



PRISHTINA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2026

Information Guide for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in the Prishtina International Summer University. We are delighted that you are considering becoming part of our academic community in Prishtina — whether you are joining us from the region, from Europe, or from universities across the globe.

Before submitting your application, we encourage you to carefully review the guidelines, practical arrangements, and key information provided below. This will help you prepare a focused and competitive application, understand the academic and cultural context of your stay, and ensure that your expectations are well aligned with the program structure. Well-prepared applicants stand out.

The Prishtina International Summer University represents the flagship international academic initiative of the University of Prishtina. It serves as a dynamic platform connecting students and professors from regional, European, and overseas universities, fostering meaningful academic exchange and long-term institutional cooperation. Through interdisciplinary courses, interactive teaching formats, and international dialogue, the program contributes to strengthening internationalization and supporting ongoing academic development processes.

Our team is committed to delivering an engaging, academically rigorous, and culturally enriching experience. We look forward to welcoming motivated students who are ready to contribute actively to an international learning environment.

For further information, additional questions, comments, or recommendations regarding this document, please contact us at:

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Introduction

In summer 2026, the University of Prishtina will welcome students from around the world to the 26th edition of the Prishtina International Summer University (PISU) — a dynamic two-week academic and cultural experience in the heart of Kosovo.

PISU 2026 offers 19 accredited courses delivered by distinguished local and international professors, covering a wide range of disciplines. All courses are credit-bearing and designed to combine academic excellence with interactive learning.

Beyond the classroom, participants engage in public debates, thematic lectures, and discussions addressing key developments in Kosovo and South-East Europe. The programme also includes cultural visits, networking events, and organized excursions — creating space for meaningful exchange, collaboration, and discovery.

Each year, PISU brings together approximately **300 students**, with equal participation from Kosovo and abroad (150 local and 150 international participants). This balanced structure ensures a truly international environment and strong intercultural engagement.



A detailed list of courses and application information is available on our official website.

About the University of Prishtina

University of Prishtina (UP) was founded in 1970 and today has 14 faculties and approximately 30,000 students. University of Prishtina as a public university and as the oldest and largest university in the country, considers its integration into the European Higher Education Area a target of vital importance for the university, the country and society as a whole. Thus, UP one of the first universities in the region that started reforms in all levels, in accordance with the Bologna Process. The successful implementation of the ECTS credit system, the introduction of curricular reforms and new cycle degrees (Bachelor, Master and Doctoral) are indicators of the commitment of the University of Prishtina to fulfil the objectives within Bologna action lines, including establishing an external and internal quality assurance system, which is a pillar of the Bologna Process.



The Programme

Class Size

To ensure a high-quality learning experience and meaningful engagement, each course welcomes up to 25 students. This small-group format creates space for active discussion, direct interaction with professors, and collaborative work among participants.

Students may enroll in one course, allowing them to fully focus and benefit from an intensive and immersive academic experience.

All courses are jointly delivered by a visiting professor and a professor from the University of Prishtina, offering participants an enriching international perspective combined with local academic expertise.

Teaching Schedule

The Prishtina International Summer University takes place from **6–17 July 2026**, bringing together international students and professors for an intensive and engaging academic experience.



Over 10 dynamic teaching days, participants will attend approximately three interactive sessions per day, starting at 09:00 AM. The program is designed to combine academic excellence with dialogue, exchange, and networking across disciplines and cultures.

Official Introduction Day will be held on 5 July, welcoming all international participants and providing essential orientation and networking opportunities. We anticipate arrivals in Prishtina on 4 or 5 July.

Weekends are reserved for recreational and cultural activities, offering participants the opportunity to explore Prishtina and Kosovo, strengthen peer connections, and experience local heritage.

In addition to daily coursework, the program features **evening public forums and discussions** throughout the teaching week, creating further space for debate, reflection, and intercultural exchange.

Language of Instruction

The Prishtina International Summer University courses are taught only in English. When filling your application, you are kindly asked to indicate your level of understanding of English language.

Background of Participants

Each course brings together a balanced and diverse group of participants, with approximately half of the 25 selected students coming from Kosovo and half from international universities.

This composition creates a truly intercultural classroom. Students will differ in academic background, level of study, English proficiency, professional experience, as well as in age, gender, cultural and religious backgrounds. Such diversity enriches the learning environment, encourages comparative perspectives, and strengthens critical dialogue.

We therefore place strong emphasis on mutual respect, openness, and constructive engagement, ensuring that diversity becomes a meaningful academic asset for all participants.



Literature

Each course is supported by a carefully selected set of academic materials. In most cases, participants will work with a core course book accompanied by a collection of additional readings, such as selected essays, book chapters, and thematic articles. Alongside the mandatory literature, participants will also receive a list of recommended readings for those who wish to explore specific topics in greater depth.

All required course materials will be provided by the Prishtina International Summer University at the beginning of the programme. These materials are made available for academic use throughout the duration of the course and remain the property of the Prishtina International Summer University until the conclusion of the programme.



Access to Libraries and Internet

Wireless internet access will be available in the student dormitories, ensuring convenient connectivity throughout your stay. In addition, full internet access is provided across the University campus, supporting academic work, research, and communication needs.

Teaching Methods

Each course is delivered through a combination of complementary teaching methodologies designed to ensure academic rigor and active engagement. Depending on the course, the format may include lectures, structured discussions, group work, student presentations, and, where appropriate, field-based learning activities. The specific methodology applicable to each course is outlined in the respective course description within this brochure.

The programme promotes an interactive and student-centered learning environment. Participants can expect an open and collegial academic atmosphere that encourages dialogue with professors, critical reflection, analytical debate, and the exchange of diverse perspectives.

Public Forums

Forums are organized to stimulate interdepartmental discussion of current events on an academic level and to stimulate discussions among visiting professors, local academic staff and students on issues raised at the Prishtina International Summer University.

Forums and discussions that are part of the Prishtina International Summer University, Programme will be conducted in English language with consecutive translation into Albanian. Professors of the Prishtina International Summer University will participate, as well as professors of the University of Prishtina & representatives of local and international organizations. Attendance at these forums is not MANDATORY. As the name suggests, the forums will be open to the public at large for participation.

The speakers in each panel will consist of 3 or 4 experts/representatives from different backgrounds. An independent chairperson will conduct the discussions. The forum begins with



each panel member in turn giving a short introductory speech on the topic and their point of view. This should be followed by a discussion, first among the panel and later opened to members of the audience, who may direct their questions/comments to one or more members of the panel. All questions and comments should be directed through the chairperson, who is also able to pose questions to the panel.



Excursions and Field Work

Some courses will include excursions and fieldwork that will be organized and scheduled by the co-professor. This will be programmed in a way that is the most convenient and practical for the course participants and visiting professor and are not restricted to class hours.



Examination

Depending on the nature and requirements of the respective course, different forms of assessment may be applied, such as an oral examination, written examination, presentation, research paper, or other equivalent evaluation methods. The responsible professor will inform students of the specific assessment modalities at the beginning of the course.

Throughout the semester, students may be assigned coursework or other academic tasks, which will contribute to the overall final grade. A final examination is organized at the conclusion of each course, in accordance with the established academic regulations.



Certificates & ECTS Ratings

Participants who attend at least 80% of the scheduled classes and successfully complete all course assignments and examinations will be awarded a “Prishtina International Summer University Certificate”, issued in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Participants are kindly advised to verify with their home institutions whether such certification and the corresponding ECTS credits are recognized and transferable within their respective study programs. In the majority of cases, ECTS credits obtained during the Prishtina International Summer University may be transferred and recognized at the home institution, subject to its internal regulations.

The certificate includes a brief course description, the number of ECTS credits awarded, and the final grade achieved by the participant. It specifies the participant’s full name and is duly signed by the visiting professor and the co-professor of the Prishtina International Summer University.

All certificates are issued in line with relevant European standards.

Number of credits for each course

All participants who will successfully complete the Prishtina International Summer University courses will receive 4 (four) ECTS credits. The number of ECTS credits for each course are listed in Prishtina International Summer University brochure. ECTS credits for all Prishtina International Summer University courses are calculated based on the student’s workload: number of average student working hours in order to achieve course objectives. Student workload includes also classroom hours, individual studies, and field work and so on. The rule applied for transferring the student’s workload in to ECTS credits is: 25 hours of student workload is equal to 1 ECTS credit. For example, if a course has 4 ECTS credits, average student needs to spend 5×25 working hours=125 working hours in order to reach the course objectives.



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Grading

The grading system applied at Prishtina International Summer University courses is the one recommended by ECTS grading system. The grade on the participant's certificate indicates the success of the participant compared to their peers in the course.

Grades should be awarded by visiting professor based on assessment activities that may include: examinations, written assignments, presentations, participation on discussions, individual or group project.

Programme FEE

Tuition fee for Prishtina International Summer University is 100 Euro, which includes courses, accommodation at University of Prishtina. Dormitories and three daily meals at student's canteen - The tuition does not include obtaining visa (if needed) health insurance and travel expenses from your country to Kosovo.

Scholarships

The Prishtina International Summer University distinguishes three categories of non- Kosovar participants: Participants that are entitled to a scholarship, those that are not and international students. If you are a student in one of the eligible countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia), you will automatically be considered for a scholarship.

Be aware that awarded students must attend at least 80% of their classes. If you fail to meet this requirement, your scholarship will be discontinued and your accommodation will be cancelled.



For all those who are awarded with a scholarship, the following benefits apply:

1. Free accommodation in the university dormitory. Room shared with another student.
2. Students will receive three daily meals at the student's canteen.

*Please note that you should be a student in one of the scholarship countries to be eligible for a scholarship. For instance: A Dutch student studying in Bosnia will be able to apply for a scholarship or an Albanian student studying in Greece will not be able to apply for a scholarship.

A) Regional Students (Albania, BiH, Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia) Participants who do not receive scholarship will have to cover all costs affiliated with their participation themselves, i.e. travel, visa, etc. But you will be provided with free accommodation at Dorms.

B) Self-Financing, 100 Euro, including courses, accommodation at Dorms and food)

- The tuition does not include obtaining visa (if needed), health insurance and travel expenses from your country to Kosovo.

Application & Selection procedure

Applying

Students can apply online via: <https://unvp.uni-pr.edu/>.

Selection

All the applications will be handled by the University of Prishtina. In consultancy with the international and local professors, the final selection of students is based on several criteria:

Selection criteria

Firstly, all applications are tested on eligibility, meaning:



1. Does your present cycle/field of studies match with the course you apply for?
2. Is the selected course relevant to your education at your home university?
3. Do you master the language required to follow the course?

After the application deadline has passed, UP will immediately start the selection process. The outcome of the selection will be available two - three weeks after the application deadline. There are three types of possible outcomes:

You are not selected

You will be notified by Prishtina International Summer University via email. We will keep your personal data on file, in case suitable future opportunities arise for which you could re-apply.

You are selected

You will be notified by Prishtina International Summer University via email for which course you have been selected (please note that you can only be selected for one course). You will receive a participation contract which includes information on the course that you have been selected for. You are required to email or scan back this contract (signed) within one week.

Waiting List

According to our experience a certain number of selected participants will decide not to participate therefore, we will fill in the eventual vacancies with participants in our waiting list. As soon as all places are confirmed, all applicants on the waiting list will be informed on their rejection.

You can check your status on the website, starting from one week after the application deadline. If you are accepted, you will have precisely one week to confirm your participation by sending back the participant contract emailed to you upon your acceptance. If you do not respond within the time frame, you will be automatically rejected.



Travelling to Prishtina

Participants are expected to arrive 1-2 days before the start of the course they are assigned and departure 1 day after the course end. If this causes any problems in your travelling schedule, please inform us in advance.

Participant Mailing List

Approximately 150 participants of Prishtina International Summer University will be non-Kosovars. There might be other participants from your countries that you would like to travel with. A mailing list of participants will be launched as soon as the final selection will be available. After you receive the acceptance letter from Prishtina International Summer University and you have confirmed back your participation, you will be added to the mailing list, therefore you will receive automatically all updates and information regarding the Summer University.

Travel Documents

Citizens from some countries are required to have a visa to enter the Republic of Kosovo. If you travel to Prishtina through Serbia, Montenegro, or Macedonia, you might be asked to have a transit visa. Please check the regulations as requirements may change and differ between countries!

<http://www.mfa-ks.net/?page=2,157>

Please check for each country that you plan to travel through if you need visa and take into consideration that the process visa application can take up to several weeks!

Insurance



Prishtina International Summer University does not cover costs of (additional health, molest or travel) insurance. Prishtina International Summer University has no obligations concerning social and/or health insurance and cannot remain responsible for loss of personal goods, for accidents or injuries during and outside the activities related to the Prishtina International Summer University. You are recommended to be in good health when travelling to Kosovo. Please also check the validity of your health and travel insurance for Kosovo. If you apply for the summer university, you accept these terms and state that you will take care of your own health insurance.

Getting to Prishtina: Plane /Bus

We recommend two means of transportation to get to Prishtina: by bus or by plane.

By Plane:

Prishtina Airport is located approximately 10 km from Prishtina city. Take a taxi or the Airport bus from Prishtina International Airport to the Students Center (Dormitories) You can also arrive in Prishtina traveling from Tirana Airport, then take the bus from Tirana to Prishtina which will cost you about 20 €.

A good alternative is also to fly to Skopje airport. From Skopje bus station to Prishtina, takes 2 hours by bus (bus ticket costs 10, €).

Arrival in Prishtina

The Dormitories are located between Ulpiana and Sunny Hill neighborhoods.



If you arrive at the bus station, take a taxi, which should cost you no more than 4 €. Before getting in the taxi, agree on the price with the driver. If you arrive at Prishtina airport, you can take a taxi. It will cost about 30 €.

Upon arrival at the Helpdesk, you will receive an information package consisting of a basic city map, an information booklet, your course schedule and the ID Card.

The ID card contains: Your first and last name; country, the name of your course; your personal ID number.

Please carry your ID card with you all the time. Your logistic officer will use it to check your attendance in the class. It will also serve as your entrance ticket to special Summer University parties and other social events.

With this ID card, you will proceed to the university dormitories (located on walking distance), where you will be allocated a room.

If you wish to contact your diplomatic office before arrival in Prishtina, you can do so.

Local conditions in Prishtina

Safety



The situation in Republic of Kosovo is stable. Kosovo Police, KFOR and EULEX Police are in charge of taking care of security in Kosovo. Prishtina is considered to be one of the safest capital cities in Europe. However, you are strongly suggested to take care for the fact that you might be in Kosovo for the first time.

General Conditions & Health

Living conditions have improved, however, are not yet comparable with Western European standards. Health care, public transport, supermarkets, etc. are available. Local health care services are offered by Health Care Centre (QKU) and from ambulances which are available in each part of Prishtina city. You are kindly asked to contact your health insurance company before visiting Republic of Kosovo to assure that your coverage is guaranteed.

Living Expenses – Food and Local Transport

General living expenses are considerably lower than those in Western Europe. There are many possibilities for having a (cheap) meal in Prishtina. A simple lunch will cost you about 7-10€. Sandwiches cost up to 3-5 €. For a good dinner in a restaurant, you can expect to pay 25-30 €. Vegetarian food is also available. Omelette, fried cheese, vegetarian pastas and pizzas and vegetable stews are available in most of the restaurants.

Please note that vegetarian meals are generally not available at the student restaurant. Buses are very reasonably priced (one-way tickets to a destination within Kosovo: maximum 8, €. Taxis are also affordable and almost any trip within the city will not cost you more than 3,50- 5 €.

Climate & Environment



Summers are usually very warm in Kosovo. During the summer the temperature easily rises above 30 degrees Celsius in the afternoon. Evenings and nights can become much colder, and extra clothing is needed.

Water & Electricity

The provided electricity from standard European Wall-sockets is 220 V. In summer time, problems with the water supplies in dorms may occur. It is likely that, during certain hours of the day, no tap water will be available.

Currency

The local currency is Euro. It is advised to use cash, since the usage of credit cards is limited. Cirrus, Maestro, Visa Electron, Visa Card or Master Cards can be used to withdraw cash. You can exchange foreign currency at the Western Union office, by the Grand Hotel off Mother Theresa Street. You can also exchange money in any bank in Prishtina.

Accommodation & Food

University of Prishtina will make housing arrangements for all non-Kosovar participants. Participants will stay at the university dormitories. For each participant, there is one bed in a room shared with one other Prishtina International Summer University participant. Bathrooms are located on each floor. Conditions are not luxurious, but acceptable. The water situation is expected to be optimal. The organization will arrange accommodation to cover the time of your course, plus 1-2 days preceding and/or following your teaching period if necessary (depending on the dates of your arrival and departure). If you intend to arrive more than 1-2 days earlier or leave more than 1 day later, please inform us in a timely manner.



Medical Emergencies-Emergency phone numbers

Local health care services are offered by Health Care Centre (QKU) and also from ambulances which are available in each part of Prishtina city. There are also offered services in the private clinics in Prishtina. You are kindly asked to contact your health insurance company before visiting Republic of Kosovo to assure that your coverage is guaranteed.

Emergency numbers in Prishtina are:

Police: 92 (landline),

192 (cell phone),

922 (dell phone)



Fire Department: 93

Ambulance: 94

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For any additional information, clarification, or support before or during the programme, participants are warmly encouraged to contact the Prishtina International Summer University Office. Our team remains available to assist you and ensure a smooth and well-coordinated experience

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