



## **VIROVITICA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

### **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)**

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences was founded on 7 September 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Croatia as College for Management in Tourism and Informatics in Virovitica (Virovitica College). On 22 April 2021 the status of the College was changed into the status of University of Applied Sciences.

Based on permits obtained, Virovitica University of Applied Sciences offers four professional undergraduate study programmes:

- Management (with the specialization in the field Informatics Management and the with the specialization in the main field Management in Rural Tourism)
- Entrepreneurship (main field Entrepreneurship)
- Computer Science (main field Software Engineering)
- Electrical Engineering (main field Telecommunication and Information Technology).

Also, Virovitica University of Applied Sciences offers a specialist graduate professional study programme of Management (with the specialization in the main field Management of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and with the specialization in the main field Destination Management).

Study programmes are organised in accordance with the Bologna principles and ECTS system.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences is an entrepreneurially oriented institution and is a regional centre of professional research and higher education based on lifelong learning, mobility, and human potential development as one of biggest society's values.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences bases its teaching process on contemporary knowledge in disciplinary areas which are compatible with its study programmes and encourages knowledge transfer as a prerequisite for building relationships with the local community. The main principles of Virovitica University of Applied Sciences are responsibility, ambitiousness, creativity, academic autonomy, excellence and openness in terms of cooperation, transparency, teamwork and establishing partnerships. Virovitica University of Applied Sciences thus emphasised the importance of two-way mobility of students of HEIs in the EU, as well as within the region in its development strategy.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences will choose partners that offer equivalent study higher education programmes in economics, management, entrepreneurship, tourism, and information and telecommunication technology. At the same time, while choosing partners, Virovitica University of Applied Sciences will follow the notion on interdisciplinarity between the mentioned fields, also accepting partners which cover the fields the disciplinary areas of sociology, rural sociology, social psychology, marketing, consumer behaviour, with a special emphasis on the importance and the influence of intercultural aspects of management, tourism and entrepreneurship.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences wishes to cooperate with HEIs within the EU, with a special emphasis on the following countries: Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Netherlands. At the same time Virovitica University of Applied Sciences wishes to develop cooperation with HEIs from the countries of the region: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and Northern Macedonia, and other third countries.

The subprogrammes within which Virovitica University of Applied Sciences wishes to achieve institutional cooperation are:

- student mobility, which may also include language courses or professional internships

- mobility of the teaching staff for professional training and teaching
- mobility of entrepreneurs to participate in professional training, education programmes, or to transfer and exchange their experiences
- mobility of the non-teaching staff for professional training.

International mobility, partnership, and cooperation are important activities of Virovitica University of Applied Sciences and are aimed to achieve the following strategic goals:

1. Continuous improvement of the education process by: improving, adapting and introducing new study programmes in accordance with the development of science, technology and labour market demands, monitoring student achievement and acquiring qualifications in the period envisioned by the study programme, concerns about the proportionality of the number of teaching staff relative to the number of students, the provision of appropriate learning resources and their availability to the students.
2. Supporting the development of professional and applied scientific activities in scientific areas and fields relevant for study programmes and providing institutional support for the development of research careers of teachers and assistants through the Research and Development Centre.
3. Participation in community development through: co-operation with the economy and the local community; facilitating access to study programmes for students with lower socioeconomic status; development of communication and partnership with the private, public and civil sector.
4. Maintaining and improving quality management system through the work of the Quality Management Centre, conducting internal audits, evaluating system management, selfanalyses and third-party audits.
5. Development and improvement of human, material and financial resources.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences has named an Erasmus Coordinator, who will be in charge of making information on Erasmus mobility programme available to students and staff, as well as assessing outgoing and incoming students' ECTS earned credits in accordance with their chosen study programme. The Erasmus coordinator also advises outgoing students regarding academic issues and ECTS credit transfer.

In accordance with Virovitica University of Applied Sciences regulatory acts, student and staff mobility period and academic achievements will be fully recognised and acknowledged in accordance with the study programmes for students and within the national advancement system for teaching and non-teaching staff.

Code of Ethics of Virovitica University of Applied Sciences promotes equality and tolerance and forbids any kind of discrimination.

Virovitica University of Applied Sciences offers a pleasant academic environment and facilities which are fully equipped for adequate academic and research activities for staff, and a pleasant and comfortable learning environment for students. Facilities and infrastructure include space available for different purposes (assembly hall, video conference hall, council chamber, lecture halls, IT laboratories, library, students' and teachers' lounges, course materials printing office, registrar's office, offices for the teaching staff, server room, kitchenettes, archive, hallways, anterooms, sanitary facilities and ancillary rooms), furnished to modern standards and equipped with contemporary IT, communication and multimedia equipment, and requisite literature for the students and the teaching staff.