

UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC
INTERNATIONALISATION
STRATEGY
2022– 2027



University of Kragujevac was established and developed based on the concept of dispersed university. However, the University managed to turn this into one of its most distinctive advantages which allows it to use economic and geographical potentials and human resources from the territory which spreads over an area of 5000 square kilometers and which is populated by about 2.5 million citizens.

Starting from the reputation it enjoys in the area of international cooperation with universities from Europe and the world, as well as its openness towards the world, the internationalization of the University of Kragujevac rests on its commitment to become the part of international, particularly European, educational, scientific and artistic area. Through the organization of studies and research, the University's aim for the period 2022 – 2027 is to continually carry out the transfer and creation of scientific knowledge and professional competences which allow not only the further affirmation of academic relations with universities from all around the world, but also the mobility of teachers, students, researchers and administrative staff.

With the obligation of all university structures to carry out the process of internationalization of the University of Kragujevac, fully respecting the institutional autonomy and academic freedom defined by the law and improving at the same time the quality assurance system for educational process and research, the Senate of the University of Kragujevac, based on articles 22 and 97 of the Statute of the University of Kragujevac, at the meeting held on February 24th, 2022, has adopted

THE STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC 2022 – 2027

INTRODUCTION

University of Kragujevac rose from the foundations of the Lyceum of the Principality of Serbia, the first higher education institution in modern Serbia, established in Kragujevac by the decree of Prince Miloš Obrenović on July 1st, 1838. Its first rector was Atanasije Nikolic (1803 – 1882).

The Lyceum of the Principality of Serbia planted the seed of higher education from which the first modern higher education institutions originated in the beginning of the 1960s, and in 1976 the University of Kragujevac was established.

The University of Kragujevac consists of twelve accredited faculties as legal entities with individual work licenses which are located in six cities of Central Serbia: Kragujevac, Čacak, Jagodina, Kraljevo, Užice and Vrnjačka Banja.

The University Library is also a member of the University of Kragujevac. It is a library of general scientific character whose activities are in the function of teaching, scientific and research processes at the University. In this way, it contributes to the successful practice of studying, dissemination and affirmation of knowledge, educational and scientific creativity of the University of Kragujevac professors and associates.

The Institute of Information Technologies, founded by the Republic of Serbia on June 6th, 2019, also forms the constituent part of the University of Kragujevac. Its establishing as one of the member units of the University of Kragujevac created the institutional framework for the ambitions scientists who are offered an opportunity to conduct research in their own country pursuing global trends in the areas of their expertise.

The University integrates the functions of all faculties and its organizational units, by carrying out the unique policy with the aim to constantly promote higher education activities, improve the quality of teaching process, educate scientific, research and art offspring, introduce the scientific research to students, as well as to create material conditions for work and development of the University.

VISION

The University of Kragujevac is committed to being a leader and a generator of science and innovations in the field of education and research which through the internationalization process encourages the synergy of all University members, giving the strong contribution to the strengthening and improvement of University's reputation in the country and abroad.

The University of Kragujevac is a partner recognized by international higher education and research institutions, with highest academic standards which provides students, teachers and researchers with the opportunity to acquire general, scientific and artistic knowledge and skills in compliance with the needs of the society and planned regional and national development that through scientific and creative process provides the advancement of society at large.

We strive to create a world in which everyone will have the access to higher education for better life prospects and in pursue of scientific knowledge regardless their status, age, gender or ethnicity and we strongly support openness, freedom of individuals, but also the spirit of collectiveness.

MISSION

Implementing its international activities, the University will strive to provide its teachers and researchers with the most favorable research environment, and its students with opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and competences that will raise their competitiveness not only at national level, but also at European and global labor market, and within the academic community at the same time.

Through mutual cooperation among faculties within the University of Kragujevac, their students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff in the area of international cooperation, the University tends to provide best conditions, mechanisms and procedures that will encourage and support the realization of activities necessary for its internationalization process.

Our principal mission is excellence in offering services aimed at learning opportunities and organization, presentation dissemination and application of knowledge, as well as the collaboration with partner institutions at local, national and global scale.

The University of Kragujevac is committed to youth development helping students to turn into mature and accountable individuals who are intellectually and professionally competent and equipped with positive ethical and spiritual values and who will serve as the catalysts of social change.

GOALS

1. IMPROVEMENT OF STUDY PROGRAMMES

(INTERNATIONALIZATION AT HOME)

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 1.1 Improvement of existing and development of new study programs in English or any other foreign language that will enrich the academic offer of the University for both domestic and foreign students,
- 1.2 Support to improving the language skills (*English and other foreign languages*) of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, which will ensure their active participation in the process of the University's internationalization process.

2. INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING MOBILITIES

(STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS, TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF)

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 2.1 Legal and administrative preparation for active participation in Erasmus + and other mobility programs,
- 2.2 Establishment of new and upgrading of the existing cooperation with foreign higher education institutions and organizations,
- 2.3 Raising the quality and visibility of academic offer of the University in order to increase the number of incoming students, teachers and researchers.

3. IMPROVEMENT OF THE COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRY AND OTHER PARTNER INSTITUTIONS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 3.1 Legal and administrative preparation in order to provide the conditions for increased participation in international funding programs, such as Erasmus +, Horizon Europe and other programs,
- 3.2 Increasing the participation in international projects and promotion of cooperation with foreign universities, research institutions, industry and other partner institutions in various fields of science, education, research and innovation,
- 3.3 Raising the visibility of research capacities and results achieved at the University of Kragujevac at national and international level.

4. UNIVERSITY'S COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONALIZATION

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 4.1 Development of the Action Plan for the realization of University's Internationalization Strategy,
- 4.2 Monitoring of the implementation of the Internationalization Strategy and regular reporting on the achieved results,
- 4.3 Strengthening the capacity of the University of Kragujevac that will enable realization of the Action Plan and high quality implementation of the Strategy,
- 4.4 Providing appropriate financial resources that will allow smooth realization of the Action Plan and high quality implementation of the Strategy,
- 4.5 Raising the University's visibility within global higher education area via accrediting the University and its individual faculties at leading international accredited institutions,
- 4.6 Internationalization of the research work, publishing activities and increase of the number of published research papers with University of Kragujevac affiliation at leading international scientific journals.

5. Digitalization of the mobility process, inclusion and ecological sustainability

This goal will be accomplished through:

- 5.1. Digitalization of the academic process,
- 5.2 Ecologically acceptable practices
- 5.3 Social inclusion and equal opportunities in the internationalization process.

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SENATE

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President of the University of Kragujevac Senate

Prof. dr Nenad Filipovic, rector