

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CROATIAN TAX NUMBER

Students have to apply for the personal identification number - **Croatian tax number (OIB)** at the Tax Department. They need to fill in the form which they will receive there and bring the original and a copy of their passport. The Tax Department will issue the OIB number the same day.

X-CARD

OIB is a precondition for a **student identity card (x-card)**. X-card *proves a student status* and may also be used to get a discount for some tickets and services.

After they are officially enrolled at the Polytechnic of Rijeka, students receive their personal credentials. These normally correspond to: username=name.surname and password. Personal credentials give access to the online services for students (e.g. e-learning platforms, free wi-fi in Polytechnic building or in Dormitory).

NOTE: If students have any problems in accessing the online services for students, they have to refer directly to the e-mail: helpdesk@veleri.hr

STUDENT RESTAURANTS (where to use x-card):

Restaurant "Kampus" (Student Dormitory Trsat) Radmile Matejčić 5

Restaurant "Indeks" Krešimirova ul. 18

Restaurant "Mini" (Student Dormitory I. G. Kovačić) Čandekova ul. 4

EXTENSION OF THE EXCHANGE PERIOD

Students who want to extend their mobility period at the Polytechnic of Rijeka have to be authorized by both the International Cooperation Office at Polytechnic of Rijeka and by their home University.

Extension requests are mandatory to be able to take exams after the official ending of the Erasmus/International mobility period (beyond the number of months confirmed in the students' online application).

CLOSING OF THE ERASMUS AND/OR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PERIOD

The closing of the mobility period is MANDATORY! At the end of their exchange period, before leaving, students MUST go to the International Cooperation Office to close their mobility period. They have to bring any final documents of their home University that they need to have signed/stamped by our Polytechnic.

Closing the mobility period is a compulsory step in order to receive the Transcript of Records, which is the final document of the exchange study period certifying the beginning and ending dates of the mobility period and all the exams taken at Polytechnic of Rijeka.

Transcripts cannot be sent before the students have all grades in their file, return all books to the library and student ID card to the International Cooperation Office.

Transcript of Records will be sent to the students' home University by email within 5 weeks after the exchange period.

IMPORTANT: the ending date of the mobility period will be the day when students go to the International Cooperation Office.

PROFESSOR'S CONTACT

Professors' contacts are available on www.veleri.hr into the section "NASTAVNICI" (<https://www.veleri.hr/hr/nastavno-osoblje>). Professors' office hours are indicated in the contact details.

Students should contact the professors of the courses they are going to attend in order to introduce themselves and ask whether there is any specific information or instructions for international students.

Professors' names, e-mail contacts, and office numbers can also be found in the materials for international students prepared by International Cooperation Office. This materials students get on the welcome day.

In case of any particular problems, students can refer to the Erasmus coordinator, a vice dean for international cooperation or to International cooperation delegates of each Department.

Note! The courses for foreign students are carried out in the form of consultancy with professors of the chosen subjects.

The contact list of the Erasmus Delegates is available on www.veleri.hr » English » International Affairs » Contact (<https://www.veleri.hr/en/contact>).

GRADING SCALE

Grading and evaluation of students' achievements upon completion of course:

Acquired level of learning outcomes (%)	The numerical system of grading	ECTS grades
90 to 100%	Excellent (5)	A
75 to 89.99%	Very good (4)	B
60 to 74.99%	Good (3)	C
50 to 59.99%	Sufficient (2)	D
0 to 49.99%	Insufficient (1)	F

Passing grades are: *excellent (5)*, *very good (4)*, *good (3)* and *sufficient (2)*

The numerical grade, ECTS grade and the percentage of knowledge skills and competences are recorded in the student's own course and assessment booklet

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1st semester (winter): early October – late January

2nd semester (summer): early March – late June

Examination period: February, late June, early July

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN CROATIA

January 1 (New Year's Day)

January 6 (Epiphany)

Easter and Easter Monday (varying date)

May 1 (Labour Day)

May 30 (Statehood Day)

Corpus Christi (varying date)

June 22 (Anti-Fascist Struggle Day)

August 5 (Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day and the Croatian War Veterans Day)

August 15 (Assumption Day)

November 1 (All Saints' Day)

November 18 (Remembrance Day)

December 25 & 26 (Christmas and St. Stephen's Day)

SOME USEFUL LINKS

Important information on studying and living in Croatia you can find here:

<http://www.studyincroatia.hr/studying-in-croatia>

Where to stay, where to eat, where to go, tourist route, schedule of events, travel information, important info:

<http://www.visitrijeka.eu/>

<http://www.kvarner.hr/en/tourism>

<https://www.istra.hr/en>

Online dictionaries:

www.eudict.com

www.taktikanova.hr

We wish you a good stay and a successful year!



THE LATEST UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDYING AT POLYTECHNIC OF RIJEKA IN WINTER SEMESTER 22/23

Following the recommendations from our Health institute and Ministry of Science and Education, we are **prepared for a regular on-site start** of academic year.

In case of need, classes and consultations may be conducted online.

Safety and health measures include temperature measuring, wearing face masks, hands and equipment disinfection, physical distancing and other measures related to class organisation. Depending on the epidemic situation development, students will subsequently receive additional instructions related to schedule, rules of conduct and other important elements.

Polytechnic of Rijeka is continuously monitoring the development of epidemic situation, respecting all recommended safety measures. Classes and measures will be continuously adjusted to the current epidemic conditions.

We recommend all students to regularly follow our website for possible updates. You can also follow updates for Croatia on the official government website for accurate and verified information on COVID-19, available via the following links:

- <https://www.koronavirus.hr/latest-news/travelling-find-all-important-information-in-one-place/210>
- <https://www.koronavirus.hr/en>

We kindly ask you to behave responsibly by following the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

113 call center for all COVID-19 questions (active from 1st of September):

- Working hours: every day from 8AM till 9PM

Telephone numbers of designated epidemiologist (Institute of Public Health):

- Primorje-Gorski Kotar County (for those who are located in City of Rijeka): +385 91 125 72 10
- Istria County (for those who are located in Poreč): +385 98 44 18 21
- Croatian Institute of Public Health: +385 98 22 77 53

SPECIAL CLINICS:

Primorje-Gorski Kotar County: Special clinic for patients potentially infected by coronavirus located in front of the PGŽ Health Centre building and the PGŽ Public Health Teaching Institute at Krešimirova 52a, from Saturday 21 October available from 8am to 8pm, phone on +385 91 241 82 15

Istria County: Epidemiologist on call +385 99 529 44 55

PCR AND RAT (RAPID ANTIGEN TEST) TESTING ON COVID-19 (DRIVE IN) ON PERSONAL REQUEST

TESTING CENTRES:

Institution conducting testing	Contact phone, e-mail or web form for ordering patients	The cost of testing (HRK)*		Waiting time for test results
Primorsko-Goranska County Teaching Institute Of Public Health Krešimirova 52a, 51000 Rijeka	+385 (0)51 334 530 (7:00-15:00) or after working hours: +385 91 143 5163 +385 91 723 4573 mis.kancelarija@zzjzpgz.hr ravnatelj@zzjzpgz.hr	PCR**	390,00	up to 48 hours
		RAT	65,00	30 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taking swabs is carried out every working day and Saturday in the parking lot next to the Institute building (drive in) from 8 am to 12 am - before testing, it's necessary to submit a completed purchase order (order form available via link: http://www.zzjzpgz.hr/obavijesti/2021/order%20form%20pcr%20rat.pdf) and make a payment at the counter on the ground floor of the Institute of Public Health - test results are sent by email or can be picked up in person at the counter every working day from 7 am to 7 pm, Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm. If you do not see the email in your inbox, check for spam folder 				

* It is possible to test at your own expense and with a referral; the price is expressed for testing at your own expense

** Type of testing - RT-PCR test 3 sequences

Istria County Teaching Institute of Public Health of the Istrian Region Nazorova 23, 52000 Pula	Pre-registration is required by email to: covidtest@zzjiz.hr or by calling us at +385 99 529 8222	PCR	375,00	within 24 hours
		RAT	100,00	within 2 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - opening hours of the test centre: Monday – Friday at 13 am, Saturday at 9 am, Sunday at 9 am - Payment can be made by credit card (VISA, MAESTRO, MASTERCARD) or by cash in HRK only - test results are sent by email 				
Istria County ISTRIA HEALTH CENTER POREČ M. Giosefi 2, 52210 Poreč	Sampling: Monday - Friday 11:00-18:00 +385 95 4321 876			

Recommendations and instructions for passengers travelling to the Republic of Croatia can be found here:

- <https://mup.gov.hr/uzg-covid/english/286212>
- <https://www.koronavirus.hr/o-covidu/736>

Other important information:

- Hands wash as often as possible with warm water and soap and/or use a hand disinfectant that needs to be rubbed in the palms. Avoid touching the face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Measure the body temperature, and if the temperature is higher than 37.2°C it is necessary to stay at home/in accommodation and contact a doctor in a COVID-19 infirmary or a territorially responsible epidemiologist.
- In case of symptoms of acute respiratory infection (cough, sore throat, fever, short breathing/difficulty or loss of smell), it is necessary to stay at home/in accommodation and contact a doctor in a COVID-19 infirmary or a territorially responsible epidemiologist.
- In case of sudden onset of severe, life-threatening symptoms, contact emergency medical service at 194.

