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STUDENTS ENROLLED ON PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY STUDY, WINTER SEMESTER OF 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

According to the collected data, in the winter semester of the 2025/2026 academic year, a total of **147 607** students enrolled in the institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia. Of that, 86 608 were female students, which accounted for **58.7%**.

Out of the total number of students enrolled in institutions of higher education, **83.2%** enrolled in faculties, 14.9% in polytechnics, 1.8% in art academies, while the fewest of them enrolled in schools of professional higher education (0.1%)

There were more female students among enrolled students

The largest number of female students enrolled in faculties and art academies. Thus, 50.7% of them attended professional studies at faculties and 62.3% attended university studies at faculties, whereas 70.0% of them attended art academies.

Full-time students were most represented in art academies

There were 73.8% of full-time and 26.2% of part-time students enrolled. The largest number of full-time students were enrolled in art academies (**93.1%**).

In the winter semester of the 2025/2026 academic year, 99.9% out of the total number of students followed the Bologna programme. Less than 0.1% of students were enrolled on a professional short study, 22.9% of them were enrolled on a professional undergraduate study, 6.1% on a professional graduate study, 35.9% on a university undergraduate study, 17.4% on a university graduate study and 17.5% of them were enrolled on a university integrated undergraduate and graduate study. There were still 0.1% of students attending an undergraduate university study following the pre-Bologna programme.

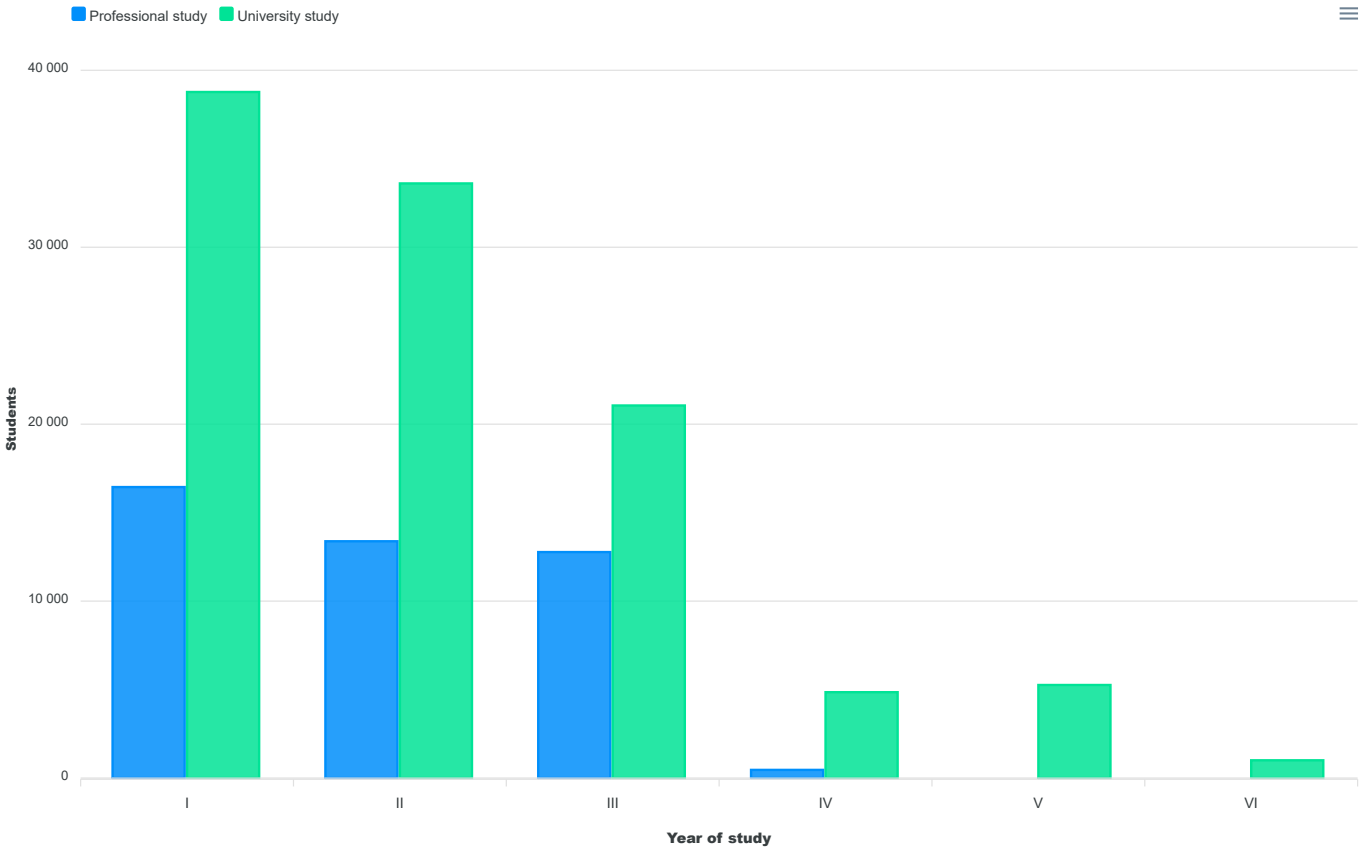
Most students enrolled on a professional or university study within a scientific field

In the 2025/2026 academic year, the highest share of students enrolled on professional and university studies was in scientific fields (91.9%), followed by interdisciplinary fields (5.8%) and artistic fields (2.3%). Regarding the scientific fields of study, the most represented were Social sciences (42.9%) and Engineering (28.8%). Visual arts (24.0%), Design (20.3%) and Music arts (18.3%) were the most represented artistic fields of study.

1 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, YEARS AND MODE OF STUDY, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Mode of study	Total	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year	6 th year
Institutions of higher education	All	147 607	55 218	46 988	33 826	5 313	5 259	1 003
	Full-time	108 864	42 090	34 276	23 391	4 090	4 042	975
Schools of professional higher education	All	21	3	9	9	-	-	-
	Full-time	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Polytechnics	All	22 063	7 751	7 032	6 872	408	-	-
	Full-time	10 405	3 783	3 003	3 211	408	-	-
Faculties	All	122 789	46 555	39 032	26 349	4 765	5 085	1 003
	Full-time	95 911	37 465	30 427	19 632	3 544	3 868	975
Professional study	All	20 975	8 691	6 341	5 890	53	-	-
	Full-time	11 699	5 413	3 507	2 752	27	-	-
University study	All	101 814	37 864	32 691	20 459	4 712	5 085	1 003
	Full-time	84 212	32 052	26 920	16 880	3 517	3 868	975
Art academies	All	2 734	909	915	596	140	174	-
	Full-time	2 546	842	846	546	138	174	-

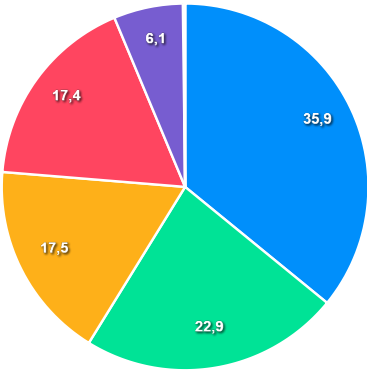
G-1 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY PROFESSIONAL OR UNIVERSITY STUDY AND YEAR OF STUDY, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



2 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF STUDY, YEARS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Sex	Total	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year	6 th year
Institutions of higher education	All	147 607	55 218	46 988	33 826	5 313	5 259	1 003
	Male students	60 999	23 853	18 966	14 464	1 750	1 667	299
	Female students	86 608	31 365	28 022	19 362	3 563	3 592	704
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	37	9	5	5	13	5	-
	Male students	33	7	5	4	12	5	-
	Female students	4	2	-	1	1	-	-
Undergraduate university study	All	37	9	5	5	13	5	-
	Male students	33	7	5	4	12	5	-
	Female students	4	2	-	1	1	-	-
According to Bologna programme	All	147 570	55 209	46 983	33 821	5 300	5 254	1 003
	Male students	60 966	23 846	18 961	14 460	1 738	1 662	299
	Female students	86 604	31 363	28 022	19 361	3 562	3 592	704
Short professional study	All	242	182	60	-	-	-	-
	Male students	147	121	26	-	-	-	-
	Female students	95	61	34	-	-	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	33 866	11 821	8 813	12 771	461	-	-
	Male students	17 576	6 332	4 355	6 637	252	-	-
	Female students	16 290	5 489	4 458	6 134	209	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	8 951	4 442	4 509	-	-	-	-
	Male students	4 032	1 906	2 126	-	-	-	-
	Female students	4 919	2 536	2 383	-	-	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	52 963	20 514	14 752	16 720	977	-	-
	Male students	21 754	8 918	6 014	6 512	310	-	-
	Female students	31 209	11 596	8 738	10 208	667	-	-
University graduate study	All	25 751	11 404	14 347	-	-	-	-
	Male students	9 377	4 306	5 071	-	-	-	-
	Female students	16 374	7 098	9 276	-	-	-	-
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	25 797	6 846	4 502	4 330	3 862	5 254	1 003
	Male students	8 080	2 263	1 369	1 311	1 176	1 662	299
	Female students	17 717	4 583	3 133	3 019	2 686	3 592	704

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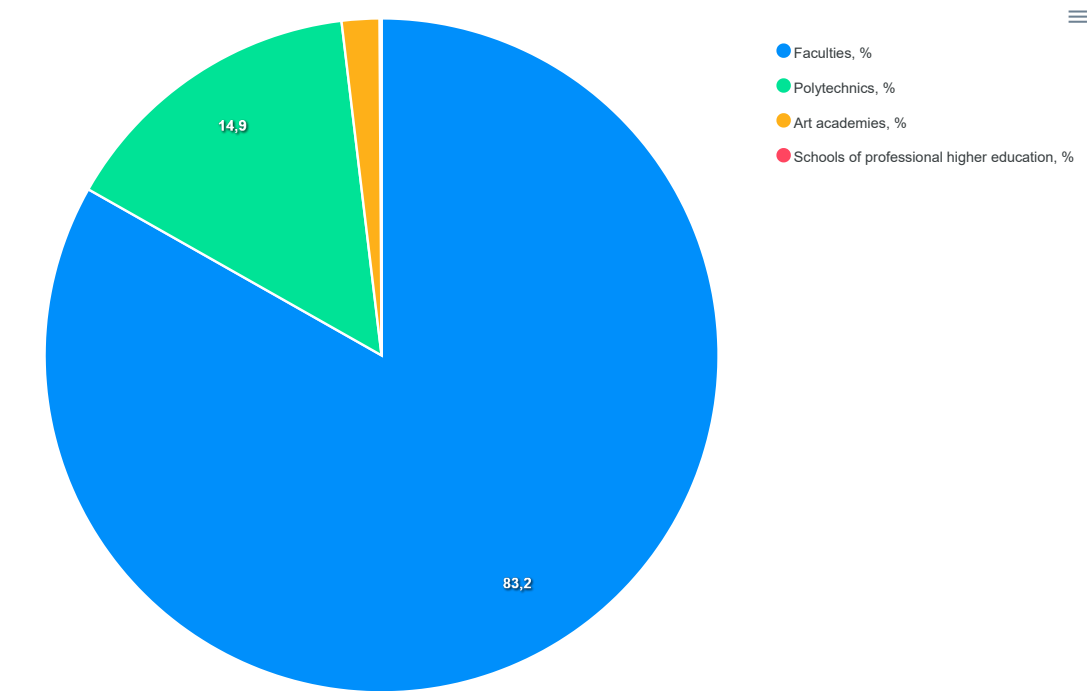


- University undergraduate study according to Bologna programme, %
- Professional undergraduate study according to Bologna programme, %
- University integrated undergraduate and graduate study according to Bologna programme, %
- University graduate study according to Bologna programme, %
- Professional graduate study according to Bologna programme, %
- Professional short study according to Bologna programme, %
- Undergraduate university study according to pre-Bologna programme, %

3 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY GROUPS OF INSTITUTIONS, TYPE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Sex	Total	Schools of professional higher education	Polytechnics	Faculties			Art academies
					Total	Professional study	University study	
Institutions of higher education	All	147 607	21	22 063	122 789	20 975	101 814	2 734
	Male students	60 999	11	11 413	48 755	10 331	38 424	820
	Female students	86 608	10	10 650	74 034	10 644	63 390	1 914
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	37	-	-	37	-	37	-
	Male students	33	-	-	33	-	33	-
	Female students	4	-	-	4	-	4	-
Undergraduate university study	All	37	-	-	37	-	37	-
	Male students	33	-	-	33	-	33	-
	Female students	4	-	-	4	-	4	-
According to Bologna programme	All	147 570	21	22 063	122 752	20 975	101 777	2 734
	Male students	60 966	11	11 413	48 722	10 331	38 391	820
	Female students	86 604	10	10 650	74 030	10 644	63 386	1 914
Professional short study	All	242	-	158	84	84	-	-
	Male students	147	-	105	42	42	-	-
	Female students	95	-	53	42	42	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	33 866	21	16 864	16 981	16 981	-	-
	Male students	17 576	11	8 767	8 798	8 798	-	-
	Female students	16 290	10	8 097	8 183	8 183	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	8 951	-	5 041	3 910	3 910	-	-
	Male students	4 032	-	2 541	1 491	1 491	-	-
	Female students	4 919	-	2 500	2 419	2 419	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	52 963	-	-	51 650	-	51 650	1 313
	Male students	21 754	-	-	21 402	-	21 402	352
	Female students	31 209	-	-	30 248	-	30 248	961
University graduate study	All	25 751	-	-	24 950	-	24 950	801
	Male students	9 377	-	-	9 138	-	9 138	239
	Female students	16 374	-	-	15 812	-	15 812	562
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	25 797	-	-	25 177	-	25 177	620
	Male students	8 080	-	-	7 851	-	7 851	229
	Female students	17 717	-	-	17 326	-	17 326	391

G-3 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

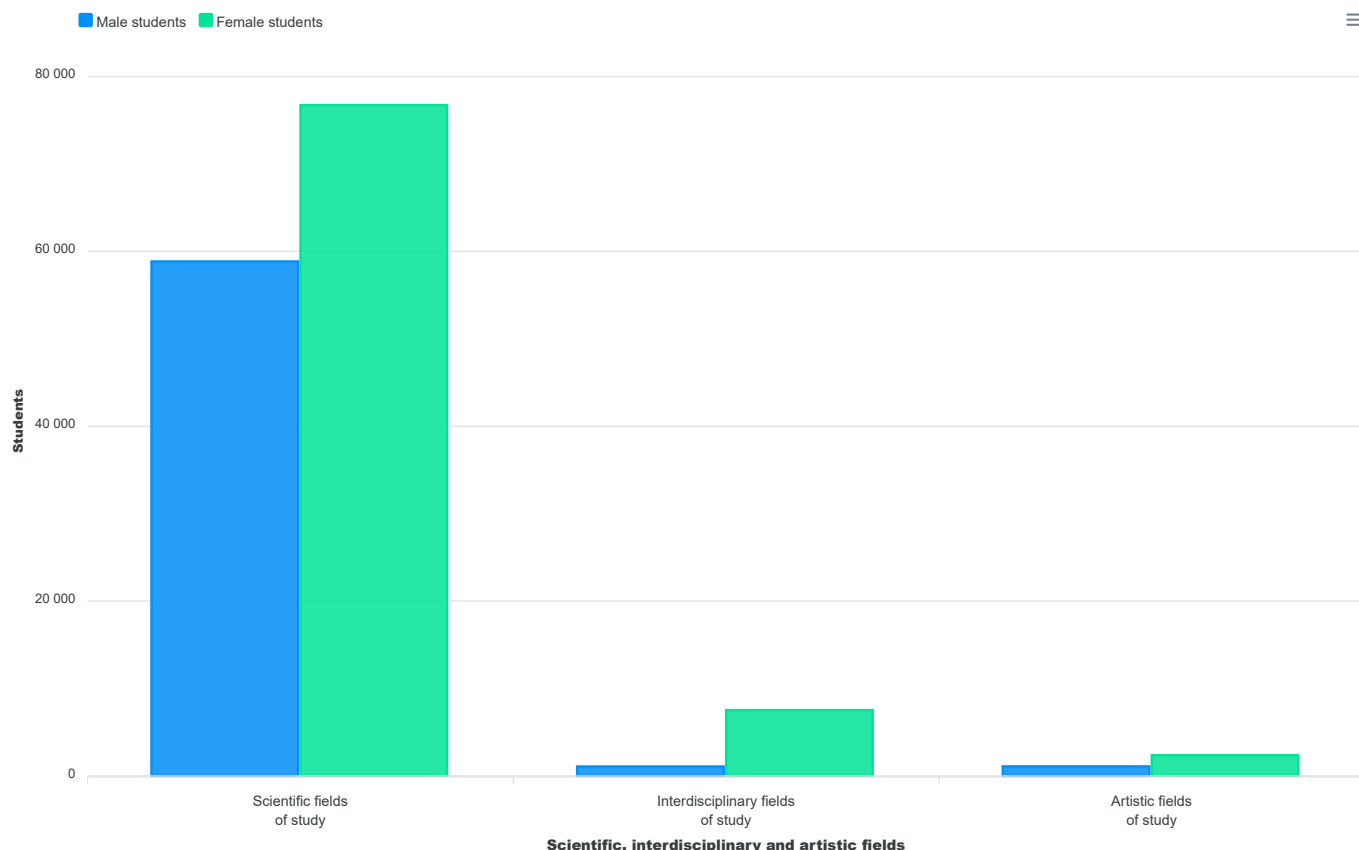
	Total	Scientific fields of study					
		Natural sciences	Engineering	Biomedicine and health	Biotechnical sciences	Social sciences	Humanities
Total	147 607	5 830	39 007	19 742	5 177	58 175	7 645
Female students	86 608	3 597	11 989	15 089	3 216	37 370	5 470
Schools of higher professional education	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
Female students	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Polytechnics	22 063	-	7 358	5 746	495	7 817	39
Female students	10 650	-	1 578	4 443	235	4 123	12
Faculties	122 789	5 830	31 649	13 996	4 682	50 207	7 550
Female students	74 034	3 597	10 411	10 646	2 981	33 125	5 422
Professional study	20 975	-	5 952	1 157	204	13 079	-
Female students	10 644	-	1 389	883	115	7 896	-
University study	101 814	5 830	25 697	12 839	4 478	37 128	7 550
Female students	63 390	3 597	9 022	9 763	2 866	25 229	5 422
Art academies	2 734	-	-	-	-	151	35
Female students	1 914	-	-	-	-	122	26

4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

(continued)

	Interdisciplinary fields of science and arts		Artistic fields of study							
	Interdisciplinary scientific field	Artistic and interdisciplinary fields within science and arts	Theatre arts	Film arts	Music arts	Visual arts	Applied arts	Dance arts and movement arts	Design	Interdisciplinary artistic field
Total	8 411	180	177	189	630	826	377	35	700	506
Female students	7 419	102	104	81	360	654	301	31	509	316
Schools of higher professional education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female students	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polytechnics	608	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female students	259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faculties	7 556	31	-	-	77	59	200	-	635	317
Female students	6 968	23	-	-	43	43	154	-	454	167
Professional study	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357	226
Female students	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244	117
University study	7 556	31	-	-	77	59	200	-	278	91
Female students	6 968	23	-	-	43	43	154	-	210	50
Art academies	247	149	177	189	553	767	177	35	65	189
Female students	192	79	104	81	317	611	147	31	55	149

G-4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY SCIENTIFIC, INTERDISCIPLINARY, AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

The data are the result of the annual data processing on students enrolled in institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia in the winter semester of the academic year 2025/2026. The data are collected through a questionnaire entitled the "Registration Sheet for the Enrolment of Students on Professional and University Study" (ŠV-20 form), which is filled in by students in the process of enrolment in all years of professional or university study in either paper or electronic format. The majority of institutions of higher education submit their data electronically through the Information system of institutions of higher education of the University Computing Centre or on their own.

Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey covers students enrolled in institutions of higher education in the territory of the Republic of Croatia in winter semester. It includes students who were enrolled according to the Bologna programme in line with the Act on Scientific Activity and Higher Education (NN, No. 119/22), as well as those who continued their studies according to the pre-Bologna programme. The data are comparable to those from previous years.

Definitions and explanations

Students are persons enrolled in institutions of higher education. There are full-time and part-time students. Full-time students are those who study according to a programme based on a full-time teaching schedule. Part-time students are those who participate in the educational programme while they work or perform some other activity requiring a specific programme and methods of performing studies in line with an operational teaching plan.

Studies are organised by study programmes and classified according to the Ordinance on Scientific and Interdisciplinary Areas, Fields and Branches, and Artistic Area, Fields and Branches (NN, No. 3/24).

Institutions of higher education are universities, faculties, art academies and polytechnics.

Institutions of higher education can be public and private.

University is an institution that establishes and conducts university and interdisciplinary studies in at least two areas of scientific or artistic activity in a number of fields, as an autonomous and integrated process, directly or through its faculties, art academies and departments.

University comprises faculties, art academies, departments and institutes, as well as other units according to law.

Professional studies can also be taught at universities and their component parts.

Faculty is an institution of higher education, a component part of a university, where university studies are organised and conducted, and where scientific and professional work in one or more scientific or professional fields is developed. Professional studies can also be conducted there.

Art academy is an institution of higher education, a component part of a university, where artistic studies are organised and conducted, and where top artistic endeavours and scientific activity in the field of art are nourished. Professional studies can also be conducted there.

University department is a component part of a university where study programmes are conducted, and where scientific, artistic or professional work in a particular field of science or an interdisciplinary area is developed.

Polytechnic is an institution that establishes and conducts professional courses.

University study prepares students for performing work in science and higher education, in business, public sector and society in general and also prepares them for the development and application of scientific and professional findings. University studies are organised and conducted at universities.

University education is comprised of university undergraduate study, university graduate study, university integrated undergraduate and graduate study, university professional study and doctoral study. In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), 60 ECTS credits should be accrued during the course of one academic year.

University undergraduate study, which normally lasts for three to four years and during which students earn 180 to 240 ECTS credits, enables students to continue their studies at a university graduate study or to enter the labour market.

University graduate study normally lasts one to two years and students earn 60 to 120 ECTS credits during the course of their studies. The total number of credits earned at university undergraduate and graduate studies is at least 300 ECTS credits.

Professional study provides students with an adequate level of knowledge and skills that enables the performance of professional occupations and prepares them for direct entry into the labour market. Professional studies are conducted at schools of professional higher education or at polytechnics but can also be conducted at universities.

Professional study (professional short study and professional undergraduate study) lasts two to three years and students earn 120 to 180 ECTS credits during the course of their studies. Exceptionally, a professional study may last up to four years and students earn up to 240 ECTS credits during its course.

Polytechnics can organise a professional graduate study lasting one to two years for persons who completed a professional study or university undergraduate study. Upon the completion of a professional graduate study, students earn 60 to 120 ECTS credits.

Academic year starts on 1 October of the current year and ends on 30 September of the following calendar year.

Abbreviations

ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

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