“Being able to successfully use English in spoken and written form is a must for everyone in education and business spheres. With this in mind, as an international institution, IUS uses English as its the medium of instruction and communication. Thus, English is an integral part of life of our university, for both its students and staff.

The International University of Sarajevo English Language School (ELS) is an integral part of the university, whose main purpose is to prepare students language-wise to study in an English-medium academic environment in as short a time as possible, focusing on the actual use of the English language, rather than rote memorization of grammar rules and out-of-date uses.

The 25-hour-per-week ELS program is intensive and quite thorough, with an academic bent and focusing on developing the reading, listening, speaking and writing skills of the student along with a large vocabulary that will benefit the student in later studies. At IUS, a student’s overall academic success hinges on his/her achievement at ELS. Students will find ELS language instructors friendly, helpful, understanding, and yet, very serious and professional. 

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Džemil Marukić, Serbia

I went down the street and I met some students at Baščaršija who were distributing leaflets about IUS. I showed my parents the brochure and I said I wanted to enroll in English Language School at IUS. They supported me in this, because they saw that IUS offers excellent conditions for studies and intensive quality teaching in English language. I like it a lot that IUS offers a lot of student activities. I do acrobatics with a basketball, and this year I participated in the competition IUS Got Talent, which was held late last year at IUS. Here, I made a lot of friends with whom I spend my time at the faculty, and also we often organize activities and events where we spend a lot of our free time together. In addition to the knowledge we gain at IUS, the greatest treasure I have are the friends I met here.

Naser Kurbardović, Montenegro

I heard that IUS is one of the most perspective universities in the Balkans and that all classes are conducted in English language. I already had a good knowledge of English but I wanted to improve more. I am currently at the 4th level of English Language School (ELS). After completion of ELS, I want to enroll at the Architecture Program of the International University of Sarajevo. During summertime I will apply for internship somewhere, in order to practice communication and improve my English further. I definitely recommend ELS to students, not only because of the quality of teaching and knowledge received in classroom, but also because of the multicultural environment with students who come from all over the world. I consider the period I spend at IUS as one of the best periods of my life, in every aspect.

Gizem Buyer, Turkey

After I graduated from high school, it was time for me to make important decisions, specifically related to planning my future plans for studying. In conversation with my friends I learned about the International University of Sarajevo. Though I found out all the information about IUS, the very fact that the University is located in Bosnia and Herzegovina was the reason why I chose to study here since, as a little girl, I always liked Bosnia and Herzegovina. Studying abroad gives us an opportunity and a chance to get to know a new culture, broaden our horizons, gain knowledge and use all these one day to strengthen our country. Educational system at IUS and ELS helped me gain good knowledge of English and broaden my vision and perception of learning and receiving knowledge. Multicultural environment is an ideal opportunity for a secure way to a prosperous future.

Fatih Selçuk, Turkey

I received a scholarship based on good results I achieved at the national entrance exam for admission to faculties in Turkey. I chose IUS because I wanted to study abroad and receive education in an international environment. I did not know English well, so I enrolled in ELS. Taking lessons at ELS suits me because we work in small groups and our teachers can pay more attention to us individually. The topics we discuss and learn about are diverse and up to date. After I complete my studies at ELS, I intend to enroll in International Relations Program at IUS. I speak Bosnian a little and I learned Cyrillic as well. I intend to learn another eastern language as well. It is my wish to work in a company that will cooperate with the Eastern countries and I hope that my language skills will help me in my work too.
I am from Mauritania. I graduated from Faculty of Economics in my country. I speak Arabic, French and a little English. I came to BH a year ago. My English has improved a lot since I started ELS. My intention is to continue studying economics here at IUS. I am very happy that I have had the opportunity to visit Bosnia and experience a different culture. Bosnian people are very friendly and warm. They are very open-minded. Besides the good food here in Bosnia, what I like the most, is nature. I take every free moment to travel with my friends and meet new people and see new places.

I am a graduate economist. I learned about IUS from a friend who already completed his studies at IUS. I enrolled in English Language School (ELS) because I wanted to improve my English and continue my master studies at the Faculty of Business and Administration of the International University of Sarajevo. This University gave me the opportunity to communicate in English language on a daily basis in an international environment, and thereby learn the language much faster. My knowledge of English has significantly improved since I enrolled at ELS because language instructors at ELS are willing to help students also beyond regular teaching hours with additional tutoring.

I chose English Language School by the recommendation of a friend, and also because it offers a language program that suits my interest. Besides the quality of teaching and knowledge acquired, ELS made it possible for me to open a new view of the world, by giving me the opportunity to meet and accept people from other cultures and religions. Here, I gained a lot of friends with whom I spend wonderful time both in school and outside of the class. I hope that the experience and knowledge I gained at ELS, and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will enrich my personal experience once I return to my country.

My name is Büşra Günar. I am 19 years old and I come from Ankara. I came to IUS to improve my English and continue my education in an international environment. This was a new setting for me, but I got used to it soon and made many new friends. I would recommend ELS to everyone because of its teachers who are very friendly, kind and always ready to help. I feel at home here. I would advise everyone to go and study abroad. Dare, it’s the price of progress.

ELS is for me an exceptional experience. It’s exciting to find a new environment and meet new people and their customs. I think the best preparation for a person living in a new environment and culture is to be open minded for as much as possible and be able to accept the differences and live in harmony with them. Also, living in a foreign country, with no relatives, gives you an opportunity to get to know yourself and see what you are capable of. It makes you learn how to face new life situations, difficult and less difficult ones and confront them without the help of the parents or the friends. In addition to academic benefits I hope to gain life time friends and begin to think differently about life and raise the bar of personal aspirations to a much higher level.
The full ELS program lasts an academic year, divided into four sessions, each taking up 8 weeks at 200 hours per level. A student with no previous knowledge of English starts at Level 1 and works their way through to Level 4, at the end of which each student reaches a level of English proficiency where they can read academic texts, listen to lectures and take notes, respond to teacher prompts in class and in examinations and communicate with others using English in their everyday lives.

The program is not based on passing or failing one exam in one session, but the student attending and participating in all educational activities during the lessons and revising in different ways outside of the classroom.

Students who complete the English Language School are able to face the everyday language requirements of an English-medium learning environment and cope with the demands of studying at faculty level using the necessary language skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing. Moreover, they can also successfully function in social and work environments. Having this level of proficiency in English places these students ahead of their contemporaries.

In addition, our Summer Courses offer alternative programs to teenagers who wish to improve their English language skills while enjoying the beauty of the Balkan region with trips and cultural exchanges over a 3-week period.

ELS wishes to maintain strong lines of communication with parents and other stakeholders in order to promote a global outlook alongside an appreciation of local and regional values. To compete better in a challenging world, ELS develops efficient and effective systems to reach students from diverse background.

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On March 26th 2013, Prof. Dr. Aziz Karakaya, from Ankara University, visited the International University of Sarajevo. Professor Karakaya is a specialist on plant protection at the Faculty of Agriculture of Ankara University. During his visit at the Genetics and Bioengineering Program, Professor Karakaya delivered a lecture on “Stem rust, scald, net blotch and disease resistant genotypes.”
Graduate Seminar at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences

On Wednesday, March 6th, 2013, a group of graduate students from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences held a Graduate Seminar in the field of genetics and bioengineering at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

Graduate candidates presented the following papers:
Mrs. Betul Akcesme: Potential therapeutic role of Mesenchyma Stem Cells in Cancers: Exploitation of delivery system;
Mrs. Una Glamoclija: Genetic regulation at the border of kingdom: plant (Nigella Sativa) and microbiota in colorectal cancer;
Mrs. Jasminka Mujic: Circulating miRNAs as a Positional biomarker in breast cancer;
Mr. Faruk Berat Akcesme: Toll-like receptors and non-coding RNAs in cancers: a potential frontier for translational research.

It is important to mention that the above-mentioned graduate students are currently doing their research under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Azizul Haque, a Visiting Professor in Genetics and Bioengineering Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences at the International University of Sarajevo. Dr. Haque is an expert in the field of microbiology and immunology and he is currently professor at the Dartmouth University in the United States of America.

Scholarships for Foreign Students

On March 11, 2013, in the Amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo, the Government of the Republic of Turkey presented a program on granting scholarships to students from abroad. The Coordinator of the project at the Office for the Citizens of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Adem Günaydın, stressed that the Turkish government grants scholarships each year to most successful students.

Mr. Günaydın stated that applicants can select the universities of their choice, adding that Turkey has very good universities with high quality educational programs, and that some of the universities are among the top 100 universities in the world. He pointed out that this is also an opportunity to get to know new cultures and stated that the applicants who receive a scholarship have the option of applying for an Erasmus Scholarship, if they decide to study somewhere else in Europe.

Mr. Günaydın explained that last year approximately 1,000 students from Bosnia-Herzegovina applied to study in Turkey, stating that this year they expect this number to increase. Applications are made online via website [http://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr](http://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr) or [http://www.trscholarships.org](http://www.trscholarships.org).

With applicants who pass the final round an interview will be arranged in Sarajevo, after which a list with the names of those who were granted a scholarship will be announced. The Government of the Republic of Turkey has given scholarships to students from more than 150 countries, and each year they give approximately 13,000 scholarships to foreign students.

IBU Rector visited IUS

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013 the Rectorate of the International University of Sarajevo was visited by the Rector of the International Burch University, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Padem and Vice-Rector for the Scientific Research and International Cooperation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azamat Akbarov. Distinguished guests were welcomed by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar. During the meeting they discussed the cooperation of these two educational institutions.

The Malaysian Ambassador visited IUS

On March 15th, 2013 H.E. Anuar Kasman, Malaysian Ambassador to B&H and his Associate Mr. Onn Mohamed, General Secretary of the Malaysian Embassy in Sarajevo visited the Rectorate of the International University of Sarajevo.

The Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar, presented to the distinguished guests current plans, activities and developments of the University and discussed the possibilities of establishing cooperation between IUS and higher education institutions in Malaysia. The meeting was also attended by the Coordinator for International Relations at IUS, Prof. Dr. Mesut Idriz and IUS professors who obtained their education from Malaysia.

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17th B&H State Competition in informatics for high school students held at IUS

The Association "Informatics Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina" organized the 17th B&H State Competition in informatics for high school students. The competition was held on Saturday, April 27th, 2013, on the premises of the International University of Sarajevo.

The contestants-students were eligible to participate in the state competition after they participated in school, municipal, cantonal and regional competitions. The 55 registered competitors, accompanied by 30 professors, come from all regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The best results were achieved by the following students:

First place: Rijad Muminović, Second Gymnasium, Sarajevo, Second place: Armin Ašimović, International School of Sarajevo, Third place: Amer Zavlan, International School of Sarajevo.

The best competitors have qualified for their successful participation at the International Olympiad in Informatics, as well as the Balkan Olympiad in Informatics. This competition has once again proved that talent and knowledge for computer science is nurtured and developed in all parts of B&H. The competition has also been an opportunity to socialize and share experiences, both for students and for their teachers.

Association "Informatics Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina" plans to continue with the activities of organizing winter and summer camps for young talents in computer science.

The first two camps were organized at IUS premises in July 2012 and January 2013. These activities are helped mostly by students themselves and their schools, and the relevant ministries at different levels.

The President of the Association "Informatics Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haris Gavranović said that this is an ideal opportunity for companies involved in computer science and related fields to come forward and help develop the best young talents, and invest in their future and our future as well.

As a reward for their achievements in the competition held by the management of the International University of Sarajevo, scholarships to study at this University were awarded to best competitors (graduates).

More information and details about the competition venues can be found on the website of the University www.ius.edu.ba or on the website of the Association www.bhoi.net.

Armin Ašimović, second grade (International Bosna Sema highschool), Sarajevo
"I have already taken part in competitions in Informatics. I am pleased with my results at this competition. I achieved my goal, and that’s the right placement in order to participate in the world championship of computer science."

Rijad Muminović, third grade (Second Gymnasium)
"I won first place in this competition. I think that this is a reward for all the effort and hard work I put in throughout high school. I would like to say that it is worth investing in knowledge, sooner or later the results always show."

IUS Open Day

On March 20th, 2013 an "IUS Open Day" was organized at the International University of Sarajevo. On this occasion, high school students visited IUS with their teachers and parents. The aim of this event was to give on-site information to all interested visitors about the International University of Sarajevo, its work and in particular the possibilities for students to study at the contemporary undergraduate and graduate programs the University offers.

On the same day, in the morning, IUS organized a scholarship examination to grant scholarships to students interested in studying at IUS. More than 600 students from about 85 high schools across Bosnia-Herzegovina were competing for scholarships. The International University of Sarajevo organized transportation for high school students to the testing site, and for the best placed candidates at the testing exam, IUS will grant scholarships for four-year education at IUS.
International University of Sarajevo (IUS) organized a competition for senior and masters degree students called IUS Café Design Competition. The aim of this competition was to offer the best architectural solution for design of the café at IUS main building and to propose a new vision that will remain as an important symbol at IUS. Certainly this café will become the symbol of an important aspect of student's life fulfilled with silence, relaxation and leisure. Designed proposals were supposed to incorporate latest trends in built environment and the needs of the contemporary world and, as well as expectations of our students.

After selection of submitted designs, IUS is pleased to announce the winners of the IUS Café Design Competition. The Jury formed by IUS Architecture Program staff selected 3 winners for the best design. The winners were selected for their creativity and understanding of dynamic and adaptive design as follows: ELİF BİLİCİ (1st place), MUSTAFA YILDIRIM and ÖMER FARUK MUKUL (shared 2nd and 3rd place). The winners were awarded 1.000 KM for the first place, 750 KM and 500 KM for the second and third place. Work on the construction of the IUS Café will start soon. On April 4th 2103, IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar welcomed in his Rectorate Office three architecture students, winners in the IUS Café Design Competition. The meeting was also attended by the Competition Jury, which consisted of Assist. Prof. Zinka Bejić, Assist. Prof. Lamila Simić and Mr. Senad Hodžić. Rector Çınar congratulated the winning students on the results they achieved in the competition for the selection of the most beautiful cafeteria design to be built at the IUS campus. The Rector thanked the professional jury for their effort in the selection of the best architectural solution as well as for motivation of students to participate in it.

A lecture held at IUS about the Muslim Brotherhood and Changes of the World Trends

In grand amphitheater room of the International University of Sarajevo, journalist and analyst, Mr. Abdurrahman Dilipak entitled gave a lecture called “Changes of the global trends”. In his lecture, he spoke about the Muslim world and its values, the Western civilization, as well as the new economic and political model of governance.

After the lecture, IUS students asked questions our guest was pleased to answer.

At the end of the lecture, IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar gave a gift to our distinguished guest, featuring Sarajevo, as a nice memory of this day and the visit.

IUS Rector Visited the Brazilian Embassy

On April 4th 2013, the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar, accompanied by the Coordinator for International Relations at IUS, Prof. Dr. Mesut Idriz, visited the Ambassador of Brazil in Sarajevo, H.E. Mr. Jose A. Lindgren Alves. Rector Çınar and Prof. Dr. Mesut Idriz briefed the Ambassador on the ongoing developments, current plans and activities at IUS.

The collaborations between Brazilian universities and IUS, especially San Paulo University, was cordially discussed and agreed. In addition to the points of collaboration, Rector Çınar and Prof. Dr. Mesut Idriz invited scholars and academics of Brazil to take part in the upcoming conferences organized by IUS. Rector Çınar also invited the Embassy’s Minister-Consular Ms. Rujiza Mara Anreyevich and its staff to take part in the upcoming International Spring Festival 2013 at IUS.
IUS Taekwondo Club Won Gold Medal

Taekwondo Club “ZLATNI LJILJANI” organized the third International Taekwondo Championship “Hadžići Open 2013,” for pioneers, cadets, juniors and seniors on Saturday, March 30th, 2013. The competition was held in the Cultural-Sports and Recreational center in Hadžići and was attended by competitors of all age groups (young and older cadets / juniors and seniors). IUS Taekwondo club has participated with two athletes Burak Kılıç (68 kg) and Alper Urgun (68 kg), both of whom have won medals - one silver and one gold. The championship was attended by teams from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Turkey, with 200 athletes.

On Friday, April 04th, 2013, the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo met the athletes and their coach Ahmet Dilek. After a pleasant conversation the guests presented their plans for future competitions to IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar. Prof. Ozer stated that the University is proud of these students for their perseverance and outstanding results they achieved, and we believe that their fighting spirit will bring them new gold medals.

Earth Day

April 22 is the Earth Day. Professors from the Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering at IUS organised a planting action to celebrate this very important day. Eight students of the second year planted, together with their professors, 23 seedlings and 4 different kinds of trees.

The planting action was organised in Barice, a picnic area 10km from the center of Sarajevo, up from Bašćarija. Among the seedlings and trees were Beech (Fagus sylvatica), Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus), Wild Cherry (Prunus avium), and Alder (Alnus glutinosa), increasing the existing biodiversity at Barice and spending a beautiful day together. The weather conditions were not the best, but the new planted trees surely enjoyed the few rain drops falling at times.

We should always be mindful that the only way to have a quality future is in the concept of sustainable development. Natural resources, on which we all depend, are limited. What we take from Mother Nature, we should try to replace by giving Her back what we can and be thankful! All biological processes are cycles, so let us not forget that we all inhabit a beautiful Blue Green Planet that we must respect!

IUS students participated in rescue during natural disasters training in Cyprus

Students of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) participated in the five-day rescue during natural disasters training in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) in the period from April 22nd to April 27th, 2013.

The training was organized by the Council of International Universities for Research and Rescue (International Universities Search & Rescue Council) in coordination with the Organization for Civil Protection (Civil Defense Organization).

By participation of students in this training our University has become a member of the Council of international universities for research and rescue, and our students who participated in this training have gained the right to participate in the rescue exercise with other university students and members of the Council in the next calendar year of...