



# University of Nova Gorica

## Guide for International Students



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# 1. About the University of Nova Gorica

The University of Nova Gorica (UNG), located in western Slovenia, at the Slovene-Italian border is a research-oriented university with a strong international character, offering an excellent gateway to quality studies and mobility experiences in your future professional field – be it natural sciences, engineering, management, biotechnology, humanities or art.

The predecessor of UNG, The School of Environmental Sciences, was founded in 1995 by the Municipality of Nova Gorica and the Jožef Stefan Institute as the first international postgraduate school in Slovenia. Since its establishment, UNG has been welcoming international students and staff from all over the world.

Students are mainly drawn to UNG due to its contemporary and practically oriented study programmes, the individual approach and an extremely favourable teacher-student number ratio, while through participating in research activities and projects they gain interdisciplinary knowledge and develop their talents and skills in order to pursue successful professional and academic careers. Moreover, researchers at UNG can benefit from a challenging and stimulating work environment and state-of-the-art research equipment at UNG research units.

UNG cooperates with numerous institutions worldwide and promotes multidisciplinary research and programmes designed to build partnerships between industry and academia, with the hope of creating a better society both at local and global levels.

UNG has **seven schools** offering **bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes**, as well as **six research centres** and **four research laboratories**.

## 1.1 UNG schools

<b>School of Environmental Sciences</b> info.fzo@ung.si	<b>School of Humanities</b> info.fh@ung.si
<b>School of Engineering and Management</b> info.ptf@ung.si	<b>School of Arts</b> info.au@ung.si
<b>School for Viticulture and Enology</b> info.fvv@ung.si	<b>School of Science</b> info.fn@ung.si
<b>Graduate School</b> info.fps@ung.si	

## 1.2 UNG research centres and laboratories

<b>Centre for Atmospheric Research</b> info.cra@ung.si	<b>Laboratory for Environmental and Life Sciences</b> info.lvoz@ung.si
<b>Center for Astrophysics and Cosmology</b> info.cac@ung.si	<b>Laboratory of Quantum Optics</b> info.lko@ung.si
<b>Center for Information Technologies and Applied Mathematics</b> info.citum@ung.si	<b>Laboratory of Organic Matter Physics</b> info.lfos@ung.si
<b>Wine Research Centre</b> info.crv@ung.si	<b>Materials Research Laboratory</b> info.lrm@ung.si
<b>Research Centre for Humanities</b> info.rch@ung.si	
<b>Center for Cognitive Science of Language</b> info.ckzj@ung.si	

### 1.3 Other resources and offices

#### International and Project Office

The office coordinates international activities and educational projects at the University. It offers support to students and staff related to mobility programmes (Erasmus+, CEEPUS, scholarships arising from bilateral agreements etc.), and guidance to UNG staff at all stages of international research projects lifecycle.

#### International and Project Office

University of Nova Gorica  
Student Office  
Glavni trg 8  
SI-5271 Vipava

E: [international.office@ung.si](mailto:international.office@ung.si)  
T: 386 5 6205 814

#### Student Office

The Student Office provides various forms of support to UNG students (issues enrolment certificates, examination grades transcripts etc.), as well as to prospective students wishing to study at our university. It offers information on admission, enrollment, accommodation and other information concerning studying at the University of Nova Gorica. UNG has two student offices, one is located at the UNG campus in Nova Gorica, and the other one at UNG campus in Vipava.

#### Student Office Nova Gorica

University of Nova Gorica  
Student Office  
Vipavska cesta 13  
Rožna Dolina  
SI-5000 Nova Gorica

E: [studentska.pisarna@ung.si](mailto:studentska.pisarna@ung.si)  
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#### Student Office Vipava

University of Nova Gorica  
Student Office  
Glavni trg 8  
SI-5271 Vipava

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## Career Center

The Career Center covers the areas of career orientation and career planning. It organises workshops, disseminates information about vacancies, scholarships, summer schools etc., coordinates practical placements and helps students establish contacts with potential employers.

### Career Center

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Student Office  
Glavni trg 8  
SI-5271 Vipava

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T: +386 5 62 05 813

## Alumni Club

The Alumni Club is an important link between UNG graduates and the University. It carries out various activities and events to increase the University's connection with alumni and coordinates networking among alumni.

### Alumni Club

University of Nova Gorica  
Student Office  
Glavni trg 8  
SI-5271 Vipava

E: [alumni.klub@ung.si](mailto:alumni.klub@ung.si)  
T: +386 5 62 05 813

## University Library

The University Library The library offers students, staff and others access to publications, journals, electronic resources, research, graduate, master's and doctoral theses. The Library is situated at UNG main building in Nova Gorica and also have a reading/study room. All UNG students are exempt from paying the University Library memberships fee.

### University Library

University of Nova Gorica  
Vipavska cesta 13  
Rožna Dolina  
SI-5000 Nova Gorica

E: [library@ung.si](mailto:library@ung.si)  
T: +386 5 3315 220

## 1.4 UNG campuses

UNG comprises three campuses, all of them being located in the Goriška region. The **Nova Gorica campus** is located in Rožna Dolina, a pleasant suburban area of the town of Nova Gorica, whereas the **Ajdovščina campus** and the **Vipava campus** are located in the Vipava Valley, which stretches east of Nova Gorica and is still part of the Goriška region. All three campuses can easily be reached, either by motorway leading from Venice to Ljubljana or by public transport.

Certain other teaching and research activities of our doctoral programmes are also partly conducted at other locations at partner research institutions, such as on the premises of the Karst Research Institute in Postojna.

The **Otlica observatory** with a LIDAR system for long-distance remote atmospheric monitoring and research, located on the Trnovska planota plateau above Ajdovščina, also forms part of the Ajdovščina campus.

### **Nova Gorica campus**

Address:

#### **University of Nova Gorica**

Vipavska cesta 13  
Rožna Dolina  
SI-5000 Nova Gorica

The Nova Gorica campus houses the following schools, research centres and laboratories:

#### **School of Humanities**

E: info.fh@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 237

#### **School of Arts**

E: info.au@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 223

#### **Graduate School**

E: info.fps@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 329

#### **Laboratory for Environmental and Life Sciences**

E: info.lvoz@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 329

#### **Research Centre for Humanities**

E: info.rch@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 237

#### **Center for Cognitive Science of Language**

E: info.ckzj@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 237

## **Ajdovščina university centre/campus**

Address:

### **University of Nova Gorica – University centre Ajdovščina**

Vipavska cesta 11c  
SI-5270 Ajdovščina

UNG campus in Ajdovščina houses the following schools, research centres and laboratories:

#### **School of Science**

E: info.fh@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3653 500

#### **Laboratory of Organic Matter Physics**

E: info.lfos@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3653 500

#### **Materials Research Laboratory**

E: info.lrm@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3653 521

#### **Laboratory for Quantum Optics**

E: info.lko@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3653 521

#### **Center for Astrophysics and Cosmology**

E: info.cac@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3315 368

#### **Center for Atmospheric Research**

E: info.cra@ung.si  
T: +386 5 6205 830

## **Vipava campus**

Address:

### **University of Nova Gorica – Lanthieri Mansion**

Glavni trg 8  
SI-5271 Vipava

UNG schools and researched centres located in Vipava:

#### **School for Viticulture and Enology**

E: info.fvv@ung.si  
T: +386 5 9099 700

#### **School of Environmental Sciences**

E: info.fzo@ung.si  
T: +386 5 9099 700

#### **School of Engineering and Management**

E: info.ptf@ung.si  
T: +386 5 6205 830

#### **Centre for Information Technologies and Applied Mathematics**

E: info.citum@ung.si  
T: +386 5 3653 500

#### **Wine Research Centre**

E: info.crv@ung.si  
T: +386 5 9099 700

## 2. Facts about Slovenia and the Goriška region

### 2.1 Basic facts about Slovenia

Slovenia is a country in Central Europe, a member of the European Union, with the population of approximately 2 million people and an area of 20,273 square kilometers. It lies between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea, bordering Austria on the north, Hungary on the north-east, Croatia on the south-east and Italy on the west. The country is known for its natural beauties and diverse landscape, ranging from high snow-capped mountains and ski resorts, to the charming Mediterranean coastal towns and sea resorts, mysterious underground caves, vast areas of unspoiled nature, dense forests, rolling hills covered in vineyards and lowlands dotted with picturesque villages.

**Time zone:** CET (GMT + 1)

**Climate:** Slovenia's climate ranges from sub-Mediterranean in the south-west, to continental climate in most of the rest of the country, and Alpine in the Alpine areas. In the Goriška region, where Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava are situated, the climate is sub-Mediterranean with hot summers and mild winters. However, the Vipava Valley, especially the town of Ajdovščina is known for the Bora (Slovene: Burja) wind, which is extremely strong and, particularly in winter, gives the impression of greater cold.

**Official languages:** Slovenian (also called Slovene), whereas in areas with a recognised Italian/Hungarian minority the official language besides Slovenian is also Italian/Hungarian.

**Currency:** Euro

### Shops

Shops are open continuously, on weekdays usually from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to midday. Larger shopping centres are usually open from 8:00 or 9:00 am to 8:00 or 9:00 pm. On Sundays and national holidays the shops are generally closed.

### Telephoning

International access code: 00

International country code: 386

Telekom Slovenije is the largest mobile operator in Slovenia, but there are also numerous others. All of them offer special packages and pre-paid options (calls and mobile data) for students.

### Banks

At banks, you can exchange foreign currencies, open a bank account, transfer cash and perform various types of non-cash banking transactions. The opening times of banks vary, but larger banks are usually open from 8:00 am to 17:00 pm on weekdays.

### Important telephone numbers:

**112 – urgent medical help, fire brigade, common number for assistance in case of natural disasters**

**113 – police emergencies**

**1987 – roadside assistance and towing (AMZS)**

## **Post offices**

The opening hours of local post offices vary, but usually they are open on weekdays from 8:00 to 17:00 or 18:00. At most post offices, you can also perform financial transactions (depending on your bank account provider). More information on postal services: <http://www.posta.si/>.

## **2.2 About the Goriška region**

The University of Nova Gorica is located in the Goriška region, in western Slovenia, bordering Italy. In most of the region, the climate is sub-Mediterranean, while in the north, there are the mountains, the Alps and thus the climate is (sub-) Alpine. The region is known for its beautiful nature, especially the famous Soča Valley with its emerald river, Soča. The unspoilt forests of the Trnovska planota plateau also attract many nature lovers, while the hilly Brda area and the Vipava Valley, two famous winegrowing areas, boast with their excellent wines, fruit and vegetables production, and charming traditional towns and villages. The region has a rich history and marked the history especially in World War I, as this is where the Soča/Isonzo Front took place.

## **Nova Gorica**

Nova Gorica is the largest town in the Goriška region and the region's main economic, cultural and administrative centre. It is situated along the Slovene-Italian border, forming a common urban area with the adjacent Italian town of Gorizia. Nova

Gorica is a young and lively town with interesting history. Nowadays it attracts students, the young population in general, and numerous tourists, who find this vibrant young town a perfect destination and a starting point for trips into the Soča valley, to the Alps, or to Italy.

## **Ajdovščina**

Ajdovščina is a small town in the heart of the Vipava Valley. It was founded about 2,000 years ago by the Romans, and the Roman remains are still present – the most remarkable are the preserved Roman fortresses. The town is surrounded by the hills of the Trnovska planota plateau on the north and a low hilly area on the south. This part of the Vipava Valley is known for wine- and fruit-growing.

## **Vipava**

Vipava is a picturesque small town in the Vipava Valley, dominated by the interesting ruins of the castle sitting on the hill above the town and surrounded by vineyards and fields. The town is the local viticultural and enological centre. Moreover, it is also known for its attractive Mediterranean architecture. The highlight is definitely the Lanthieri Mansion, located on the town's main square. The Lanthieri Mansion houses certain facilities of the University of Nova Gorica.

### 2.3 Entering Slovenia, temporary residence permits and visa information for international students

The official website <http://www.infotujci.si/> offers all the necessary information on the requirements for entering the Republic of Slovenia, and the information on **visas** and **temporary residence permits**.

The candidates for studies and mobilities to UNG must check the requirements for entering the Republic of Slovenia in advance.

**EU citizens** do not need a visa to enter the Republic of Slovenia; they can enter with a valid identity card or a valid passport regardless of their purpose of stay. EU citizens staying in Slovenia for a period shorter than 90 days do not have to register their place of residence, they only need to register at the respective police station within three days of crossing the state border.

To stay in Slovenia for a period longer than 90 days you must apply for a temporary residence permit for the purpose of studies. You can submit your application for a temporary residence permit to the competent Administrative Unit in the Republic of Slovenia (certain charges apply). The permit is issued for a fixed period (not more than one year) and must therefore be regularly renewed.

You can obtain more information at the Embassies of the Republic of Slovenia abroad, at the Administrative Units in Slovenia, and at <http://www.infotujci.si/>.

#### Upravna enota Nova Gorica

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SI-5000 Nova Gorica  
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T: +386 5 330 61 00

#### Upravna enota Ajdovščina

Vipavska cesta 11b  
SI-5270 Ajdovščina  
E: [ue.ajdovscina@gov.si](mailto:ue.ajdovscina@gov.si)  
T: +386 5 364 32 00

### 2.4 Getting to Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava

Slovenia is located in Central Europe, bordering Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. It can be easily reached from all directions via various means of transport and airline connections. All three UNG campus towns – Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava – lie in western Slovenia, in the Goriška region, bordering Italy.

#### Arriving by plane

The main airport in Slovenia, the Jože Pučnik Airport of Ljubljana, offers various connections to destinations abroad. However, the nearest international airport to Nova Gorica is the Trieste Airport, located in Italy, near the Slovene-Italian border. Two other airports in Italy – the Marco Polo Venice Airport, and the Treviso Airport are also popular and offer a variety of low-cost travel options.

### **Arriving by car**

Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava can easily be reached from all directions by motorway, as it is located along the H4 high-speed road/motorway leading from Ljubljana to Italy – Udine and further to Venice. An e-vignette is obligatory to be able to use all Slovene high-speed roads and motorways. There are 24-hour service stations and petrol stations along the motorways approximately every 30 km. They are also common in cities and in smaller towns.

### **Arriving by coach or train**

There are frequent coach connections between the capital, Ljubljana, Vipava, Ajdovščina and Nova Gorica. Moreover, various international coach operators also offer international connections with stopovers in Slovenia.

For train connections to/from Nova Gorica, check the national operator's website (Slovenske železnice). Since the main train station of the town of Gorizia (Italy) is located only about 2 km away from Nova Gorica, it is also worth checking connections to Gorizia on the website of the main Italian railway operator, Trenitalia. If travelling from Germany, Austria and other Central European countries, also check the international connections offered by the respective railway operators.

### **Car pooling options**

Car pooling is increasingly popular among students and one of the most useful carpooling websites is [www.prevozi.org](http://www.prevozi.org). Through this website you might find some cheap travel opportunities within Slovenia and also to certain destinations abroad.

### **Public town transport in Nova Gorica**

The town of Nova Gorica and its suburbs are connected by a network of free public buses.

## 3. Studying at UNG

The sections below contain useful guidelines for students studying at the University of Nova Gorica, either as a full-time/part-time student or as a mobility student.

### 3.1 Academic calendar

**Winter semester** lasts from October to mid-January.

**Summer semester** lasts from mid-February to the end of May/beginning of June.

There are no teaching activities during national holiday periods, such as Christmas break.

#### Examination periods:

Winter examination period:	end of January – beginning of February
Spring examination period:	mid-June – beginning of July
Autumn examination period:	mid-August – mid-September

### 3.2 Admission criteria and enrolment

For further information concerning the admission criteria and the enrolment process, please contact the Student Office: [studentska.pisarna@ung.si](mailto:studentska.pisarna@ung.si)

### 3.3 Mobility

International candidates for incoming mobility to the University of Nova Gorica for the purpose

of study/practical placement should contact the mobility offices at their home universities. If their application is approved and submitted to UNG as a host institution, the UNG International and Project Office, together with the mobility coordinator at the selected UNG unit ensures that the candidate meets the mobility criteria and offers incoming students further assistance in mobility procedures. Learning agreements between the sending and the host institutions must be agreed upon in advance and the incoming mobility students have to check in advance if the UNG courses included into their learning agreements are suitable for them in terms of language of instruction and course difficulty levels.

All UNG international students who are enrolled at a regular basis, are also entitled to spending a mobility period abroad, at any of the universities with which UNG has valid agreements.

For more information on incoming and outgoing mobilities, please contact the International and Project Office: [international.office@ung.si](mailto:international.office@ung.si).

### 3.4 English language requirements for international students

International students whose first language is not English need to have a good command of their written and spoken English language skills. Please check the language requirements in advance with the UNG school at which you wish to study. Incoming mobility students should check the English

language requirements with their mobility coordinators at their home universities.

### 3.5 Study process and examinations

The students are expected to attend lectures, practical sessions and other forms of teaching activities regularly. At certain courses the attendance might not be obligatory, but highly recommended. To access examinations, individual courses might have different prerequisites (e.g. submitted seminar paper). Students must register for an examination via the online student information system within the prescribed deadline, and the same applies for withdrawing from examinations.

Most of the study materials are available in e-form in UNG virtual classrooms and/or available at the University Library. Field trips, practical placements, laboratory sessions and other syllabi units are also part of the study programmes and represent study obligations.

For all the information concerning the course contents, schedules of lectures and examinations, please contact the administrative office of your school. For all the information concerning the enrolment certificates, grade transcripts etc. please contact UNG Student Office.

### 3.6 Grading system

To assess the students' achievements, the universities in Slovenia use a six-level grading scale from 1 to 10. The passing grades are from 6 to 10, while the failing grades range from 1 to 5.

#### Grading scale:

- 10 excellent (best possible grade)
- 9 very good
- 8 very good
- 7 good

- 6 sufficient (lowest passing grade)
- 5 or lower (failing grades)

Seminars are generally graded on pass/fail basis. Final diploma/master theses and doctoral dissertation) are assessed by one of the two following decisions: "successful" or "not successful".

All UNG study programmes hold relevant accreditations and courses are evaluated with **ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) credit points. This allows the students to participate in mobilities or pursue further education at other ECTS-accredited study programmes across Europe.

The students must accumulate 60 ECTS in each year of studies and in order to proceed to the next year of study, they must obtain a certain number of ECTS. To successfully complete the studies, the students must successfully complete all the required study obligations.

### 3.7 E-learning support

Various e-learning tools are available to UNG students, such as the UNG MiTeam digital collaborative and educational environment, UNG Zoom, virtual classrooms and other e-learning tools enabling the students to follow certain activities online and view recorded and uploaded study materials.

### 3.8 Students with special needs and students with a special status

**Students with special needs** are blind and partially sighted students or students with visual impairments, deaf and hard of hearing students, students with speech and language disorders, students with deficits in individual learning areas, physically challenged students, long-term ill students, students with autism spectrum disorders and students with psychosocial problems.

**Students with a special status** are students categorized as athletes and coaches, students recognized as artists and cultural figures, other students who participate in (regional) international competitions, and student parents of a child until the start of compulsory schooling.

Students with special needs and students with a special status are entitled to special adjustments and additional professional assistance during their studies. To obtain the status of a student with special needs or a special status, students must submit a written application to the Student Affairs Committee of the school.

### **3.8.1. Students athletes**

The University of Nova Gorica is an athletes-friendly university and offers **tailored modes of study and scholarships for athletes**.

Athletes of various sports disciplines come to study at UNG, where they can enjoy the individual approach and a great amount of flexibility, enabling them to successfully combine their sports and academic careers.

Moreover, the mild climate of the Goriška region offers favourable weather conditions for training all year round. The towns of Nova Gorica and Ajdovščina also offer quality sports infrastructure.

## 4. Accommodation

There are student dorms in all three UNG campus towns, Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava. All of them are within the walking distance from the nearest UNG campus.

Only the student rooms at the Lanthieri Mansion at the UNG campus in Vipava are owned and operated by the University, meaning that the students can book rooms through the UNG Student Office. To book a room at all other dorms or in private accommodation units, the students themselves must contact the chosen dorm/private accommodation provider. However, the UNG Students Office ([studentska.pisarna@ung.si](mailto:studentska.pisarna@ung.si)) does provide further information and guidance for accommodation seekers.

### **Rooms at the Lanthieri Mansion, Vipava**

The rooms are situated at the UNG campus in Vipava, in the beautiful Lanthieri Mansion. Twelve beds in double rooms are available, two rooms share a bathroom, while a common kitchen with a dining area and a study room are available in the same building.

Further information: [studentska.pisarna@ung.si](mailto:studentska.pisarna@ung.si)

### **Dijaški dom Nova Gorica**

This dorm is located in Nova Gorica, near the railway station, a 10-15 minutes' walk from the UNG campus in Rožna Dolina, Nova Gorica. It also offers meals.

Address:

Dijaški dom Nova Gorica  
Streliška pot 7  
SI-5000 Nova Gorica

Further information: <http://www.ddng.si>

E: [info@ddng.si](mailto:info@ddng.si)

### **Dijaški dom Ajdovščina**

The dorm is located in the centre of Ajdovščina, with a walking distance from the UNG campus in Ajdovščina. The residence mostly houses high-school students, but also offers rooms to UNG students.

Address:

Dijaški dom Ajdovščina  
Cesta 5. maja 12  
SI-5270 Ajdovščina

Further information: <http://www.ddajdovscina.si>

E: [dijaski.dom@ss-venopilon.si](mailto:dijaski.dom@ss-venopilon.si)

### **Dijaški dom Vipava**

The dorm is situated in the centre of Vipava, near the UNG campus. It is a residence for high-school students, but also offers beds to university students.

Address:

Dijaški dom Vipava

Grabrijanova ulica 19

SI-5271 Vipava

Further information: <http://www.sgv.si>

E: [urska.doblehar@sgv.si](mailto:urska.doblehar@sgv.si)

### **Private accommodation**

The prices for renting a private flat or room depend mainly on its location. The students must book private accommodation units themselves, paying attention to the price specifications and an obligatory contract for renting the accommodation. The UNG Student Office ([studentska.pisarna@ung.si](mailto:studentska.pisarna@ung.si)) can provide the accommodation seekers with a list of accommodation units currently advertised by private owners in the area.

## 5. Health insurance and medical care

Foreign **EU/EEA students and** must possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. **Students from non-EU countries** must obtain a health insurance certificate for medical assistance in Slovenia from the body responsible for health affairs in their home countries. This certificate must contain a clear description of the scope of their rights and must be arranged **prior to their arrival** to Slovenia.

**Please note:** UNG strongly advises all international students (including those from EU countries) to buy **additional commercial medical insurance coverage** (e.g. Coris) for their study period in Slovenia, as certain medical insurance certificates, despite being valid in Slovenia, only cover the cost of emergency medical procedures and cause high medical costs to students. Moreover, it is strongly advised to students to arrange this additional commercial medical insurance **prior to their arrival** to Slovenia.

The quality of medical services in Slovenia is generally good and in accordance with EU standards. There is a wide network of public health care providers and hospitals, as well as pharmacies in all Slovene towns and cities.

**First-aid kits** as well as **AEDs (automated external defibrillators)** are available at all UNG premises.

Main medical/health care units in the Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava areas:

### **Primary health care centre/Zdravstveni dom Nova Gorica**

Rejčeva ulica 4

SI-5000 Nova Gorica

Further information: <https://www.zd-go.si/>

T: +386 5 33 83 200

### **Primary health care centre/Zdravstveni dom Ajdovščina**

Tovarniška cesta 3

SI-5270 Ajdovščina

Further information: <http://www.zd-ajdovscina.si/>

T: +386 5 36 93 000

### **Primary health care centre Vipava/ Zdravstvena postaja Vipava**

Beblerjeva ulica 5

SI-5271 Vipava

Further information: <https://www.zd-ajdovscina.si/zp-vipava>

T: +386 5 36 55 111/+386 5 36 55 110

### **General hospital "Dr. Franc Derganc" Nova Gorica**

Ulica padlih borcev 13A

5290 Šempeter pri Gorici

Further information: <http://www.bolnisenica-go.si/>

T: +386 5 33 01 000

24h emergency medical help calls: +386 5 33 01 117

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**General national medical emergency call number: 112**

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## 6. Personal safety

Slovenia is a very safe country and so are all three UNG campus towns, therefore international students do not have to worry particularly about safety issues during their study periods in the Goriška region. However, general safety precautions (lock-

ing the door, not leaving valuables in your car etc.) should be observed.

In all respects, UNG strives for equality and condemns all forms of discrimination. All UNG premises are harassment-free zones.

# 7. Subsidised student meals and transport

All students studying in Slovenia are be entitled to buy meals at extremely reduced prices, since the Slovene government subsidises (co-finances) student meals through a special national online system for student meals, working all over the country. To activate your personal account in this system you have to own a Slovene SIM card because you pay at reduced prices at special mobile phone terminals at cash desks.

You must activate your account prior to the first use in restaurants, at the nearest students' club in the area. Mind that you have to show a personal document and a certificate of enrolment to UNG (this certificate is given to you by the UNG Student Office upon your enrolment).

The **list of the restaurants offering student meals** is available at: <http://www.students-ka-prehrana.si>. The student meal system enables you to eat in any restaurant from the list, all across Slovenia, regardless of your place of study. Please remember that you cannot have subsidised meals in any restaurant or bar, but only in those included on the official list.

Normally, you can get the whole daily menu offer, vegetarian menu options are always available. Other dishes can be ordered too, but extra charges may apply for that, so ask in advance.

List of local student organisations/clubs where you can activate your student meal account:

## **Nova Gorica**

### **Klub goriških študentov (KGŠ)**

Trg Edvarda Kardelja 1

SI-5000 Nova Gorica

Further information: <http://www.kgs.si>

## **Ajdovščina**

### **Klub ajdovskih študentov in dijakov (KAŠ)**

Cesta IV. Prekomorske 61/a

SI-5270 Ajdovščina

Further information: <http://kas.si/>

All students who live more than 2 kilometres away from the university at which they study, are entitled to the **subsidised monthly pass for public transport**. This includes subsidised passes for public coach and train transports, as well as city public transport. Monthly or yearly subsidised passes can be bought at the main bus stations in Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina or Postojna.

## 8. Student job opportunities

Students can perform student jobs through a very well-developed national network of student job agencies. Student jobs are flexible and do not require contracts additional contracts but are managed through the so-called “student job referrals”, issued by the selected student job agency.

To be able to undertake a student job, international students must possess the student status of a student or pupil at a Slovene higher-education institution in the current academic year, obtain a Slovene tax number at an Administrative Unit in Slovenia, and in most cases open a Slovene bank account (usually the banks do not charge anything to students to open and manage bank accounts in Slovenia).

The main student job agencies in Slovenia are Mjob (<https://www.mjob.si/>) and e-Študentski servis. Through their applications you can also search for and find student jobs.

Further information:

Mjob: <https://www.mjob.si/>

e-Študentski servis: <https://www.studentski-servis.com/>

# 9. Other forms of support to UNG students

## 9.1 Courses of the Slovene language for international students

UNG organises free ECTS-accredited Slovene language courses for all its international students. Moreover, the Leto PLUS/Year PLUS programme is also available – it is a preparatory year of intensive Slovene language courses for international students who are enrolled for the first time in a bachelor's or master's degree programme at the University of Nova Gorica and have a lack of knowledge of the Slovene language.

The Leto PLUS/Year PLUS programme is coordinated by the Language Centre of the School of Humanities.

Further information: Language Centre of the School of Humanities, [js@ung.si](mailto:js@ung.si)

## 9.2 Revision courses for first-year undergraduate students

First-year students of bachelor's study programmes can, just prior to the beginning of their first semester, join free revision courses in various subjects such as chemistry, mathematics and physics. In this way, they can update and review their existing knowledge and thus start their study journey in a carefree manner.

## 9.3 Student tutor assistance

Students who are trained tutors offer assistance to new students in adapting to the new living and study environment; assistance upon their arrival in Slovenia, and guidelines and tips related to other academic issues and extracurricular activities. The tutoring service is free of charge. Further information: [tutor@ung.si](mailto:tutor@ung.si).

# 10. Extracurricular activities at UNG

Various **extracurricular activities and events** are organised regularly by UNG schools, the Career Centre, the International and Project Office, and the UNG **Student Council** – such as international evenings, sports events, round tables etc.

Upon the beginning of each new academic year, UNG also organises the so-called **Orientation Day**, which is especially aimed at new students, but at the same time it is also a great opportunity for other students to socialise and get to know each other and the local environment.

In addition, UNG is a proud holder of the **EU Talent Point** certificate and is thus part of the European Talent Network. It strongly encourages all motivated students to take part in extracurricular activities boosting the development of their talents and skills. UNG students are more than welcome to attend the traditional UNG Scientific Evenings or participate in interesting student research projects.

## 10.1 Summer and seasonal schools

Summer and seasonal schools are an excellent opportunity to broaden your knowledge and upgrade your skills. Schools usually cover a specific topic and by attending certain summer schools you can also obtain ECTS credits. Certain schools may be carried out abroad at partner institutions. Many schools offer special scholarships covering participation fees, travel and accommodation expenses etc.

You can find a list of current summer and seasonal schools on the main UNG website.

# 11. Leisure activity options in the area

The Goriška region is a pleasant and vibrant area with sociable, cheerful and open-minded inhabitants, so international students soon begin feeling at home at their new study destination. They can enjoy the rich all-year-round offer of concerts, festivals and other events for the young, often organised by the local student clubs (Klub goriških študentov, Klub ajdovskih študentov) and youth centres (MC Nova Gorica, MC Hiša mladih Ajdovščina).

Students are also encouraged to take part in alternative leisure time activities such as language courses or volunteering.

## 11.1 Cultural activities

The Slovenian National Theatre Nova Gorica, the Nova Gorica Centre of Culture, libraries and other cultural organisations in a wider cross-border area offer events for every taste, as well as discounts for students.

There are also many traditional music festivals in the area as the Mesto mladih/City of the young festival in Nova Gorica, or at the summer Lakeness festival in Volčja Draga, the heavy metal and reggae festivals in the Soča Valley and various concerts and other events at Mostovna in Solkan and smaller clubs in the area.

## 11.2 Sports activities

There is a variety of sports activities available to students, and generally all the sports facilities and sports clubs offer special discounts to students. A

lot of students thus buy discounted passes for fitness studios, dancing/pilates/yoga classes, swimming pools etc.

Also the more daring sports enthusiasts will surely enjoy the region, as the Vipava Valley is probably the part of the country boasting with the highest number of festivals and competitions of adrenaline sports. You can try paragliding bungee jumping, rafting, canyoning or go to the the Soča Fun adrenaline park in Solkan.

The region is also known for the following sports: handball, football, kayaking, volleyball, cycling, alpine skiing, dancing, sports climbing, mountaineering and others.

## 11.3 Religious activities

The dominant religion in Slovenia is Christianity – the Catholic Church. There are regular holy masses and other religious activities available at most churches in the area. Other Christian groups (Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism) are also present in the country, while Islam, Judaism and Hinduism are small minorities in Slovenia. There are also prayer facilities for Muslims in Nova Gorica and Ajdovščina.

## 11.4 Food and drink

The cuisine of the Goriška region is predominantly Mediterranean, and yet at the same time also Central European, with the influence from the Balkans. So you can enjoy delicious pizzas and pasta, burgers, as well as grilled meat dishes, prosciutto and

other local delicacies (jota – the cabbage/turnip soup; potica – the walnut roll etc.), accompanied by excellent local wines or beer from small local breweries.

For students, the following selection of places might be useful:

Pizzas, pasta and other dishes: MagmaX, Le Cité (Nova Gorica), Žogica (Solkan), Oriks (Vrtojba), Gold Club (Ajdovščina), Porka Eva (Lokavec), Pizzerija in gostilna Na placu (Vipava)

Burgers and other dishes: Fabrika (Nova Gorica), Pika (Ajdovščina), Jolly (Vipava)

Bars, cafès, ice-cream: Splendid bar, Vogal (Nova Gorica), Sladoledarna Pinjola, Sladoledarna Malinca (Nova Gorica), Kavarna Ave, B52/Erilo (Ajdovščina), Slaščičarna Ajdovščina, Cukr (Ajdovščina), Marjanca (Vipava), Il Gelatiere KCA (Gorizia, Italy).

### 11.5 Sightseeing and trips

The Goriška region is known for its beautiful nature and its unique location, between the sea and the mountains! The most well-known destinations for admiring the natural beauties are the Soča River Valley, the Vipava Valley, the Karst and the Trnovska planota plateau. The Famous Postojna Cave and the Škocjan Caves are also close, and so are the closest beaches and charming coastal towns along the Italian coast – Sistiana, Duino and Grado). Ljubljana (50-60 min away), Trieste (45 min away) and Venice (1.5 hours' drive from Nova Gorica) are also popular one-day trip destinations.

The campus towns of Vipava and Ajdovščina are old settlements with a rich history and architectural heritage, so their old centres and sights like the Roman remains and the source of the Hubelj River in Ajdovščina, as well as the old castle and the Lanthieri Mansion in Vipava definitely deserve to be

visited. Also the charming old villages of Vipavski Križ, or Šmartno in Brda are just two of the precious gems in the area.

The Nova Gorica Museum with its interesting collections, like the museum collection in Ajdovščina with Roman artefacts and an impressive collection of fossils or the museum collection on smuggling at Pristava (including a themed escape room) are interesting indeed. In addition, you must also visit the Wine Museum in Vipava, the Kostanjevica Monastery in Nova Gorica, the Sveta Gora pilgrimage site above Solkan, and Trg Evrope/Piazza Transalpina – a very special square shared by two countries, Slovenia (Nova Gorica) and Italy (Gorizia).

There are Tourist Information Centres (TIC) in Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina and Vipava

Further Information:

Vipava Valley official web portal: <https://www.vipavskadolina.si/eng/>

Soča Valley official web portal: <https://www.soca-valley.com/en/>

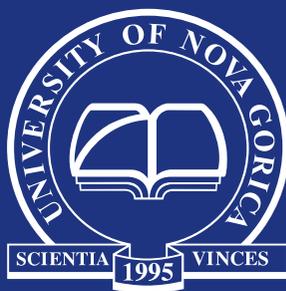
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*Dear students,*

*We hope that this booklet has provided you with all the necessary information concerning studying at our university. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, we will do our best to assist you.*

*We wish you a pleasant stay at the University of Nova Gorica.*

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