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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. The Name of the Programme

European Studies

1.2. The Type of the Programme

Academic Programme

1.3. The Level of the Programme

Master's Degree - II Cycle Programme

1.4. The Aim of the Programme

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a result of the process of European integration, the need to create a new profile of experts in all areas with specific knowledge of the European Union as an economic and political entity intensified. This study, in an innovative and modern way, educates personnel who will be the backbone of the process of integration into the unique European space. The goal of the program is to contribute to the implementation of the mentioned process and raise awareness of its importance. When creating the curriculum, attention was paid to its attractiveness and compatibility with the curricula of similar study programs at European universities. Thus, subjects range from the very idea of Europe and the specifics of European politics and society, to the European economy and European law, through issues of religion and international relations, to the business environment, the EU projects and cultural issues in a unified Europe. Acquiring knowledge about various aspects of the functioning of the European Union is extremely relevant in Bosnia and Herzegovina and represents a sure possibility of finding employment in the integrated EU.

1.5. The Proponent of the Programme

The programme is implemented by the University of Sarajevo. The University of Sarajevo delegates the organization of the programme to the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and also delegates the teaching to professors and assistants from several faculties of the University of Sarajevo.

1.6. Scientific/artistic Areas the Study Programme Belongs to

The study programme "European Studies" is an interdisciplinary study programme that incorporates the social sciences and therefore, the professors responsible for the courses come from the faculties of the University of Sarajevo which correspond with these areas. Along with the responsible professors, there are other instructors involved in the teaching process and they come from the University of Sarajevo or appear as guest lecturers from universities in the region and broader.

1.7. Organization and Duration of the Programme

The "+1" study program lasts one year (two semesters x 30 ECTS, total 60 ECTS). The "+2" study program lasts two years (four semesters x 30 ECTS, total 120 ECTS).

The "+1" program consists of 5 mandatory courses and the preparation and defense of a Master's thesis (Final Thesis). During the first semester, classes are held in BHS and in English. Students do a final thesis of their choice, in BHS or English.

The "+2" program includes 11 mandatory courses, 8 elective courses (of which students attend 3 of their choice), a project/seminar, and the preparation and defense of the final thesis. During the first semester, classes are held in BHS and in English. Students do a final thesis of their choice, in BHS or English.

1.8. Minimum number of ECTS Credits Required to Complete the Programme

In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, the programme is valued with 60 ECTS credits per year or 30 ECTS credits per semester. The number of credits for each individual course is determined in accordance with the assigned workload (theoretical and/or practical classes, seminars etc.), the time students spend doing individual assignments (homework, projects, seminar papers etc.) and the time required for exam preparation (tests, final exam).

The final thesis is valued with 30 ECTS credits.

1.9. Language of Instruction

Classes are held in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and/or English.

1.10. Selection Process for the Enrollment

Student status is acquired by enrolling in a study program implemented by the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo. Enrollment is done on the basis of a public call published by the University, which is decided by the Senate of the University.

Enrollment in the first study year is carried out in accordance with the Law, the Statute, these rules and based on the final results of the public competition.

The University of Sarajevo publishes the call for the enrollment of students in the first year of study in at least three daily newspapers in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The call for the enrollment of students in the first year of study is published on the website and notice board of the University of Sarajevo and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies with the prior approval of the Ministry.

The right to enroll in an interdisciplinary master's study (II cycle) is available to candidates:

- citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and foreign citizens who have completed the corresponding first cycle of studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is evaluated with at least 180 ECTS for the "+2" program, or 240 ECTS for the "+1" program, which in total with the evaluation of the second cycle amounts to at least 300 ECTS,
- who completed their studies according to pre-Bologna curricula in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- who have completed an integrated study lasting five and/or six years, as well as
- who completed the first cycle, i.e. pre-Bologna studies, outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and for whom, after the recognition or equivalence procedure, it was determined that they have completed adequate education to continue their education.

The unique ranking list of all registered candidates will be based on the completed study of the II cycle, four-year study according to the pre-Bologna study system, integrated study, and the average grade achieved by the candidates during their studies.

1.11. Qualifications upon Completion of the Programme

After passing all the exams listed in the Curricula and defending the Final Thesis; after acquiring the full, required number of ECTS credits, and after finishing the studies, the student gets the academic title of Master of European Studies.

1.12. The Analysis of Employment Possibilities after Graduation

The study is intended for graduate students of all faculties, who have the need and desire to contribute to the processes of transition and accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union, as well as its successful positioning after entering this integration.

The reason for such a broadly defined target group is the distinct interdisciplinary nature of this study. Not only is the participation of people from all fields of science desirable, but also from institutions, such as all types and levels of government, business, non-governmental institutions/organizations, education, media and the like.

When it comes to state institutions, this study is particularly interesting for current and future diplomats, civil servants and experts at all levels of government, people who work in the judiciary and the like.

Current and future managers in business can greatly benefit from this study, given that international business cooperation with the European Union is indispensable.

Non-governmental organizations have become, next to the state and business, the third important factor in the development of every society. Their role in the European Union is very important, so adequate knowledge of the staff of these organizations is necessary for future successful positioning in this integration.

In educational institutions, scientific institutes, media and the like, it is necessary to have people who are experts in procedures, institutions, and policies within the European Union, due to the necessary education of the entire population.

1.13. The Programme's Vertical Mobility

According to Article 1, paragraph (3) of the Study Rules for the I, II cycle of studies, integrated, professional and specialist studies at the University of Sarajevo, the second cycle leads to the degree of Master or equivalent after the completion of the first cycle of studies; it lasts one or two study years, and is evaluated with 60 or 120 ECTS points so that in total with the first study cycle, it carries 300 ECTS points, which ensures vertical mobility for enrollment in the third study cycle.

1.14. Grading Scale

Each individual course syllabus contains the grading scale, in accordance with the goals and outcomes of the course.

1.15. Quality Assurance

The study programme's quality and success will be assessed through internal and external observation and assessment by an official committee and the students.

2. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

2.1. Learning Outcomes at the Study Programme Level

European studies are interdisciplinary studies whose goal is to achieve a set of specific knowledge about the EU and Europe and is an upgrade of the knowledge acquired in undergraduate studies, primarily in the field of social sciences. The study enables the acquisition of competencies that enable a better understanding and critical review of the history of Europe, the idea of Europe, European politics and society, law and economy - all of which together contribute to the European identity. It is particularly focused on the EU as a model of integration of diversity, reduced to the level of mobility and dynamism, necessary for progress in today's world.

So, study

- trains candidates to recognize the rules of the game on the European and global stage;
- enables understanding of the European development approach;
- develops the candidate's abilities for the necessary adjustments, especially in the integration process;
- trains candidates to analyze problems and synthesize solutions in a way that incorporates all aspects, advantages and disadvantages of choosing and pricing alternatives - using scientific methods and procedures;
- developing the ability to monitor and apply acquired knowledge in the profession, enabling candidates to convey their knowledge and way of thinking and reasoning to the general public in a clear and unambiguous manner;
- as the study is designed for learning Europe as a big open book - to understand and read further - the study also represents an incentive for further research into European issues.

2.2. The List of Obligatory and Elective Courses

Table 1. European Studies "+1"Curriculum

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
I	The idea of Europe	30	6	mandatory
I	European Economy	30	6	mandatory
I	European Institutions	30	6	mandatory

I	European Law	30	6	mandatory
I	European Politics and Society	30	6	mandatory
I semester overall			30	

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
II	FINAL THESIS PREPARATION AND DEFENSE		30	

OVERAL			60	
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Table 2. European Studies "+2"Curriculum

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
I	The idea of Europe	30	6	mandatory
I	European Economy	30	6	mandatory
I	European Institutions	30	6	mandatory
I	European Law	30	6	mandatory
I	European Politics and Society	30	6	mandatory
I semester overall			30	

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
II	Political Economy of transition	30	6	mandatory
II	European Business Law	30	6	mandatory
II	European Geopolitics	30	6	mandatory
II	Religion and European Integrations	30	6	mandatory
II	States and International Relations	30	6	mandatory
II semester overall			30	

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
III	Methodology of scientific research work	30	6	mandatory
III	EU Projects Promotion	20	5	elective
III	European Business Environment	20	5	elective

III	International Negotiation	20	5	elective
III	European Business Law in Digital Age	20	5	elective
III	Cross-cultural communication in the EU	20	5	elective
III	EU Foreign Policy	20	5	elective
III	EU economic diplomacy	20	5	elective
III	EU Financial System	20	5	elective
III	Project/Seminar	45	9	mandatory
III semester overall			30	

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Course status
IV	FINAL THESIS PREPARATION AND DEFENSE		30	

OVERAL			120	
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2.3. Information about the Programme's Structure and the Requirements for Enrolment in the Next Semester

In the application of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in the master's study proposal "One Health", the starting point is the agreement, accepted throughout the European area of higher education that the work required to master one academic year of study amounts to 60 ECTS points. The student gets 30 ECTS points from the organized classes, and 30 ECTS points from the work on the final paper.

The "+1" program consists of 5 mandatory courses and the preparation and defense of a Master's thesis (Final Thesis). During the first semester, classes are held in BHS and in English. Students do a final thesis of their choice, in BHS or English.

Programme structure:

1. First semester:	
	- 5 mandatory courses = overall 30 ECTS
2. Second semester:	
	- Final thesis preparation and defence = overall 30 ECTS

The "+2" program includes 11 mandatory courses, 8 elective courses (of which students attend 3 of their choice), a project/seminar, and the preparation and defense of the final thesis. During the first semester, classes are held in BHS and in English. Students do a final thesis of their choice, in BHS or English.

Programme structure:

1. First semester:	- 5 mandatory courses = overall 30 ECTS
2. Second semester:	- 5 mandatory courses = overall 30 ECTS
3. Third semester:	- 1 mandatory course - 3 elective courses and project/seminar = overall 30 ECTS

4. Fourth semester:

- Final thesis preparation and defence

= overall 30 ECTS

2.4. The List of Elective Courses Offered at Other Study Programmes and the Requirements for their Selection

A student can choose a course - mandatory or elective (the curriculum provides mandatory courses with 6 ECTS and 30 hours each, and elective courses with 5 and 6 ECTS and 30 hours each) from another study program if the goals and outcomes of that subject are in accordance with the aim and outcomes of this study program, by submitting an application to the Council of the Center with accompanying documentation, i.e. the syllabus of the course they wish to choose/listen to.

2.5. Completion of the Programme

The student will complete the studies by passing all the exams and writing the final thesis. The student chooses their thesis supervisor based on their interest and the instructor's research area. The thesis topic must be closely connected with the area of nutrition. The possible topics for final theses are suggested by the professors. However, the student can suggest their own thesis title to the professor they wish to work with.

The thesis supervisor can also be an instructor who has not been teaching at the specialist study, but the thesis topic is related to the programme's field. The suggested professor needs to possess adequate skills and competencies in order to be a thesis supervisor. The choice of the thesis supervisor is approved by the Academic Council of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

The students submit their thesis applications on the prescribed form. After the application's approval by the Council, the Council forms the Thesis Defence Committee. The members of the Committee must be professors ranging from the assistant professor to full professor. The Committee consists of the president and two members, or their substitutes. One of the members of the Committee is the thesis supervisor.

The student may change the topic of their thesis once, at the latest 30 days after the approval of their first topic. The students defend their theses with the public presentation.

All the other issues pertaining to the organization of the classes and the study programme – the students' rights and obligations, application process and the enrolment – shall be regulated by the Law, the Statutes, the Rules for the First and the Second Cycle, the Integrated Study Programmes, Professional and Specialist Study Programmes at the University of Sarajevo.