

The Implementation of the Bologna Process at the University of Dubrovnik



Basic Facts

- ❑ The University of Dubrovnik is Croatia's youngest university. It was established by the Croatian parliament on the 1st of October 2003 and enrolled the first students in 2004/2005.
- ❑ It is organized as an integrated university consisting of different departments, with students, professors and staff members belonging to the university, and not to separate faculties.
- ❑ All major plans and programs including curricula, development strategies, financial plans etc. are concluded at university level (by the Rector and the Senate).
- ❑ The departments are responsible for curricula development and their implementation

The General Strategy

- Development of studies in accordance with Dubrovnik's tradition and needs
- Study programs are not copied from other croatian universities, but developed individually
- The prime goal is internationalization – exchange of students and professors
- Development of joint studies in foreign languages with international partners (Europe, USA,...)
- Formation of a small but top quality university with its own color

Departments

Currently the University of Dubrovnik has seven departments:

- Economics
- Maritime studies
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Aquaculture
- Public Communications and Mass Media
- Restoration and Fine Arts

Responsibilities

- A separate office responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Bologna process has been established at the university. It supports ECTS accreditation, monitoring of the ongoing processes etc.
- The Rector, the vice rectors and department chairs are also deeply engaged in the Bologna process

Program's scheme and status...

- All study programs follow the 3+2+3 scheme
- The implementation of this scheme started already in 2003 (before the university was even established)
- All current study programs are redesigned and implemented according to this scheme

Implementation

- Currently all study programs and curricula are redesigned in accordance with new regulations accepted by the Rectors Conference in December 2004
- Joint programs as well as student and staff mobility have been agreed upon with the faculties of maritime studies of the Universities of Rijeka and Split

Implementation

- Doctoral programs started in 2005/2006
- Currently we are preparing new doctoral programs in cooperation with partner institutions, all programs and curricula are designed in accordance with new regulations

Implementation

- ECTS Committee is regularly convened for meetings
- Special attention is paid to estimation of students' workload and ECTS credits
- An ECTS Table of activities was created to help lecturers in estimating time needed by student to fulfill activities foreseen for successful passing of exams

Implementation

- A survey among students is planned in order to obtain data regarding actual (real) student workload
- Afterwards the results will be evaluated in order to indicate disproportions
- The next step will include adjustment of duration and intensity of activities, having for final result improvement of students success.

Thank you for your attention!