

Croatian transcript:

Zagreb je svojevrsni obrazovni centar Hrvatske. Ima mnogo fakulteta, to su Ekonomija, Fakultet elektronike i računarstva, Fakultet strojarstva i brodogradnje, Filozofski fakultet, Fakultet medicine, itd. Ja idem na Filozofski fakultet, kao što sam vjerovatno već spomenula, studiram engleski i francuski. Željela sam ići na Filozofski jer su me humanističke znanosti oduvijek privlačile, i znala sam da ću ići na Filozofski negdje tamo od 14. godine. Iz hira sam upisala francuski... Dobro, to je sad manje bitno. Atmosfera na Filozofskom mi se uglavnom sviđa, tako upoznala sam puno zanimljivih ljudi, naučila puno i o njima i o sebi.

Također, ima u Zagrebu i privatnih fakulteta, u puno manjoj mjeri nego državnih, to nije tako popularna kultura kao recimo u nekim zapadnim zemljama. Uglavnom su fokusirani na područja ekonomije i menadžmenta.

English translation:

Zagreb is somewhat of an educational center of Croatia. There are many faculties¹, including the Faculty of Economics and Business, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, Faculty of Philosophy, School of Medicine, etc². I study at the Faculty of Philosophy, as I probably mentioned before, and I study English and French. I wanted to go to the Faculty of Philosophy because I was always interested in humanities, and I knew I would study at the Faculty of Philosophy when I was about 14 years old. I chose French out of spite... But that's not important. I mostly like the atmosphere at the Faculty of Philosophy; I have met a lot of interesting people there, and I have learned a lot about them and about myself as well.

Also, there are private faculties in Zagreb as well, but not as many as state-owned ones; they are culturally not as popular as they are in some Western countries. They mostly focus on the areas of economy and management³.

¹ In Croatia, as in most Eastern European and Balkan countries, universities usually don't have a central campus, meaning that departments, or faculties, are usually located in different parts of the city. This leads to division among students according to their particular faculty, as well as a sense of belonging and identification with a faculty rather than the university as a whole.

² All of the departments listed here are a part of the University of Zagreb, which is the largest public university in Croatia.

³ Public and private universities in Croatia differ mostly in terms of tradition and status. Public universities are older and are generally considered to be more prestigious, which is quite opposite than in the U.S. Private universities are generally more expensive, but also have lower requirements for acceptance, which

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resulted in a public opinion, according to which most private universities are considered to be diploma mills.