

University of Rijeka was founded in 1973 as a logical consolidation of higher education institutions in western Croatia whose roots date back to the 17th century when Jesuit High School in Rijeka was founded. Since then the University has undergone through a series of transformations which were mainly a result of changes of national higher education policy.

Today the University integrates functions of its constituents and ensure their uniform and harmonized functioning. Its mission is dedicated to making strategic and development decisions on a number of issues of the academic community of functioning and the continuous promotion of international competitiveness in all areas of scientific, artistic and professional activity. Through active collaboration with industry and through partnerships for community development, University seeks to contribute to the socio-cultural transition into a society of knowledge.

The outlined vision of the University of Rijeka to enter the company of 500 European universities resulted in opting for a dynamic development that systematically facilitates mobility and the development of research careers and allows the expression of talent and entrepreneurial energy of every each individual.

University is organized throughout different Faculties, Common services, Departments, Scientific and Development Centers, Teaching bases, Companies and Organizations which all together form a common platform that provides quality work and education for everyone.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka (FHSS), Croatia has a long history and tradition in providing study programmes from the fields of humanities and social sciences and is University of Rijeka's constituent. FHSS provides new undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies according to the principles of Bologna Declaration.

The faculty offers single study programmes and double study programmes in free combinations and carries out four (4) doctoral study programmes. FHSS Rijeka has approximately 1,600 students enrolled, and 160 academic and 35 administrative staff working presently. The Faculty is a modern interdisciplinary institution whose entire educational and research work is organized within the eleven departments in the areas of humanities and social sciences. The entire educational and research work at the Faculty is organized within the departments (11 departments) and one Division. The Faculty offers single major study programmes: Croatian Language and Literature, Psychology, Pedagogy, Cultural Studies, and Polytechnics; and double major study programmes in free combinations: Croatian Language and Literature, English Language and Literature, German Language and Literature, Italian Language and Literature, Philosophy, History, Art History, and Pedagogy. The Faculty engages in scientific, artistic and development research, and provides undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate (doctoral and specialist study programmes) and lifelong learning education. Graduate level study programmes are mostly focused on the acquisition of teacher competences. The Faculty also comprises Rijeka Croatist School, two laboratories and three centers. At the Faculty, three main areas of activity are integrated: teaching, in terms of applying modern interactive teaching methods and encouraging the development of the students' potential; research, in terms of conducting scientific research and promoting science in society; and professional work, in terms of developing partnerships with the local community by educating and building a better society.

The Faculty, though a separate legal entity, financially and legally independent from the legal entity called University, operates as one of its constituent institutions, and strives to the same goals as the University of Rijeka.

The core mission of FHSS Rijeka is providing a higher education throughout three integrated main areas: teaching, research and professional work. FHSS Rijeka is striving to be the place of exchanging ideas, critical thinking and scientific research with valuing intellectual freedom, cooperation,

connecting the science and profession, encouraging of the diversity and valuing knowledge. The Faculty also insists on regional and worldwide networking. A strong cooperation with institutions within local, regional and international levels, strengthening of active cooperation and excellent results in education and research gives the Faculty a high level of credibility and visibility in the national and regional area. With the aim of internationalization of Faculty's research capacities and teaching and research mobility Faculty is trying to contribute to enhanced education and scientific research.