

WESTERN BALKANS UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'
GUIDEBOOK

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This guidebook contains everything you need to know about your educational career at WBU. You will find details on WBU's academic policies, courses, programs of study, degree requirements, scholarships, etc. In becoming a member of the WBU family, you are embarking on an educational journey with peers from different backgrounds and countries.



Welcome to Western Balkans University!

Our students are diverse, and we know that each of you requires personalized attention and support. Studying in our programs is not easy; it takes an incredible amount of dedication, focus, and hard work. Your success is our priority, and we are here to guide and support you in your educational journey.

At WBU, you will be intellectually challenged, engage in energizing debates, and grapple with the big questions posed by today's global society. You will encounter a student body of unmatched diversity and will be supported by Course Instructors and Program Advisors along the way.

As a WBU student, you will receive a solid theoretical foundation, along with the specialized practical knowledge needed for success in your chosen field. All of this, taken together, is designed to help you achieve your educational goals and lead a successful, fulfilling life as an individual and member of our global society.

Western Balkans University was built for you. Our community is enriched by each of its members. I wish you all the best of luck and success in this academic year and look forward to hearing about all of your accomplishments.

Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Gjana
President

Our University

Western Balkans University is a higher education institution in Tirana, focused on **three main areas:**

- Medicine and Medical Sciences
- Technology and Innovation
- Economics and Business

Western Balkans University has made significant strides in establishing itself as a leading educational institution in Southeast Europe. The university has attracted a diverse student body from across the world, underscoring its commitment to academic excellence and inclusivity.

By offering a broad range of programs that meet international standards, WBU has become an appealing choice for students aiming to succeed in the global workforce. Through its state-of-the-art facilities, the university has created an enriching environment for learning, equipping students with the skills and resources needed to thrive in a competitive labor market.

The university has partnered with leading research institutions and private-sector organizations to address pressing issues in the Western Balkans and beyond. These collaborations have not only increased WBU's reputation but have also provided students and faculty with invaluable hands-on experience.



Western Balkans University is founded under a special cooperation framework between the American Hospitals Group, International Hospital Hygeia, and Cambridge Clinical Laboratories. This close partnership is a robust indication of the guaranteed success of WBU.



The WBU Vision

The vision of Western Balkans University is to have a transformative positive impact on society and countries' sustainable development through excellence and continual innovation in scientific research, education, healthcare, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

The WBU Mission

The mission of Western Balkans University is to achieve excellence in scientific research and education of professionals of the future, for the benefit of the individual and the society, aiming to promote sustainable development and healthcare, fostering progress, well-being, and innovation in all fields in Western Balkans and beyond.



WBU Objectives

- ✓ Continually enhance and refine the university's programs to ensure they effectively prepare students for thriving careers in today's dynamic workforce.
- ✓ Attract and retain skilled, knowledgeable faculty who are active in their fields, committed to continuous professional growth, and dedicated to sharing the latest industry insights with students.
- ✓ Strengthen students' written and verbal communication, along with their analytical and technical abilities, equipping them with essential skills before graduation.
- ✓ Provide cutting-edge facilities that support educational programs and foster the development of practical, profession-specific skills.
- ✓ Cultivate a supportive, student-centered staff committed to helping students achieve their academic goals and aspirations.
- ✓ Attract a diverse group of qualified students from various backgrounds, enriching the campus community and learning experience.
- ✓ Create a vibrant academic environment that encourages open dialogue and the free exchange of ideas.
- ✓ Expand access through comprehensive distance learning programs that address the educational and training needs of both individuals and industries.
- ✓ Involve graduate faculty in research initiatives that enhance the quality of teaching and learning.
- ✓ Engage in community service programs that align with the university's mission, making a positive impact and fostering meaningful connections.

Core Values

Intellectual Curiosity

We strive to develop lifelong learners. We introduce students to a variety of ideas that sharpen existing interests and awaken latent ones.



Innovation

We recognize the value of interdisciplinary teamwork, creative problem-solving, global immersion, and learning experiences at home and abroad.



Integrity

We promote academic and personal integrity to establish a culture of trust.



Inclusive Community

We value openness and collaboration and recognize that inclusion leads to personal growth.



Education

We cultivate intellectual, moral, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness through engagement and discovery.

Campus

The campus of Western Balkans University is located on the Tirana-Durres KM7 highway, about 30 minutes from the city center by car. It features a large library, lecture halls, conference rooms, computer and science labs, a cafeteria, and a student center with park facilities. The campus is highly secure, with modern security systems and digital card scanning for entry. Parking facilities are also available for students cars.

Students will spend most of their time here, with study spaces, a cafeteria for relaxation, and recreational spaces for various activities to relieve stress. Shuttle services are available for easy access to the campus.

The WBU campus has modern architecture, with classrooms equipped with the latest smart boards and scientific equipment to enhance the learning experience.



Building A

Building A is a four story facility and consists of:

- Promotional events room
- Conference room
- Lecture Halls
- Student Dean's Offices
- Administration Offices
- Recreational Spaces

Building B

Building B is a five story facility and consists of:

- Library
- Laboratories
- Classrooms
- Bar Restaurant
- Recreational Spaces



Building C

Building C is a single-story facility dedicated to academic and professional training in the field of Dentistry. This facility contains:

- WBU Dental Clinic
- 10 Laboratories
- 2 Classrooms
- Offices

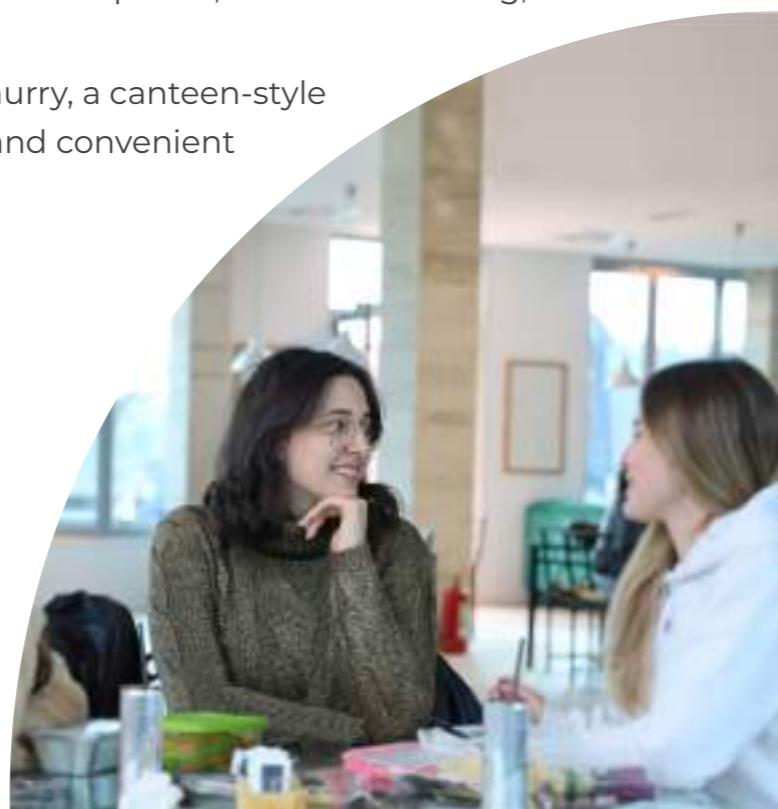
Cafeteria & Relaxation Areas at Western Balkans University

At Western Balkans University (WBU), we prioritize student well-being by providing comfortable spaces for dining and relaxation. Our cafeteria and relaxation areas are designed to create a welcoming environment where students, faculty, and staff can recharge, socialize, and enjoy their time on campus.

Cafeteria

The WBU Cafeteria offers a variety of freshly prepared meals, snacks, and beverages to accommodate different dietary preferences. Whether you're looking for a full meal, a quick snack, or just a coffee break, the cafeteria provides an inviting space with :

- ✓ Diverse Menu – Local and international dishes, vegetarian and vegan options, fresh pastries, and hot and cold beverages.
- ✓ Affordable Prices – Student-friendly pricing to ensure accessibility.
- ✓ Comfortable Seating – Indoor and outdoor options, suitable for dining, studying, or socializing.
- ✓ Quick-Meal Options – For those in a hurry, a canteen-style service is also available, offering fast and convenient meal choices.



Relaxation Spaces

To enhance student life, WBU offers several relaxation areas across campus:

- ✓ Lounge Areas – Cozy seating with charging stations and free Wi-Fi.
- ✓ Green Spaces – Outdoor gardens and seating areas for a peaceful retreat.
- ✓ Quiet Zones – Dedicated spaces for reading, meditation, or reflection.
- ✓ These facilities ensure that WBU students have a balanced and enjoyable campus experience, combining academic excellence with personal well-being.



FACULTIES

Faculty of Technical Medical Sciences

In order to contribute toward advancements in specialized medicine, a critical component of contemporary team-style healthcare, the Faculty of Technical Medical Sciences trains highly effective nurses, radiology technicians, clinical technologists, and paramedics. Further, we aim to foster outstanding sports trainers, educators, and competitors, as part of our efforts to promote a healthy society.

The Faculty of Technical Medical Sciences is composed of three units:

- Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences and Imaging
- Department of Nursing and Physiotherapy
- Department of Medicine
- Department of Surgery
- Research Center for the Study of Rare Diseases



Faculty of Dental Medicine

The Faculty of Dental Medicine is a world-class oral health center committed to the promotion of oral health through excellence of its teaching and learning, service rendering, community engagement and research.

The Faculty of Dental Medicine is composed of three units:

- Department of Basic Sciences
- Department of Dentistry
- Research Center for Quality and Safety of Oral Healthcare

Faculty of Economics, Technology and Innovation

The Faculty of Economics, Technology and Innovation delivers research and study programs at bachelor and master levels. The emphasis for both research and study programs is on economics, innovation, digitalization, information technology and health management. Information science, Artificial Intelligence, information systems and the interaction between technology and human beings are other exciting focus areas.

The Faculty of Economics, Technology and Innovation is composed of three units:

- Department of Computer Sciences
- Department of Economic Sciences and Finance
- Research Center for Medical Sciences, Technology and Innovation

Laboratories

VR Lab:

A cutting-edge space where students use VR headsets and motion-tracking systems to engage in immersive simulations for medicine, engineering, architecture, and gaming.



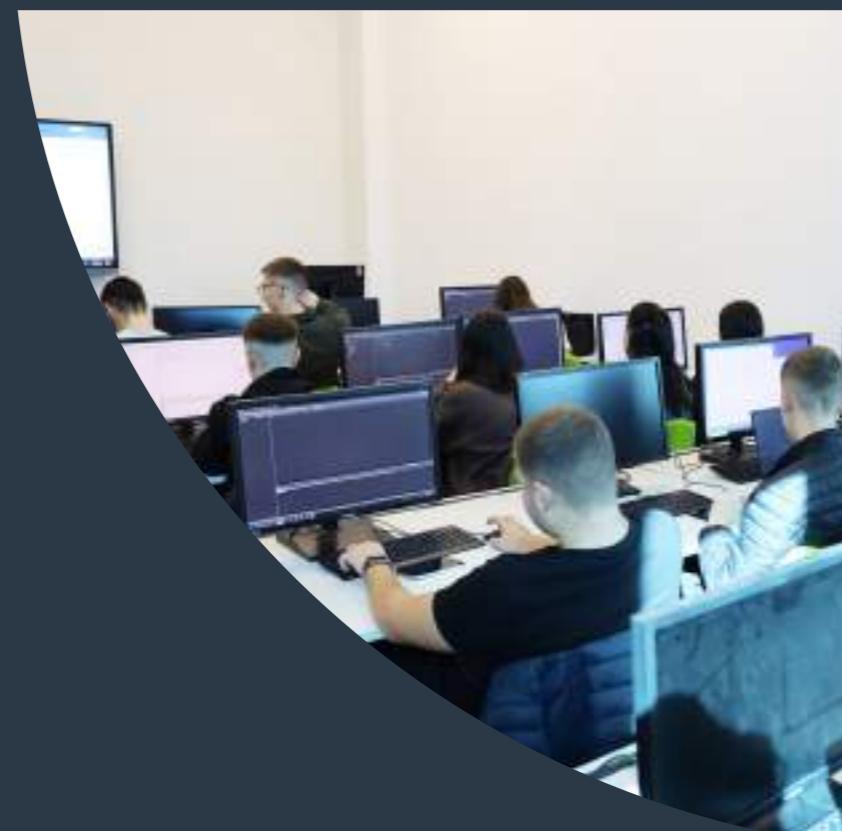
Physics Lab:

A hands-on learning space with advanced instruments like spectrometers, oscilloscopes, and lasers, enabling students to explore mechanics, optics, electromagnetism, and quantum physics.



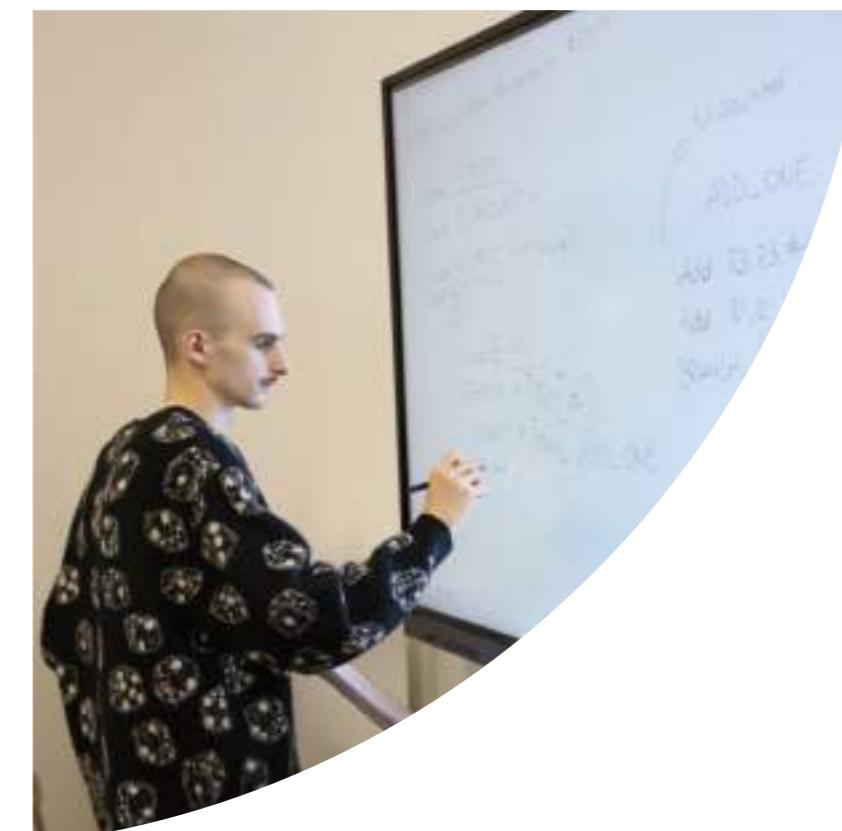
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab:

Equipped with advanced computing resources, AI development tools, and research platforms, providing students with hands-on experience in machine learning and software engineering.



Computer Science, Software Engineering & Cyber Security Lab:

State-of-the-art facilities equipped with high-performance computers, programming tools, and servers, allowing students to engage in software engineering and cybersecurity problem-solving.



Biochemistry Lab:

A fully equipped space for analyzing biological materials, selecting diagnostic tests, and interpreting medical results, preparing students for careers in medical diagnostics and research.



Chemistry Lab:

Featuring specialized tools for material characterization, including fume hoods, centrifuges, and XRF analysis equipment, this lab allows students to conduct chemical experiments and sample analyses.



Nursing Lab:

A clinical training environment with hospital-grade equipment, mannequins, and simulation technology, allowing students to practice patient care, medication administration, and emergency response.



Physiology Lab:

With tools like spirometers and ECG machines, this lab enables students to explore cardiovascular, respiratory, and muscular functions through hands-on experiments.



Avicenna Anatomy Lab:

Equipped with an Anatomage table, 3D imaging systems, and anatomical models, this lab provides students with a hands-on approach to studying human anatomy while adhering to strict ethical and safety standards.



Molecular Biology Lab:

This lab provides students with the tools to study DNA, RNA, and proteins using PCR machines, spectrophotometers, and electrophoresis systems, offering practical experience in genetic research and biotechnology.



Physiotherapy Lab:

Designed for hands-on training, this lab features therapeutic exercise equipment, electrotherapy units, and musculoskeletal simulation models, enabling students to practice rehabilitation techniques and patient assessment.



Histo-Pathology, Cell Biology & Microbiology Lab:

Equipped with microscopes, centrifuges, and microbial incubators, this lab offers hands-on training in cell biology, microbiology, and physiological response analysis.



Plaster & Porcelain Labs:

Students gain hands-on experience in model casting, trimming, and working with ceramics for dental restorations, mastering techniques for prosthesis fabrication.



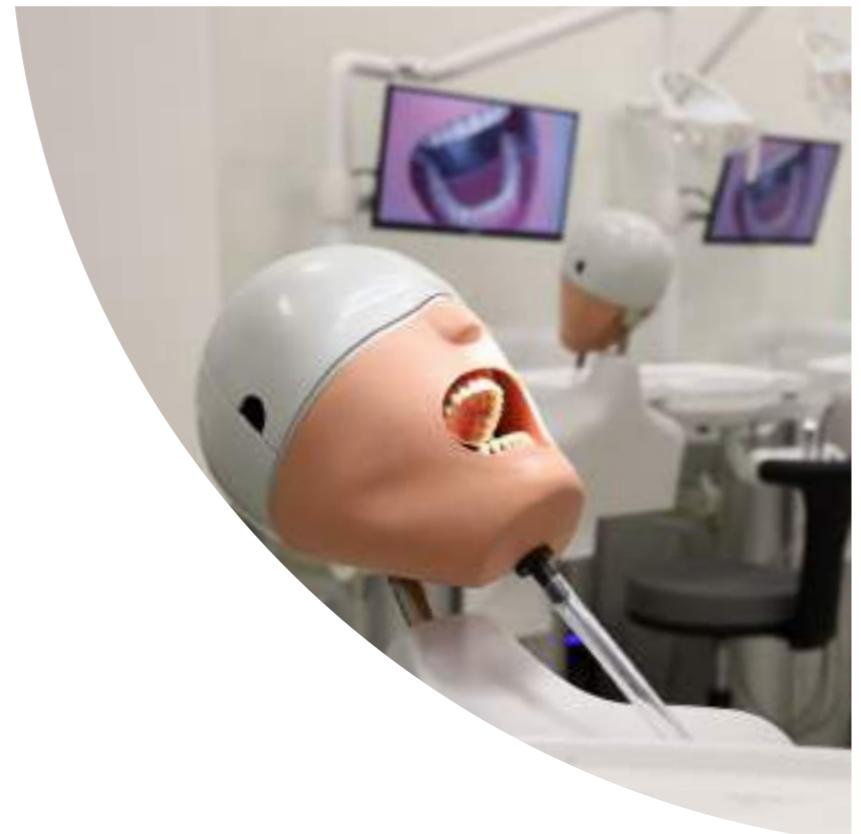
Resin & Metal Labs:

These labs train students in working with composite resins and dental alloys, focusing on restorative techniques and the creation of crowns, bridges, and dentures.



Simulation Lab:

Equipped with advanced dental simulators, this lab allows students to practice procedures such as cavity preparation, scaling, and crown placement in a controlled environment.



Preclinical Lab:

Prepares students for patient care through simulated dental procedures, including cavity restoration, impression taking, and prosthodontic fabrication, bridging theory with hands-on practice.



Library

The WBU Library, located on the ground floor of the B-Building, serves as a vital hub for supporting the university's educational and research endeavors by providing and organizing essential resources. Spanning an area of approximately 800 square meters, the library offers a 150-seat capacity and is thoughtfully designed with an entrance area, book collection, and a dedicated reading hall.

At the entrance, visitors are greeted by a check-out desk, while periodicals and displays of newly acquired materials are conveniently shelved in this section. The spacious reading hall is equipped to create a conducive environment for students to study and conduct research.

The library's collection continues to grow through strategic purchases and generous donations. Book selections are made based on the needs and requests of students, administrative staff, and academic faculty, ensuring that the resources remain relevant and comprehensive for the university community.



Western Balkans University's Library is a comprehensive academic library designed to support the university's curriculum by integrating both printed and digital resources in a physical and virtual space. With over 30,000 physical books and more than 250,000 electronic books, the library offers a vast collection of materials to enrich the learning experience for students, faculty, and researchers. Currently, the library serves over 1,000 active members who can access the collections in accordance with specific usage guidelines. The library aims to provide a wide range of resources to meet the diverse academic needs of the university community.

Physical Resources:

The library offers a variety of physical resources, including:

- Books
- Atlases
- Handbooks
- Workbooks
- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias
- Journals & Magazines
- Visual, Auditory & Audio-Visual Materials

These resources are available for on-site use and are organized to meet the academic needs of the university community.

Electronic Resources:

The library also provides a range of electronic resources, including:

- E-Books
- E-Journals
- E-Newspapers

These digital resources are carefully selected to align with the university's curriculum and specific academic fields.

Online Resources:

In addition to physical and electronic resources, the library offers a wide array of online resources through subscriptions, including:

- E-Books
- E-Magazines
- Databases
- Online Libraries

These resources provide efficient and in-depth research opportunities, enabling users to access information from global academic sources directly online.

WBU

Dental Clinic

The Western Balkans University Dental Clinic represents an innovative facility dedicated to advancing oral healthcare through the integration of academic excellence and clinical practice. Our clinic provides a wide range of dental services, from preventive care to advanced restorative and surgical treatments, utilizing the latest technologies.

With a focus on research and education, we aim to provide exceptional patient care while stimulating a learning environment for students in the dental field. Committed to innovation and quality, the clinic plays a key role in enhancing dental health in the region while contributing to the academic mission of Western Balkans University.



Study Programs & Tuition fees

Bachelor Programs (3 years, 180 ECTS)

✓ Nursing	€5,000 / Year
✓ Imaging Technician	€5,000 / Year
✓ Laboratory Technician	€5,000 / Year
✓ Physiotherapy	€5,000 / Year
✓ Dental Technician	€5,000 / Year
✓ Biotechnology	€5,000 / Year
✓ Biomedical Engineering	€5,000 / Year
✓ Business and Technology	€5,000 / Year
✓ Economics and Data Science	€5,000 / Year
✓ Cyber Security	€5,000 / Year
✓ Computer Sciences and AI	€5,000 / Year
✓ Software Engineering	€5,000 / Year
✓ Health Care Management	€5,000 / Year
✓ Optometry and Vision Sciences	€6,000 / Year

Master Programs

✓ M.Sc. in Computer Science in 3 Profiles: (2 years - 120 ECTS)	€6,000 / Year
• In Software Engineering	
• In Cybersecurity	
• In Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics	
✓ M.Sc. in Hospital Management (2 years - 120 ECTS)	€6,000 / Year
✓ M.Sc. in Nanotechnology (2 years - 120 ECTS)	€6,000 / Year
✓ M.Sc. in Nursing in 5 Profiles: (2 years - 120 ECTS)	€6,000 / Year
• Surgery	
• Pediatrics	
• Obstetrics and Gynecology	
• Intensive Care	
• Emergency	
✓ Executive Master in Business Administration (1 years - 60 ECTS - 3rd Cycle)	€8,000 / Year

Integrated Second Cycle Programs

✓ Medicine (6 years - 360 ECTS)	€14,000 / Year
✓ Dentistry (5 years - 300 ECTS)	€9,000 / Year
✓ Pharmacy (5 years - 300 ECTS)	€6,000 / Year

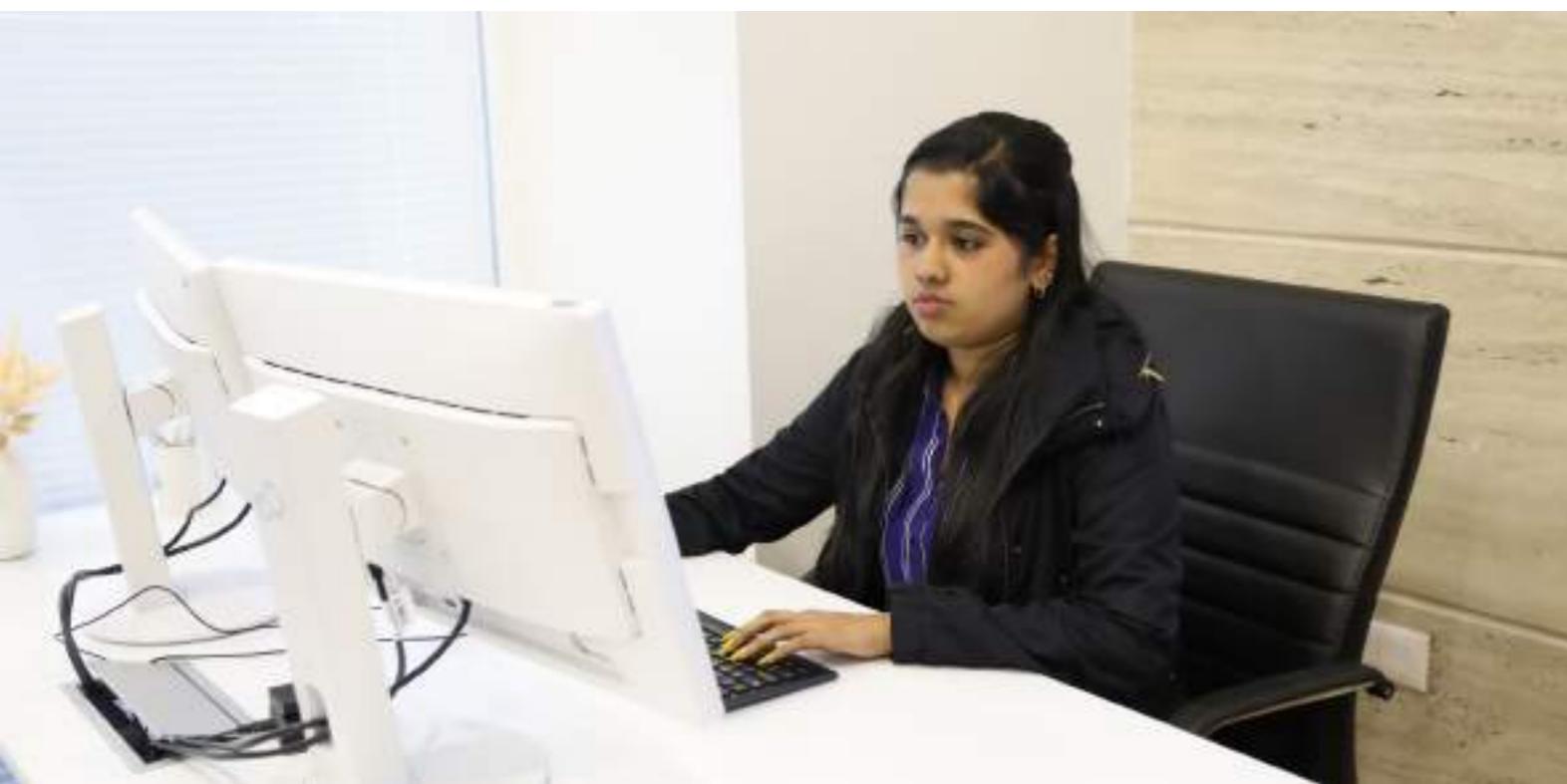


EPIC Project

The Education Practice -Integrated Curriculum (EPIC) project is a project that fits WBU vision in the best way.

Western Balkans University aims to be a fourth-generation university, focused not only on providing quality education but also on fostering in-depth scientific research and the practical application of acquired knowledge. The university is committed to being a proactive force in the economic development of the country and beyond.

One of the key initiatives supporting this vision is the Education Practice - Integrated Curriculum (EPIC) project. This is the university's flagship project, designed to offer students the highest quality education and professional development. Through EPIC, students gain academic training within the university's classrooms while also engaging in practical, hands-on experiences.



As part of this project, students have the opportunity to perform 20 hours of practice in partner hospitals or companies, giving them real-world exposure to their chosen fields. Additionally, students with a high GPA have the chance to get paid internships during their studies, further enhancing their professional experience and providing valuable industry connections.

This comprehensive approach ensures that students are well-equipped for their future careers, blending academic knowledge with practical experience.

Partnerships & Memberships

Academic Institutions

Western Balkans University actively cultivates global academic partnerships with prestigious institutions, including Cambridge University and leading U.S. universities offering joint and double degree programs. As a participant in the Erasmus Plus Program, we provide students with valuable international study opportunities. These collaborations enrich research, facilitate student exchanges, and support a forward-thinking curriculum, equipping students for success in a globally connected world.



Partners from Industry and Business Community

The university was established through a special collaboration between the American Hospitals Group and International Hospital Hygeia. This strong partnership guarantees success and positions WBU to become a leading university in Southeast Europe, attracting top students and preparing them for the international job market.



Western Balkans University proudly participates in various international organizations, contributing to a global network of educational excellence and cross-cultural collaboration.



Erasmus +

“Western Balkans” University is selected as the CBHE projects coordinator for Albania in the framework of the Erasmus+ program.

CBHE - Capacity-building projects in the field of higher education are transnational cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships, primarily between higher

education institutions from EU member states or countries associated with the program.

Albanian HEIs have won 15 CBHE projects, in which WBU and 4 other HEIs are coordinators.



How to Apply to WBU

Step 1

The student must submit the scanned version of the required documents (the hardcopy documents should also be physically admitted in the Admission Office at the moment of final registration):

For bachelor and integrated programs:

- ✓ Higher secondary school diploma (if the applicant has completed his studies)*
- ✓ Transcript of higher secondary school studies (If the applicant is still studying, he must send the transcript of 10th and 11th)*
- ✓ National examination (General examination after completing the higher secondary school studies) if it is applied in the applicant's home country)*
- ✓ An English proficiency certificate demonstrating a B1 level in one of the following exams: Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, or APTIS (if the applicant doesn't have it at the moment of application, the deadline for submitting it is before getting the admission letter).*

**Exemption: If high school education was entirely conducted in English, the applicant is exempt from presenting an English proficiency certificate. Instead, please provide a document from your high school indicating that your studies were conducted entirely in English.*

- ✓ Passport *
- ✓ Complete and sign the Application Form *

- * mandatory for initial submission
- * not mandatory for initial submission

For master programs:

- ✓ University/college diploma (if the applicant has completed his studies)*
- ✓ Transcript of university/college studies (If the applicant is still studying, he must send the transcript from the first year of bachelor's until the present)*
- ✓ An English proficiency certificate demonstrating a B1 level in one of the following exams: Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, or APTIS (if the applicant doesn't have it at the moment of application, the deadline for submitting it is before getting the admission letter).*

**Exemption: If the bachelor's education was entirely conducted in English, the applicant is exempt from presenting an English proficiency certificate. Instead, please provide a document from your university indicating that your studies were conducted entirely in English.*

- ✓ Passport *
- ✓ Complete and sign the Application Form *

Step 2

Student pays the Application Fee in the bank (non-refundable) *



Steps After the Application

Step 1

The documents will be checked if all the mandatory steps are correct.

Step 2

Interview - The applicant will have an interview with the respective department academic staff (online).

Step 3

Entry Exam - The applicant will enter the Casper Test online (only for integrated programs)

Step 4

Conditional Admission Letter - If the applicant passes successfully the interview and meets the GPA criteria, the university offers a Conditional Admission Letter.

Step 5

Preliminary Agreement - The applicant receives the preliminary agreement to sign out.

Step 6

First-Year Tuition Fee Payment

The applicant pays the first-year tuition fee (*Refundable only if the applicant receives a visa refusal) and sends payment evidence through email.



Step 7

Admission and Invitation Letter - The applicant will have an interview with the respective department academic staff (online).

For the bachelor and integrated programs, students must submit the scanned version of:

- ✓ **Higher Secondary School Diploma** (must be legalized with an apostille stamp or a stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the origin country)
- ✓ **Transcript of Higher Secondary School (grades 10,11 and 12)** (must be legalized with an apostille stamp or a stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the origin country)
- ✓ **National examination** (General examination after completing the Higher Secondary School, if applied in your home country) (must be legalized with an apostille stamp or a stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the origin country)
- ✓ **Health Check**
- ✓ **Vaccination Record**
- ✓ **Criminal Record**
- ✓ **English proficiency certificate** demonstrating a B1 level in one of the exams: Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, or APTIS.

**Exemption: If higher secondary school education was entirely conducted in English, you are exempt from presenting an English proficiency certificate.*

Instead, please provide a document from your higher secondary school indicating that your studies were conducted entirely in English.

- ✓ **Accommodation contract** (If the student will stay in the university hostel, he has to pay 1-year payment (refundable in case of visa refusal). If he finds another accommodation option, he should provide the contract for it)

For the master's program, students must submit the scanned version of:

- ✓ **University/college diploma** (must be legalized with an apostille stamp or a stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the origin country)
- ✓ **Transcript of university/college studies** (must be legalized with an apostille stamp or a stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the origin country)
- ✓ **Health Check**
- ✓ **Vaccination Record**
- ✓ **Criminal Record**
- ✓ **English proficiency certificate** demonstrating a B1 level in one of the exams: Cambridge, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, or APTIS.

**Exemption: If your university/college education was entirely conducted in English, you are exempt from presenting an English proficiency certificate. Instead, please provide a document from your university/college indicating that your studies were conducted entirely in English.*

- ✓ **Accommodation contract** (If the student will stay in the university hostel, he has to pay 1-year payment (refundable in case of visa refusal). If he finds another accommodation option, he should provide the contract for it)

**The student will keep the same GPA, higher or not lower than the university's admission criteria. The university has the right to review the admission process if the final GPA differs from the one previously stated.*

Academic Eligibility Criteria

Integrated Programs: A minimum of 80% in their higher secondary education results (Grades 10, 11, and 12) + Casper Test + MMI (Multiple Mini Interviews)

Bachelor Programs: A minimum of 70% in their higher secondary education results (Grades 10, 11, and 12) + Interview

Master Programs: A minimum of 70% in their Bachelor's degree results + Interview

The English Proficiency Criteria

An English proficiency certificate demonstrating a **B1 level** in one of the following exams:

- a) **Cambridge: PET**
- b) **IELTS: 4.0/5.0**
- c) **TOEFL iBT: 57/86**
- d) **TOEFL ITP: 460**
- e) **TOEIC: 381/649**
- f) **GESE: Grade 7**
- g) **APTIS: B1**

**Exemption: Applicants whose most recent education was conducted entirely in English are exempt from submitting an English proficiency certificate. Instead, they must provide a document from their last educational institution confirming that the medium of instruction was exclusively English.*



Final Physical Registration

The student will be notified by the university of the final physical registration date.

The final physical registration in the university can be done by the student if he has arrived in Albania or by an authorized person with a proxy from him (if he hasn't arrived) with the following documents:

For bachelor program students:

- ✓ Notarized photocopies of the Higher Secondary School Diploma with Apostille stamp translated into Albanian
- ✓ Notarized photocopies of the transcript of Higher Secondary School studies (grades 10,11 and 12) with Apostille stamp translated into Albanian
- ✓ Notarized photocopies of the national examination with Apostille stamp translated into Albanian (General examination after completing the Higher Secondary School, if applied in your home country)
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ English proficiency certificate
- ✓ 2 Passport Photos
- ✓ A proof of the initiation of the Diploma Equivalency process (Receipt of payment or confirmation of QSHA
http://qsha.gov.al/infos/njesim_diplome/fatura_arketim.pdf)

For master program students:

- ✓ Notarized photocopies of University/College Diploma with Apostille stamp translated into Albanian
- ✓ Notarized photocopies of the transcript of University/College studies with Apostille stamp translated into Albanian
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ English proficiency certificate
- ✓ 2 Passport Photos
- ✓ A proof of the initiation of the Diploma Equivalency process (Receipt of payment or confirmation of QSHA
http://qsha.gov.al/infos/njesim_diplome/fatura_arketim.pdf)



Scholarship Opportunities

Merit-Based Scholarships

Western Balkans University, with the support of American Hospitals Group and International Hygeia Hospital, offers “Merit-Based Scholarships” for all bachelor or integrated programs.

Scholarships are offered for students that have completed higher secondary school with high scores or have won prizes at national or international Olympiads, competitions, contests, etc., and enroll in one of the bachelors or integrated programs.



To apply for a scholarship:

- 01** Students must complete an online application form by going to wbu.edu.al/en/scholarships or scan the QR code below



- 02** Students should attach documents confirming outstanding achievements, certificates from competitions, Olympiads, etc.

The scholarships office will contact students for an interview.



Dean Of Students

The Dean of Students Office is responsible for the maintenance of relations between students and the institution. The office of the Dean of Students has an important role in the functioning of the university. The office takes special care of the students, having as its main mission orientation, advising and protecting the rights of the students or student clubs. The Dean of Students Office provides students with the support, resources and referrals they need to succeed at the university.

The Dean of Students Office staff is here to help you enjoy your WBU experience. We focus energy and attention on community-building initiatives and helping individual students succeed academically and grow personally. We offer general advice as well as referrals to other campus offices.

The Dean of Students Office concentrates its efforts on strategic initiatives.

1. Organizes, coordinates, expands and manages relationships between students of WBU within and outside the WBU to third parties, or similar counterparts, for connecting and strengthening bilateral and multilateral relations.
2. Guarantees student life in WBU, the implementation of agreements with third parties focused on students.
3. Coordinates and guarantees the implementation of the EPIC Project.
4. Coordinates the activities of student clubs.
5. Promotes a healthy, safe campus community.

Student Services

The Admission Office and the Registrar's Office are the offices that deal with the primary and essential administrative processes related to student enrollment, course registration, exam administration, delivery of different documents, etc.

Other issues such as extracurricular activities, career planning, student clubs, students' well-being, etc., are organized and managed by the Dean of Students and its composting units.



Accommodation

Western Balkans University offers its own accommodations starting from **180 euros** per month for shared rooms, providing all the essential amenities for a comfortable stay. The dormitory is conveniently located near the shuttle station, offering easy access to the campus. Students can also explore a variety of nearby areas, perfect for experiencing local food and culture.

For added security, the dormitory has a 24-hour front desk, and university representatives are also present to assist with any student needs. With a welcoming environment and dedicated support, the dormitory ensures a safe and enjoyable living experience for all students.



Shared room



Shared room



Shared kitchen

Living in Albania

Estimated Cost of Living in Tirana

- ✓ **Housing:** Rent varies by location and quality. A one-bedroom apartment in the city center costs €300–500/month, while suburban areas are cheaper.
- ✓ **Utilities:** Around €100–150/month for an 85m² apartment.
- ✓ **Groceries:** Expect to spend €150–200/month, depending on eating habits.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Public transport costs €0.40 per ride, with monthly passes at €30–40. Taxis are affordable.
- ✓ **Dining Out:** Mid-range restaurants charge €10–20 per meal, while fast food is cheaper.
- ✓ **Entertainment:** Movie and cultural event tickets range from €4–10.
- ✓ **Healthcare:** Both public and private healthcare options are available in Albania. Public hospitals provide free medical services, while private healthcare is also accessible. Additionally, health insurance is affordable, starting at just €50 per year.
- ✓ **Internet & Mobile:** Basic plans cost €10–20/month.
- ✓ **Gym/Fitness:** Memberships range starting at €40/month.

**Note: Costs are approximate and depend on individual spending habits*



Jobs for International Students in Tirana

Finding part-time work in Tirana is possible, though opportunities vary. Here are some options:

- ✓ **Language Skills:** English and other foreign languages are an advantage, especially in tourism and hospitality.
- ✓ **Hospitality & Tourism:** Hotels, restaurants, cafes, and bars often hire part-time staff, especially during peak seasons.
- ✓ **Retail:** Clothing stores, supermarkets, and electronics shops may offer part-time positions.
- ✓ **Internships:** Gain experience through internships related to your field of study.
- ✓ **Tutoring:** English and subject-based tutoring are in demand.
- ✓ **Freelancing:** Online work in writing, design, programming, and marketing is an option.
- ✓ **On-Campus Jobs:** Universities may have student employment programs (e.g., EPIC Project at WBU).
- ✓ **Language Schools:** English schools often hire fluent speakers as teachers or assistants.
- ✓ **Networking:** Connections can lead to job opportunities—attend events and engage with peers.

Ensure you meet legal requirements for student employment in Albania. While part-time work helps with expenses, balancing it with studies is crucial.

e-Visa

e-Visa is an online application system developed by the Albanian government to pre-screen students wishing to study in Albania.

Applicants have full access to the e-Visa application system. They must complete the e-Visa process before traveling to Albania by air, land or sea.



Visa Type “D”

Long stay visa

It is issued in the form of a stamp visa or printed in electronic form for foreign citizens who intend to stay in the Republic of Albania for more than 90 days within 180 days, and when, to obtain a residence permit, these citizens are required to have a visa.

Visa for study purposes (D)

1. Visa application form, completed by the applicant, which is available online free of charge (the application form is completed online during the application, and is generated and downloaded by the system)
2. Photograph of the applicant, with dimensions 47 mm x 36 mm
3. Photocopy of the valid travel document
4. Statement according to the legal provisions, where the consent of the parent or legal guardian is expressed according to the legislation in force for the travel of the minor.
5. Invitation signed by the host.
6. Document certifying the registration/admission to an educational institution in Albania.
7. Financial evidence, proving the coverage of living and education expenses.
8. Certificate proving language proficiency, with which the visa applicant will conduct studies. Proof of language proficiency can also be verified by interview with the person in charge of consular affairs at the embassy or consulate.
9. Document certifying accommodation in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
10. Residence permit of more than 12 months, issued from the country of residence, with a validity period of at least 3 additional months than the duration period of the required visa.

Studying in Albania

Albania is rapidly emerging as a preferred study-abroad destination, offering high-quality education and actively working to expand its international student community. The country is known for its safety, affordability, and low cost of living, making it an attractive choice for students worldwide. Western Balkans University plays a significant role in this growth, hosting 81% of all international students in Albania, making it a key hub for students from across the globe.

There are several compelling reasons to choose Albania as your study-abroad location. Students from all corners of the world come to Albania to immerse themselves in its rich culture and engage with the diverse needs of its growing economy. Many choose to stay and work in the country after completing their studies, drawn by the country's dynamic environment and the opportunities available. With its welcoming atmosphere and strong educational institutions like Western Balkans University, Albania is an ideal destination for higher learning.

Here are some key reasons to **study in Albania**:

- ✓ Albania offers affordable tuition fees, making it a cost-effective option compared to other universities in the Balkans and Europe.
- ✓ Albania is considered one of the safest countries in Europe, offering a secure environment for both residents and visitors.
- ✓ Albania is a beautiful country, known for its stunning landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture.
- ✓ Albania offers highly competitive scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate programs, accessible to international students.
- ✓ English-taught programs are available, allowing students to learn in a language they are comfortable with, without the need for fluency in Albanian.
- ✓ Education in Albania follows the Bologna system, with all programs structured according to the ECTS framework, ensuring global recognition.
- ✓ Albania boasts a rich and diverse cultural heritage, offering students the chance to experience a new and memorable lifestyle while learning about its unique traditions firsthand.



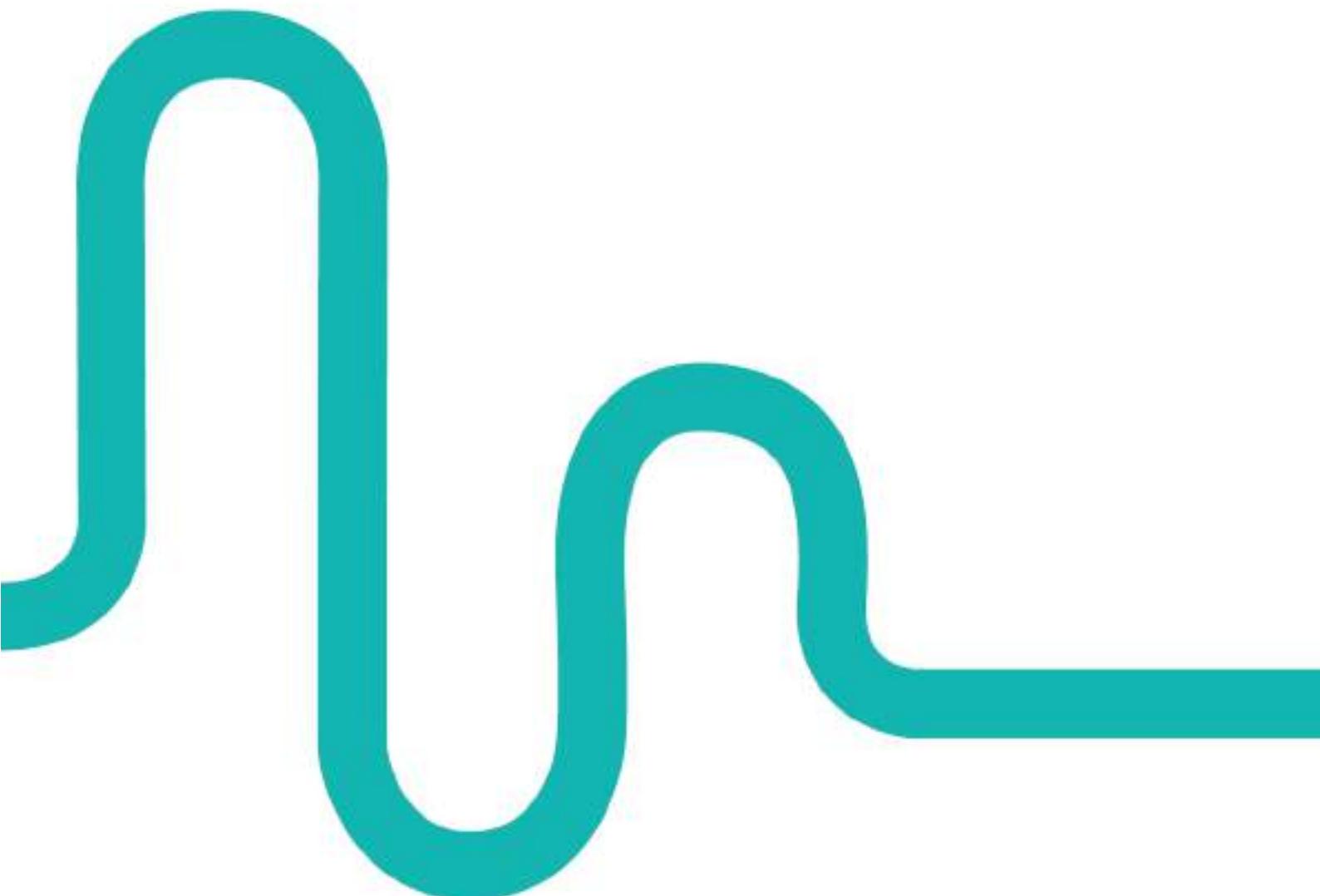
WBU International Students

Western Balkans University is home to a diverse international student community, with students from over 25 countries worldwide. From Canada to the UK and Germany, across various African nations, the Middle East, India, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, and all the way to the Caribbean, our multicultural environment fosters global connections and enriching academic experiences.

Why WBU?

- ✓ Curriculum designed in collaboration with the University of Cambridge.
- ✓ Established under leading hospital networks, including American Hospitals Group and Hygeia Hospital.
- ✓ Paid internships from the first year.
- ✓ All programs taught in English.
- ✓ Internationally experienced faculty.
- ✓ Modern campus with advanced labs.
- ✓ Scholarship opportunities available.
- ✓ Career growth within the university.
- ✓ Strong industry partnerships.





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