



Fakulteta za
organizacijske študije
Faculty of organisation studies

WELCOME GUIDE





WELCOME TO FOS!

Build Your Future.

The Faculty of Organizational Studies in Novo Mesto (FOS) was established in 2008 as an independent, accredited higher education institution under Slovenian law. In addition to our academic programs, FOS places special emphasis on the quality of its business processes, monitored through ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 standards. FOS is the first higher education institution in Slovenia to receive the ISO 9001:2008 certificate for its quality management system. We specialize in quality management and aim to develop professionals who combine theory, practice, and innovation. Our mission is to shape future leaders capable of managing processes, people, and quality in a dynamic environment.

Welcome from our Dean

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to FOS. Whether you are joining us as a student, educator, visiting scholar, partner, or guest, our programs and collaborative initiatives are designed to support meaningful growth and excellence in professionalism, organization, and leadership.

By choosing to study or collaborate with FOS, you contribute to our shared mission: the continual improvement of quality of life for individuals, organizations, and communities. Visit us and explore how we can build a meaningful partnership together. We look forward to welcoming you to Novo mesto!

Dr. Annmarie Gorenc Zoran, Full Professor & Dean



BECOME A PART OF FOS COMMUNITY

What You Should Know About the Faculty of Organizational Studies

Why Choose FOS?

Choosing to study is an investment in yourself—your knowledge, your confidence, and your future. At FOS, we believe that quality is not only a goal but a mindset that guides everything we do. FOS encourages students to explore innovative solutions, work collaboratively, and take initiative, ensuring that your education is not just about earning a degree, but about building a meaningful advantage in your career. Here, your learning journey is personalized, flexible, and directly relevant to your goals, allowing you to turn knowledge into action and ambition into success.

**Don't wait for the right moment
– create it yourself!**



Opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills.



Career-oriented programs designed for employability.



Professors and staff can mentor or co-author academic articles.



Build a global network of professionals and peers.



Connect theory with practice.



Personal growth in a professional and supportive environment.



Programs that strengthen your employability.



Lecturers with extensive professional experience.



Small groups and a personalized approach.



Access to research projects and applied studies.



Summer and Winter Schools with up-to-date and relevant content.



QUALITY MANAGEMENT

What do you need to know about our programme.

Why Study Quality Management?

Quality Management allows you to view organizations and processes from a broader perspective. This program is not only about knowledge—it is an opportunity to develop your career, explore ideas, experiment with solutions, and prepare for leadership challenges. Quality management is for those who want to see the bigger picture, influence results, and thrive in a dynamic business environment.



You will learn:

How to create added value. 

How to improve the performance of people and systems. 

How to align strategy, people, and processes to foster success. 

Academic Calendar

The academic year starts on 1.10. and ends on 30.9.

Every year the study calendar specifies the duration of organised study activities, examination periods, school holidays, public holidays and of the university week.

Check the website for the current academic year calendar:



National Holidays

1 & 2 January, 8 February, 27 April, 1 & 2 May, 25 June, 15 August, 31 October, 1 November, 25 & 26 December.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

What You Need to Know About the Study Programmes.

Programme:

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

**1ST CYCLE -
BACHELOR
DEGREE**



Duration:
**3 years,
6 semesters
180 ECTS**

- Develop expertise in process management, continuous improvement (PDCA methodology), management systems, and digital transformation - skills sought by employers across all sectors.
- Choose from diverse electives, from entrepreneurship and business coaching to sustainability and digital leadership, tailored to your career goals.
- Programme aligned with European Qualifications Framework (Level 6), preparing you for careers across diverse sectors or further study in Europethroughout.

Check out the curriculum for the bachelor's degree:



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Programme:

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

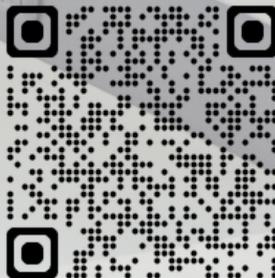
**2ND CYCLE -
MASTER'S
DEGREE**



Duration:
**2 years,
4 semesters
120 ECTS**

- Two-year master's programme (120 ECTS) preparing graduates for independent leadership of organizational units and responsibility for developing, deploying, and continuously improving quality systems.
- Gain critical understanding of EFQM models, process-based organizations, innovation management, and green strategies used by leading organizations worldwide.
- Graduates are prepared for senior management positions, consultancy work, and mentoring roles across business, healthcare, education, and public sectors.

Check out the curriculum for the master's degree:



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Programme:

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

**3RD CYCLE -
PHD**



Duration:
**3 years, 6
semesters
180 ECTS**

- Provide in-depth understanding of theoretical and methodological concepts.
- Develop skills to independently generate knowledge and solve complex problems.
- Progress from advanced methodological training through dissertation proposal development, individual mentored research, and peer seminars to the completion of an original doctoral dissertation.
- Prepares graduates for careers in scientific research, university teaching, senior consultancy, and leadership positions in commercial, non-commercial, and public sectors.
- Focus on research in organizational sciences, quality, business excellence, and related disciplines.

Check out the curriculum for the master's degree:





ACTIVITIES & RESEARCH

International projects, partnerships, and opportunities at FOS

The Faculty is actively involved as both a partner and a lead coordinator in a wide range of national and international projects. Through these projects, we contribute to the development of **education, research, innovation, and societal impact at both national and international levels**. We cooperate with various European and international programmes and organisations, including:



Jean Monnet Chair



CERV



INTERREG Alpine Space



Erasmus+ KA2

We organize **Summer and Winter Schools**

that offer practical knowledge, new experiences, and valuable career advantages. Join us, expand your skills, and become part of an international learning community that opens doors to your future.



Our Publishing Activities

Journal of Universal Excellence



Challenges of the Future





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Institute for Organizational Studies (IOS)

Research at FOS is primarily carried out within the Institute for Organizational Studies (IOS), which serves as our central research hub. The Institute comprises five specialised research centres, each focusing on key areas of societal and organisational development:

Centre for Work Studies (CWS)

Examines work as a social and organisational phenomenon in the VUCA environment, with a focus on digital transformation, sustainability, and social inclusion.



Centre of Excellence

Advances new organisational paradigms and innovative approaches to organisational development.

International Transdisciplinary Research Centre for Leadership Excellence & Development (ITRC LEAD)

Explores the future of leadership, leadership development, and management excellence across diverse organisational contexts.

Academic Development Center (ARC)

ARC is a hub of FOS that enhances the quality of education, research, and professional development. It connects academia and the wider community through collaborative, practice-oriented projects and supports innovative learning and sustainable development.





WELCOME TO NOVO MESTO

Novo mesto is the capital of the **Dolenjska region** of Slovenia. It is surrounded by gentle **wine-growing hills** and the mysterious **Gorjanci Hills**. It is the administrative, economic, cultural, educational, medical, and sports centre of the Southeast Region of Slovenia. The rich archaeological sites in Novo mesto have also made it known as Novo mesto – **The Town of Situlae**.

Getting to Novo mesto



By
BUS

Frequent buses are connecting Novo mesto with Ljubljana, Zagreb, and other major cities. Take a bus from Ljubljana:



By
CAR

Novo mesto is well-connected via highways, making it easy to reach from Ljubljana (it is about 45 minutes away).



The closest airports are:

Ljubljana - Jože Pučnik Airport

It is 100 km from Novo mesto and has good connections with other European airports. Airport shuttle buses take passengers to the centre of capital city Ljubljana, that is 26 km from the airport.

By
AIR

Zagreb - Franjo Tudman Airport (Croatia)

It is 80 km far from Novo mesto. Airport shuttle buses take passengers to the centre of city Zgreb and then you must go with the bus/train/taxi to Novo mesto.

Where to Stay

Locations near FOS:



- Hostel Situla-Dilanceva ulica 1
- Hotel Center-Glavni trg 23
- Hotel pri Belokranjcu-Kandijska Cesta 63
- Jantar apartments- Vrhovčeva ulica 14
- Apartment rooms Ravbar-Smrečnikova ulica 17

GETTING TO FOS

By
CAR



If you are arriving by car, you can park in the **public parking garage** near the Faculty. A QR code is provided for easy navigation to the parking garage.

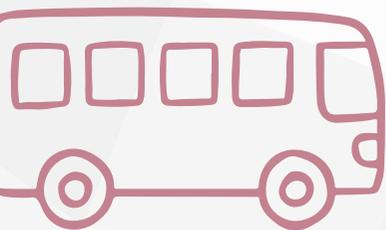


From there, it is approximately a 1-minute walk to the Faculty. Another QR code will guide you directly to the Faculty building, located at



Ulica talcev 3, 8000 Novo mesto.

By
BUS



You can reach FOS by city bus. **A single-use bus ticket can be purchased with cash directly on the bus.** The nearest bus **stop is Gimnazija**, which is served by the following bus lines:

- Line 4
- Line 5
- Line N



From the Gimnazija bus stop, the Faculty is only a short walk away.



Gimnazija bus stop



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In case of an emergency, please use the following important phone numbers in Slovenia. The emergency numbers can be called free of charge from any phone and is available 24/7.



Fire Department: 📞 112

Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services: 📞 112

Police: 📞 113

Emergency Medical Care

The Urgent Centre Novo mesto is located at the General Hospital Novo mesto and provides emergency medical care day and night. In case of a medical emergency, call 112 or go directly to the Urgent Centre.

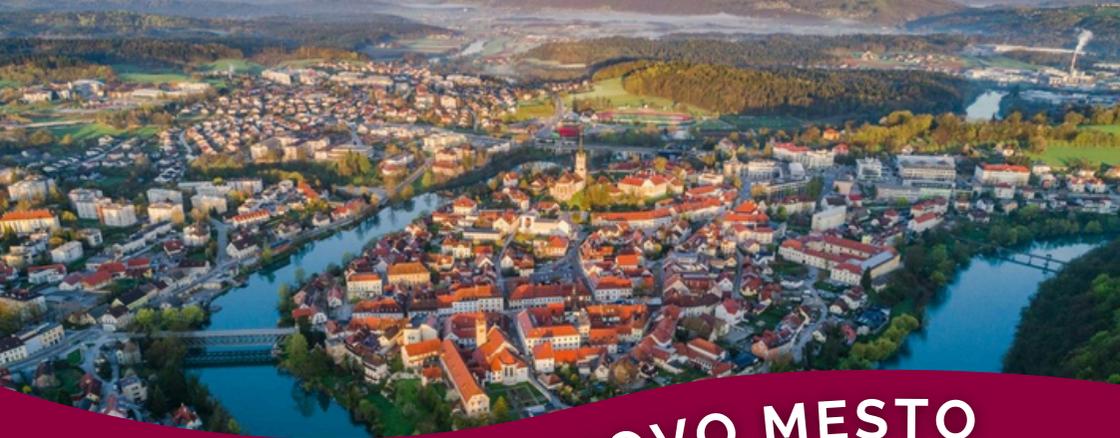


Urgent Centre



Šmihelska cesta 1, 8000 Novo mesto





EXPLORING NOVO MESTO

Dolenjska Museum

Grajska cesta 5, 8000 Novo mesto

The museum offers exhibitions on the history of the Dolenjska region, archaeology, art, and local culture. A perfect place to start the day.



City Walks & River Bridges

Stroll through the historic city center, admire the architecture of the Main Square, and enjoy the views from the Old Bridge and Ujčkov Bridge. Marof Viewpoint: Climb up to Marof for panoramic city views and a coffee at Kavarna Marof.

Otočec Castle

Grajska cesta 2, 8222 Otočec

A short trip to the beautiful Otočec Castle. A fairytale castle on an island in the Krka River, ideal for sightseeing, photography, or a relaxed lunch.





EXPLORING NOVO MESTO

Shopping

- Supernova Qlandia Novo mesto, Otoška cesta 5
- Supernova Mercator- Ljubljanska cesta 47



Cafes and Restaurants



- Restavracija Loka Kuhla – Zupancicevo sprehajalisce 2
- Restavracija Fink – Irča vas 13
- Kavarna & Picerija Kralj Matjaž – Glavni trg 11
- Bistro Marof – Kettejev drevored 2



Dolenjske Toplice Spa

Zdravilinski Trg 7, 8350 Dolenjske Toplice
They have indoor and outdoor pools. They also have saunas. You can buy a ticket at the reception. The ticket for the pools is around 17€. The tickets for saunas and pools are around 40€.



TAKE A TRIP TO

Ljubljana



Just a short **train ride** from Novo Mesto, Ljubljana is perfect for a relaxed yet inspiring day trip. Start with a walk or funicular ride up to **Ljubljana Castle**, where panoramic views of the city and **the Alps await**. Then explore the **Ljubljana Central Market**, one of the city's most beautiful and vibrant spots. Don't miss the city's stunning late 19th-century architecture, including the **Ljubljana Opera House**.

Train tickets are approximately €8 one way and you can buy them on the train.

TRAIN SCHEDULES:



EVENTS IN LJUBLJANA:





TAKE A TRIP TO *Slovenian Coast*



Slovenia's small but captivating coastline offers a wonderful blend of relaxation, Mediterranean charm, and cultural heritage. **Portorož** is known for its long seaside promenade. The promenade is lined with cafés, gelato shops, and lively terraces where you can sit back and enjoy the warm sea breeze.

A pleasant seaside walk or a short bus ride brings you to nearby **Piran**, one of Slovenia's most picturesque coastal towns. With its narrow medieval streets, Venetian architecture, and charming squares, start your visit at Tartini Square, the heart of the town, surrounded by elegant buildings and cafés perfect for people-watching. Don't miss a visit to St. George's Church, located on a hill above Piran, where you'll find some of the best viewpoints on the coast.

The entire coastline is easily walkable, making it perfect for a relaxing day trip where you can combine beach time, cultural exploration, and delicious Mediterranean cuisine.

Park your car on the parking spot near Mercator grocery store:

 Obala 53, 6320 Portorož

TAKE A TRIP TO

Lake Bled



Bled is one of Slovenia's most enchanting destinations, offering a unique blend of natural beauty, history, and local culinary delights. Surrounded by the Julian Alps and lush forests, it provides countless opportunities for relaxation and exploration. One of the most iconic experiences is taking a traditional **pletna boat to Bled Island**, where you can visit **the church**. After returning to the lakeshore, you can enjoy a leisurely walk around the lake, admire scenic viewpoints, or simply take in the peaceful atmosphere.

No visit to Bled is complete without stopping at one of the cafés to try the legendary Bled cream cake, called "**Kremšnita**", a beloved local dessert for decades. For those who enjoy history and stunning panoramas, a hike up to **Bled Castle** is a must. Perched high on a cliff overlooking the lake, it offers one of the most breathtaking views of the island and surrounding mountains. With its mix of romance, natural wonders, and cultural highlights, Bled is a perfect destination for every traveler.

Park your car here:  Parking spot - 23 Prešernova cesta, Bled Radovljica

A Warm **WELCOME** from the FOS Team

On behalf of the FOS Team, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your visit. Your presence enriches our community and strengthens our shared mission. Your curiosity, ideas, and perspective bring new energy to our institution.

As you explore FOS, we hope you will find inspiration, support, and opportunities that ignite your academic and personal journey. We look forward to meaningful conversations, fruitful collaborations, and the building of strong, lasting connections. May your time with us be marked by learning, discovery, and a sense of belonging.

“Great journeys begin with open minds and open hearts.”

We are delighted to welcome you into our community.

— FOS Team





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