUDENTS

<https://www.unizkm.al/study/faculties/>

RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE SKILLS

STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES/TRAINEESHIP

The language of instruction is Italian.
The recommended level (for non-native Italian speakers) is at least level B1/B2*.

STAFF MOBILITY FOR TEACHING

Staff can teach in Italian and/or English.
The minimum level required (for non-native speakers) is B2 level, but C1 level* is recommended (unless otherwise stated in the inter-institutional agreement).

* According to CEFR - [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

It is recommended that the sending institution provides support to its nominated candidates and officially declare the level of language proficiency before the study, teaching or training period. In alternative students/staff can send an official certificate.

LANGUAGE COURSES

On request, the University Language Centre provides students with knowledge and specific skills to use Italian, Albanian, English and German languages by organizing all year long intensive, general and sector scientific terminology courses with affordable fees. Also at the Center is possible to take exams for obtaining the International English language certification, CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH of the following levels KET (A2), PET (B1), FCE (B2), CAE (C1), CPE (C2).



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year officially starts on 02 November 2020. Lectures are held for two semesters (October/November - February and March - July). Examinations are usually held in Winter (February/March), Summer (June/July) and Autumn (September and October). Lectures are suspended in August and for about two weeks over the Christmas period. However, the teaching schedule may vary according to the study programme and students are strongly suggested to contact the academic coordinator or the administrative office (Secretariat) of their Study programme.

National holidays:

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| 01 January 2020 | New Year's Day |
| 02 January 2020 | New Year's Day |
| 14 March 2020 | Summer Day |
| 22 March 2020 | Nevruz Day |
| 04 April 2020 | Catholic Easter |
| 01 May 2020 | International Worker's Day |
| 02 May 2020 | Orthodox Easter |
| 13 May 2020 | Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) |
| 20 July 2020 | Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) |
| 05 September 2020 | Saint Teresa Sanctification Day |
| 28 November 2020 | Flag and Independence Day |
| 29 November 2020 | Liberation Day |
| 08 December 2020 | National Youth Day |
| 25 December 2020 | Christmas Day |

CREDIT AND GRADING SYSTEMS

The organisation and evaluation system of the Courses is based on ECTS credit system in order to allow students mobility across the European Community and validation of the exams taken abroad. 1 CFU (University Educational Credit) used at UKZKM according to the Italian system, equals 1 ECTS credit. Each credit consists of 25 hours of formative activity that includes frontal lessons, laboratory practice, seminars and individual study. ECTS credits: 1 full academic year has 60 credits and 1 semester has 30 credit. For Undergraduate and Master level, examinations assessment is expressed in grades calculated on a scale of 0 - 30 with the possibility of awarding 'cum laude'. Pass grade and lowest mark for examinations is 18 and maximum grade is 30 (cum laude).

As far as the final dissertation is concerned, a 110-point grading scale is used where 66 is the minimum passing grade, and cum Laude is added to the maximum grade to praise outstanding results.

For some activities like language courses and/or at choice courses or seminars, students may not be given a grade but merely a "Idoneo"/"Pass".

| UKZKM Grades | ECTS Grades | Predicate |
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| 30 - 30 lode | A | EXCELLENT |
| 28-29 | B | VERY GOOD |
| 25-26-27 | C | GOOD |
| 21-22-23-24 | D | SATISFACTORY |
| 18-19-20 | E | SUFFICIENT |
| Under 18 | F | FAILED |



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| <p>MINIMUM/MAXIMUM OF ECTS</p> | <p>A minimum of 24 ECTS and a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester must be included in the Learning Agreement for studies.</p> | | | | |
| <p>NOMINATION/APPLICATION</p> | <p>Partner institutions are responsible for selecting students and staff and should send officially the nominations by e-mail to: erasmus@unizkm.al. Following the receipt of nominations, UKZKM will send its decision on admission within 5 weeks. Afterwards students will receive instructions on how/when to register at UKZKM courses. For staff mobility, the teaching/training plan and the timing of the proposed mobility must be agreed at least two months in advance. Nomination deadline for students:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="762 1115 1469 1420"><tr><td>First Semester</td></tr><tr><td>31st of May (for mobility that takes place from October to February)</td></tr><tr><td>Second Semester</td></tr><tr><td>30th of November (for mobility that takes place from March to July)</td></tr></table> | First Semester | 31st of May (for mobility that takes place from October to February) | Second Semester | 30th of November (for mobility that takes place from March to July) |
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| <p>TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS/ ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE</p> | <p>A Transcript of Records for students will be issued by UKZKM no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished.</p> <p>The certificate of attendance for students and staff will be issued at the end of the studies/teaching/training period.</p> | | | | |



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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| VISA | <p>Students/staff from the EU do not need to apply for a visa. At any case, it is recommended to read carefully all relevant information concerning the Visa regime, procedures and documents for foreign citizens at the following link of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. Before traveling to Albania, foreigners should contact the diplomatic and consular representations of the Republic of Albania abroad to check for update of rules.</p> <p>For information and assistance please contact ✉ erasmus@unizkm.al</p> |
| INSURANCE | <p>Travel insurance is recommended. Health and accident insurance policy will be required for stay permit purposes (on students own expenses). Travel, health and accident insurance is provided by many Insurance Companies in Tirana.</p> <p>For information and assistance please contact ✉ erasmus@unizkm.al</p> |
| STAY PERMIT | <p>Foreign citizens planning to stay in Albania more than 90 days in 6 months (180 days), have to apply for a residence/stay permit no later than 30 days following legal entry into the territory of the Republic of Albania.</p> <p>The application for residence permit is lodged in person at the Regional Directory of Border and Migration. Main documentation requested for all types of residence permits can be found here (non exhaustive list). It is recommended to contact the Regional Directory of Border and Migration, for updated information.</p> <p>For information and assistance please contact ✉ erasmus@unizkm.al</p> |
| ACCOMMODATION | <p>UKZKM does not have dormitories for students. However, students can find accommodation through real estate agencies in Tirana or can share a flat with actual students.</p> <p>For information and assistance please contact ✉ erasmus@unizkm.al</p> |



LIVING COSTS

Estimate monthly expenses for students:

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| Housing | 200 euros for a shared flat |
| Food | 150-250 euros |
| Transport (Bus/Taxi) | 10-50 Euros |
| Other expenses | 60 Euros |

The estimate is indicative, as the actual living costs depend very much on student's lifestyle.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Eventual acceptance and/or further arrangements for students with special need, must be agreed in advance on a case to case basis depending on special needs.

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