



Sarajevo School of
Science and Technology



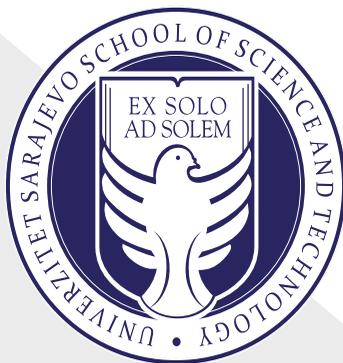
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UNDERGRADUATE PROSPECTUS

EX SOLO AD SOLEM

A large group of graduates in blue and black gowns celebrating, with many throwing their black mortarboards into the air. The scene is set in front of a building with the motto "EX SOLO AD SOLEM" on its facade. The image is framed by diagonal red and black overlays containing mathematical formulas.



“Young Bosnians should no longer need to leave their country in order to fulfil their talents, once this institution is established here in Bosnia’s own great capital city. Moreover, because it is to be privately financed and independent, and because teaching will be in the world’s new international language – English, the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology will provide exactly the right emphasis for the next generation. Irrespective of cultural or religious background, and with achievements judged on merit alone, you should aim to be a beacon for the new Bosnia, which we must see rise from the ashes of the past.”

Baroness Margaret Thatcher

Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

“Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) is unique in Bosnia and Herzegovina due to the success of its students in attaining scholarships for postgraduate studies at universities ranked as the first 20 on the Shanghai and Leiden ranking lists (the top 500 universities in the world). As such, more than 20%* of the total number of graduates from SSST are successful in these qualifications. And the best quality of students from all of the world universities attempt to qualify. No other Bosnian university can boast that its students continue on to Master’s and PhD programmes at Oxford, Sorbonne, London School of Economics, Harvard, The Johns Hopkins University and others. I can therefore say, with great assurance, that there is in the making – and in great part already exists – an institution of an elite character.”

Dr. Božidar Matić

Former President of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Academy of Sciences and Arts

*This figure stands at 30% as of October 2017.

“What are now the buildings, classrooms, computer laboratories and offices of the *University* Sarajevo School of Science and Technology began as a vision of the future where young people are given both the tools and the opportunities to affect change in our society and form a new critical mass of capable and educated future decision-makers. With my many years as senior faculty and researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Illinois and University of Sarajevo, as well as through my work as part of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency, I have become convinced that the only true long-term contribution that can be made to this country’s and this region’s future is the one made towards its youth. Young people are our greatest and as yet untapped resource. We came together to re-energize this resource through offering education of the highest standard, distinguished by innovation and modernity. That is how the story of SSST began.”

Dr. Ejup Ganić

SSST Chancellor

EX SOLO AD SOLEM



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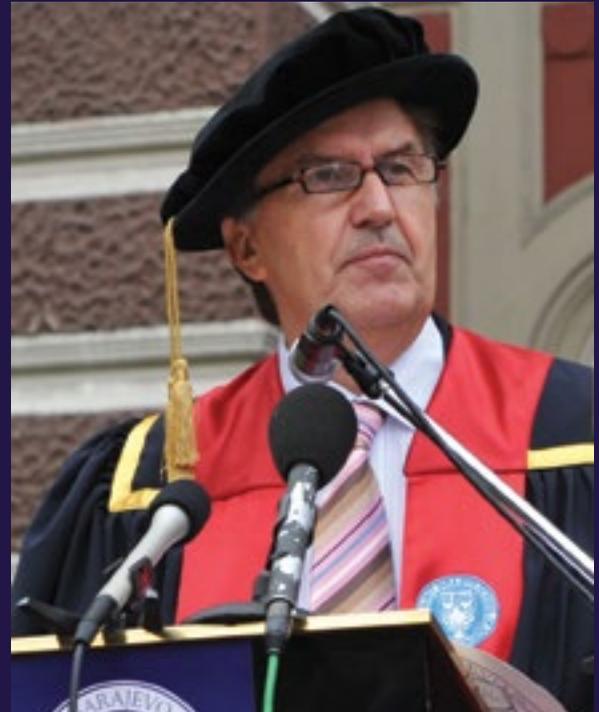
LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR

One of life's key landmarks—choosing SSST

Choosing a place of study is one of the most important decisions a person will make in his or her lifetime. We believe that an SSST degree and academic experience will prove to be one of your key investments, as it will open doors to new opportunities and prepare you for a world beyond the classroom. In each of our graduating generations, a significant number of students secure places at the best post-graduate programs in the world, and are consistently employed by leading companies in the region.

SSST offers rigorous academic programs rooted in a global perspective, staff and faculty from top universities around the world, as well as cutting-edge research contributing to the technical and social progress of our country and region. Our student community is a tight-knit group of ambitious and high-achieving individuals interested in intellectual inquiry, who will go on to be the next generation of leaders, thinkers and doers, and who – we are certain – will make a difference in the world.

Dr. Ejup Ganić
SSST Chancellor



While a candidate's academic performance is the most important criteria under consideration in the admission process, accomplishments outside of the classroom, service to the community, and personal qualities such as creativity, motivation and resiliency are certainly considered in accepting a student to our academic community. Our programs, research facilities, and staff help our university define *what* we are; our students, however, define *who* we are, and where we are going.

Through a unique partnership, SSST students from most departments (all except from Medical Sciences, Foreign Languages and the Sarajevo Film Academy) receive not only an SSST degree but also one from the University of Buckingham (United Kingdom degree). These programs further offer a second marketable specialty (minor) to increase your competitiveness in the marketplace.

We are proud of SSST's diverse student body consisting of candidates that come to us not only from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, but from all over the world. To this date our university has graduated students from over 40 countries. This increasingly diverse community has built a sophisticated culture at SSST – one of international networks, cross-cultural interactions, a sharing of information and research.

Today, the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology continues on its path of never-ending innovation, always searching for better ways to serve our youth, the country and the region. We hope that you will join us on this journey of discovery and partake in our pioneering spirit — a spirit that aims to prepare students to excel academically, professionally, and personally.

We look forward to getting to know you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. J. Jovic". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "I" and a cursive "Jovic".

ABOUT SSST

The Sarajevo School of Science and Technology was opened in October 2004, in Sarajevo, as the first private University in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dedicated to providing high quality, internationally competitive education and up-to-date programs, SSST is currently positioned as one of the region's leading universities, with unparalleled investments in infrastructure, research and scholarship opportunities.

Our collaboration with the University of Buckingham (United Kingdom), makes SSST the only private University in BiH offering its graduates a dual degree for select academic programs. Importantly, this collaboration requires that SSST meet not only national but also University of Buckingham's and UK's academic guidelines and standards of teaching. The unique partnership makes SSST subject to External Examiners and the fulfilling of requirements of the University of Buckingham as set by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). In this way, SSST ensures both transparency and the highest standards in teaching and examination procedure.

To fulfill its mandate for excellence, SSST has put together an internationally educated and ambitious faculty, many of whose members come to us from the world's leading universities. The faculty is actively engaged in research projects within their fields, remaining at the forefront of their profession's advances both in terms of research and innovative teaching methodology.



“ By opening its doors, the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology has started a new era in higher education. It has opened a new bridge between Europe and the world – the future is here. ”

Oslobođenje

daily newspaper, October 2004

At SSST, we believe that a good degree, in any field, must also include a fluent knowledge of at least one foreign language. The University, just like most of the world today, has embraced English as a medium of communication with a full English language curriculum, but also provides additional courses in both English and German, mandatory for all students regardless of their academic field of study. In result, the quality of writing, speaking and presentation skills in English that students gain here is particularly high. German is a significant addition, given the importance this language holds in fields of politics, business, science and technology. Students are taught in smaller groups, and are given materials specific to their future professions. All courses involve the use of contemporary e-learning technologies and web resources.

Through our collaboration with the University of Buckingham, which is subject to the United Kingdom Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), SSST is continuously monitored, assessed and evaluated in the following:

- The content, quality and standardization of our program and courses
- The program implementation
- The teaching process and quality
- Student's progression and academic achievement
- Student satisfaction
- Teaching practices and staff development



Our University employs one professor for every four students – the highest ratio in the region and wider – while our system of Academic Advising ensures that professors and teaching assistants are available for daily consultations and are charged with individual monitoring of each student’s academic progress.

The SSST curriculum seeks not only to transfer technical skills and academic knowledge but also to build confident and globally-minded graduates, prepared for the challenging international environment. In most academic departments, SSST students also choose a minor in addition to their main field of study (major), allowing specialization within their fields and greatly increasing their competitive edge following graduation.

SSST offers four-year academic programs for undergraduate studies in Computer Science, Information Systems, Economics, Political Science and International Relations, and Foreign Languages. SSST further offers full academic programs in Medical Sciences (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Health Studies), as well as a three-year Bologna certified program within the Sarajevo Film Academy.

“ We are fully dedicated to the pursuit of one goal: offering the highest standard of education at a highly competitive cost to talented students from all corners of the world. Whether it’s the fact they hold two diplomas or gain degrees comprising of two fields of study, speak at least two languages or impress with internships and awards gained during study - our students make such strong competitors that SSST claims the highest rate of employed graduates out of all BiH Universities. Over 90% are employed within the first year of graduation, and in their own fields. SSST students compete regularly and successfully for national and international awards, scholarships and conference spots. We have seen them start small companies from the classroom, publish papers with professors, and even enter the Cannes Film Festival’s student film selection twice. It is with great excitement we welcome each new generation. ”

Emina Ganić
Dean of Students, Director of Sarajevo Film Academy



Department	Program length (in academic years)	ECTS	Minor field of study (additional specialization) available	Degree from the University of Buckingham Awarded
Computer Science	4	240	✓	✓
Information Systems	4	240	✓	✓
Engineering Sciences*	2	48	Offered as Minor	✓
Economics	4	240	✓	✓
Political Sciences and International Relations	4	240	✓	✓
Foreign Languages	4	240	✓	-
Medicine	6	360 +	-	-
Dentistry	6	360	-	-
Pharmacy	5	300	-	-
Health Studies	3 (+2)	180 (+ 120)	-	-
Sarajevo Film Academy– SFA	3	180	-	-

All SSST degrees are accredited by the Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

* Offered as Minor during the 3rd and the 4th year of study. Minors offered include: Electrical and Electronical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Engineering. Contact the Registry Office directly for an updated list of Minors offered in the current academic year.



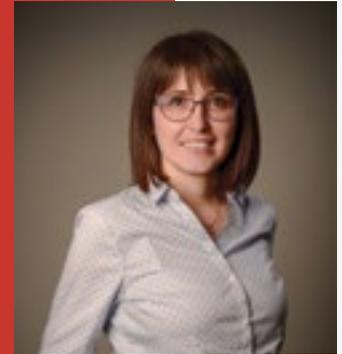
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science is one of the few academic disciplines that strongly affect almost every facet of our society. It combines fundamental science with gauging its immediate societal impact. It is hard to think of any other field that intertwines to such extent with other academic fields, impacts them so profoundly, and alters our world so rapidly.

At SSST, technological advances dictate the Computer Science curriculum, where the programme is constantly updated to meet the developments in this dynamic field.

“The Department of Computer Science and Information Systems is unique in many ways. We teach students not only the material from the assigned textbooks and cover a range of practical sessions, but also strive to instill in them the self-confidence, independence, openmindedness and aspiration to excell. We partner with industry professionals to achieve these goals, bringing great diversity to opportunities offered to our students. We are constantly updating our programs to meet practical demands and to make sure our students are introduced to the most relevant topics that will ensure employment. In fact, the most important indicator of the quality of our work is the fact that all our fourth year students secure employment before they even graduate. Their employability, and the skills they demonstrate in the field, remains our most valuable asset and strength.”

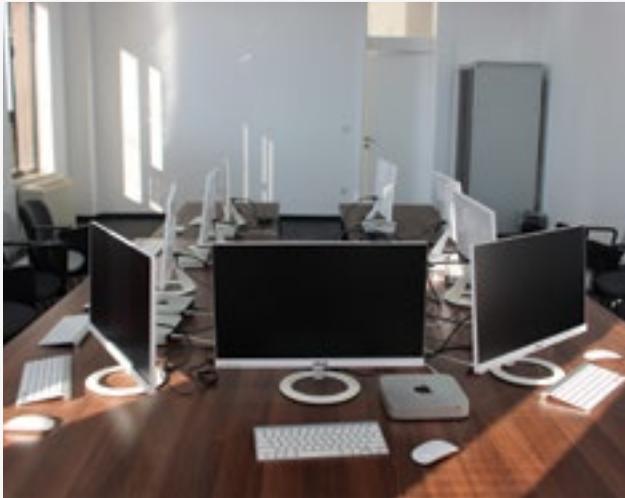
Dr. Belma Ramić-Brkić
Dean of Computer Science and Information Systems Department





“One of the great things about SSST is that it places a great deal of focus on giving students practical skills in computer programming. Through my lectures, I always try to share with the students my expertise obtained at Stanford University, and from working in the Silicon Valley, in order to help them become better prepared for the modern workplace.”

Dr. Almir Mutapčić
Computer Science Department



iOS lab at SSST



Martin Farach-Colton
acclaimed computer scientist from Rutgers University, USA, holding a lecture for SSST's Computer Science and Information Systems students

SSST annually hosts conferences, seminars and working sessions in the field of CS/IS. Renowned guest speakers from academia and the industry are regularly welcomed to hold presentations and interactive workshops for CS/IS students, covering currently relevant and exciting CS/IS topics. Our students are invited to pitch projects and present their own work in customised events attended by representatives and talent hunters from leading IT companies in the region and beyond.

The Computer Science program examines both the fundamental computer science theory, including open problems to be defined and solved, and the latest in the development of computer science applications. The program also promotes knowledge and skills that enable students to realize their ideas and design their own real world applications.



“What I loved the most about the Computer Science program at SSST was its perfect balance between theoretical foundations and applied research. I have also found inspiration, guidance and support in both wonderful colleagues and outstanding professors. To this experience and knowledge gained, I owe my successful launching of a startup (goody.ba) – a venture that is showing a great deal of promise. SSST will always be my second home.”

Shahriyar Mohammadi

SSST graduate, student of Master's Program in Computer Science with Focus on Big Data, Computer Science Department (minor in Economics)



“It is impossible not to learn at SSST. The determination of professors and assistants at the Computer Science Department to transfer their knowledge to us , their great enthusiasm coupled with high academic and industry qualifications, is a constant source of motivation. We enter labs and classrooms excited, determined to be at the cutting edge of this ever-evolving field.”

Ena Kurtović

SSST graduate, Computer Science Department (minor in Economics)



Computer Science and Information Systems students presenting their innovations to colleagues and entrepreneurs at SSST's CS/IS Poster Session

“SSST Computer Science Department offered me an environment permeated with a working ethic that paves the route to exceptional goals. The skills and knowledge I gained from SSST’s highly qualified staff, drawing from experts in the field, have given me the confidence to pursue a successful career in science and technology, but also a desire to continue with my education at this university. I am delighted to be currently pursuing a Master’s Degree at the same Department.”

Emina Mekić

SSST graduate, student of Master’s Program in Computer Science with Focus on Big Data, Computer Science Department (minor in Electrical and Electronic Engineering)



Computer Science Department, BSc Degree Program:

Major	Minor*
Computer Science	Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Computer Science	Economics
Computer Science	International Relations
Computer Science	Management
Computer Science	Political Science

*Availability of Minor programs listed depends on required numbers of interested candidates to allow program feasibility; please check our website or contact us directly for an updated list of Minors offered in the current academic year.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Information Systems Department at SSST has multiple missions: excellence in teaching, research, and service to the community. We are dedicated to educating first class experts in information systems, capable of offering superior IT solutions and services through both technical knowledge and creative thinking.

The program covers a combination of topics in technologies and their effective application in finding solutions to business problems. The focus of Information Systems at SSST is on technical analysis, systems design and application, providing candidates with a strong set of skills needed for effective design and system implementation. In addition to topics in information systems, the program delivers a thorough coverage of relevant areas in mathematics and computational theories.

“The Department of Information Systems provides a perfect blend of project management, programming and business. Students are able to utilize their knowledge in computer science and project management and combine it with various business skills in order to create a solid platform for their future careers. All in all, this is a department that best combines the two worlds: computers and economics.”

Emil Klapija
SSST graduate, Information Systems Department (minor in Economics)



“As there are more and more devices and systems that collect data, it is more and more important to be able to manipulate that data and make use of it. Our CS/IS program exposes you to topics and hands-on experience that introduce you to gathering and storing the data in an organized manner, but also to retrieving the right data at the right time, by using simple reports, all the way to running highly sophisticated algorithms to find hidden knowledge in your data. Being able to control the data, puts you in the driver’s seat of your future, future of your company and the future of our society overall.”

Amer Hadžikadić

MSc, Information Systems Department



IT conference Bosnia Agile Day at SSST



Throughout the course of their academic study, our students are equipped with a range of technical skills in hardware, software, methodologies and business processes related to Information Systems. In result, our graduates are successful at developing and managing organization of information systems, which provides technical and business value to a vast array of enterprises.

Information Systems Department, BSc Degree Program:

Major	Minor*
Information Systems	Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Information Systems	Economics
Information Systems	International Relations
Information Systems	Management
Information Systems	Political Science

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“Field of Information Systems is an excellent example of an area where thinking outside the box brings great results. IS faculty encourages students to explore their abilities in the best possible way by providing them various opportunities. It allows students to experience how things operate in the real world, improve their analytical thinking and secure a strong foundation for further specialization.”

Amila Šabić

SSST graduate, Information Systems Department (minor in Economics)



Oracle Academy Day at SSST

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

As one of the key disciplines in social sciences, Economics provides an in-depth look at various factors that influence employment and the living standard. We analyse the allocation and utilisation of scarce resources, with an eye on important issues which affect our everyday lives, such as employment, investment, prices, taxes, e-business and other.

As a field it is one of constant intellectual challenge, as it seeks to understand and project human behaviour in the face of given beliefs, constraints and needs. Such projections govern the decisions of families, firms, banks, charities and governments.



“The knowledge and skills required in a modern workplace are rapidly changing, and programs, textbooks and teaching methods are following suit. As someone who, over the course of seven years, completed some of the best programs and courses offered by schools in the UK, I can say that the learning opportunities and studying experience at SSST are top class in terms of relevance and teaching methods. In accordance with the best practices in higher education, we consider theoretical knowledge to be a mere start, not an end goal. Our students learn how economic problems should be analysed, and then practically analyse them using empirical data. If a student faces any learning problems, the individual attention and help (s)he receives at SSST is unmatched.”

Dr Amer Demirović
Dean of Economics Department

“At the Department of Economics, our chief concern is your preparation for the age of digitalisation which fundamentally changes the way you live, communicate, purchase goods and services, and work. That concern is the driving force of all our activities. It explains why we invest so much to provide the best learning and research experience. The results of these efforts are graduates who are experts in two disciplines, fluent in English and German and skilful in problem-solving and decision-making. Besides a degree from SSST, our graduates get a degree from the University of Buckingham, automatically opening the labour market door over the EU and the Commonwealth of Nations. You do not need to go to the UK to get a world-class education. You can get it at SSST and in Sarajevo, at a fraction of cost compared to the UK”.

Dr Vjekoslav Domljan
Economics Department, SSST Rector





*Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,
Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, holding
a lecture during his official visit to SSST*



“Studying at SSST University has offered me a chance to develop business skills and to think as an entrepreneur. Through different courses taught in English, you have a chance to improve your business vocabulary and to acquire knowledge useful in real world situations. In addition, during your 4 years of study, you should not miss the opportunity to become part of the various student clubs at SSST such as the Entrepreneurship Club. This club gives us the opportunity – among other - to meet numerous successful entrepreneurs and CEOs.”

Emina Hadžić

SSST student, Economics Department (minor in Finance and Banking)

Economics at SSST is a particularly challenging program. We prepare our graduates to be engaged at work through a real intellectual curiosity and a love of the discipline. Our program consists of an optimal combination of subjects in economic theory, applied economics, quantitative and qualitative research methods, business and management. Besides developing theoretical and analytical skills in the field, it also teaches students in other complementary subjects, such information systems, politics, international relations, foreign languages, and the use of mathematical and statistical tools – all developing specific skills and creating highly competitive graduates.

As of Academic Year 2018/19, we offer a new undergraduate program in Business and Management. Students will have the option to choose a specialization in a major field of study (Economics or Business and Management), combining it with a Minor in Economics, Business or Finance. We offer an open-door policy enabling high-school students to attend any lecture in the upcoming term in order to gain first-hand experience of studying at SSST.

Economics Department, BSc Degree Program:

Major	Minor*
Economics	Finance
Economics	Business
Business and Management	Economics
Business and Management	Finance

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Study of Political Science provides students with profound insight into the manner our world is shaped through interactions of minds, cultures and nations. It teaches candidates how to critically and logically examine the building blocks of our civilization – understanding how globalization, democracy, business, non-governmental organizations, the media, international organizations, all come to be, how they operate and how they impact and change our lives.

Offering comprehensive training, knowledge and understanding in politics, combined with easily transferable learning skills, Political Science and International Relations program at SSST prepares students for a wide range of national and international careers such as political analysts and advisors, diplomats, journalists, policy-makers, professional politicians and scholars.



*Dr. Michael Schmunk
Former German Ambassador to BiH,
in lecture with SSST's Political Science
and International Relations students*





“I am honoured to join the PSIR Department of SSST; the best private university in the region. Its diverse, interdisciplinary staff are engaged in cutting-edge research and committed to teaching the most intellectually rigorous and topical courses, while its students are of a high quality, motivated and fluent in multiple languages, resulting in an exceptionally stimulating learning environment. This is a dynamic department that will continue to expand, and it is exciting to be part of the process.”

Dr Marko Attila Hoare

Political Science and International Relations Department

The study process, featuring best international practices, uses an open and encouraging approach to students, providing them with continuous and individual support. In classroom this translates to vibrant discussions, debates, team work, presentations, and guest lectures from diplomats and politicians.

The course covers a broad spectrum of academic approaches to history of political thought, political philosophy, contemporary political theory, comparative politics and the detailed study of institutions and policy-making in different areas of the world, with a special focus on Europe.

Through specialized studies and internships with international, regional and local organizations, a Political Science/International Relations Major at SSST sets strong foundations for both further academic development and a successful career in the demanding international environment.



Ms Doris Pack

Students of SSST's Political Science and International Relations Department with Ms Doris Pack, renowned German politician and member of the European Parliament



“The warm and friendly learning atmosphere at SSST allows every student to thrive at their own pace. In the PSIR Department, professors’ guidance, class discussions as well as the up-to-date materials, offered me multiple perspectives on every issue, which I consider especially useful in social science. Student clubs and projects helped me build valuable connections which will surely last after I graduate. Overall, studying at SSST is both a pleasure and a privilege.”

Mirna Dragaš

SSST student Political Science and International Relations Department (minor in International Law)





“I know SSST was the right choice for me because it gave me the chance to get an excellent education and at the same time experience a new culture. Coming from the United States, I find I am getting the highest quality of education and I could not be happier with the professors and curriculum. Studying Political Science at SSST is not just about politics. The courses and classes cover such a range of relevant and current topics.”

Kyleigh Hill

SSST graduate, Political Science and International Relations Department (minor in Economics)

H.E. Edward Ferguson

H.E. Edward Ferguson, British Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina (left) during a roundtable discussion with SSST students and faculty





The inaugural Sarajevo Symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions at SSST in July 2017



“University education in transitional countries, particularly in Bosnia, which was ravaged by the wars of aggression in the 1990s, requires more than governmental attention. That is why the finest private universities such as the SSST, which promote excellence and competition, necessarily influence the course of overall reform in higher education. From the point of view of promotion of knowledge and civic responsibility, the Department of Political Science and International Relations has a special role to play, bearing in mind that the SSST students are the Bosnian elite in the making. These are among the reasons for my engagement at the SSST.”

Dr Ivo Banac

Honorary Head of Political Science and International Relations Department at SSST, Bradford Durfee Emeritus Professor of History, Yale University

“Working at SSST is more than sharing and developing knowledge and ideas. It is about actively participating in creating a cutting-edge, student and excellence oriented institution.”

Dr Sabina Čehajić-Clancy
Dean of Political Science and International Relations Department



Political Science and International Relations Department, BA Degree Program:

Major	Minor*
Political Science and International Relations	Bussiness
Political Science and International Relations	Diplomacy
Political Science and International Relations	International Law

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“I really enjoy my program and am very thankful for the vast resources that the school offers, as well as to the very knowledgeable instructors. I also love the culture of open and informative dialogue with other students. I think it is imperative to point out that our lecturers have an actual experience in the subjects they teach, such as public policy and diplomacy. They are not simply instructors that teach students strictly from the assigned books but rather involve us in argumentative debates, listen to us and encourage us to ask questions and challenge them. This just goes to illustrate how vigorous and dynamic the University really is, it’s a privilege to know that those who tutor you are among the best in their fields.”

Ivana Ivandić

*SSST graduate, Political Science and International Relations Department
(minor in Diplomacy)*



Dr Ivo Josipović
former President of Croatia,
holding a lecture at SSST



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Department of Foreign Languages offers the following programs: Bachelor of Arts in English and Applied Studies, and in German Language and Literature. Each program is a unique combination of language theory and practice, literature, teaching methods and translation. As a result, students are not only given theoretical knowledge of English and German, but are also given the chance to bring their practical English or German writing and speaking skills to perfection. In addition, we offer a wide range of exciting and unique courses, tailored to the current demands that teachers and translators face in their work, such as Translation and Interpreting for the EU and Business, Teaching Young Learners, The Psychology of Learning etc. By applying the most contemporary learning strategies and teaching standards, our aim is to train students to be able to become experts in teaching and translation, and take a leading position in the market.

“During my studies at the Faculty of Foreign Languages (English Language and Applied Studies), I have really benefited from the attention given to me as class sizes are very small. What makes studying at SSST a priceless experience is the fact that the curriculum is up-to-date with the latest scientific trends, a combination of theory and practical knowledge taught by professors in areas such as literature, teaching and translation. While I was still at SSST, I had an opportunity to experience what it is like to interpret and translate at conferences, for the EU and various companies, as well as how to teach different age groups, from primary and secondary schoolers to university students. Additionally, studying at SSST has opened some big doors for me after graduation. Thanks to academic excellence and extracurricular activities, I am currently working at two schools in BiH, an international teaching company from Taiwan, as well as translating for the Paris Translation Centre. “

Amina Alić

SSST graduate, Foreign Languages Department (major in English Language and Applied Studies)





“My studies in German language and literature in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina have not only enriched me in my chosen academic field, they have also taught me to deal with cultural differences and actually embrace them. Anyone who seeks an international career simply cannot ignore foreign languages, for they play an increasingly important role - even in the fields, positions or companies in which international communication occurred just recently.”

Džana Zahirović

Foreign Languages Department (German Language and Literature)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in German Language and Literature

The German language is the language of many exceptional writers, philosophers and scientists that have shaped our civilization. It is the language of a nation with increasing importance in world politics and industry. Therefore, a good knowledge of the German language is essential in many areas, and a career in teaching or translating in German very appealing. Our program offers a comprehensive look at German grammar and literature, foreign language teaching methods and translation, so as to allow students to both use German and understand the context of its development. This is a very practical program, which, in combination with minors in other studies offered at SSST, offers students many possibilities in an array of academic fields and business sectors.



“Studying English and Applied Studies at SSST is the ideal choice for someone invested in exploring the intricacies of language and literature, enthusiastic to gain first-hand practical experience in applied studies, such as translation and teaching. Personally, my four-year experience at SSST has enriched my experience immensely, not only when it comes to increasing my linguistic skills, but also meeting and spending time with like-minded people, who are aspiring and ambitious. SSST, in general, makes for a very strong learning centre and unique community.”

Edin Plevljaković

SSST graduate, Foreign Languages Department (major in English Language and Applied Studies)

“I was excited at the prospect of joining a university which is based in my home country and, at the same time, offers its students the learning standards found at the best universities in the world, such as the University of Cambridge, where I studied. I believe that, being taught by a faculty of professors who were educated at the world’s leading schools, at a university that follows the highest academic standards, SSST graduates have a very bright future.”

Sabina Gadžo Mutapčić
Coordinator of Foreign Languages Department



Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English and Applied Studies

Our courses will raise your English skills to the highest standards, train you to teach younger, teenage or adult learners, offer insights into how a learner’s mind processes language, teach you how to translate and interpret, how to translate at conferences, in the business sector or for EU institutions, as well as provide insights into English and American literature – and, as a result, give you a global look at the English language today. In addition, you are given the chance to apply your knowledge in an internship in the fourth year, and at the same time, research your thesis paper. Why not get a taste of your future career while you are still at university, with real responsibilities and hands-on practice?

“I am thrilled to be part of the SSST team, which I joined after my postgraduate studies in English at Purdue University. SSST provides both students and staff with an exciting and stimulating academic environment, and teaching here is consistently both challenging and enjoyable. The Department invests a lot of effort to ensure not only that all students are fluent in English, but that they are fully capable of using the language in academic and professional contexts.”

Anida Hadžić
Foreign Languages Department (English Language and Applied Studies)





“It is stimulating to be part of such a dynamic faculty, whose values and standards complement those I gained through my own education at Oxford University. Through the work and activities of the Department of English Academic Writing and the Institute for Language and Training, my colleagues and I aspire to help students acquire skills that are useful for both their academic and professional lives. I am constantly inspired by the many highly intelligent and bright young people at this forward looking institution, in this beautiful country.”

Gina Landor

Foreign Languages Department (English Language and Applied Studies)

Foreign Languages Department, BA Degree Program:

Major	Minor*
English Language	German Language
English Language	Diplomacy
English Language	- choice from SSST minor programs
German Language	English Language
German Language	Diplomacy
German Language	- choice from SSST minor programs

*Availability of Minor programs listed depends on required numbers of interested candidates to allow program feasibility; please check our website or contact us directly for an updated list of Minors offered in the current academic year.

SARAJEVO MEDICAL SCHOOL

In the 2014/15 academic year, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology launched the first private medical school in the region, introducing a new twelve-semester (six year) Medical Study Program in English. Graduates receive a Doctor of Medicine Degree (M.D.).

Becoming regionally competitive from the outset, the SSST Department of Medicine boasts cutting-edge laboratories, equipment and software lacking in public (state) medical universities, coupled with highly accomplished and qualified professors and instructors. Its outstanding performance as SSST's fastest growing department, led to the expansion of the Sarajevo Medical School to now include the Department of Dentistry, Department of Pharmacy and the Health Study Department, all offering full degree programs.



“The Sarajevo Medical School is engaged in building up stronger, diverse generations of highly trained doctors and medical professionals through innovative theoretical and practical training programs that apply an optimistic outlook and perspective on future generations. We strive for excellence in research, the community, patient care and above all, education.

With the ever-progressing twenty-first century accent on science, and medical sciences in particular, it is our mission to propel the community forward with professional ambition and an up to date academic environment. We offer state-of-the-art basic and clinical education, with both in-house and off campus facilities. It is our great privilege to welcome you to the Sarajevo Medical School.”

Dr Semira Galijašević
Dean of Sarajevo Medical School



International Collaboration

Sarajevo Medical School has a close collaboration with the Bosnian-Herzegovinian American Academy of the Arts and Sciences (BHAAAS). Members of BHAAAS include Bosnian Americans practicing medicine in the United States at many prestigious hospitals and universities such as the University of Illinois-Chicago, Mayo Clinic, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Carolinas Medical Centre Levine Cancer Institute, School of Medicine University of Tennessee, the University of Arizona Health Network and many others. Each year SSST Medical School invites members of the BHAAAS to give

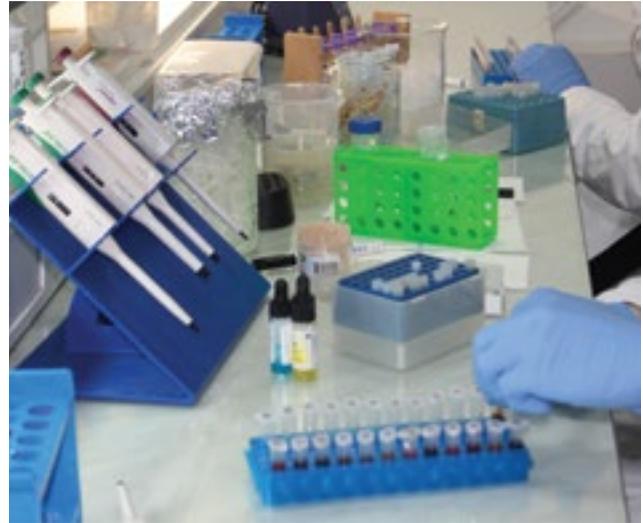
lectures, hold specialized workshops and organize seminars for our students. At these annual sessions, our students are taught state of the art medical procedures and are informed about the most recent advancements in the medical field. In addition, our study plan and methodologies employed during the six years of SSST's medical education, are tailored to allow students to take and pass the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). This brings an additional value to our degree program, enabling our graduates to apply for residency programs at any Clinic or Hospital in the world.



SSST's medical students participate in research groups where they conduct scientific experiments and write papers for international conferences.

Students complete the clinical portion of their training at the Clinical Centre of the University of Sarajevo (KCUS), the city's main hospital, while SSST holds additional contracts and agreements with a number of supplementary clinics, hospitals and emergency services in the country. Students are trained not only in the science of preventing, diagnosing and treating disease, but also in effective communication with patients. From the earliest days of their medical school career, students being face-to-face work in medical settings.

The curriculum of Sarajevo Medical School Departments follows the world's latest trends in science and research, competing with Europe's most prestigious medical schools in both staff qualifications and technologies used in teaching. Our aim is to prepare graduates to excel in the dynamic world of modern medicine, competing at a global level.



Sarajevo Medical School follows the latest trends in science, research and teaching.



Sarajevo Medical School regularly organizes guest lectures, specialized workshops and seminars for students.

Student Research

At SSST's Sarajevo Medical School, we encourage our students to aim for the top in their field not only through exceptional medical knowledge, but also by promoting their participation at international conferences and aiding them in the strive to publish work in indexed scientific journals. In the academic year 2015/16 year, and with the support of the SSST Chancellor, the Sarajevo Medical School established a student research group where students are taught how to conduct scientific inquiries, carry out all the necessary experiments, write scientific papers and present their work not only in

Bosnia and Herzegovina but internationally. Through this initiative our students gain outstanding practical knowledge of advanced laboratory procedures and the process of carrying out and writing scientific projects, preparing them for their future dissertation studies. In addition, our students are given the use of advanced diagnostic laboratories of the University to enhance their practical laboratory skills. Group's research activities are conducted throughout the academic year and target various scientific fields including physiology, immunology, biochemistry, microbiology, and other.



Find us in the World Directory of Medical Schools

The Sarajevo Medical School of the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology is recognized by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER), which is today incorporated as a foundation of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). In result, the Sarajevo Medical School is registered in the World Directory of Medical Schools. The validated information of the World Directory enables students, faculty, medical regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders in society, to access

information proving that a doctor has attended a genuine medical school of a good standard, and has demonstrated the competence required to become a certified medical doctor. Only those medical faculties registered in the World Directory of Medical Schools are internationally recognized and validated. Their graduates can achieve international careers and secure internships, employment, or continue studies across borders, including the USA and Canada. The Sarajevo Medical School is also a Member or the Association of Medical Schools in Europe.



SSST's medical students have access to advanced diagnostic laboratories of the University to enhance their practical laboratory skills.



The Sarajevo Medical Schools offers:

- Degree Programs in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Health Studies
- Organised summer practise for all students in clinical centres and primary care providing institutions in Sarajevo
- Focus on practical skills in a clinical setting
- Additional Bosnian Language classes for foreign students
- Competitive student to teacher ratio
- Additional preparatory classes for students planning to take the licencing exam in USA

SARAJEVO FILM ACADEMY

The programs of the Sarajevo Film Academy (SFA) are developed as an interactive platform with three basic sections: theoretical lectures, practical workshops, and – most importantly – film production. While providing students a stable structure of core classes, the program is characterized by flexibility, openness, and the singular opportunity to connect and work with the world’s most prominent experts, artists, directors, theorists and film historians. The Academy is a place of exchange of creative energies and ideas, open communication and free artistic expression.

All levels of study at the Sarajevo Film Academy benefit from inspiring master classes and an in-house film lab, underlining the school’s standing commitment towards continuous build-up of its resources and the expansion of its production capacities.

The Sarajevo Film Academy, founded by the University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology in 2010, is the first private film school in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the only filmmaking school in South-Eastern Europe with a full curriculum taught in English.

Ado Hasanović,
BFA student (Class of 2010)

“I wanted knowledge and I wanted to achieve quality in my work. I did a lot on my own, prior to any academic study and was afraid of a degree that might be too theoretical. But here, most of our work is practical, the theory immediately tested, exercised, used. We are given access to some of the greatest filmmakers of today. Each day I am inspired by my professors.”





*Gus Van Sant
Workshop, Spring Semester 2015*

Benjamin Dizdarević,
BFA student (Class of 2011)

“With barely any experience in directing or film, I chose SFA due to the wide selection of film industry professionals providing intense, hands-on teaching. The limited number of students accepted allows the professors to help each of us individually, to address our weaknesses, so we can grow exponentially with each new semester.”

Amela Čuhara,
BFA student (Class of 2010)

“After years of working in film and TV production as an executive producer as well as director, I felt the need to expand my knowledge. SFA was the right choice; I feel I am progressing more and more. This progress can be seen in each one of us, as individuals and as a class.”

BFA Program

The three-year BFA program takes candidates every year and represents an agile and exiting platform for new and developing filmmakers. The accent is always on practical work, while our staff – drawn exclusively from accomplished film professionals, along with regional and international guest lecturers that include some of the world’s most acclaimed artists, works closely with students through navigating challenges of diverse courses bringing together theory and application. A mentorship structure ensures that each student has a great deal of attention in completing both set exercises and short films, while constantly being challenged and engaged in modules, workshops and master classes alike.

SFA students come from over 35 countries and all corners of the world including Australia, Brazil, Columbia, Croatia, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, UAE, UK, USA, Italy and more. We offer comprehensive advice and support to foreign students, as well as a number of academic scholarships for the most promising candidates.



*Carlos Reygadas
Workshop, Fall Semester 2016*

For applications and to learn more about Sarajevo Film Academy opportunities, programs and lecturers, visit us at www.sfa.ba or contact admissions@sfa.ba

MFA Program

At the MFA level, the students are expected to arrive possessing a basic knowledge of the fundamental aspects of filmmaking, film history and film theory. Our two-year MFA program offers exceptional opportunities to young film authors in development of their artistic expression; opening new avenues for interpretation of the world we live in. This innovative, international program, boasts a mentorship structure that combines core classes with workshops and modules supported by some of the most internationally renowned filmmakers and film professionals. We seek to bring about projects of fresh outlook and imaginative vision from candidates selected from all corners of the world.

Ghazy Alqudcy,
MFA student (Class of 2013)

“The MFA program has given me a first-hand experience in understanding myself. The program opened my eyes to see beyond what is visible, by listening to your heart. There are many other schools that teach you how to make a film but here this is a consequence, not a goal. Instead we are constantly made to question the need to make that film.”



*Abel Ferrara
Workshop, Spring Semester 2016*



*Geal Garcia Bernal
Workshop, Spring Semester 2015*

Fernando Nogari,
MFA student (Class of 2013)

“More than just a post-graduate course, here we are given a creative space inhabited by talented people from all over the world, in an environment that encourages us to find our individual form of expression. It has been a challenging and gratifying life experience, one that has enabled me to grow and learn about myself and the reality around me.”



Patrick Marshall,
MFA student (Class of 2013)

“The school itself has been a bit of a surreal experience as I’ve listened, talked to and worked with some of my favorite filmmakers in the world. Engaging in intimate dialogue with them about cinema and its possibilities, sharing with them my own work, and collaborating on film projects. This is the only place in the world where a school like this exists. Where I could do what I’m doing.”



Tilda Swinton
Workshop, Spring Semester 2013

Levan Lomjaria,
MFA student (Class of 2013)

“It was a dream to be accepted at Sarajevo Film Academy and I was very happy and excited for having this amazing opportunity. I was wondering how it would feel to be a student of a film school with such an innovative and ambitious program, based on the philosophy of sharing the experiences of most interesting contemporary filmmakers from around the world.”



Juliette Binoche
Workshop, Spring Semester 2015

VIBRANT AND DIVERSE STUDENT COMMUNITY



SSST has an ever-growing number of clubs and student organizations that reflect the many talents and interests of our lively student community. If they are more than two students joined together in some common interest or pursuit, SSST will find a way to support them and provide a platform for their activities. In this way, SSST has its own Band, Sports Club that includes football, basketball and volleyball teams, Entrepreneurship Club, Debate Club, Model UN Club, Film Club and MEDICA – the very active association of SSST’s medical students. Then there is our long-standing ENTER Club – whose charity actions, in particular – make us proud and remind us of our duties to our local community. The efforts and achievements of particularly proactive students are often reported in the local press and SSST receives letters commending their work from various state institutions and NGOs.

“Student clubs at SSST are a great advantage for those who have interests spanning various fields: from economics to art, there is a chance to learn more and become inspired by interacting with students and professors from various departments.”

Ivona Tolić

SSST student, Political Science and International Relations Department (minor in International Law)



A word from the Dean of Students...



“The student is at the very center of SSST’s academic and social life. There is no anonymity here, no back-of-class hiding or sailing undetected through what should be the most exciting time in a young person’s life. We want to know who you are and what you are about, and we want to create space for you to grow both academically and as an individual with diverse interests. The very existence of my function speaks to this determination. Each day I am inspired by students and I try to inspire them back; our students run charities, win sporting events, hold concerts and are the fiercest opponents in debates. We try to make their time at SSST both challenging and fun, so that our graduates leave with not only academic knowledge but with life-long friendships and a lifetime’s worth of memories.”

Emina Ganić

Dean of Students, Director of Sarajevo Film Academy



“During my studies at SSST, I searched for a little escape from everyday student life. I also wanted to create a possibility for others to have fun with, and also learn a thing or two about music. I established the SSST Band, or rather “The Flying Sticks”, to do just that. I feel that any student, who is an aspiring musician (or a musician already) should have the exciting opportunity to play and create with other fellow musicians.”

Adem Hadrović

SSST student, Computer Science Department, SSST Band member



Belma Kućukalić

SSST student and Co-chair of ENTER at the time, preparing for the ceremony of awarding an SSST doctorate, Honoris Causa, to H.R.H. Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal Al-Saud, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.





Members of Enter SSST Club visiting the "Institute for the Protection of Children and Youth - Pazarić"



"We are enormously proud that Enter, the oldest SSST student club, is a true catalyst for positive changes in the attitude of our students regarding those members of our society that require our support and help. Throughout the years Enter has raised a great deal of funding and other humanitarian help for various groups and individuals our students have decided to support. We are the ones that help university management foster a positive image and a strong SSST community bond by improving life in our city and our country. We seek to promote SSST as a centre of academic excellence with philanthropic ideals that positively impact others."

Adi Softić

***SSST student, Political Science and International Relations Department,
ENTER Chair***



SSST Volleyball Team



SSST Sports Cup for students, faculty and staff

“The idea for a Sports Club came out of the desire to offer students and professors an opportunity to relax and have fun while promoting healthy living and physical activity. Founded in 2008, the club became an immediate success: the students and professors enjoyed playing together, and a newfound sense of community began taking shape. Once a week, we organize friendly matches in basketball, football, volleyball and tennis, all of which are open for students and staff alike. “

Amar Rešidović
SSST student, Sarajevo Medical School, SSST Sports Club Coordinator





“Through competitions of the Model United Nations, I was able to develop my passion for the craft of diplomacy. Being a member of MUN Club at SSST enabled me to attend prestigious Harvard World Model UN in Rome and Budapest. Competing against Ivy-League Universities, we were able to challenge fellow representatives and drafted resolutions in response to diverse global concerns. Through these competitions I have refined my academic writing skills and learned how to negotiate and balance national interest with the needs of the international community. The academic and financial support of SSST has made our success possible and enhanced the reputation of SSST delegations at conferences abroad. I am proud to say that due to my success as a delegate, I was invited to chair the Sarajevo MUN Conference.”

Hana Brčkalić

SSST student, Political Science and International Relations Department, Former Vice-President of SSST MUN Club



SSST's MUN Club at MUNAPEST

“The Entrepreneurship Club became a part SSST in March 2016, ambitiously aimed at connecting SSST students with the business world. Today, through meet-ups and workshops, SSST students gain vital knowledge, information and experience related to business and entrepreneurship. Importantly, networking through such events provides students with up-to-date connections in the business environment.”

Lamija Bibezic

SSST student, Economics Department, Entrepreneurship Club member



MEDICA's Holiday Bazaar for charity at SSST



ENTER's Charity Bazaar



SSST's MEDICA commemorating World Health Day



“The association of medical students at SSST – MEDICA, not only brings local and international students closer together, but provides all with great individual benefits. Our association enables us to both form friendships and develop professional relationships. We are proud of our regular organization of charity bazaars and events, helping those who are in need. We also annually run health information campaigns and blood drives. I strongly recommend to all new med students to join our activities. “

Nedim Maltez

SSST student, Sarajevo Medical School, MEDICA Coordinator

STUDENT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES



Student mobility, exposure to different cultures and systems of education, contributes not only to an individual's personal and professional development, but benefits society as a whole. Exchange programs allow students to improve their foreign language and communication skills, soft skills such as effective approaches to problem solving and adaptability to new environments and situations, while aiding character development through intercultural awareness. It is an experience greatly valued by employers in our increasingly interconnected world.

Student mobility boosts job prospects as it encourages mobility in the labor market. Recent studies have shown that the risk of long-term unemployment at least halved for mobile students compared to those who stay at home. For all these reasons, SSST is proud to be part of the European Union's student exchange program – Erasmus.

Since its launch in 1987, the Erasmus program has steadily grown in both the numbers of participating students (today at over 4000, at any one time) and in the quality and diversity of the mobility activities on offer. As part of the program, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology has established collaboration with several universities in Europe, with yearly goals to further expand our international collaborations. Our staff, faculty and students benefit from participation in trainings and exchange with our partner institutions, bringing back new experiences and expertise.

In addition to the Erasmus program, SSST consistently seeks to broaden learning opportunities for our students by supporting and facilitating internship opportunities both at home and abroad.



Stanford students



“It was a great pleasure and a privilege to be the first student from Western Balkans to work as an intern for the U.S. Senate, through New York’s Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s office. Senator Gillibrand’s very sophisticated internship program allows those selected to fully engage and seize remarkable opportunities. As a casework intern at the US Department of Foreign Affairs & Immigration, I worked on managing more than 50 high-priority immigration cases, requiring daily correspondence with embassies, consulates and top-tier law firms. I am proud to say that I assisted hundreds of immigrants coming from war zones such as Yemen, Syria and other Middle-Eastern hot spots. As a result of my commitment, I was given the honour to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the Naturalization Ceremony where more than 60 people became citizens of the US. The very highlight of my working experience in New York was my engagement in Hillary Clinton’s 2016 election campaign. I worked in the organization of the fundraising event “Publishing People for Hillary”, which was attended by many of the most eminent artists and film producers from the New York state. Through this rewarding experience I became more interested in international law and foreign affairs. I also had the opportunity to test my own education and abilities. Being surrounded by fellow interns from Ivy-League Universities reaffirmed my strong belief that SSST University offers the highest standards of education, allowing us to compete with the best.”

Hana Brčkalić

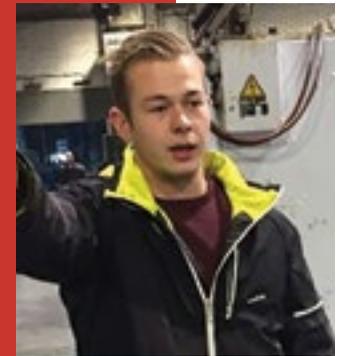
SSST student, Political Science and International Relations Department





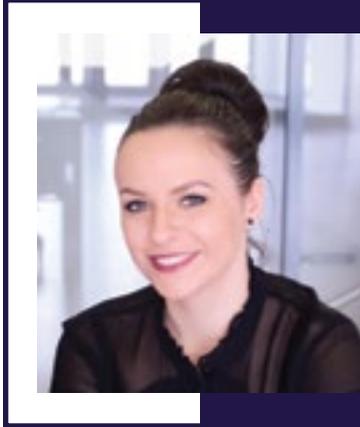
Stanford University students in visit to SSST

“I am a part-time student and a part-time engineer in the Netherlands. As a student, I always wanted to do a semester somewhere abroad. Having received a contract to work for a company with a factory in Konjic, I decided to look for a university in Bosnia and Herzegovina where I could do a semester of study during that time. Without any doubt, the only university that could meet my needs was SSST. I arrived in October 2016 and was immediately impressed with the magnificent countryside and the beautiful city of Sarajevo. The University HAN in the Netherlands, where I have started my studies and to which I return after SSST, approved my transfer and fully validated all courses I took at SSST’s Economics Department. I was given full credit points for my semester with no problems whatsoever. I learned a lot but also had a great time. I am definitely coming back to Sarajevo and will spread the word about my great experience at SSST. “



Gijs Bekkers

University HAN in Netherlands, exchange student at SSST’s Economics Department



“As a student at SSST, I applied for the Erasmus exchange program and was selected to spend a semester at Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) in Germany. The whole process for enrollment, securing the visa and completing selection of academic subjects is indeed time consuming. It can be a challenge to find compatible subjects matching the program you want with the one in your home country. Students seeking international exchange opportunities have to be prepared to put in the time and effort, while steeling themselves for difficulties and unexpected hurdles on the way. However, after all the effort, success is even more rewarding. The courses I took at FAU not only enriched my knowledge in areas I selected to study at SSST, but improved my knowledge of German language to the point of fluency. The experience tested my limits, gained me new friends and unforgettable memories of travelling around Europe. This international academic experience has made me stronger and more confident in my abilities. It has also showed me that you will find people to support and mentor you, if they recognize ambition and passion. I owe thanks to the faculty and staff of both SSST and FAU for making this experience possible.”

Zerina Mandžo

SSST student, Computer Science Department



Student groups from all over the world are regularly welcomed in an exchange of ideas, academic experience and inspiration.



LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

The University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology is continuously investing in its infrastructure, faculty and staff, ensuring that we meet the highest standards in teaching and provide our students with the most advanced facilities and equipment, in an inspiring working environment.

The opening of our new campus in 2012 represented a leap forward in access to higher education in BiH and the region. On a par with the world's leading universities and research centres, our campus includes 15 000m² of modern teaching and research space; including labs, amphitheatres, production rooms, libraries and conference facilities.

SSST faculty is actively engaged in pursuing innovation - which includes developing research projects and seeking grants, publishing papers and organizing conferences. Our aim, to make a real contribution to the development of academic disciplines within our undergraduate and postgraduate programs, contributes to SSST's unique and dynamic academic atmosphere. It also ensures that our students are taught by academics and industry experts at the top of their fields.

Emir Ganić
Executive Director



Our next phase of development includes plans for a large-scale investment in a Research and Diagnostic Centre (The King Salman Research Institute), set to act as a development hub for medical and computer sciences, with a focus on Big Data research and analysis. Beyond this, we look towards building student dormitories, as our community grows and becomes increasingly diverse with international students from all corners of the world.

Importantly, we recognize that the most significant investments are not made in brick and mortar, but in staff motivation and student satisfaction. We seek to create a tangible sense of community: from staff team building to helping student clubs' development. Our collegiate social and sports events are instrumental in building our school spirit, founded on shared values of openness, tolerance and integrity.

We enter each new academic year with greater ambition and drive to excel; and we look forward to meeting you on our journey.



SSST campus offers the most modern teaching and conference facilities in the region, on par with the world's leading Universities and conference centers.

Concept of the new King Salman research Institute for Medical Sciences and Information Technologies at SSST



As a tradition, SSST annually awards extraordinary results and achievements of its employees.



SSST faculty at the Ceremony of the Official Establishment of the Ali Aljafalli Chair at SSST



SSST Cafeteria and Restaurant



SSST Bookstore

PARTNERSHIP IN EXCELLENCE



Through the Agreement between the University of Buckingham and SSST, signed in 2004, we identified mutual goals of strengthening the international profiles of our institutions, enriching our academic programs, and providing greater opportunities and benefits to our students. The collaboration makes SSST subject to meeting not only the national, but also the University of Buckingham's and UK's academic guidelines and standards of teaching. These standards include the anonymity of the examination procedure, a high staff to student ratio and rigorous curriculum approval. The University of Buckingham validates, monitors and examines undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs offered by the SSST in Computer Science, Information Systems, Economics, Political Science and International Relations. The graduates of these SSST programs are also awarded the British degree.

This collaboration makes SSST subject to meeting not only national, but also University of Buckingham's and UK's academic guidelines and standards of teaching. Our partnership with a UK University, which is subject to the United Kingdom Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), ensures that SSST is continuously monitored and evaluated in the quality of our academic programs, the teaching standard and process, students' progression and achievement, student satisfaction, staff development, and other. External Examiners (senior academic staff from other leading universities in the UK) visit SSST each year and review all student course material, ensuring both transparency and the highest standards in teaching and examinations procedure.



Graduation Ceremony at SSST



“Through our collaboration with SSST we are able to mutually benefit from an established educational partnership that has its roots in a shared vision for delivering educational excellence. Since taking those first steps in 2004, SSST has grown both in physical presence and reputation in the region, with increasing links on the international stage as well. New endeavours in research and the expansion of existing provision means that students stand to benefit from a unique educational experience.

Those who successfully complete their studies on validated programmes also receive a degree from the University of Buckingham, proving that they have met the rigorous academic standards required. We are proud of all graduates, and share SSST’s delight in their success.

Having collaborated with SSST for over a decade, we are confident of their academic integrity, and look forward to strengthening our partnership in the future. “



Sir Anthony Seldon
Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham

Buckingham University is the only independent university in the UK with a Royal Charter. It was founded in 1976 by a group of Oxford academics who desired to create a place of academic innovation where the student – rather than the state – is the client. Independent of direct government support in the United Kingdom, University of Buckingham has used its independence to pioneer a distinctive approach to higher education. Founded on the principles of Classical Liberalism, the University has taught the ideals of free-thinking, liberal political thought, and maintained the independence of academia since it opened over forty years ago.



SSST students at the Graduation Ceremony in the United Kingdom

The University of Buckingham is continuously recognized for its quality. It has been at the top or near top of the National Student Survey (NSS) in student satisfaction since 2006.

The NSS provides all final-year undergraduate students in UK higher education institutions and further education colleges with the opportunity to express their opinions on what they liked during their time at university. This highly influential annual survey is taken by over 400,000 final year students across all UK Universities. Buckingham came top of the NSS in 2017.



The University of Buckingham, United Kingdom, SSST's partner in excellence since the founding of SSST in 2004

In a ranking published by the Times Higher Education newspaper on 10th August 2016, Buckingham came top out of all 130 UK Universities with a satisfaction score of 97% (UK average 86%). Buckingham was already the recipient of the University of the Year for Teaching Quality accolade from The Times/Sunday Times for year 2015.

In the Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018, the Buckingham University is ranked as 1st for Teaching Quality, 2nd for Student-Staff Ratio and 4th for Student Experience.

Other strengths in the league tables include ranking 1st out of 129 universities in Satisfied With The Course (The Complete University Guide 2018), as well as top positions for graduate employability, campus safety and free speech.



*The University of Buckingham,
United Kingdom*



Buckingham's outstanding performance in the UK's League Tables reflects its nurturing approach to students and its policy of tutorial based, small group teaching. Buckingham graduates have gone on to further study at most of the world's leading universities, including Harvard, London, Oxford and Cambridge, and secured jobs in senior positions around the world.

SSST ALUMNI



The University Alumni Association is an invaluable tool for SSST graduates, providing them with a platform to build valuable business and social contacts throughout the world. For the University, the Association not only allows us to keep in contact with our graduates, but also serves to support SSST in areas such as marketing, career advice and fund raising. Alumni voices are important to us in mapping the future of the University and we encourage our graduates to remain involved, both with us and with each other.

We are proud to feature in the following pages some of our former students, offering their reflections on time spent with us and inspiring us all with ever growing successes in their academic and professional life following SSST.

“SSST has exposed me to so many inspiring professors who helped and encouraged me on my path to continue my studies at Oxford University. Through being awarded a Chevening Scholarship, I met an amazing group of ambitious and high-achieving individuals, and am especially glad of the connections I made with people from my own country, who I would not have met without the network of this scholarship program. I hope to continue working with this group for the improvement of my country.



At Oxford, I completed a Master’s Program in Public Policy. It was a very intense and challenging experience that paid off in droves as I found all I came for: inspiring people, knowledge and self-development, accompanied by friendship and a great deal of fun. I was especially glad of the opportunity to do a summer project for the Oxford-LSE Commission on State Fragility Growth and Development, led by the renowned professor Paul Colier and former UK Prime Minister David Cameron, for which I conducted a study on Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently, until the expiration of my visa, I am working as a Program Associate at the Said Business School (University of Oxford), for their new Mutuality in Business Program.”

Aida Hadžić

SSST graduate (Bsc in Political Science and International Relations, minor in International Law)



„I believe the future of BiH education is indeed private education, with SSST being the leader. Although an SSST degree guarantees employment to all students after graduation, I had the privilege to be granted a position as an assistant at the SSST Economics Department. I have also entered SSST’s graduate programme and am working on my MSc, excited to grasp the future and meet its challenges, with SSST as a reliable guide and partner.“

Ena Nožić

SSST graduate (BSc in Economics, minor in International Business)

“I am currently in my 4th year of Computer Science PhD at Stony Brook University in New York. My research is in algorithms and data structures for massive data sets. During a school year, I mostly pursue these theoretical endeavours; during summers I try to put theory into practice. In summer 2011, I had a software engineering internship with Microsoft Corporation in Seattle, where I worked on a team that brings cloud computing services to businesses. I plan to go back to Seattle next summer, because of the great work, co-workers, mountains and the salmon!

I have graduated from SSST about 4 years ago, and looking back at my undergraduate years, I have two main memories, both including late nights spent in the lab. The first one is about the ACM Online UVa Judge. The ACM is an electronic judge system, like Topcoder, where you can pick a problem from the online archive, solve it, and submit your program to the judge. In a matter of seconds, you receive a reply as to whether your solution has been accepted, or should you try again. For one of our courses in the 2nd semester, we were required to solve one ACM problem per day. I learned a tremendous deal this way, trying to solve algorithmic problems, even before I knew any algorithms.

My second memory has to do with our final course projects. Most courses at SSST had such projects, that required a group of students to build something together, that functions well and looks good, and has a sleek documentation. Then we would present our `product' in front of a large audience. By the time we were seniors, many students became proficient at public speaking, working in teams, and problem-solving.

I think that SSST equips students with the right tools to join the work-force prepared. Education at SSST is modern and different, and I highly recommend it to everyone who wants to challenge themselves and enjoy the process at the same time.”

Džejla Međedović

SSST graduate (BSc in Computer Science, minor in Electrical Engineering)





When I chose SSST, I figured – if I’m paying for it, it must be easier to get a degree. That was a mistake, I failed twice and took two extra years to complete my degree! I wanted a piece of paper but what I got were courses in subjects I cared about. During my studies at the Information Systems Department, working in SSST labs when I should have been in lectures, I started my first company. This company developed and owned the hugely successful social media website: Dernek.ba. In my third year of study I built a new firm which now operates Pik.ba. Today I am the CEO of this company – the leader on the national market and a major player regionally. Right after obtaining my degree, I founded a company in Montenegro (PikPay), and another domestic company which is in charge of running a group buying, coupon based website (eKupon.ba). Both of these companies are self operational and I’m just Member of the Board. I think I want more education and am thinking of somehow creating time for an MSc. I definitely want access to bigger markets! To new generations of SSST students I say, do not expect to become millionaires over night. In business, as in life, success usually comes from some nobler motivation – a wish to contribute to or promote your community, locally, regionally, globally. Money should be a bonus, never primary focus.

Emir Pilavdžić
Alumni (BSc in Information Systems)



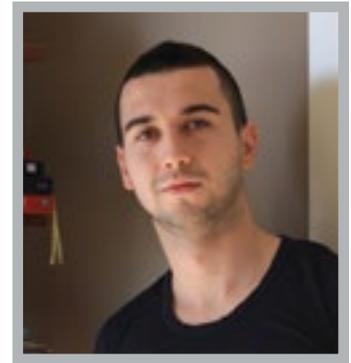
“SSST has given me the knowledge, confidence and academic curiosity based on which I have decided to continue my MA studies in the UK. As a recipient of the British Chevening Scholarship, I am writing this from the library of the London School of Economics where I am studying for my master in Information Systems, with plans to go back to BiH and put my knowledge into practice as well as contribute to the SSST community. “

Ena Šahović
SSST graduate (BSc in Information Systems, minor in Economics)

“I remember the day I saw the call for entries of the University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, published in the local newspaper. The University, among others, listed a department of Political Science, offering undergraduate programs. I was immediately drawn by the fact that all classes were taught in English, with BiH and international academic staff, and the University had a close cooperation with UK’s Buckingham University. This cooperation meant a dual degree, so you get a UK and a BiH diploma after completing your studies. Seeing my enthusiasm about the program, my parents supported me and I sailed through the interview process and entrance examinations. As months passed, my enthusiasm did not wane, in fact just the opposite. The University atmosphere was wonderful, created by students, administrative staff and professors who were always friendly and available to students – which is not often the case at universities from our region. Sarajevo itself is a great place to study as it is the energetic cultural, economic and social centre of our country, offering all advantages of a European capital but with everything feeling closer, and at a hand’s reach. Even though, four years ago, we were the first generation of students to enroll in the Political Science and International Relations program – a sort of a test phase really – there were no shortcomings. Everything was perfectly organized. I also found that learning German, in addition to English, during the first three years at the University, broadened my horizons. That and the additional field of specialization we chose after the first two years. I decided to take EU Integrations/International Organizations as my minor, a subject I always found interesting and very important for our country. Having completed my four years at SSST, I wanted to continue with graduate school and I was admitted to the highly prestigious Lund University in Sweden – one of the best universities in the world. I am now studying for a Master’s in the subject of my SSST specialization, a two-year degree course in European Integrations at Lund. I do hope that, after such a solid education I received at SSST, my further studies at Lund will prove equally rewarding and beneficial.”

Mirza Trozić

SSST Graduate (BSc in Political Science and International Integrations, minor in EU Integrations/International Organizations)





“Upon completing my undergraduate degree at SSST I pursued graduate studies in educational technology at the University of Oxford, having been awarded full funding through the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Program. Looking back I can say that the benefits of my exposure to the SSST experience were two-fold: it instilled in me the confidence to compete at an international level and enabled the precondition to do so, through offering a double degree. Universities are communities made up of people – teachers and students. If you do decide to enroll in SSST, you can help shape the future of SSST. I belong to the very first generation of SSST students and we wanted to be a part of something new and different. I believe our courage and enthusiasm brought many benefits. So it is with all new generations; any expectations you might have will only be fulfilled if you work hard on making them happen. Working hard is not easy, but it is rarely regretted.”

Naida Dervišhalidović

SSST graduate (BSc in Information Systems, minor in Economic)



“Study programs at SSST are rigorous, challenging but most of all rewarding. Group discussions, debates, presentations, team work, have all prepared me for a career path and the position at the International Republican Institute where, among other things, I am promoting women in politics and educating young, future leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As an alumna I feel as part of the SSST family and we look forward to engaging future SSST students.”

Amila Karčić

SSST graduate (BSc in Information Systems, minor in Political Science)

“My undergraduate thesis research “Virtual Reconstruction of the Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Mostar” was funded by the Embassy of Greece and, through collaboration with the SSST’s DCM Centre and Computer Science Department, grew into a research project that was presented at numerous international conferences. I am currently doing my masters’ research at SSST, about the impact of the ICTs on the performance of the agro-food market in BiH. My research is supported by the British Scholarship Trust Fund, and the USAID funded project FARMA. Aside from my studies, I am pursuing a career in international development. My message to prospective and current students is: be thoughtful when selecting your university and your field of study. This decision will have significant impact on your future. Every effort during your studies will count – so volunteer, do internships, take the initiative, and unselfishly share your knowledge and skills! All this will lead you towards a successful career and a fulfilling personal life.”

Zana Karkin

SSST graduate (BSc in Information Systems, minor in Economics)



“I have been one of the lucky candidates to experience what the Czech Government Scholarship has to offer. My success in the Information Management MSc. program fully reflects the skills and knowledge I have gained at one of the most prestigious schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina - SSST. I cannot wait to be part of this amazing institution once again with an MSc degree pinned to my name.”

Nermin Ćatović

SSST Graduate (BSc in Computer Science, minor in Electrical Engineering)



“After graduating from the demanding Evanston Township High School, I sought new and challenging ways to expand my horizons, and enrolled in the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). After a few semesters, for whatever reason, I found myself stagnating and hence decided to explore other possibilities. After a lot of research, I discovered a unique international university located in my city, the old Olympic capital, Sarajevo. The Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, offered its graduates both a local diploma and a degree from the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom. I was surprised to find that this private university was perfect for students with great ambition, but a budget to contend with.



I still find myself reflecting on my four years at SSST. The experience, needless to say, was invaluable. And I feel that it is important that students know the advantages of attending a university as dynamic and passionately dedicated as SSST has proven to be over the years. It was one of the greatest personal investments I have ever made, as it not only allowed me to experience my own native country, but to get a top level degree at a low cost. I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to learn from such devoted professors and feel overwhelming gratitude to them for believing in me and pushing me to succeed every step of the way. After graduating I was accepted for a Masters programme at the John’s Hopkins University in Washington, DC. In addition, I was chosen, out of 150 applicants, for an internship at the United Nations. Working for the United Nations was a dream come true. I deferred my Master’ studies and am currently working for Amnesty International, as part of their Communication Unit in Chicago, USA. To be honest, I do not know whether or not I would have grown into such an ambitious and determined individual had I stayed in America and pursued my degree there. After twelve years of living and educating myself in the USA, coming back to Bosnia and enrolling at SSST was just the challenge and motivation I needed to propel myself forward. It is precisely because of such an experience that I see the world for what it is; a place where one’s possibilities are endless! Sometimes all we need is the right guidance and the proper motivation to succeed.”

Endi Zulfić

SSST graduate (BSc in Political Science and International Relations, minor in EU Integrations/International Organizations)



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Tuition Fees

Tuition fees at SSST vary between academic departments and differ for national and international students. Information on tuition fees for all SSST programs is available at our official website, or you may contact our Student Services or the Finance Office directly.

In addition to the academic program, the tuition fee covers the costs of all required course materials and books, which are provided by the University as part of our comprehensive student services package.

SSST Finance Office allows payment of tuition in two instalments; where the first half of fees for any given academic year is due on 20 September of the current calendar year, and the second half is due on 31 January of the following year.

Our Finance Office is available to each individual candidate and student for consultations, providing help and advice on managing the financing of their education at SSST. Our Legal Office provides support to our international students regarding their visas and residence permits.





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100 Scholarships and Financial Aid Packages

Each year, SSST secures no less than 100 scholarships and financial aid grants for current and prospective students. This means that (aside from scholarships and financial aid available to SSST students through direct applications to various national companies and national and European funds) the University ensures that high-achieving candidates, as well as those from socially endangered families, can apply directly for both scholarships and aid.

SSST scholarships are available both as partial and full scholarships, subject to candidate's needs, qualifications, and continuous academic achievement. All scholarships are awarded per academic year, while financial aid grants (covering a part of tuition costs) may be awarded for the duration of the academic program*.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit our website at www.ssst.edu.ba or contact scholarships@ssst.edu.ba.

*conditions such as minimum GPA apply

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The Sarajevo School of Science and Technology University has an open door policy and welcomes all prospective students to visit or contact us at their convenience, every working day from 09.00 to 15.00 hrs.

Each spring, SSST hosts several Open Day events, providing candidates with an opportunity to meet our faculty and students, learn first-hand about our academic programs, as well as pose any questions regarding their choice of faculty, tuition fees and scholarships, perspectives after graduation, student life, and the vast choice of extracurricular activities. For Open Day announcements and program, please visit our website www.ssst.edu.ba and Facebook official page.



Entrance Exams are held at University premises, from April to September for the next academic year. For Entrance Exams sample questions, dates and other details regarding admission, please contact our Student Services and visit our website.



“Our mission is to make students at SSST feel comfortable and guided. SSST’s Administration Office (including Student Services and Registry) is always available to students for questions about their academic programmes, student exchange opportunities, as well as extracurricular activities. Together with the University of Buckingham, our office strives to provide all possible assistance to students throughout their academic life at SSST and beyond.”

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*„Both institutions have been founded in the same spirit.
May they flourish according to the same high and timeless ideals. “*

*From Baroness Thatcher's telegram to the signing ceremony of the collaboration agreement between
the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology and the University of Buckingham on Friday 7th of May 2004*