

# Undergraduate Prospectus



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“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

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

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“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 programs 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 Matic**

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

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“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.”

**Ejup Ganić**, Academician  
SSST Chancellor

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## Letter from the Chancellor

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.

### One of life's key landmarks – choosing SSST

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. 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 staff, our programs and research facilities help us 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). Additionally, these programs offer a second marketable speciality (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 as sophisticated culture at SSST – one of international networks, cross-cultural interactions, and haring off 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.



**Ejup Ganić**, Academician  
SSST Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Ganić'.

## 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 fulfil 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.

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 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.

**"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."**

Oslobodjenje  
daily newspaper, October 2004

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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, pre-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, 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 fully certified three-year programs within the Sarajevo Film Academy (SFA) including Game Design and Development as a joint program of the Computer Science Department and SFA.



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“The challenges of our time are many and they are complex. Globally, among other, we grapple with climate change, population ageing, inequality, geopolitical tensions, and the disillusionment with tech giants, as we confront the impact of our reliance on rapidly expanded technology, permeating every facet of our lives. Our response to these challenges lies in Industry 4.0 and Education 4.0.

The major characteristics of the University 4.0 model which we continue to develop include digital transformation (the permanent integration of technology as a learning tool that promotes the development of new innovative learning methods and intelligent environments); innovative and entrepreneurial transformation (introduction of entrepreneurship and business courses into engineering, health, and art curricula in order to encourage and mentor all students with business ideas, helping them turn these into profitable and socially responsible firms); and pedagogical transformation (facilitating access to educational content and improving the quality of learning).

In order to be ‘future-proof’, SSST is geared towards student-centred learning, where innovativeness and entrepreneurship are the principal characteristics of the university experience. Accordingly, brand new interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary programs are continuously introduced, promoting the ‘Medici effect’ to shape our future.”

**Dr. Vjekoslav Domljan**  
SSST Rector

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“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

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**SSST receives QS ranking as one of top 600 universities in the world in 2019**

University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) was ranked as one of the top 600 universities in the World and the best ranked university in the south-east European region (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Monte Negro, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Romania and Bulgaria) on the QS World University Ranking list in 2019. SSST occupied the 571st position, compared to University of Ljubljana at 651st or University of Zagreb and University of Belgrade jointly at the 801st position.

QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) is a leading global higher education company, best known for publishing the QS World University



Rankings – one of the world's most acknowledged university ranking systems.

QS is the only international ranking to have received International Ranking Expert Group (IREG) approval and is viewed as one of the top three most widely read university ranking in the world, along with Academic Rank-ing of World Universities and Times Higher Education World University Ranking.

The QS rankings methodology is comprised of strong indicators and weightings such as Academic Reputation (40%), Employer reputation (10%), faculty student-ratio (20%), citation per faculty (20%), international faculty (5%), and international students (5%).



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	√	√
Game Design and Development	3	180	-	√
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	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.





# 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 program is constantly updated to meet the developments in this dynamic field.

Academic Department

**"The Department of Computer Science 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 instil in them the self-confidence, independence, open-mindedness and aspiration to excel. 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 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  
Department

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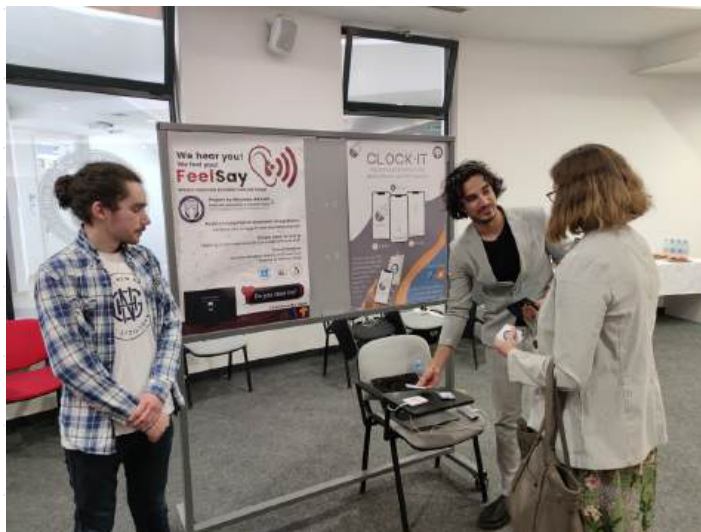






"As there are more and more devices and systems that collect data, it is more and more important to be able to manipulate that data and make use of it. Our CS program exposes you to topics and hands-on experience that introduce you to gathering and storing the data in an organized manner, but also to 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  
Industry Expert Lecturer,  
Computer Science Department



Computer Science students presenting their innovations to colleagues and entrepreneurs at SSST's Computer Science Poster Session



**Martin Farach-Colton**  
Acclaimed computer scientist from Rutgers University, USA, holding a lecture for SSST's Computer Science 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.



"We can be proud of the fact that Bosnia and Herzegovina is demonstrably rich in human potential, most readily observed in the large number of talented young people who, despite all challenges faced by our country, find ways to showcase their ability and achieve notable regional and international success. Such are the students of SSST's Faculty of Computer Science. Our curriculum enables students to continuously develop their skills, with a commitment to closely follow the latest market developments, enabling them to be competitive immediately after graduation. Practical work and projects are at the heart of our learning methodology, requiring clearly demonstrable competencies and, importantly, teamwork. We face all challenges together, geared up for hard work but always with enough room to enjoy each-others company. Through commitment to our common goals and ambitions, and with the support of dedicated teaching staff and professional partners from the industry, our students achieve outstanding results."



**Dr. Zanin Vejzović**  
Associate Professor,  
Computer Science Department



"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 student of Master's Program in Computer Science with focus on big data, Computer Science Department

"I am forever grateful to SSST University and the Computer Science Department for guiding my colleagues and me throughout our studies. The truth is that university years may be quite challenging for young people, not just in terms of the academic work, but in the larger context of setting the right course for their future careers. With CS Department staff, we received the mentorship, the support, and the soft skills we needed to position ourselves as new engineers on the market. I got a chance to travel, to study in Germany at the Friedrich Alexander University through the Erasmus Program, experience new cultures, and network with many IT specialists from around the globe. Throughout my study, SSST provided the space and the opportunity to engage with IT companies and build our first work experiences while still at university. Currently, I work for the UN Women Program in BiH, and am soon to complete my MA in Management in Information Systems. Through my work and in my private life, I wish to continue encouraging young people to pursue careers in the world of programming and programming languages. I continue to share in the SSST vision to support and sponsor talent, towards excellence and success in their chosen fields."



**Zerina Mandžo**  
SSST graduate,  
Computer Science Department  
(minor in Management)



"Studying at SSST gave me valuable knowledge as well as an excellent foundation for my future career. I chose a combination of software development and engineering and it helped me gain relevant skills in both hardware and software. More importantly, I have learned how to manage project teams, analyse and solve problems, and finally respect deadlines. I was particularly motivated to start my research and implementation of an automation control system for regulating ambient temperature as my final thesis project. As a result, I successfully published a scientific paper about my research project at the international IEEE conference held in Greece. Currently, I am doing my research engagement at La Trobe Innovation & Entrepreneurship Foundry (LIEF) in Melbourne, Australia where I am preparing for PhD research combining computer vision, image processing and machine & deep learning methodologies."

**Rijad Sarić**

SSST graduate, Computer Science Department  
(minor in Electrical 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

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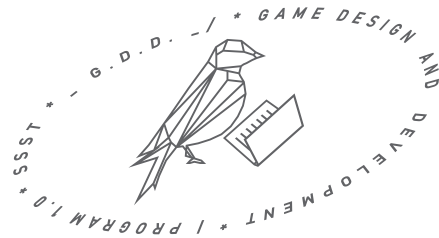
# Game Design and Development Program

With a new and unique interdisciplinary program in Game Design and Development, SSST once again takes the lead in becoming the first university in the region to offer a 3-year full undergraduate program in digital gaming. This is a dual degree program, with our graduates receiving a degree from both SSST and the University of Buckingham (UK). Our globally competitive approach insures that we meet both the technical and the artistic challenges of this fast-paced industry.

The BSc program in Game Design and Development (GDD) has been jointly created by the SSST's Department of Computer Science and the Sarajevo Film Academy, utilising a multidisciplinary approach that allows students

to work creatively while gaining essential technical skills. The program offers courses including programming, digital animation and graphics, 2D/3D modelling, directing, scriptwriting for games, editing, and more. From the first semester on, students learn how to master the game developing process while applying creative thinking to game design, exploring game concepts they are passionate about, and making games.

Notably, the GDD program has been developed and continues to grow in cooperation with industry partners. Through these collaborations, SSST professors and experts from computer sciences and information systems are joined by experienced game designers and developers, offering a hands-on, practical approach as well as



internships in a professional gaming studio. Students also work with lectures and tutors from an array of fields including film art, creative writing, philosophy, sociology, movement and anatomy, and other.



**„After successfully finishing the first year of the GDD program, I can say with confidence that my expectations have been exceeded. The curriculum offers a wide range of different subjects that equip students with knowledge needed to make it in the ever-growing gaming industry, all through a seamless blend of challenging and rewarding experiences. Possibly the best part of the program is the direct contact with industry experts where students are able to make connections and acquire first-hand insight into the extremely exciting world of gaming.“**

**David Nesimović**  
SSST graduate, Game Design and Development Program



Throughout the course of the program, the students will move between disciplines - through classes in directing, cinematography, body movement, psychology of characters, interlaced with algorithms, applied programming and computer graphics - towards a singular goal, the creation of a unique world, where imagination and technical skill create a final, competitive product.

SSST professors and experts from computer sciences and information systems are joined by experienced game designers and developers from professional gaming studio in a hands-on, practical approach that addresses the current trends and needs of a fast-paced industry. The program places particular focus on practi-

cal work in professional game development studio, thus providing students with experience of working creatively and collaboratively. Students will also work with lecturers and tutors from an array of fields including film art, philosophy, sociology, creative writing, anatomy, movement and more.

The outcome of the first academic year of the program is a storyboard, while students will learn the fundamentals of game design and development. The outcome of the second year is a Beta prototype of a game, while students will have explored character and model creation, level design and game environment. The outcome of the final year is a fully functional video game based on student's original idea, ready to release.





"Offering the first Game Design and Development course in Bosnia and Herzegovina is enough to show that SSST is governed by open minded people who look to the future. The new department drew my attention with an interesting curriculum, a great gaming lab, and industry outlook. I was so impressed that I decided to enrol. After a semester of attending the GDD program, I can confidently say that I am getting even more than I hoped for, and I am excited to see what awaits ahead."

**Tibor Jevicki**  
SSST graduate  
Game Design and Development  
Program



### THREE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT:

- » Unique interdisciplinary program jointly created by the SSST's Department of Computer Science and the Sarajevo Film Academy
- » Multidisciplinary approach that meets both the technical and artistic challenges of gaming industry, bringing together theory and application
  - » University of Buckingham Dual Degree program
- » Creative, lucrative careers and excellent job opportunities in one of the most exciting and fastest growing industries of the new millennium
  - » Industry experts join highly qualified academic staff to offer a truly multi-disciplinary and exciting learning experience
  - » Practical work in professional game development studio with experienced game designers and developers
- » A fully functional video game based on student's original idea, ready to release as the outcome of the program



"The Game Design and Development program was what drew me to study at SSST, being the first of its kind in our region. The University has exceeded my expectations in every way, from amazing professors to top-notch gaming laboratories. The GDD Department takes a unique interdisciplinary approach to teaching that allows the students to be creative while also learning essential technical skills."

**Ajla Abdukić**  
SSST student,  
Game Design and Development  
Program



For more information about the Game Design and Development Program and its courses, as well as the entrance examination process, please contact us via email address: [gaming@ssst.edu.ba](mailto:gaming@ssst.edu.ba) or via telephone: 033 975 002 / 060.



# Economics

As one of the key disciplines in social sciences, the field of 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.

## Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, holding a lecture during his official visit to SSST



"We are currently living in the time of the 4th industrial revolution, where the key resource is human capital, and the main challenge is the creation of original knowledge. At SSST, we want to aid our country's development through the creation of new, better and innovative jobs and companies, that will be competitive in the global market. Quality education is crucial in achieving these goals. The Department of Economics follows global trends and prepares students for what awaits tomorrow: the knowledge needed in the labor market, coupled with a critical and creative way of thinking when approaching everyday business challenges. In this way, SSST contributes as a generator of economic growth, not based on cheap labor force, but through development and implementation of new-world innovative solutions."

## Dr. Faruk Hadžić

Dean of Economics Department



## Expert Panel at the Mediterranean Forum 2023







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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 pro-gram consists of an optimal combi-nation 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 as information systems, politics, international relations, foreign languages, and the use of mathematical and statistical tools – all developing specific skills and creating highly competitive graduates.

„The Future of Education: Universities 4.0“ Conference at SSST



"I greatly benefitted from the British education system offered at SSST, which perfectly prepared me for both the challenges of pursuing my post-graduate studies at Cambridge University, and for my current employment at the World Bank Group. With its comprehensive approach, the undergraduate program in economics at SSST gave me a good overview of the different aspects of economics while at the same time allowing me to specialize in the area I was particularly interested in - development economics. I benefited from the opportunity to learn from leading regional experts, while being part of an incredibly vibrant community comprised of enthusiastic and high-calibre students, which fosters both teamwork and healthy competition. Beyond this, I really enjoyed the variety of events – forums, roundtables, conferences and seminars – that place SSST at the centre of discussion, policy creation and innovation in the field, and propel our critical thinking far beyond the classroom."

**Lejla Korman**  
 SSST graduate,  
 Economics Department  
 (minor in International Business)



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

\*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.



# Political Science and International Relations

Academic Department

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 (PSIR) 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.



**HE Christiane Hohmann**

Former German Ambassador to BiH during a roundtable discussion with SSST students and faculty



**“The Department of Political Science and International Relations at SSST benefits from the expertise of five full-time faculty members who bring into the department not only excellent instruction, but also research and mentoring. In the past three years the Department has been recognized as outstanding in the areas of research and development through continuous efforts of all our faculty and students whom we engage in various research projects. All our full and part-time faculty are committed to meeting the needs of our students, while at the same time working on expanding their political knowledge through research and international collaboration in all spheres of political science.”**

**Dr. Maja Savić-Bojanić**

Dean of Political Science and International Relations Department

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**“After completing my bachelor's degree in political science at SSST, I graduated from the Master's program in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Lund University in Sweden, for which I was awarded a Swedish Institute scholarship. Lund University is among the oldest in Europe, and has a legacy of innovation with products such as the medical ultrasound and Bluetooth stemming from it. The interdisciplinarity of the program at SSST prepared me for my postgraduate studies, enabling me to connect my knowledge in social sciences with innovation, and helping me bring fresh perspectives into my tech and business-driven classes. After graduating from my master's program, I returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina where I**

**work as a product manager in the company Ministry of Programming, helping startups from around the world develop their innovative ideas. Both during and after my bachelor's studies, the professors and staff at SSST nurtured an atmosphere of openness and dialogue, and were always there to offer academic advice and encouragement. SSST provided me with world-class education, a warm learning atmosphere, a strong network and some amazing memories.”**

**Mirna Dragaš**

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

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



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"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 (1947 – 2020)**

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



"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)



"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**

Associate Professor of History, Political Science and International Relations Department

Political Science and International Relations Department	
BA Degree Program	
Major	Minor*
Political Science and International Relations	Business
Political Science and International Relations	Diplomacy
Political Science and International Relations	International Law

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**HE Matthew Field**

Former British Ambassador to BiH during a roundtable discussion with SSST students and faculty





“I have completed my undergraduate studies in political science and international relations (with a minor in diplomacy) at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology University. Studying at SSST has not only allowed me to receive high quality education in my field, which has proved to be extremely beneficial to my future career prospects, but has also provided me with ample extracurricular activities that have improved many of my skills. I would say that two of the most important perks of studying at SSST are the engagement and support you receive from your professors, and the very active student life you get to experi-

ence. Various student clubs and events will not only allow you to gain useful experience, but will also be loads of fun. No matter which program you decide to enrol in, you can be sure that you will count your years at SSST as some of the best ones in your life, and the friendships that you will make in that period will last a lifetime.”

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



**Dr. Valentin Inzko** - Former High Representative and EU Special Representative (HR/EUSR) for Bosnia and Herzegovina



**HE Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**  
United Kingdom Prime Minister's Special Representative  
on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict during a lecture at SSST



**Mr. Željko Komšić**  
The Chairman of the Presidency of BiH  
held a guest lecture at SSST





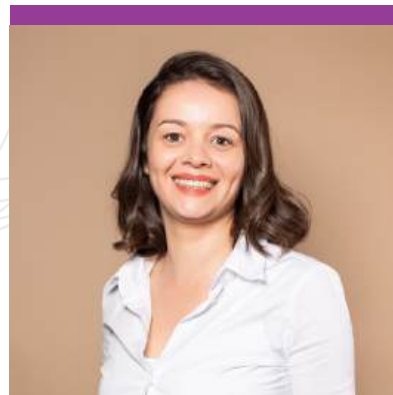
# Foreign Languages



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 and other. 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.

**"After graduating from SSST, I started working as a translator/interpreter for numerous international organizations such as OSCE, EUFOR, and Access International, while simultaneously teaching English language in an educational institution. I am currently also pursuing a PhD study in English Language and Literature. During my studies at SSST, I have really benefited from the attention given to me by highly experienced and dedicated teachers, further enabled by small class sizes. What makes studying at this university such a priceless experience is the fact that the curriculum is up to date with the latest academic and scientific trends, and offers a combination of theory and practical knowledge 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, through networking and contacts gained throughout my program."**

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



**Džana Zahirović - cPhD**  
Coordinator of Foreign Languages Department  
(German Language and Literature)

**"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."**

## Bachelor of Arts (BA) 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.





### Bachelor of Arts (BA) 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 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** – Mphil  
Foreign Languages Department  
(English Language and Applied Studies)



"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 - cPhD**

Coordinator of 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

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# Medicine

In 2014, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology launched the first private medical school in the region, introducing a 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 include the Department of Dentistry and the Department of Pharmacy, all offering full degree programs.



**Dr. Aida Hajdarpašić**  
Dean of Sarajevo Medical School

**"At Sarajevo Medical School, we strive for excellence. We educate our students to be the best in patient care and research, but also to contribute and be valuable members of their community. With the advent of the pandemic, we all witnessed firsthand the importance of highly trained but also creative and compassionate physicians able to adapt to new and challenging circumstances. This is why Sarajevo Medical School offers state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for our students' training, enabling them to overcome any future challenges in practice. Our diverse and highly trained faculty is there to encourage excellence through the highest standards of ethics, creativity and compassion.**

**If these are the skills and values you wish to uphold, it is with great honour we welcome you to the Sarajevo Medical School."**

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Students complete the clinical portion of their training at the University Clinical Centre in Sarajevo (UKCS), 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 begin face-to-face work in professional 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.



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

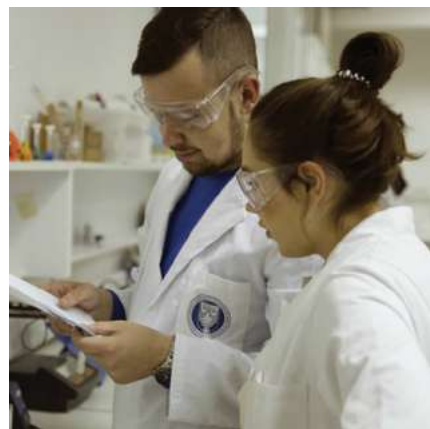






## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

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.



“As a first-generation student, I didn't know what to expect when I began my studies at Sarajevo Medical School. However, I soon learned that there is a special and engaging environment at this university, as professors would always go out of their way to help students who were eager to learn. The exceptional curriculum focuses on addressing the emerging needs in health care. Through my studies, I was allowed to complete various medical training courses at some of the leading health care institutions in the world. Some of my fondest memories were attending various extracurricular activities organized by the university staff, where my colleagues and I were able to learn about the most recent developments in the field of medicine. My time at SSST has provided me with the necessary skills to achieve my dream of becoming a plastic surgeon. I am excited to start the next phase of my journey during my upcoming maxillofacial surgery residency at the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo.”

**Aladin Mrzić**  
SSST graduate, Sarajevo Medical School



## 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 towards publishing work in indexed scientific journals. From 2015, 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 of the Association of Medical Schools in Europe.



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### Sarajevo Medical School offers:

➤ **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 LICENSING EXAM IN USA**



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**Nedim Maltez**  
SSST graduate,  
Sarajevo Medical School

“I am a graduate of the first generation of the Sarajevo Medical School, currently working as a doctor in Primary Healthcare Centre Novi Grad. From the first day of our studies, we all felt welcomed and supported by both the academic and administrative staff of the University. As the coordinator of MEDICA – the association of medical students at SSST, I am proud to note that students were always able to express their ideas and plans to both the University and our Department management, and that we were consistently provided with opportunities to attend congresses, seminars, guest lectures and more. We were supported in navigating a challenging and rewarding program, but also in organizing numerous activities and events of importance for our professional improvement. Moreover, the University was there to support our employment after graduating. Simply put, if you want to follow the world’s latest trends in education in general, and medical science and research in particular, Sarajevo Medical School is the right place for you!”

Medicine





**Andela Paradžik**  
SSST graduate,  
Sarajevo Medical School

“I thought that after I complete my studies I will not be able to avoid the expected sequence of events that include the employment bureau, waiting for my professional exam to be scheduled, then interviewing and hoping for employment. Before I defended my final thesis at SSST, through University support I applied to Eurofarm with the goal of completing my obligatory professional training. After witnessing my effort and assessing my knowledge, Eurofarm offered me a contract. This means I had secured employment even before I defended my final thesis and passed my professional exam. I proudly look back at my six years of study at SSST, which served as a true springboard on the way to my professional success. Today, a year after graduating, I am at the beginning of a new chapter in my life – having started my specialization in Gynecology and Obstetrics. I am thankful to all of my professors and assistants who were available to us at all times and who were, above all, always up to the task of enabling a new generation of doctors. I wish all my colleagues much success in their work and look forward to us continuing to compete in excellence!”

“I chose to enrol at Sarajevo Medical School because I really liked the hands-on approach it provides. Student groups are rather small and the curriculum is clinic-oriented. Even as a first-year medical student one can get clinical exposure. Importantly, Sarajevo Medical School has highly qualified and very dedicated professors and teaching assistants. They are always available to help both academically and personally – whether it be with a piece of advice or writing a recommendation letter. Moreover, Sarajevo Medical School has a very vibrant student body, including hardworking students from various backgrounds. Being surrounded by diversity is very important in the process of minting a good physician. Medicine is beautiful but also greatly challenging vocation. For this reason, I believe that having a supportive environment is key to success.”



**Jasmina Šuko**  
SSST graduate,  
Sarajevo Medical School



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



# Dentistry

With a vision to be recognized locally and internationally as a modern, progressive, and innovative centre of excellence, the Sarajevo Medical School's Department of Dentistry is supported by an ambitious curriculum and state-of-art facilities and labs.

The coursework covers all major tenets of general and specialist dental practice and oral health policies, with practical work at the heart of academic learning. We educate students to become greatly competitive professionals, while fostering a commitment to high ethical standards in patient care.



**“The Sarajevo Dental School is one of the youngest departments of the University SSST but has quickly positioned itself as one of the fastest growing and ambitious academic programs offered. In addition to classes being taught in English, the program includes a great number of practical classes which are taught by renowned experts in the field, with a focus on working in small groups. The School boasts the most up-to-date equipment for preclinical and clinical courses. The Sarajevo Dental School at the University SSST has become a permanent member of the Association for Dental Education in Europe, which provides academic exchange opportunities for our students and staff at the best dental schools in Europe.”**

**dr. Senad Muhasilović**  
Coordinator of the Department  
of Dentistry



Our goals are achieved through the interaction of exceptionally qualified professors and assistants, working in a creative environment, with up-to-date equipment and technology. Pre-clinical exercises are supported by the availability of multiple “phantoms” which simulate patients and allow students to practice a full range of procedures on artificial teeth, from repairs and extractions, to creating fixed and mobile prosthetics. Students quickly progress to clinical subjects, working on real dental chairs directly with patients. Our teaching methodology utilizes problem-based learning, small groups approach, practical lab work and case-centered study.

The program's full arch is clinically focused, with mentored placements in clinical settings and internships offered to students as early as following the first year of studies.

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**“I wanted to become a dentist since I was in a high school and SSST fulfilled my wish. Now I'm the sixth year of dentistry and when I look back I can say that this university brought me a lot of nice things, new friends (students and professors) and a lot of experience. I absolutely love studying dentistry in SSST for a multitude of different reasons. The university offers hands-on experience with top of the line equipment and materials. We are placed into an environment that fosters learning and growth through practice and reassurance of the skill. We also get experience with patients which builds intrapersonal skills and truly prepares each and every student for the real-world! Studying at SSST has been an amazing journey that has benefited me in ways I could never imagine!”**

### Nejla Zeba

SSST student, Department of Dentistry



**“Studying dentistry at the Sarajevo Medical School has given me an incredible chance to focus on what I have wanted to do ever since I was young. The lecture format, the curriculum, the fact that my studies are in entirely English, and the fact that we are studying in a diverse and international environment, are all reasons that contributed to my decision to choose SSST. Professors who share their knowledge with enthusiasm and exceptional resources we are given to work and develop our skills, allow us a true hands-on approach to learning from multiple vantage points across all subjects. Aside from dental expertise, our program provides good background knowledge in general medicine, an essential aspect of becoming an excellent dentist. Students at SSST have access to the latest literature and outstanding labs, and we begin interacting with patients as early as our first year.”**

### Iman Prcić

SSST student, Department of Dentistry



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# Pharmacy

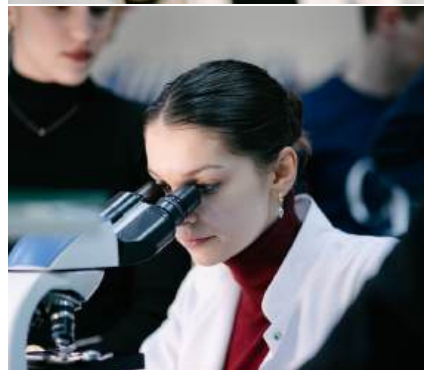
Offering a carefully developed, modern program in pharmacy for students who want to pursue careers in a wide range of pharmaceutical science, our department is supported by both outstanding facilities and highly qualified teaching staff that draws from industry experts.

Graduates of the program are equipped to pursue a number of professional paths; including pharmaceutical patient care through community and hospital pharmacies, various roles in pharmaceutical industry-related government and regulatory agencies, research and development, academia, and clinical specialties such as clinical pharmacy. Building on developed competencies and strengthening their resumes in advance, our students complete internship placements in a variety of professional settings, as part of their study program.

The entire 5-year curriculum combines a strong academic foundation with application of scientific principles in practice, through active learning and accent on practical work reflecting the latest technological advances.

After completing their basic studies and receiving their degree, the students have the option to specialize further in various fields by continuing their academic development at SSST or abroad, or – aided by SSST's network of partnerships pharmaceutical companies, pharmacy chains, professional associations, as well as other business and scientific-research entities – secure employment during their final academic year. Further, SSST's pharmacy program is fully harmonized with the relevant EU regulations, allowing students to apply for jobs in EU countries on equal footing. \*

\*Fulfillment of regulations specific to each individual member state, to which all other students from EU countries are subject, may apply.



"Educating pharmacists of the future, trained to respond to emerging health challenges through the development of new drugs and formulations, and able to provide a quick, accurate, timely and economical service to patients and other stakeholders of the healthcare system through the application of state-of-the-art digital technologies, is the basic guiding idea of pharmacy studies at our University. As future healthcare professionals, our students are guided towards being the creators of new solutions and approaches, using their knowledge to shape future trends in pharmaceutical service and science."

**Tarik Čatić** - PhD Pharm  
Coordinator of the Department of Pharmacy



"One decision I know I will certainly not regret in the future is studying Pharmacy at SSST. Pharmacy program allows us to work with top-of-the-rank professors and experts in the field, who present each lesson interactively and engagingly. It is important to emphasize that books and theory are not the core of the program; the hands-on approach in practical courses is what distinguishes this program from others and prepares us so well for our future careers. I would always recommend SSST to all prospective students for the same reasons I chose SSST: because it offers a world class experience and quality of education right here in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The commitment of our professors and their clear desire for our success is certainly one of my favorite things."

**Nejlja Pljakić**  
SSST student, Department of Pharmacy



# UniMed University Polyclinic

With the start of 2022, SSST opened doors to the first private University Polyclinic in BiH. Housed within SSST's main building, the 600m2 space is equipped to offer the most modern diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, positioning itself as a leading out-patient health center in our nation's capital. Drawing on a hugely experienced staff, including a number of country's leading specialists in their fields,

UniMed offers comprehensive health services in fields of internal medicine, cardiology, endocrinology, gynecology, dentistry and oral surgery, as well as laboratories for pathology and pathohistology. UniMed laboratory program delivers services and analyses in the field of hematology, biochemistry, immunology, and provides a variety of tests that are in step with most current methods, on state-of-art instruments. Laboratory equipment consists of automatic, highly sophisticated analytical systems, the operation of which is monitored on a daily basis.



Providing services in general dentistry along with an oral surgery practice, led by experienced dentists and specialists in oral surgery.

Driven by a mission to provide every patient with health care service of the highest standard, our team of top specialists and leading-edge equipment provide the shortest path to diagnosis and recommendations for treatment. Closely associated with SSST's Medical School, UniMed further provides a teaching and research center, ensuring a continuity of excellence though funded projects that serve the persistent development of services, methods and technical capabilities of the polyclinic.



UniMed specialists in internal medicine offer care for a wide variety of health conditions, solving complex diagnostic problems where several conditions may overlap, addressing chronic disease, performing pre-operative evaluations and other.



UniMed offers all types of gynecological examinations and interventions with the most modern medical equipment for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.



Pathology and Pathohistological laboratories deliver pathological analysis services using both routine and advanced tests in all areas of clinical pathology and pathohistology.



The laboratory program enables clinicians and patients to obtain the results necessary to make a diagnosis, monitor the course of the disease and evaluate the effectiveness of the applied therapy as soon as possible.

## SARAJEVO FILM ACADEMY

The programs of the Sarajevo Film Academy (SFA) are developed as an interactive platform with three basic sections: theoretical lectures, practical workshop 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.

Academic Department



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"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 at the SFA, most of our work was practical, the theory immediately tested, exercised, used. We were given access to some of the greatest filmmakers of today. Each day I was inspired by my professors."

**Ado Hasanović**  
BFA graduate



**Gus Van Sant**  
Workshop,  
Spring Semester  
2015

"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 felt I was progressing more and more. The progress was seen in each one of us, as individuals and as a class."

**Amela Čuhara**  
BFA graduate

"It's important to be prepared before making a film. At the Sarajevo Film Academy, we learned all the needed steps, and felt empowered with solid filmmaking knowledge before embarking on our projects. We're all capable of much more than we might think in the pursuit of great film making, that's something you'll soon see here at SFA."

**Ian Gulestøl**  
BFA graduate



**Carlos Reggadas**  
Workshop,  
Fall Semester 2016

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## 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 40 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.

## 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.

For applications and to learn more about Sarajevo Film Academy opportunities, programs and lecturers, visit us at :

[www.sfa.ba](http://www.sfa.ba)  
or contact  
[admissions@sfa.ba](mailto:admissions@sfa.ba)



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**"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 were constantly made to question the need to make that film."**

**Ghazy Alqudcy**  
MFA graduate

**"More than just a postgraduate course, at SFA we were 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 challenging and gratifying life experience, one that has enabled me to grow and learn about myself and the reality around me."**

**Fernando Nogari**  
MFA graduate

**"The Sarajevo Film Academy provided me with the opportunity and freedom to explore the language of film and further develop as an artist with her own voice and form of expression. Studying at SFA is an experience that required me to bolster my courage and determination, but also required me to come to terms about how I want to see myself in the evolution of cinematography."**

**Rea Memić**  
BFA graduate



**Gael Garcia Bernal**  
Workshop,  
Spring Semester  
2015

**"The school itself has been a bit of surreal experience as I've listened, talked to and worked with some of my favourite 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."**

**Patrick Marshall**  
MFA graduate



**Tilda Swinton**  
Workshop,  
Spring Semester  
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."**

**Levan Lomjaria**  
MFA graduate



**Juliette Binoche**  
Workshop,  
Spring Semester  
2015

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## Vibrant and Diverse Student Community



MEDICA's Holiday Bazaar for charity at SSST

SSST has an ever-growing number of clubs and student organizations that reflect the many talents and interests of our lively student community. It takes just a few students joined together in some common interest or pursuit for SSST to 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 longest-standing ENTER Club - whose charity actions, in particular - make us proud and mindful of 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. Club members' achievements are noted by SSST and provide potent references for our students when pursuing scholarships and placements for further study or employment across the world.



"The university in itself offers countless opportunities and a multitude of experiences, but ENTER is a completely new responsibility and experience of student life. From the best parties to the most selfless humanitarian organizations. It is always interesting to see the reaction of students when they have the opportunity to help those in need and witness their joy. ENTER is also a club for every student, regardless of the department they study, and everyone is welcome in our small organization."

**-Amina Bešić, Medina Begić and Inas Khatib**

### A word from the Dean of Students...

"The student is at the very centre 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 lifelong friendships and a lifetime's worth of memories."

**Emina Ganić**  
Dean of Students,  
Director of Sarajevo Film Academy







"As a student of both medicine and dentistry at SSST, my week can be very busy with studying and clinical practice. It is very important for me to have an outlet and create some free time to take my mind off work. With a passion for music and playing the guitar, here at SSST I have the opportunity to meet like-minded people through our club – the SSST Band. We meet every week to play music together and we have special occasion performances in and out of the university. The band gives me the opportunity to express myself, and more importantly, it has given me friendships that will last a lifetime."

**Adem Hadrović**

SSST graduate, Computer Science Department, former SSST Band member



"The diversity of SSST community is evident through Enter Student Club where each student has the opportunity to creatively engage in a variety of extra-curricular activities beyond the university campus. We organize and attend conferences, inspire students to engage in the world of activism, and make children smile during the holiday season through various charity actions. ENTER is a perfect club for anyone who wants to share their ideas and make them a reality. Above all, every day we strive to create a better, more engaged, welcoming and inspiring SSST for future generations."

**Hadžera Selimović**

SSST student, Political Science and International Relations Department, ENTER Club Coordinator



"The SSST Sports Club is one of the many hubs of student extra-curricular activities but certainly one of the most lively. It not only promotes health and exercise, but teamwork and communication. Since 2008, the club has been especially effective in fostering friendships and collaborations between students of all departments and years of study. Once a week, we organize friendly Basketball, Volleyball, and Football matches that are open to all interested students and staff. The SSST Sports club is a strong pillar of the vibrant community of our University."

**Bekir Hadžimerović**

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



**Belma Kučukalić**

SSST graduate and former Co-chair of ENTER Club, 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



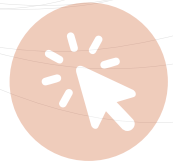
SSST's MUN Club at MUNAPEST





“Being the Head of the Entrepreneurship Club is an immense honor, but also a great responsibility. A year ago, our Club - one of the oldest and most active at the University - was greatly boosted by the opening of the SSST Innovation Lab, a unique space for the most driven Entrepreneurship Club members to develop their business ideas into startups. They are not alone in their ambitious pursuits but are guided by mentors, experts and advisors and provided opportunities to find their first investors. Our Club welcomes students from all SSST departments, tailoring various workshops to their interests, and ensuring that every student with an entrepreneurial spirit can learn and thrive through the Club's activities. These activities also include mock-up pitches and lectures from numerous successful businesspeople that help everyone elevate their entrepreneurial skills. As a future entrepreneur, I strongly believe that being part of the Entrepreneurship Club gives every student a springboard to discover market opportunities, unlock their business potential, and showcase their knowledge to the world.”

**Una Karabeg**  
 SSST graduate, Economics Department  
 Entrepreneurship Club Coordinator



“The idea for a gaming club came to us after discussing how fun it would be if we were able to use the Game Design and Development (GDD) lab to its full potential by holding game tournaments for charity and other fundraisers. Soon we also realized that with a club like this, we can give other students the opportunity to express themselves creatively and help them make their own stories and characters for their games. Considering we're only the second generation of GDD students, we saw an opportunity to create a community that didn't exist at SSST and wanted to give everyone a chance to become a part of it. After announcing the existence of the club and creating our first tournament, students were already asking to join and help run the club. In the near future, we plan to educate people on the practices from within the gaming industry and, of course, to hold more gaming events.”

**Taida Poplata**  
 SSST student, Game Design and Development Program, Level Up Club Coordinator



“MEDICA Association is a great platform that brings together the students of SSST's Medical School, allowing them to learn new things and make new friendships with future colleagues along the way. We are honored to have the opportunity to help those in need by organizing humanitarian and community-oriented actions. Through our organization, we are able to practice the most crucial part of being a doctor, which is helping those in need. We are supported by SSST in organizing various workshops and projects, and take part in specialized seminars, conferences and other. We are looking forward to welcoming new members and implementing new ideas in the time ahead.”

**Aida Mujčin**  
 SSST student, Sarajevo Medical School  
 MEDICA Coordinator



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



SSST Volleyball Team



SSST Sports Cup for students, faculty and staff



# 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 labour 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 relations. 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 engagements both at home and abroad.

From 2015 onwards, SSST has been enabling student and staff exchange throughout Europe. We have had the

pleasure of hosting incoming students in film, economics and business, political science and international relations from the universities in Germany and the United Kingdom, as well as encouraging SSST students to pursue mobility opportunities in the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, France, Czech Republic and other. SSST grows each year in terms of possibilities for students to experience, learn, develop and adapt to student life on an international scale.



Stanford University students



**“Since we entered the SSST University, we knew we wanted to participate in a student exchange program, the Erasmus program in particular. We were excited to learn that SSST offers a chance for its students to be a part of it. While such an experience brings a lot of benefits in terms of academic growth and future employability, it also exposes a student to a world of new challenges and opportunities. We applied for student exchange at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS). Though it is a large university, it has a strong sense of community; it is lively, multicultural, and there is always something going on. We were very excited to be a part of it. Needless to say, we were missing some of our closest friends we**

**met at SSST and the tiny parts of our daily life spent with them, whether it was travelling to university together, preparing for our exams, or getting lunch at the university restaurant. Aside from our friends, we also missed our SSST professors, who have always shown us support and help in everything we did. After all, there is no place like home! If you have any doubts about taking a semester abroad, trust us when we say it is an experience you do not want to miss out on. Regardless of the country or the university, it is always a great idea to develop academically and personally, make friends from all over the world, and expand your horizons.”**

**Adna Softić & Amila Lelo**

SSST graduates, Political Science and International Relations Department





**Gijs Bekkers**  
University HAN in Netherlands,  
exchange student at SSST's  
Economics Department



"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. When I arrived, I 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."



**Ema Mandura**  
SSST graduate,  
Computer Science Department

"As a third-year computer science student at SSST, I took the opportunity to study abroad for one semester in Erlangen at FAU as part of the Erasmus+ program. Like most people, I had a lot of concerns about studying abroad, but now that I am back, I would recommend it to everyone. Adapting to a new environment is always challenging, but the Erasmus program is organized so well that the process is made as easy as possible. From an academic aspect, experiencing a different teaching regime and comparing it to the one at SSST helped me learn to appreciate the good practices at our university, but also become aware of other methods used at universities across the world. This was particularly helpful for choosing where to do my postgraduate studies and estimating how well I can adapt to a new system. When it comes to putting together a learning agreement, which is a document that specifies which classes the student will be taking at the receiving institution, SSST has a very good policy. For my semester at FAU, I was obligated to take classes corresponding to the ones taken by my colleagues at SSST, with the same syllabi and number of ECTS credits. This was extremely important as it allowed me to easily continue my studies at SSST, without feeling like I was lagging behind. From the social aspect, Erasmus offers incredible options for exploring new cultures. I got a chance to live as a part of German society for six months, improve my language skills and learn German customs – from table manners to how the banking system works – but this was only a small part of broadening my horizons. I also had the opportunity to meet people from all around the world who I have made friends with. We enjoyed weekly dinners with people cooking traditional dishes and sharing stories about their countries and while I talked to people from Spain, Mexico or Ireland, who barely knew where or what Bosnia and Herzegovina was, I felt like I was personally contributing to putting BiH on the world map. When I was leaving Erlangen, I left with suitcases full of memories, experiences, knowledge and invitations to places I had never been to before."



Stanford University students  
in visit to SSST



# Long-term Commitment to Quality



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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 15 000 m2 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 post-

graduate 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.

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.

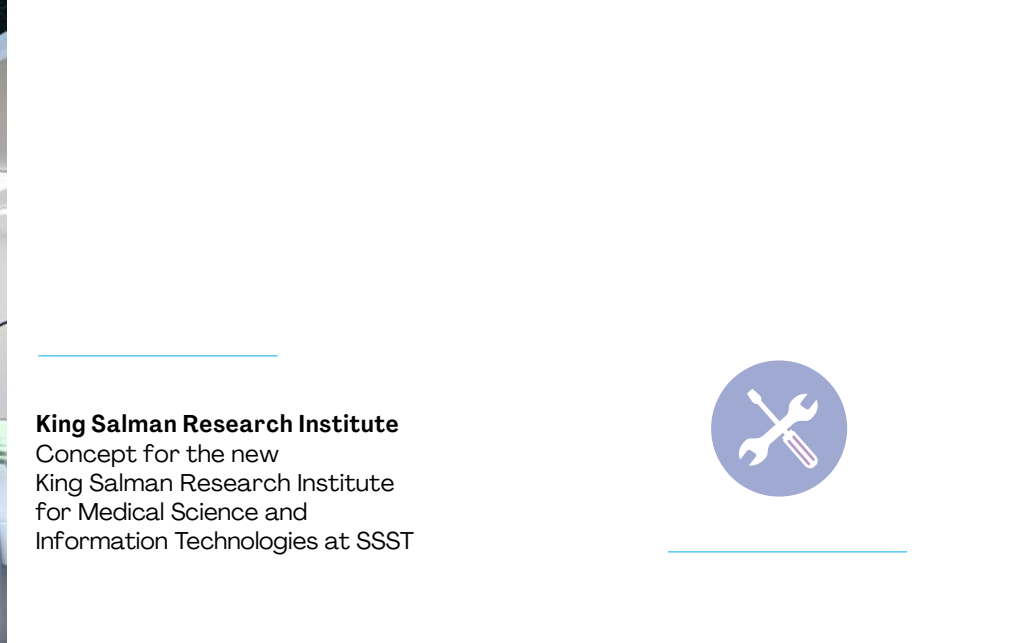
We enter each new academic year with greater ambition and drive to excel; and we look forward to meeting you on our journey.



**Emir Ganić** – PhD, MBA  
SSST Executive Director

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**King Salman Research Institute**  
Concept for the new  
King Salman Research Institute  
for Medical Science 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 campus offers the most modern teaching and conference facilities in the region, on par with the world's leading universities and conference centers



SSST Cafeteria and Restaurant



SSST Auditorium and Bookstore





## SSST Innovation Lab

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Located on the ground floor of our main building, SSST Innovation Lab is a hub of creative and entrepreneurial activity. Following notable successes of SSST graduates who, during their University years, started projects and companies that grew into successful businesses (among them olx.ba, korpa.ba, eKupon.ba, goody.ba), the SSST Innovation Lab was created to provide an even stronger platform to support students and alumni harboring an entrepreneurial spirit and working on their own business ideas.

The Lab provides both a physical space including co-working stations, meeting and presentation areas - and support in developing and honing ideas in form of guided mentorship and consultants (including legal, ac-

counting and government experts). SSST further engages academic and industry experts to aid students working in diverse areas including mobile app development, Healthtech, AI, IoT, blockchain, crypto currencies, AR, VR, games development, Fintech, Greentech or other.

Projects in advanced stage of development are selected for meetings with potential domestic and international investors, while all young entrepreneurs are provided with networking opportunities as well as participation in startup and innovation competitions.

Business ideas with the highest market potential are financially supported by the University and our industry partners.



In line with the University's new Strategy Document that puts SSST on the path of becoming the first university of fourth generation (University 4.0) in our region, we are mindful that according to the latest analysis by the World Economic Forum and UNICEF, 8 out of 10 young people will have to create jobs for themselves by the year 2030. Further, global statistics show that 9 out of 10 startups launched within a university ecosystem survive the first five years of business, while the success rate for startups developed in all other environments is only 2 out of 10.



“University SSST provides exceptional formal and informal education in entrepreneurship and innovation for all interested students, bringing them one step closer to launching their own business. All young entrepreneurs and innovators coming out of SSST Innovation Lab are creators of new, better, green and sustainable jobs. Mentorship and networking through industry relations and partnerships are in the focus of all our entrepreneurial programs.”

Dr. Nedim Čelebić  
SSST Innovation Lab Coordinator



## 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 post-graduate degree programs offered by the SSST in Computer Science, Game Design and Development, 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



"As the recently appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham, I am pleased to continue the excellent partnership that we have with the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology. SSST is now our longest standing partner, and in the past 16 years we have seen both Buckingham and SSST grow in terms of what we can offer our students. As we move into the new year, I am confident that we can build on our established foundation and continue to deliver high-quality programs to all current students, and those who wish to join us."



**Professor James Tooley**  
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-five years ago.

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.



SSST students at the Graduation Ceremony in the United Kingdom



In a ranking published by the Times Higher Education newspaper on 10 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.

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.

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



## 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 touch 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.



**Aida Hadžić**  
SSST graduate  
BA in Political Science and International Relations,  
minor in International Law

"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 Collier 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."



**Andrea Pozderac**  
 SSST graduate  
 BA in Political Science and  
 International Relations,  
 minor in International Law and  
 Diplomacy

"Studying political science and international relations at SSST enabled me to delve deeper into past and contemporary contexts of the field through an interdisciplinary approach. Thanks to the incredible professors, who are not only amazing academics but fantastic mentors, I felt empowered to pursue academic excellence and advance my career. Their expertise and experience helped me enhance my critical thinking and analytical skills. Thanks to their support, I had the privilege and the honour to get a full scholarship at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service where I'm currently pursuing my M.A. in German and European Studies. I am incredibly grateful to my PSIR professors at SSST for their mentorship and endless support which assisted me in maturing academically and developing as a person."



"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 olx.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 a 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 overnight. In business, as in life, success usually comes from some nobler motivation - a wish to contribute to or promote your community, locally, regionally, and globally. Money should be a bonus, never primary focus."



**Emir Pilavdžić**  
 SSST graduate  
 BSc in Information Systems,  
 minor in Economics







“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 chose to pursue my M.A. in Computer Science at the University SSST because I discovered it had a great academic reputation in this field, and that it welcomed students from countries across the world. I was not disappointed. SSST gave me great opportunities to prosper in the IT and academic world in BiH as well as internationally. I would not have been able to do that without the invaluable support of the Computer Science Department. SSST will always be my second home.”

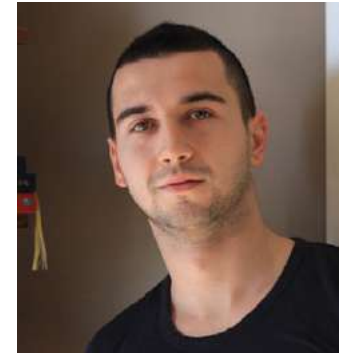
**Alican Balik**  
SSST graduate  
MSc in Computer Science  
with Focus on Big Data



“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

**Mirza Terzić**  
SSST graduate  
BSc in Political Science and International Relations,  
minor in EU Integrations/International Organizations

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 enrol 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.”



**Amila Karačić**  
SSST graduate  
BSc in Information Systems, minor in Political Science

"Study programs at SSST are rigorous, challenging but most of all rewarding. Group discussions, debates, presentations, team work, have all prepared me for my career path and the position of Deputy Program Director at the International Republican Institute where, among other things, I am managing national and regional programs that aim to counter threats to democracy and support new rising stars among young political leaders and policy makers. My studies at SSST have equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary to create and implement innovative programs that bring together technology and democracy work. As an alumnus I feel as part of the SSST family and we look forward to engaging future SSST students."



"After high school I had many opportunities abroad, and I chose to stay in BiH and study at SSST. Honestly, it was the best choice! At first, I was the most attracted by double degree program. Afterwards, when studies started, I was amazed with the friendly professors who endeavoured to share with us all of their industry experience, as from technical - software engineer perspective, also from the business point of view. Which is one of the reasons I opened an IT company with my husband (also SSST alumni) only six months after the thesis defence. SSST is full of opportunities and provides great atmosphere for every student to thrive and excel, and I am delighted to still be linked to SSST as a teaching assistant."



**Azemina Čelebić**  
SSST graduate  
BSc in Computer Science,  
minor in Electronic and Electrical Engineering



**Zana Karkin**  
SSST graduate  
BSc in Information Systems, minor in Economics

"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."

"I have been one of the lucky candidates to experience what the Czech Government Scholarships 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 Čatović**  
SSST graduate  
BSc in Computer Science,  
minor in Electrical Engineering







**Endi Zulfic**  
 SSST graduate  
 BSc in Political Science and  
 International Relations,  
 minor in EU Integrations/  
 International Organizations

"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 Master's Program 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."





# Financing Your Education at SSST

## 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.

## 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.

In cooperation with its partners, SSST secured a record fund for scholarships



in the amount of 1.2 million KM in the last year alone. Aware of the fact that choosing the right university is one of the most important decisions for high school students, SSST wants to provide more diverse and better choices for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina. After passing the entrance exam, the best candidates are awarded scholarships for enrolment in any of the faculties within SSST whose high standards in the quality of the teaching process, selection of academic staff and advanced research infrastructure lay grounds for outstanding education focused on innovation and new markets. 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\*.

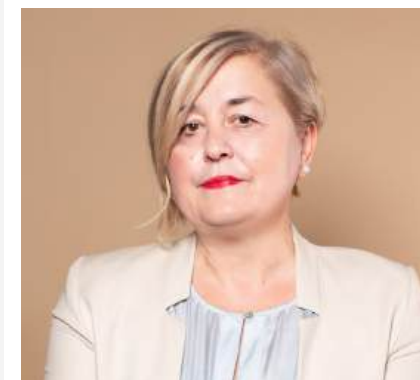
\*Conditions such as minimum GPA apply



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For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit our website at:

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## Meet Us in Person!



University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology 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 a vast choice of extracurricular activities.

Furthermore, SSST is giving all high school students a unique opportunity to get a glimpse of the SSST experience while still in high school through its SSST Winter Academy. This five-

day event, organized every January at the SSST campus, is a unique opportunity for all high school students, especially the seniors, to get their first-hand experience of SSST. It offers an intense and dynamic program, with various activities which include interactive and creative courses and workshops in the fields of Computer Science, Game Design and Development, Economics, Political Sciences and International Relations, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy.

In addition to the unique opportunity to stand out as ambitious, creative and extraordinary individuals who belong among the best, SSST Winter Academy participants also receive certificates for the completion of their training and have the opportunity to be among potential SSST scholarship recipients.

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For Open Day and Winter Academy announcements and program, please visit our website at [www.ssst.edu.ba](http://www.ssst.edu.ba) and Social Media Pages (Facebook and Instagram).

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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 at [admissions@ssst.edu.ba](mailto:admissions@ssst.edu.ba) 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 programs, 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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Each year, SSST organizes the SSST Winter Academy, giving all high school students a unique opportunity to get their first-hand experience of SSST while still in high school.







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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, May 7th, 2004.