

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN MONTENEGRO
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LEGISLATION

- The Law on Higher Education, 2003,2010 (changes and amendments)
- New Law on Higher Education is prepared
- ⊙ Higher education provides obtaining a degree of:
 - ✓ applied undergraduate studies
 - ✓ academic undergraduate studies
 - ✓ applied specialist studies
 - ✓ academic specialist studies
 - ✓ applied master studies
 - ✓ academic master studies and
 - ✓ academic title of a Ph.D.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◉ Ministry of Education
- ◉ Council of Higher Education

- ◉ Governing bodies of HEIs:
 - Governing Board
 - Rector
 - Senate

HIGHER EDUCATION STRUCTURE

DOCTORAL STUDIES 3 YEARS - 180 ECTS			8. YEAR	
			7. YEAR	
			6. YEAR	
(4+1) OR (3+2) MINIMUM 300 ECTS	MASTER STUDY 1 YEAR - 60 ECTS	SPECIALIST/MASTER STUDY 1/2 YEAR- 60/120 ECTS	5. YEAR	SPECIALIST/MASTER 1/2 YEAR - 60/120 ECTS
	UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 4 YEARS - 240 ECTS		4. YEAR	
		UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 3 YEARS - 180 ECTS	3. YEAR	UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 3 YEARS - 180 ECTS
			2. YEAR	
			1. YEAR	
ACADEMIC STUDY				APPLIED STUDY

HEIs IN MONTENEGRO

- ❑ **University of Montenegro – public university**
- ❑ **University Mediteran – private university, as of 2006**
- ❑ **University Donja Gorica – private university, as of 2010**

- ❑ **Fields covered: economics, law, languages, engineering studies, natural sciences, biotechnology, humanities, academies, tourism, maritime studies...**

AUTONOMY OF HEIS

- Institutions are autonomous in performing their activities in accordance with the Law on Higher Education
- Autonomy reflects in the following: employ academic and other staff, define its internal organization, in accordance with the Law and statute, conclude contracts with other institutions in Montenegro, conclude contracts also with institutions at international level etc.

FUNDING

- State budget
- tuition fees (self financed students)
- intellectual and other services
- donations, presents and legacies
- projects and contracts with national, international, state and private entities aimed at promoting teaching, research and consulting activities.

ENROLLMENT

- The Government determines the number of students whose tuition fee shall be financed by the Budget, for a particular course of studies, in accordance with the maximum number prescribed in the valid license of a public institution)
- Students are admitted at a competitive basis, all in compliance with the results obtained during secondary school education, at the professional or matriculation exam and the results obtained at the additional or admission exam.
- Additional or admission exam can be introduced for admission into particular study programmes, in compliance with the institution statute.
- The matriculation, or professional exam is valued with at least 15% of the total number of points obtained at admission.
- The manner and procedure of enrolment into the first year of studies is regulated by the act of the institution.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Government has appointed Council for Higher Education for improving higher education area
Responsibilities of the Council, among other, are:
 - ✓ offers opinion in the procedure of determining norms for issuance, changes and divesting of a license;
 - ✓ offers opinion in the procedure for determining norms for higher education financing;
 - ✓ determines criteria for assessment of study programmes taking into account their compatibility with the professional needs and international comparability;
 - ✓ undertakes periodical controls of quality of licensed institutions and issue a certificate on reaccreditation;
 - ✓ performs other activities prescribed by this Law and enactment on establishment of a Council.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- ✓ Reaccreditation of an institution, or a study programme can be performed also by a foreign accreditation organization authorized to determine validity and quality of study programmes and harmonization with the professional needs of the country.
- ✓ Decision on engagement of a foreign accreditation organization is made by the Ministry.
- ✓ An institution performs self-evaluation procedure, i.e. evaluation and assessment of the quality of its courses of study and work conditions.
- ✓ Self-evaluation is performed continuously
- ✓ The Council for each program performs assessment of curricula quality during a maximum five-year period, by appointing expert bodies for particular curricula.
- ✓ International experts, from the list of experts may be included in expert bodies.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM AT THE HEIs

- All HEIs have QA mechanisms and monitoring of QA
- Centre of Studies and Quality Assurance at the University of Montenegro is established by supporting of WUS Austria and IPA 2007
- Organization and responsibilities of Centre are arranged by special acts

PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES IN HE REFORM

- ✓ Sustainability of funding (new model of financing)
- ✓ Improvement of capacity of Council of Higher Education
- ✓ Further improvement of quality assurance system
- ✓ Advancement of PhD studies
- ✓ Work to enhance employability, lifelong learning through improved cooperation with employers, especially in the development of educational programmes;
- ✓ Increased students` and academic mobility
- ✓ Improvement of accommodation infrastructure;
- ✓ University facilities` infrastructure;
- ✓ Innovation of curricula;
- ✓ Developing the social dimension of higher education, provide adequate student support services, counseling and guidance, flexible learning paths and alternative access routes, including recognition of prior learning.

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