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WELCOME

Dear Erasmus students,

We are delighted that you are interested in studying at the University of Plovdiv or have already decided to do so.

This brochure is intended to facilitate your arrival at our university and in Plovdiv as well.

It contains information about the country, the city of Plovdiv, studying at Plovdiv University, as well as about important logistic issues that have to be taken into consideration before and after your arrival.

Finally, you will also find many useful tips on how to make your stay here as successful as possible.

The staff at the International Relations Office (IRO), looks forward to assisting you during your stay in Plovdiv and is always there for you when you have questions or problems.

The University of Plovdiv is a good place to study, and we would like to contribute to your profiting as much as possible from your stay, both in academic and personal terms, hoping that you will always remember your time in Plovdiv.

Should any problems arise in the course of your stay, please do not hesitate to contact the IRO.

International Relations Office

BULGARIA

COUNTRY



Bulgaria lies in the south-eastern part of Central Europe in the centre of the Balkan Peninsula and is one of the most ancient states in Europe. The territory of the country totals 111, 000 sq km. To the south, Bulgaria borders with Turkey and Greece, and to the west - with Serbia and Macedonia. The river Danube is the natural frontier with Romania on the north while the Black Sea forms Bulgaria's east border. The climate is temperately continental. Bulgaria is a parliamentary republic.

Time zone - (GMT +2:00) **Currency:** The national currency is the Bulgarian Lev, which is equal to 100 stotinki. 1 Euro= 1.95 BGN



The Thracian Tomb near Kazanlak (a fresco)



The Tsarevets Fortress in Veliko Tarnovo



The Rila Monastery

Until recently, the Thracians were considered to be the oldest population inhabiting the Bulgarian lands. However, the discovery of the unique necropolis near the lakes of Varna, dating back to the 5th Millennium BC, cast a new light on that issue and brought forward new hypotheses. Over 3000 golden items found there gave reasons to a number of scholars to believe that the first European civilization originated on the shores of Varna lakes.

The Thracian Tomb Temple at the village of Starosel, 60 km south of Plovdiv, dates back to the 4th or 5th century BC.

In the 1st century AD, the lands inhabited by the Thracians passed within the boundaries of the Roman Empire.

In the year 681, Khan Asparukh (circa 644 AD – circa 701 AD) the first Khan (leader) of Slavs and Bulgarians, who in 680 AD defeated the Byzantine armies, crossed the river Danube, moved the capital of the Bulgarians southwards of the Danube and laid the foundations of the present Bulgarian State. Founded as an alliance of the Bulgarians and the Slavonic tribes inhabiting those territories, Bulgaria experienced times of glory and dramatic events. In the centuries following the 7th c., the Bulgarian State expanded its territory and emerged as a leading power in Europe.

Christianity was adopted as the official religion in Bulgaria as early as the 9th century, and the Bulgarian alphabet was also created at that time. About 886, Knyaz (grand duke) Boris I accommodated the disciples of Cyril and Methodius, the creators of the Slavonic-Bulgarian alphabet, at St. Panteleimon's Monastery built upon his orders near Preslav, which was the second capital of the First Bulgarian State. Thus the first Old-Bulgarian School of literature, known as the Pliska-Preslav School, was established. Its first objectives included preparations for the introduction of the Slavonic-Bulgarian script, transcripts of the major ecclesiastical books, translated by Cyril and Methodius, and the composition of the indispensable original theological works. Cyril and Methodius' disciples played a crucial part in disseminating the Slavonic alphabet in all Slavonic countries. The immediate result was the introduction of sermon preaching in Slavonic-Bulgarian. The fact that church literature was read in the population's native language made Christian religion more accessible and understandable to common people.

In 1018, after long-lasting wars, Byzantium conquered Bulgaria. As early as the first years of Byzantine rule the Bulgarians began their struggle for liberation. In 1186 the uprising led by the brothers boyars



The Boyana church (a fresco)

Asen and Petar overthrew the power of Byzantium. As a result, the Second Bulgarian Kingdom was established, with Tarnovo as the capital city.

The power of Bulgaria was restored under the rule of their youngest brother Tsar (King) Kaloyan (1197-1207), and Tsar Ivan Asen II (1218-1241). The Second Bulgarian Kingdom reached its zenith establishing political hegemony in South-East Europe, expanding its borders, pushing forward economic and cultural development. After the year 1300, cultural life in Bulgaria marked a new uplift. The literary and artistic school of Tarnovo carried on the traditions in the Bulgarian culture, displayed in the mural paintings in the Boyana Church near Sofia, the churches in Tarnovo, etc.

In the beginning of the 14th century, Bulgaria was conquered by the Turkish invaders and became part of the Ottoman Empire. The Bulgarian Renaissance was launched in the 18th century as a process aimed at achieving economic and spiritual independence. The centuries of yoke ended on 3 March 1878 after the end of the Russian-Turkish war. Bulgaria reappeared on the map of Europe, but the Bulgarian State did not include the whole Bulgarian ethnos. As a result, long years of endeavours were needed to reunite the nation.

On 6 September 1885, the Bulgarians managed to proclaim through their own efforts the Reunification of the two parts of their fatherland - Northern and Southern Bulgaria. Years of vigorous economic development followed, and in the beginning of the 20th century Bulgaria became a leading country on the Balkans. During the period of 1912-1919 Bulgaria took part in disastrous wars for national integration. After the end of World War II Bulgaria joined the Eastern Block countries. Since 1989, it has been regarded as one of the new Eastern European democracies.

Bulgaria is officially a member of the EU since 1st January 2007 and a full member of NATO.



The Gold Treasure of Valchitran

CULTURE

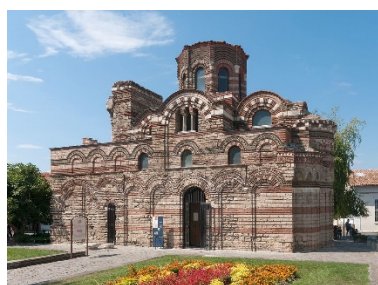


The Thracian Horseman near the village of Madara

Evidence of the life and craftsmanship of the Thracians was produced by the archaeological excavations and finds in Plovdiv, in the village of Starosel, in the town of Varna, etc. Numerous votive tablets with the figure of the **Thracian Horseman** near the village of Madara, as well as funeral masks, chain armours, chariots, utensils and decorations are found there. **The Gold Treasure of Panagyurishte, the Gold Treasure of Valchitran** and the **Silver Treasure of Lukovit** are among the most remarkable finds. The **Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak** is unique with its frescos.



The Gold Treasure of Panagyurishte



*The Church of Christ Pantokrator in
Nesebar*



Bachkovo Monastery

Over 20 settlements have been proclaimed as national architectural and historical sites. The most valuable cultural monuments are under protection of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage.

The finds at the one-time settlements of Serdika (Sofia) and Philipopolis (Plovdiv) bear witness to the **Roman times**. Ruins of the ancient Greek colonies along the Bulgarian Black Sea coast are also preserved. They were founded in the 8th - 6th century BC, e.g. Odessos (Varna), Messembria (Nesebar), Apollonia (Sozopol).

The relics of the three ancient Bulgarian capitals – Pliska, Veliki Preslav and Veliko Tarnovo – are well-known landmarks. The architectural complexes in the towns of Hisar and Vidin, Asen's Fortress near Plovdiv, the Church of Boyana near Sofia witness the period of the **Bulgarian Middle Ages**.

On display in the Bulgarian museums are invaluable historical finds, such as household articles, works of arts and crafts, jewellery, gold and silver treasures. About 8, 000 houses and buildings from the epoch of the **Bulgarian Renaissance** have been preserved in the country along with thousands of frescos, icons, works of the woodcarving art, etc.

The largest Christian architectural monument is the **Rila Monastery**.

Other well-known monasteries are those of Bachkovo, Troyan, Dragalevtzi, Rozhen, and the monasteries in the vicinity of Veliko Tarnovo. The monasteries and the old Bulgarian churches have preserved unique icons, altars, frescos, invaluable relics, ancient manuscripts and works of art.

Bulgaria is famous for its rich and unique folklore heritage. Bulgarian folk music, folk songs and dances are well known in different parts of the world. Furthermore, the Bulgarian folk song "Izlel ye Delyo Haydutin" is one of the messages of mankind, sent to the outer space in search of alien civilizations. Bulgaria is home to many talented singers, musicians, composers, artists, writers and actors. The performances are acclaimed both nationally and internationally. Annually staged international festivals with the participation of prominent foreign performers also enhance the artistic life.

PLOVDIV

THE CITY

Plovdiv is situated in the centre of Southern Bulgaria, in the flat Upper Thracian Plain, along both banks of the river Maritsa. Not far away from it are the beautiful Rhodope Mountains.



Plovdiv: General View

Plovdiv is the second largest city in Bulgaria, and an important commercial, cultural, scientific and transportation centre. It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Bulgaria. Founded as a settlement around seven syenite hills, it is one of the most fascinating European towns. The favourable climate conditions as well as the good geographical location have contributed to its ascending development from the remote past until modern times. The town has preserved extremely valuable cultural monuments from the Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Bulgarian Renaissance coexisting in harmony with contemporary culture.

HISTORY



The Ancient Amphitheatre

Plovdiv, given different names during the centuries, has witnessed the history of the region and the Balkan Peninsula. It still keeps the ruins reminding us of the Thracians, the Romans, the Slavs, the Bulgarian State, the Byzantines and the Turks.

In 342 BC the town was conquered by Philip II of Macedon, father of Alexander of Macedon, and named **Philipopolis**. The founder of the town built better fortifications and new walls around it. He placed a strong garrison in the town and made it a centre of Thracia.

In the middle of 1st century AD Philipopolis was seized by the Romans and was incorporated into the Roman Empire, hence the Roman name of the town – **Trimontium** ('the town on the three hills').

During the 2nd-3rd century AD Trimontium became the metropolis of



St. Konstantin and Elena Church in the Old Town of Plovdiv

the large province Thracia Romana and had its own Senate.

At the end of the 4th century, Trimontium was included into the boundaries of the Eastern Roman Empire – Byzantium. During the 6th century, Slavs settled down there.

After the foundation of the Bulgarian State in 681, Plovdiv was a border town for a long period, frequently changing its sovereigns.

In 1364 the Turks invaded Plovdiv and gave it a new name – **Philibe**. Being on the threshold of the Orient, the city turned into a busy centre of trade and handicrafts, along with Istanbul, Thessaloniki and Edirne.

In the 19th century the city was the centre of the Bulgarian Renaissance. After the Liberation of Bulgaria the citizens of Plovdiv contributed greatly to the Reunification of Bulgaria, which took place on 6 September 1885.

In the 20th century, Plovdiv became the second most significant economic and cultural centre in Bulgaria.

Plovdiv is a unique example of multi-religious and multi-ethnic tolerance.

Eastern Orthodoxy

The Bulgarian Orthodox Church, which played a crucial role in preserving the Bulgarian culture during the Ottoman occupation, has remained as a foundation of the spirit of the Bulgarian nation.

Roman Catholicism

In 1991 there were 85,000 Roman Catholics in Bulgaria, most of them in Plovdiv. Another 18,000 Uniate Catholics are concentrated mainly in Sofia.

Some 20,000 people attended the Mass in the Central Square of Plovdiv in 2002 when Pope John Paul II beatified Kamen Vichev, Iosafat Shishkov and Pavel Dzhidzov and visited the Cathedral of St. Ludwig of the French.

Islam

The Muslim population of Bulgaria lives mainly in northeastern Bulgaria and in the Rhodope Mountains.

One of the oldest preserved mosques is Dzhumaya, built in 1423. It is one of the three examples of the oldest type of Ottoman worship buildings, still preserved on the entire Balkan Peninsula.

Judaism

The only remaining synagogue in Plovdiv, constructed in 1875 and renovated in 1923, is located in the central area of the town at a place known as the 'Jewish Quarter'.

Bulgaria's wartime government refused to hand over its 50,000 Jewish citizens to the Nazis in 1943 and saved them from the Holocaust. Antisemitism found little support in Bulgaria, and Plovdiv's Jewish residents worship in their synagogue. The inscription on the monument nearby reads in Hebrew, English and Bulgarian: "To all who helped to save us on 10 March 1943. From the grateful Jewish community of Plovdiv".

Gregorian-Armenian

Plovdiv traditionally is considered as one of the main centres of Bulgarian Armenian population and culture.



The Cathedral of St. Ludwig



The Dzhumaya Mosque



The Gate to the Fortress Hisar Kapiya



The Ethnographic Museum

Under today's downtown section of Plovdiv lie the ruins of an enormous **Roman Stadium** with a length of 180 m and with a capacity for 30, 000 spectators. Marble reliefs, pottery and other relics provide evidence of the Bulgarian influence in the city during the Middle Ages.

The **Ancient Amphitheatre**, the most impressive edifice of Roman times, was discovered during reinforcement works at the southern fortress wall. Nowadays, it is used for staging opera and theatre festivals, concerts, municipal celebrations. Plovdiv never fails to impress with its rich cultural and historic heritage coexisting in harmony with the contemporary culture. A walk around the **Three Hills** is like a journey in time - from the antiquity to the modern times. Best preserved is the gate (**Hisar Kapiya**) of the fortress, built during the reign of the Roman emperors Trajan and Marcus Aurelius.

Dzhumaya Mosque and Imaret Mosque rank among the major architectural monuments from the period of the Ottoman Empire.

The oldest **Orthodox churches in Plovdiv** are St. St. Constantine and Elena, St. Marina, St. Petka, St. Nedelya and The Holy Mother.

The beautiful houses in the **Old Town of Plovdiv** date back to the period of the Bulgarian Renaissance. Many of them have been proclaimed cultural monuments.

Four museums are based in the town – the Archaeological Museum, the Historical Museum, the Ethnographic Museum and the Museum of Natural Sciences.

The **Ethnographic Museum** occupies one of the most beautiful houses of the Renaissance period in the Old Plovdiv. Its collection shows the elaborate culture and civilization of the Plovdiv region, including the history and development of agriculture, crafts and trade. The rich diversity of folk culture is shown there as well: garments, fabrics, embroideries and the music and dances, characteristic of the two main ethnographic groups in the Plovdiv region.

The **Historical Museum** has four departments, which trace the historical development of the Plovdiv region from the Early Ottoman period (15th-17 th c.) up to the present day.

Plovdiv is famous for being the **City of artists**. During the time of the Bulgarian Renaissance many icon-painters from different parts of the country came to work here. The first art exhibition ever staged in Bulgaria was organized in Plovdiv in 1889. The City Art Gallery was set up in 1910.

Plovdiv State Opera was established in 1953. Its repertoire is aimed mainly at the introducing to the great achievements of the European



Kapana Art District: Here you will find craft shops, unique fashion and jewellery by local designers. It is full of bars, ateliers and festivals.

opera art. It has created an appropriate artistic climate for international guest producers and singers.

Many prestigious festivals are held in Plovdiv - international music, cinema, theatre and folk festivals.

Plovdiv Drama Theatre has won a reputation as one of the leading cultural institutions in the country. Its repertoire includes classical and modern plays by prominent Bulgarian and foreign playwrights. Plovdiv Dramatic Theatre is the host of the **International Theatre Festival** called Stage at Crossroads.

The Verdi Festival, which is held in June and July at the Roman Amphitheatre, attracts wide audiences not only from Bulgaria, but from other countries as well. It is one of the most spectacular and dazzling cultural events in Plovdiv.

The Chamber Music Festival held in June in the courtyard of the Ethnographic Museum, features eminent Bulgarian and foreign musicians.

Plovdiv is the city chosen for the European Capital of Culture in 2019.

THE UNIVERSITY

PAISII HILENDARSKI UNIVERSITY OF PLOVDIV

Central Building

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Plovdiv 4000
Bulgaria

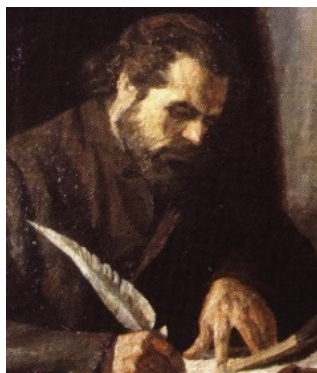


New Building

Address:

236 Bulgaria Blvd.
Plovdiv
Bulgaria





Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv was founded in 1961. Paisii Hilendarski (1722-1773) is the author of Slavonic-Bulgarian History (1762), which marks the beginning of the Bulgarian Renaissance.

The institution name in the language of the country reads **Plovdivski universitet "Paissi Hilendarski"**.

The university is a true spiritual centre of the city, an important cultural and scientific institution in South Bulgaria. It is the largest institution of higher education in the region and the second largest in the country after St.Kliment Okhridski University of Sofia.

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STRUCTURE

There are nine faculties at the University:

- Faculty of Languages and Literature
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Philosophy and History
- Faculty of Law

- Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Chemistry

Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv has two colleges, affiliated to it:

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www.uni-kardzhali.com

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<https://uni-plovdiv.bg/pages/index/45>

The duration of study at the colleges is four years. Educational and qualification degree – Bachelor of Arts.

STUDYING AT PLOVDIV UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into two terms as follows:

Autumn semester: 1st October – 20th January

Christmas Holidays: 24th December – 2nd January

Examination Session: 21st January – 18th February

Spring semester: 19th February – 2nd June

Easter Holidays: One week according to the Orthodox calendar

Examination Session: 3rd June – 3rd July

STUDY PROGRAMMES

Bachelor's Degree Programmes

Faculty of Languages and Literature

Bulgarian Language and Literature

Slavonic Studies

Balkan Studies

English Language and Literature

Russian Language and Literature

French Language and Literature
Bulgarian Language and History
Bulgarian and English Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Spanish Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Italian Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Modern Greek Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Russian Language and Literature
Bulgarian and French Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Chinese Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Korean Language and Literature
Bulgarian and Turkish Language and Literature
Linguistics and Information Technologies
Linguistics and Business Administration
Linguistics and Marketing
Applied Linguistics

Faculty of Education

Education
Special Education
Social Education
Psychology
Social Activities
Pre-School Education
Pre-School Education and a Foreign Language
Primary School Education
Primary School Education and a Foreign Language
Pre-School and Primary School Education
Physical Education
Acting in Drama Theatre
Music
Jazz and pop performing art
Art Teacher Education
Music Teacher Education
Technologies and Entrepreneurship Teacher Education
Graphic Design and Advertising

Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

Mathematics
Applied Mathematics
Business Mathematics
Computer Science
Business Information Technologies
Software Technologies and Design
Software Engineering
Information Technologies, Mathematics and Education Management
Mathematics and Computer Science

Faculty of Physics and Technology

Physics and Astronomy
Physics and Mathematics
Engineering Physics (in four specialization modules: Medical Physics, New Materials, Polymers and Polymer Technologies, Laser and Photonic Technologies)
Information Physics and Communications
Telecommunications and Information Systems
Telecommunications and Management
Information and Computer Engineering
Computer and Communication Systems
Hardware and Software Systems
Renewable Energy Technologies
Teaching Natural Science at Schools
Machine Building and Technologies
Electric Power Technologies
Automotive Engineering

Faculty of Biology

Biology
Ecology and Environmental Protection
Molecular Biology
Ecology of the Biotechnological Industries
Medical Biology
Bioinformatics
Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies
Biology and Chemistry
Biology and English
Applied and Industrial Ecology

Faculty of Chemistry

Chemistry
Computational Chemistry
Medicinal Chemistry
Chemistry and Marketing
Chemical Analysis and Control

Faculty of Law

Law

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Macroeconomics
Marketing
International Economic Relations
Finance

Accounting
Business Administration
Public Administration
Tourism Management
Political Science

Faculty of Philosophy and History

Philosophy
History
Sociology
Sociology of Law, Economics and Innovations
Ethnology
Cultural Tourism
Archaeology
Social Anthropology
Theology
History and a Foreign Language
European Studies
Civic Education and a Foreign Language

University College – Kardzhali

Tourism
Bulgarian and English Language and Literature
Bulgarian Language and History
Pre-School Education and a Foreign Language
Primary School Education and a Foreign Language
Biology and Natural Resources Management

University College – Smolyan

Pre-School Education and English
Bulgarian and English Language and Literature
Bulgarian Language and History
Tourism
Information Technologies, Mathematics and Education Management
Biology, Human Behaviour and Health

Master's Degree Programmes

Faculty of Languages and Literature

Contemporary Bulgarian Studies
Contemporary Russian Studies
Mediaeval Studies and Cultural History
Slavonic Languages and Cultural History
Foreign Language and Cultural Activities in Tourism
Language and Linguistics

English Philology – Linguistics and Translation
English Philology – Translation and Business Communication
English and Business Administration
Translation for the European Institutions
Applied Linguistics (with Spanish)
Translation and Intercultural Communication
English and Methodology
Methodology for Teaching English to Young Learners
Teaching Foreign Languages – Theory and Practice
Applied Linguistics and Information Technologies
Applied Linguistics and Marketing
Applied Linguistics and Business Administration
Teaching Bulgarian Language and Literature in the Secondary Schools
Bulgarian Language Teaching Methodology
Russian Language Teaching Methodology

Faculty of Education

Socio-pedagogical work with Juvenile Delinquents
Education Management
Developmental Speech and Language Disorders
Special Education
Preventive Education
Pedagogical Interaction and Creativity in the Nursery School
Pre-School and Primary School Education
Pedagogy of Art Teaching
Sports in Schools
Music Teaching Methodology in Nursery and Secondary Schools
Management of Instrumental and Vocal music Ensembles
School Psychology
Management Psychology
Applied Psychology
Social Organizations Management
Social Management and Social Entrepreneurship
Music Performing Art
Positive Psychology
Pedagogical Interaction in Pre-School Preparatory Groups
Alternatives in Pre-School and Primary School Education

Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics

Applied Mathematics
Business Informatics and English
Software Technologies with Specialization in Graphic Environments and User Interfaces
Software Technology with Specialization in Mobile Systems and Applications

Software Technology with Specialization in Software Architectures and Tools

Software Technology with Specialization in Artificial Intelligence Systems

Teaching Informatics and Information Technologies in the Schools

Teaching Mathematics in the Schools

Teaching Information Technologies in the Primary Schools

Teaching Information Technologies in the Secondary Schools

Faculty of Physics and Technology

Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency

Telecommunications Investment Management

Information and Communication Systems

Medical Radiation Physics and Engineering

Teaching Physics Education

Subatomic Physics

Telecommunications and Information Systems

Information and Computer Engineering

Physics Teacher Education

Geophysics and Geoecology

Condensed Matter Physics

Photonics and Modern Optical Technologies

Food Physics

E-Education

Faculty of Biology

Anthropology

Bio diagnostics

Bioinformatics

Biology

Biology and Psychology of Development

Biotechnological Microbiology

Biopharmaceutical Biochemistry

Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation

Genetics

Ecology and Ecosystems Preservation

Ecology and Sustainable Human Settlements Development

Ecology, Environment Management and Control

Ecology of Aquatic Ecosystems and Aquaculture Industries

Medicinal and Ethereal Plants

Medical Biology

Microbiological Control and Food Safety

Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

Parasitology

Reproductive Biology

Management of the Innovations in Bioindustries
Biology Teacher Education

Faculty of Chemistry

Medicinal Chemistry
Spectrochemical Analysis
Computational Chemistry
Chemistry and Ecology
Food Chemistry
Chemistry Teacher Education

Faculty of Law

Public Administration
International Relations

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Business Administration
Business Communication and Public Relations
Human Resources Management
Corporate Management
Financial Management
Business Psychology
International Trade
Marketing
Insurance
Accounting and Analysis
Applied Political Analysis
Global Policy, International Security and Crisis Management
National Security Management and Counterterrorism
Economic Modelling and Business Analysis
Accounting
Finance

Faculty of Philosophy and History

Cultural Tourism and Cultural Design
Innovations and Research Management
Research Methods in Sociology and Marketing
History and Civilizations of the Old and the New World
Bulgarian History in the Balkan and European Context
Diplomacy and International Relations
Archives and Documentation Studies. Information Security
Public and Private Sector Security. State Institutions and Traditions
Media, Society, Culture
Socioanalysis and Interpersonal Relations
Cultural Management

Social Mediation and Communication
 Tourism and Cultural Heritage on the Balkans
 Archaeology and Archaeological Cultural Heritage
 Biopolitics and Public Health
 History and Civilization Education

ECTS GRADING SCALE

ECTS grade	Bulgarian grade	% of successful students normally obtaining the grade	Definition
A	6	10 EXCELLENT	outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	5	20 VERY GOOD	above the average standard with some errors
C	4.50	30 GOOD	generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	4	30 SATISFACTORY	fair with significant shortcomings
E	3	10 SUFFICIENT	performance meets the minimal criteria
FX	2	FAIL	extra work required before the credit can be awarded
F	2	FAIL	considerable further work is required

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The official language of instruction at Plovdiv University is Bulgarian, except foreign philologies.

Incoming Erasmus students can be taught in English (or other languages). For further information please visit:

<https://uni-plovdiv.bg/en/pages/index/386/>

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

30 June for autumn semester

30 November for spring semester

TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

Before leaving your country you should take the following things with you:

- ✓ a passport or any other identity document
 - ✓ 5 passport-size photographs
 - ✓ a European health insurance card (travel insurance and personal insurance)
- You should also check that:
- ✓ you have sufficient money. You will need some cash in Bulgarian leva when you arrive for immediate expenses.
 - ✓ you have arranged accommodation for your study period in Plovdiv
 - ✓ you have informed the International Relations Office in Plovdiv about the exact date of your arrival
 - ✓ you have sent the Learning Agreement, Application Form, Transcript of Records and a copy of your ID card (or passport) to the International Relations Office.

VISA

Students coming from EU countries do not need visa. Other international students can get information about visa application procedure at the Bulgarian embassies or consulates in their home countries or they can consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria:

<http://www.mfa.bg/setlang/en/>

HEALTH INSURANCE

In case of students from EU member states medical care is ensured on the basis of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For more information, visit: <http://www.en.nhif.bg/web/guest/home>

Students from non-EU countries must have a private health insurance for the period of their stay in Bulgaria.

ACCOMMODATION

If you are interested in university accommodation, please fill in the Accommodation section of the Application Form and send it to the Incoming Students Adviser.

After IRO receives your application form, we check the availability of rooms in the student dormitories and inform you directly about the opportunities. Unfortunately, a limited number of vacant rooms are available.

Student dorms typically offer a double room with bathroom facilities in each room. It costs 5 leva per night.

Some foreign students prefer private accommodation and they themselves look around for appropriate places. IRO gives information and advice to students to help them in their search for suitable accommodation.

HOW TO TRAVEL TO PLOVDIV

Those arriving by plane at Sofia Airport can take bus line 84 and then transfer to buses #213 or 305 at Hotel Pliska bus stop for the Central Railway and Bus Stations which are located in close proximity to each other. The bus ticket costs 1.60 leva /0.80 Euro/.

Another possibility of reaching Sofia Central Railway/ Bus Station is by using the underground from Sofia Airport Metro Station, located next to Terminal 2. Metro line 1 connects the airport with Serdika Metro station where you should transfer to line 2. The price of a single ticket is 1.60 leva (0.8 euro) and it is valid for the transfer to line 2, so there is no need to buy a new one.

If you prefer to travel by taxi, we recommend the services of the taxi operator OK Supertrans as contract partner of Sofia Airport: tel. +359 2 973 2121; www.oktaxi.net.

To avoid the risk of overcharging, we advise you not to use taxi services offered in front of the terminal. Buses to Plovdiv leave from the Central Bus Station every hour on the hour from 7 am till 8 pm.

The price of the bus ticket is approximately 14.00 leva (≈ 7 euros).

The trip duration by rail is two and a half hours. The approximate price of the train ticket to Plovdiv is 12.00 leva (≈ 6 euros).

The buses arrive at the South ("Yug") Bus Station in Plovdiv, and the trains – at the Central Railway Station. The two stations are at a distance of 250-300 m. from each other along Hristo Botev Blvd.

By car, you can get from Sofia to Plovdiv for about an hour and a half.

The bus ticket for the public transport in Plovdiv costs 1 lev. You pay the conductor on the bus.

STUDENT BUDDY SERVICE

Before arrival and during their first weeks international students usually have a lot of questions and concerns. That is why the IRO offers a student buddy service to incoming Erasmus students. The "buddies" are local students from the Students' Union who, on a voluntary basis, assist the incoming students in adapting to social, academic and cultural life. Local buddies welcome the incoming students at Plovdiv's Central Bus (or Railway) Station and help them get to their living place.

ORIENTATION WEEK

At the beginning of the academic year, the International Relations Office organizes an Orientation Week to help students integrate in the university life and get to know the city. During these days Erasmus+ students receive practical information related to accommodation, police formalities, enrolment procedures, Bulgarian language courses, etc. Therefore, students are strongly advised to arrive in time to attend this event.

ADMISSION

The Incoming Students' Adviser, the respective secretary at the Student Affairs Department, the Faculty/ Departmental Coordinator and the "buddies" take care of the incoming students during the whole procedure of enrolment, accommodation and registration.

POLICE REGISTRATION

EU citizens may enter and leave the territory of Bulgaria with a valid ID document. If their stay in the country does not exceed 3 months, they do not need temporary residence permit from the local police administration department. All non-EU citizens can enter Bulgaria on the basis of a valid passport and a visa and must register at the police station, Administrative Control of Foreigners Service, not later than 48 hours after arrival.

Registration service address:

70 Volga St., Plovdiv

tel.: 032 932 897; tel.: 032 932 898

Working hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

BULGARIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Bulgarian Language courses are offered for incoming Erasmus students at the beginning of each semester. Contact person:

Tanya Neycheva

e-mail: tanja_sp@yahoo.com

New Building, 2nd floor, room 409; tel.+359 32 261 789

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library has two locations:

- The central building – 24 Tsar Asen St.
- The new building – 236 Bulgaria Blvd.

There are a number of specialized libraries, namely a Law Library, an Economics Library, a Mathematical Library, a Pedagogical Library, etc.

Working hours:

Monday – Friday:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am – 1:30 pm (during exam session only)

IVAN VAZOV MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Library hours change from summer to winter time and vice versa according to the official annual change of astronomic time in the country:

Monday – Friday

08.00 am – 5.45 pm (winter)

08.00 am – 7.45 (summer)

Saturday – Sunday Closed

CANTEENS

Canteens are open from Monday to Friday, 11 am – 3 pm. The menu is standard – starter, main course and dessert.

THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL

Address:
238 Bulgaria Blvd.
Plovdiv



MOBILE OPERATORS AND INTERNET PROVIDERS

There are three big companies providing mobile services in Bulgaria: **Vivacom**, **M-Tel** and **Telenor**. You have two options when it comes to paying for your mobile communications: Pre-Paid and Contract Services.

Pre-Paid Services: You must register any pre-paid SIM cards at the time of purchase. This means you must have valid ID when taking your new SIM card. This is the best choice for a short stay in Bulgaria.

Contract Services: As an international student, you will be asked to provide proof of residence and you are allowed to sign a contract of between 12 and 24 months. There are many different tariffs to choose: www.mtel.bg; www.vivacom.bg; www.telenor.bg.

BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

Before getting back home, you should contact the International Relations Office for the Certificate of Attendance and ask the Faculty Erasmus Coordinator to prepare your Transcript of Records. Before you leave, you must pay all dormitory fees and return all books borrowed from the university libraries.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

Emergency Telephone Number - 112

Hotels in Plovdiv

Trimontium: 2, Kapitan Raicho St., tel. +359 32 605 000

Sankt Peterburg: 97, Bulgaria Blvd; tel. +359 32 951 830; <http://www.sphotel.net/bg/>

Maritsa: 42, Tsar Boris III Obedinitel Blvd.; tel. +359 32 900 300

Leipzig: 70, Ruski Blvd., +359 32 654 000; <http://www.leipzig.bg>

Grand Hotel Plovdiv: 2, Zlatyu Boyadzhiev; tel. 032 934 444 <http://grandhotelplovdiv.bg/>

Hospitals

University Hospital St. George: 66 Peshtersko Shose Blvd., tel. 032/602 211; 032/602 911

Hospital Plovdiv: 234 Bulgaria Blvd., tel. 032 95 92 21

Hospital Kaspella: 64 Sofia St., tel. 0 32 645 997

Transport

<https://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers>

<http://www.plovdivairport.com/en/home>

<http://www.varna-airport.bg/Home/tabid/36/language/en-US>

<http://www.bourgas-airport.com/Home/tabid/36/language/en-US>

Bulgarian State Railways – “BDZ passenger services” <http://www.bdz.bg/en/>

Sofia Central Bus Station – <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/index.php>

Plovdiv Central Railway Station: 46, Hristo Botev Blvd., tel. 032 643 120

Plovdiv Yug (South) Bus Station: 47, Hristo Botev Blvd., 032 626937

Taxis in Plovdiv

Tel. 032 6665, 032 6155, 032 6142, 032 6143, 032 9199, 032 6117, 032 6160, 032 6162, 032 6182

Taxis in Bulgaria are all painted bright yellow and are usually branded to a particular company. They charge by the kilometre, with an initial fee of up to 1 lev.

The taxi driver is obliged to display his photo and ID on the dashboard as well as a phone number for the client to call with any complaints.

INTERESTING PLACES IN BULGARIA YOU MAY VISIT



