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STUDENTS ENROLLED ON PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY STUDY, WINTER SEMESTER OF 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

According to the collected data in the winter semester of the academic year 2023/2024, a total of 148 383 students enrolled in the institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia. The share of female students was 86 644 (58.4%).

Out of the total number of students enrolled in institutions of higher education, 83.6% enrolled in faculties, 14.5% in polytechnics, 1.8% in art academies and 0.1% in schools of professional higher education.

There were more female students among enrolled students

The largest number of female students enrolled in faculties and art academies. Thus, 51.0% of them attended professional studies in faculties and 62.2% attended university studies in faculties, whereas 68.7% of them attended art academies.

Full-time students were most represented in art academies

There were 73.2% of full-time and 26.8% of part-time students enrolled. The largest number of full-time students was enrolled in art academies (91.6%).

In the winter semester of the academic year 2023/2024, out of the total number of students 99.9% followed the Bologna programme. Less than 0.1% of students were enrolled on a professional short study, 23.7% on a professional undergraduate study, 5.1% on a professional graduate study, 35.4% on a university undergraduate study, 18.2% 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 who followed the pre-Bologna programme.

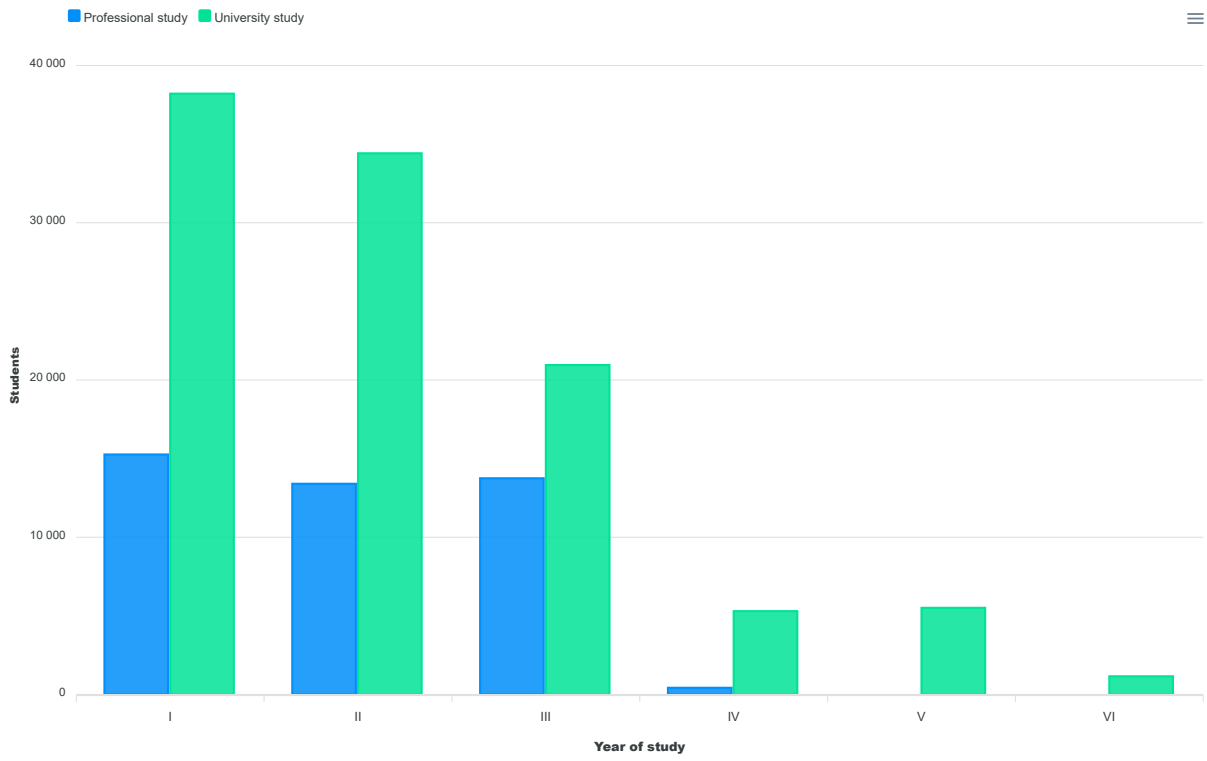
The field of Social sciences was the most often chosen field of study

Regarding the scientific and artistic fields of studies, the most often chosen was the field of Social sciences (43.2%), followed by Engineering (26.1%), Biomedicine and health (12.9%), Humanities (5.8%), Biotechnical sciences (4.0%), Natural sciences (3.8%), Artistic field (2.3%), and Interdisciplinary fields of science (1.9%).

1 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, YEARS AND MODE OF STUDY, 2023/2024 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	148 383	53 472	47 817	34 700	5 726	5 511	1 157
	Full-time	108 587	41 865	34 558	22 597	4 235	4 217	1 115
Schools of professional higher education	All	29	13	6	10	-	-	-
	Full-time	7	2	3	2	-	-	-
Polytechnics	All	21 643	7 354	6 609	7 310	370	-	-
	Full-time	10 639	3 868	3 078	3 323	370	-	-
Faculties	All	124 013	45 238	40 329	26 795	5 168	5 326	1 157
	Full-time	95 470	37 205	30 695	18 743	3 680	4 032	1 115
Professional study	All	21 167	7 896	6 785	6 430	56	-	-
	Full-time	11 245	5 042	3 604	2 567	32	-	-
University study	All	102 846	37 342	33 544	20 365	5 112	5 326	1 157
	Full-time	84 225	32 163	27 091	16 176	3 648	4 032	1 115
Art academies	All	2 698	867	873	585	188	185	-
	Full-time	2 471	790	782	529	185	185	-

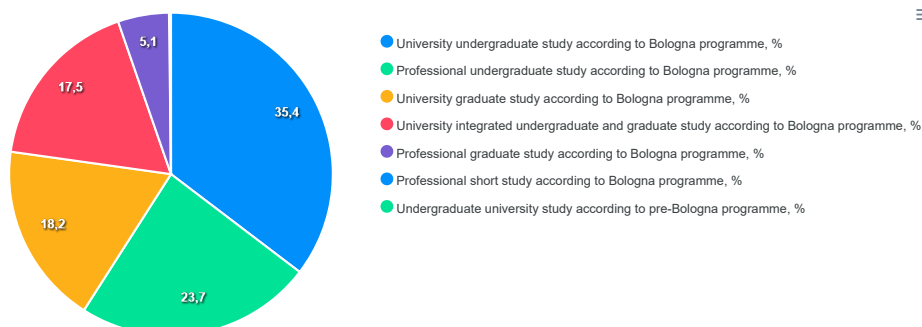
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2 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY TYPE OF STUDY, YEARS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

	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	148 383	53 472	47 817	34 700	5 726	5 511	1 157
	Male students	61 739	23 242	19 437	14 834	1 994	1 860	372
	Female students	86 644	30 230	28 380	19 866	3 732	3 651	785
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	58	10	10	10	5	23	-
	Male students	52	10	8	10	5	19	-
	Female students	6	-	2	-	-	4	-
Undergraduate university study	All	58	10	10	10	5	23	-
	Male students	52	10	8	10	5	19	-
	Female students	6	-	2	-	-	4	-
According to Bologna programme	All	148 325	53 462	47 807	34 690	5 721	5 488	1 157
	Male students	61 687	23 232	19 429	14 824	1 989	1 841	372
	Female students	86 638	30 230	28 378	19 866	3 732	3 647	785
Short professional study	All	28	22	5	1	-	-	-
	Male students	20	14	5	1	-	-	-
	Female students	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	35 137	11 983	8 979	13 749	426	-	-
	Male students	18 446	6 653	4 523	7 043	227	-	-
	Female students	16 691	5 330	4 456	6 706	199	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	7 674	3 258	4 416	-	-	-	-
	Male students	3 534	1 475	2 059	-	-	-	-
	Female students	4 140	1 783	2 357	-	-	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	52 492	20 254	14 543	16 415	1 280	-	-
	Male students	21 427	8 668	5 883	6 355	521	-	-
	Female students	31 065	11 586	8 660	10 060	759	-	-
University graduate study	All	26 984	11 409	15 575	-	-	-	-
	Male students	9 930	4 308	5 622	-	-	-	-
	Female students	17 054	7 101	9 953	-	-	-	-
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	26 010	6 536	4 289	4 525	4 015	5 488	1 157
	Male students	8 330	2 114	1 337	1 425	1 241	1 841	372
	Female students	17 680	4 422	2 952	3 100	2 774	3 647	785

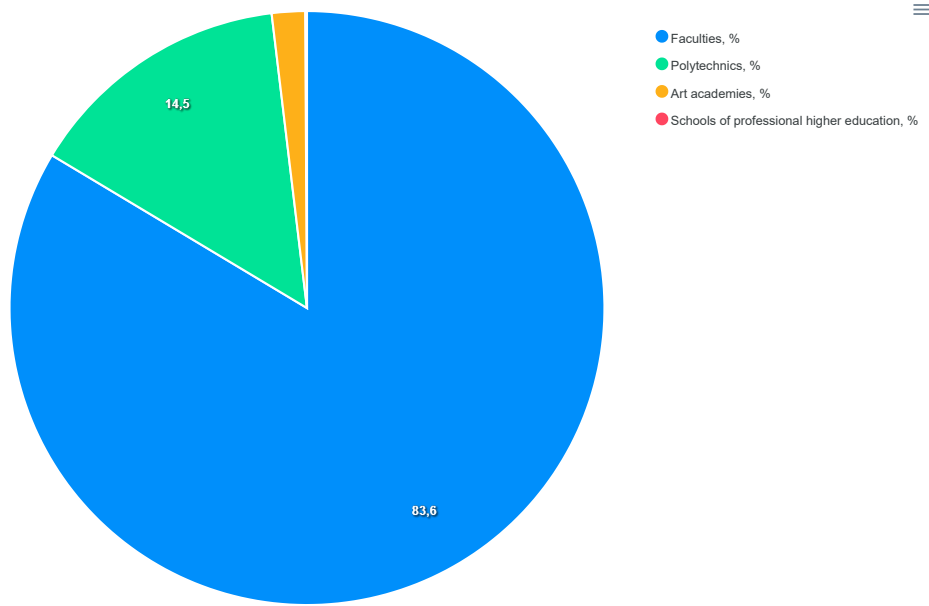
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3 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY GROUPS OF INSTITUTIONS, TYPE OF STUDY AND SEX, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Sex	Total	Schools of professional higher education	Polytechnics	Faculties			Art academies
					Total	Professional study	University study	
Institutions of higher education	All	148 383	29	21 643	124 013	21 167	102 846	2 698
	Male students	61 739	21	11 603	49 270	10 376	38 894	845
	Female students	86 644	8	10 040	74 743	10 791	63 952	1 853
According to pre-Bologna programme	All	58	-	-	58	-	58	-
	Male students	52	-	-	52	-	52	-
	Female students	6	-	-	6	-	6	-
Undergraduate university study	All	58	-	-	58	-	58	-
	Male students	52	-	-	52	-	52	-
	Female students	6	-	-	6	-	6	-
According to Bologna programme	All	148 325	29	21 643	123 955	21 167	102 788	2 698
	Male students	61 687	21	11 603	49 218	10 376	38 842	845
	Female students	86 638	8	10 040	74 737	10 791	63 946	1 853
Professional short study	All	28	-	-	28	28	-	-
	Male students	20	-	-	20	20	-	-
	Female students	8	-	-	8	8	-	-
Professional undergraduate study	All	35 137	29	17 502	17 606	17 606	-	-
	Male students	18 446	21	9 416	9 009	9 009	-	-
	Female students	16 691	8	8 086	8 597	8 597	-	-
Professional graduate study	All	7 674	-	4 141	3 533	3 533	-	-
	Male students	3 534	-	2 187	1 347	1 347	-	-
	Female students	4 140	-	1 954	2 186	2 186	-	-
University undergraduate study	All	52 492	-	-	51 188	-	51 188	1 304
	Male students	21 427	-	-	21 052	-	21 052	375
	Female students	31 065	-	-	30 136	-	30 136	929
University graduate study	All	26 984	-	-	26 227	-	26 227	757
	Male students	9 930	-	-	9 708	-	9 708	222
	Female students	17 054	-	-	16 519	-	16 519	535
University integrated undergraduate and graduate study	All	26 010	-	-	25 373	-	25 373	637
	Male students	8 330	-	-	8 082	-	8 082	248
	Female students	17 680	-	-	17 291	-	17 291	389

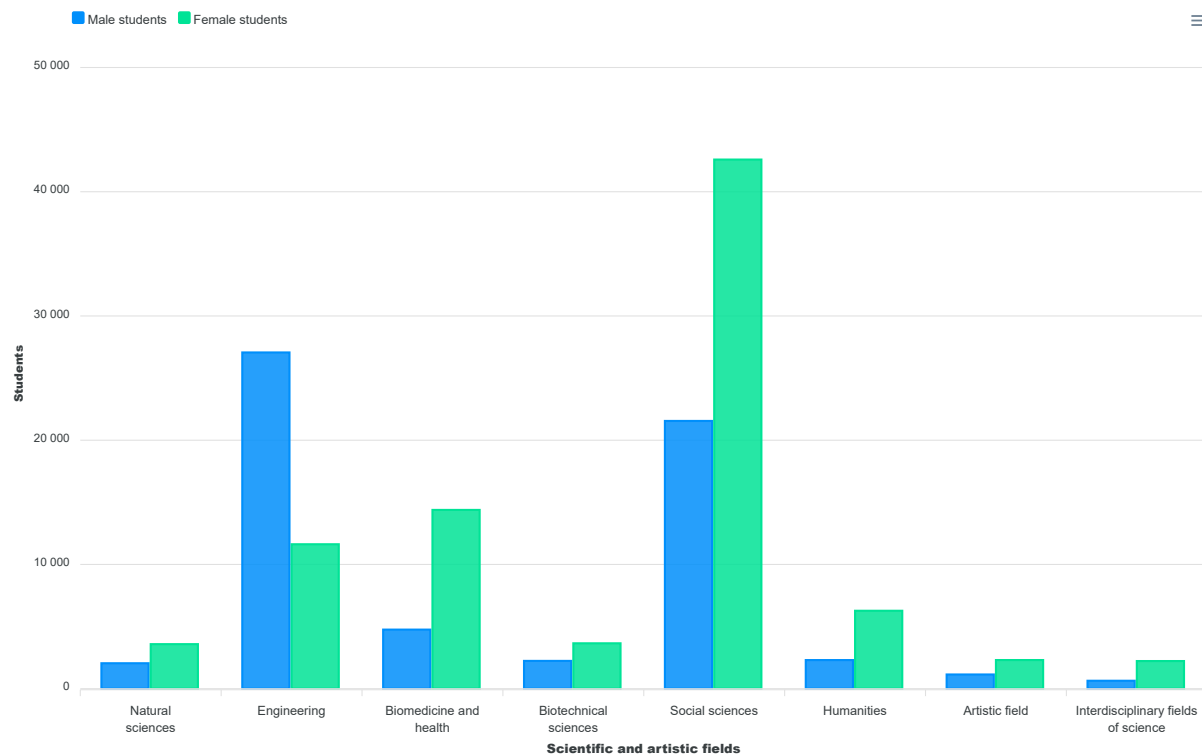
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4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY SCIENTIFIC AND ARTISTIC FIELDS OF STUDY AND SEX, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

	Scientific and artistic field of study								
	All	Natural sciences	Engineering	Biomedicine and health	Biotechnical sciences	Social sciences	Humanities	Artistic field	Interdisciplinary fields of science
Total	148 383	5 633	38 689	19 144	5 890	64 140	8 575	3 448	2 864
Female students	86 644	3 585	11 626	14 389	3 653	42 589	6 272	2 305	2 225
Schools of higher professional education	29	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	-
Female students	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Polytechnics	21 643	-	7 404	5 170	583	8 309	27	-	150
Female students	10 040	-	1 462	3 922	288	4 276	9	-	83
Faculties	124 013	5 633	31 285	13 974	5 307	55 787	8 484	1 172	2 371
Female students	74 743	3 585	10 164	10 467	3 365	38 279	6 227	779	1 877
Professional study	21 167	-	6 092	1 486	338	12 741	-	510	-
Female students	10 791	-	1 394	1 153	186	7 757	-	301	-
University study	102 846	5 633	25 193	12 488	4 969	43 046	8 484	662	2 371
Female students	63 952	3 585	8 770	9 314	3 179	30 522	6 227	478	1 877
Art academies	2 698	-	-	-	-	44	35	2 276	343
Female students	1 853	-	-	-	-	34	28	1 526	265

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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 2023/2024. 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 of Scientific and Artistic Areas, Fields and Branches (NN, Nos 118/09, 82/12, 32/13 and 34/16).

Institutions of higher education are universities as well as 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, and 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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