

The Programme of Balkanistics at the Faculty of Philology, University of Pristina

The Balkanistics Program is a four-year bachelor level study programme accredited by the Kosovo Accreditation Agency after a thorough evaluation process by international experts.

The Programme goal: The Programme aims to improve cross-linguistic and cross-cultural communication in Kosovo and the Western Balkans region, by training competent professionals in linguistics and translation in the official languages in Kosovo, as well as by preparing professionals in cross-cultural teaching of local languages in their future career. Another aim/goal of this program is to study the linguistic and cultural features of the Balkans, emphasizing the aspects of regional areal and interdisciplinary Balkanistics. In this sense, languages are seen not just as a means of communication and mutual understanding between societies living in a common space and their respective cultures. Through the study of languages and dialects, literature and folklore, cultural heritage and the common history of the Balkans, students will be able to better understand each other's culture, putting their adapted perspectives from these comparative systematic academic studies to good use in their professional and academic careers.



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Employment opportunities: Upon completion of the Programme, students will obtain a Bachelor degree with the possibility to be employed in the following fields:

1. Translation and interpreting of two or more languages in the public and private sectors;
2. Balkan Language Teaching (Albanian and another Balkan language);
3. Advising and cultural research on Balkan issues in governmental and non-governmental organizations (domestic, regional, or international);
4. Regional communications (experts) for the public and private sector.

Who can enrol: Enrolment opportunities are offered to all interested high-school graduates from Kosovo, the region and from abroad.

Languages of instruction: Courses will be held in Albanian and in a Balkan language chosen by the students themselves, and as per needs in the English language (until candidates from different nationalities acquire the language of one another).

What will the students learn in this Programme?

Students will:

- Acquire and apply advanced knowledge of their native language both for their daily work, as well as for further studies;
- Communicate fluently in their native language and use it for quality translations into at least one language spoken in Kosovo or in the SEE region;
- Acquire high proficiency (at least C1 level) in a non-native language (one of the official languages in Kosovo or the region) and be able to translate and interpret materials from and into that language;
- Acquire an intermediate level of communication (at least level B 2) in a foreign language outside the region (English, German or French);
- Be able to competently translate documents and interpret during

events in the field of politics, economy, law, society, culture and other fields, primarily for the needs of institutions in Kosovo;

What does the programme / university offer to a prospective student?

- Highly competent teaching staff with years of expertise in the field and an excellent track record in Kosovo and in the region;
- Support through the Language Centre to improve language competences in local languages in Kosovo;
- Knowledge of at least two languages spoken in the Balkans, accompanied with translation and interpretation techniques, which is an essential asset in the EU accession process and membership;
- Europe- and region-wide student mobility (one semester);
- High quality and tailor-made paper-based and online literature and resources;
- Excellent conditions for work and study (language lab, Language Centre, library, teacher assistance, free literature, etc.);
- Student dormitories;
- A safe and friendly university campus in a lively area in downtown Prishtinë/Priština;
- Assistance to search and obtain scholarships from various donors and partners of the Programme;
- Summer schools, international seminars, student exchange opportunities, research projects and other academic arrangements with local, regional and international higher education institutions.

Societal and community benefits

Through the study of languages and dialects, literature and folklore, cultural heritage and the common history of the Balkans, students will be able to better understand their own culture and those of others, putting their adapted perspectives to good use in their professional and academic careers.

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