



**Erasmus+ Programme**  
**Key Action 1 – International Mobility (KA171)**

**FACT SHEET**  
**UNIVERSITETI KATOLIK “ZOJA E KËSHILLIT TË MIRË” (UKZKM)**  
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<b>FULL NAME OF THE HEI</b>	<b>UNIVERSITETI KATOLIK “ZOJA E KËSHILLIT TË MIRË” (UKZKM)</b> <b>CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</b>
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<b>ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY</b>	<p>UKZKM, is a private, accredited, non-profit HEI, founded in Tirana, Albania in 2004, and recognized as Catholic University in 2011. It operates on the basis of the principle of internationalization, aimed at offering a high-quality university and post-graduate education at EU level, in order to support the integration of the Albanian University Education in the European Space for University Education and in the Bologna Process. UKZKM is structured in 4 Faculties: Medicine; Pharmacy; Economic, Political and Social Sciences and Applied Sciences.</p> <p>Other important structures are Research Centre in Human sciences, Observatory of Health Systems in the Balkans Area and European Centre of Peace Science, Integration and Cooperation. UKZKM is member of the European Federation of Catholic Universities and the International Federation of Catholic Universities.</p> <p>There are 2900+ students enrolled at all study cycles (1st, 2nd, 3d). 27% of students are international ones, 2900+ alumni and about 470 Italian and Albanian academic, research, technical and administrative staff.</p>



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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### **COURSE CATALOGUE FOR BACHELOR, MASTER AND PHD STUDENTS**

<https://www.unizkm.al/study/faculties/>

### **STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES/TRAINEESHIP**

The language of instruction is Italian and English.  
The recommended level is at least level B1/B2\*.

### **STAFF MOBILITY FOR TEACHING/TRAINING**

Staff can teach in Italian and/or English.  
The minimum level required (for non-native speakers) is B2 level, but C1 level\* is recommended (unless otherwise stated in the inter-institutional agreement).

Staff for training can communicate in English.

\* According to CEFR - [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

It is recommended that the sending institution provides support to its nominated candidates and officially declare the level of language proficiency before the study, teaching or training period. In alternative students/staff can send an official certificate.

### **LANGUAGE COURSES**

On request, the University Language Centre provides students with knowledge and specific skills to use Italian, Albanian, English and German languages by organizing all year long intensive, general and sector scientific terminology courses with affordable fees.



### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year officially starts on mid-October. Lectures are held for two semesters (October/November - February and March - July).

Examinations are usually held in Winter (February/March), Summer (June/July) and Autumn (September/October). Activities are suspended in August and for about two weeks over the Christmas period. However, the teaching schedule may vary according to the study program and students are strongly suggested to contact the academic coordinator or the administrative office (Secretariat) of their Study program.

01 January	New Year's Day
02 January	New Year's Day
14 March	Summer Day
22 March	Nevruz Day
30 March	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) *
20 April	Catholic Easter*
20 April	Orthodox Easter*
01 May	International Worker's Day
6 June	Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) *
05 September	Saint Teresa Sanctification Day
28 November	Flag and Independence Day
29 November	Liberation Day
08 December	National Youth Day
25 December	Christmas Day

\*May vary each year

### CREDIT AND GRADING SYSTEMS

The organisation and evaluation system of the Courses is based on ECTS credit system in order to allow students mobility across the European Community and validation of the exams taken abroad. 1 CFU (University Educational Credit) used at UKZKM according to the Italian system, equals 1 ECTS credit. Each credit consists of 25 hours of activity that includes frontal lessons, laboratory practice, seminars and individual study.

ECTS credits: 1 full academic year has 60 credits and 1 semester has 30 credit. For Undergraduate and Master level, examinations assessment is expressed in grades calculated on a scale of 0 - 30 with the possibility of awarding 'cum laude'. Pass grade and lowest mark for examinations is 18 and maximum grade is 30 (cum laude).

As far as the final dissertation is concerned, a 110-point grading scale is used where 66 is the minimum passing grade, and cum Laude is added to the maximum grade to praise outstanding results.

For some activities like language courses and/or at choice courses or seminars, students may not be given a grade but merely a "Idoneo"/"Pass".

UKZKM Grades	ECTS Grades	Predicate
30 – 30 lode	A	EXCELLENT
28-29	B	VERY GOOD
25-26-27	C	GOOD
21-22-23-24	D	SATISFACTORY
18-19-20	E	SUFFICIENT
Under 18	F	FAILED



<b>MINIMUM/MAXIMUM OF ECTS</b>	A minimum of 24 ECTS and a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester must be included in the Learning Agreement for studies.				
<b>NOMINATION/APPLICATION</b>	<p>Partner institutions should send officially the nominations by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:erasmus@unizkm.al">erasmus@unizkm.al</a>.</p> <p>Following the receipt of nominations, UKZKM will send its decision on admission within 5 weeks. Afterwards students will receive instructions on how/when to register at UKZKM courses.</p> <p>For staff mobility, the teaching/training plan and the timing of the proposed mobility must be agreed at least two months in advance.</p> <p>Nomination deadline for students:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="762 1115 1469 1420"><tr><td><b>First Semester</b></td></tr><tr><td>31st of May (for mobility that takes place from October to February)</td></tr><tr><td><b>Second Semester</b></td></tr><tr><td>30th of November (for mobility that takes place from March to July)</td></tr></table>	<b>First Semester</b>	31st of May (for mobility that takes place from October to February)	<b>Second Semester</b>	30th of November (for mobility that takes place from March to July)
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<b>TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS/ ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE</b>	<p>A Transcript of Records for students will be issued by UKZKM no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished.</p> <p>The certificate of attendance for students and staff will be issued at the end of the studies/teaching/training period.</p>				



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### VISA

Students/staff from the EU do not need to apply for a visa. At any case, it is recommended to read carefully all relevant information concerning the [Visa regime](#), procedures and documents for foreign citizens at the following [link](#) of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs. Before traveling to Albania, foreigners should contact the [diplomatic and consular](#) representations of the Republic of Albania abroad to check for update of rules.

For information and assistance please contact  
✉ [erasmus@unizkm.al](mailto:erasmus@unizkm.al)

### INSURANCE

Travel insurance is recommended. Health and accident insurance policy will be required for stay permit purposes (on students own expenses). Travel, health and accident insurance is provided by many Insurance Companies in Tirana.

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### STAY PERMIT

Foreign citizens planning to stay in Albania more than 90 days in 6 months (180 days), have to apply for a residence/stay permit no later than 30 days following legal entry into the territory of the Republic of Albania.

The application for residence permit is lodged in person at the Regional Directory of Border and Migration. Main documentation requested for all types of residence permits can be found [here](#) (non exhaustive list). It is recommended to contact the Regional Directory of Border and Migration, for updated information.

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### ACCOMMODATION

UKZKM does not have dormitories for students. However, students can find accommodation through real estate agencies in Tirana or can share a flat with actual students.

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### **LIVING COSTS**

Estimate monthly expenses for students:

<b>Housing</b>	<b>200-300 euros for a shared flat</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>200-300 euros</b>
<b>Transport (Bus/Taxi)</b>	<b>10-50 Euros</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>	<b>60-100 Euros</b>

The estimate is indicative, as the actual living costs depend very much on student's lifestyle.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Eventual acceptance and/or further arrangements for students with special need, must be agreed in advance on a case to case basis depending on special needs.

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