



## Partner Search Form

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANNED PROJECT:			
Erasmus+ International co-operation Activity (higher education sector) – type of the project idea	Please, tick the appropriate one/ones: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erasmus+ KA1: International students and staff credit mobility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erasmus+ KA1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erasmus+ KA2: Capacity Building Higher Education in Partner Countries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erasmus+ Jean Monnet programme		
Discipline / Academic field	Psychology		
Institution's preferable role in the project? (applicant/partner)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner		
Which countries are about to be involved?	Erasmus+ Programme Countries	✓	
	Erasmus+ Partner Countries	✓	
Working language of the project consortium = language of the project application	English		
Duration of the project	Semester based exchange program, joint Master Degree		



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<b><u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</u></b>	
<b><u>Objectives</u></b>	
Organization of semester based student and staff exchange programs with other universities and institutes	
<b><u>Activities</u></b>	
Our program offers a chance to work international academic staff experienced in theory, research and practice as well as a student body comprised of over 50 nationalities. Students improve knowledge through participation in different fields of activities through practical application of material learned, internship in various institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, test battery trainings and voluntary work at IUS Student Counselling Center, as well as participation in dynamic workshops. Students have autonomy and freedom to express their creativity and construct their ideas into concrete actions as they have the chance to request specific trainings and lectures in areas of their choice. Students, if are motivated and hard-working enough, may participate in ongoing research such as Bergen Facebook Addiction Scale's Validity and Reliability Study in Bosnia and Herzegovina and publish an article together with program professors as an "IUS Psychology Research Team" member. Additional attractions that IUS can offer are memberships in Student clubs (International Psychology Student Association-IPSA Balkans), or develop their own club.	
<b><u>Results</u></b>	
Experience in field, Certificate, Credits	

### **We are searching for:**

<b>Types of institutions</b>	Social Sciences Universities, Departments of Psychology
<b>Country/Region</b>	English-speaking countries or English-medium programs
<b>Institutions' profiles</b>	Social Sciences, Psychology
<b>Other relevant information</b>	Our Psychology Program is in English language.

International University of Sarajevo is one of the most influential institutions of high education in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since 2004, IUS has been consistently helping improve standards of higher education in the country through its staff of qualified academicians and professionals in various scientific fields, as a perfect match of adequate response to the domestic population needs. The Psychology Program at IUS is one of the most popular as well as populous programs, enriching the quality of the available psychology professionals in the region. Our aim is to raise awareness of how psychology is intertwined in the everyday needs of the population, especially in this war-torn region, with depression and even trauma being an undeniable fact of life.

Psychology, being the scientific study of behavior and mental processes, spans many areas of study on different levels of scientific exploration of human behavior. Genes, neurons, neurotransmitters, and hormones are tied to biological perspectives, whereas abilities and characteristics of individual people refer to psychological ones. Psychology also deals with the highest levels of explanation of human behavior which relate to social groups, organizations, and cultures. The Psychology program covers areas such as psychological development, psychological disorders, counseling in educational settings, psychotherapy, neuropsychological functions and impairments, cognition, emotion, motivation and the psychologies of social cognition, culture, and religion. Students will also learn how psychologists test their ideas and conduct scientific research. A wide variety of fields in which psychologists work and available careers are analyzed. Students are challenged to address certain preconceptions and misconceptions about psychology. Accordingly, the psychology program at IUS provides students with the theoretical and practical foundations to develop as psychological scientists and as professional practitioners of psychology. Through the work of the counseling center which serves the psychological counseling needs of the IUS student body, students also have the chance to observe a working counselor in action. These applied experiences offer students the foundational skills also in psychological assessment, treatment, and intervention within an international and multicultural context. In the sphere of employability as a professional career, psychology offers many job opportunities, ranging from counseling and therapy, work in research laboratories, hospitals, mental health care centers, and other fields in which psychologists study the behavior of humans and animals. Psychologists also work in marketing, schools and businesses, social institutions, courts, and gerontology centers.

IUS has international recognition and equivalence as well as 170 active international agreements, through which our students go on funded exchange to various countries in Europe on Erasmus+ mobility scheme. In addition, IUS has won "2014 Western University's Best University Award (BIH Europe Movement)" and "2014 Western Balkan Entrepreneurial University Award (BIH European Movement)" prizes. IUS has membership of the European University Association and the International Universities Association. IUS complies with Bologna standards and follows the European Credit Transfer System.

### **Recent activities and events in 2017 / 2018 and 2018 / 2019 academic year**

1. Students Counseling Center provides psychological support to the university staff and students to teach them how to deal with work and exam stress, and to improve the ability to cope with the challenges of life.
2. Official kindergarten of IUS gives best options to psychology students who would like to complete their internship at Kid IUS Kindergarten as voluntary or mandatory internship. (Montessori method of education)
3. Every semester Psychology Department provides test educations necessary for Psychology students such as Neuropsychological Test Battery, MMPI AND WISC-R.
4. Psychology Department delivers workshops to students such as Standardized Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) and Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA) Workshop through the Student Counseling Center.
5. IUS Psychology Department has a "Research Team" (currently working on Bergen Facebook Addiction Scale's Validity and Reliability Study).
6. International Psychology Students Association (IPSA) Balkans was founded in 2014 by IUS psychology students. IPSA is the official representative of Turkish Psychology Students (TPOCG) in Sarajevo/Bosnia, which is a member of European Federation of Psychology Students' Association. Our aim is to bring all psychology students from the Balkan area under one roof. We share similar goals with TPOCG and EFPSA, with an eye towards improving student understanding and application of psychology and encouraging the development of various skills in order to contribute to the improvement of the field. We also wish to have a positive impact on society and its perception of psychology and supporting scientific and social interaction among psychology students, academics, and professionals. We are organizing different social and academic events through which students are encouraged to overcome their social anxiety, develop good

communication skills, and enlarge their perception and vision of life. IPSA strives to provide quality and comfortable learning and socializing environment.

- Meeting Dinner with the participation of 65 students from IUS psychology department.
- Promotion Week (International Psychology Students Association (IPSA) Balkans, Turkish Psychology Students Association (TPÖÇG) and European Federation of Psychology Students Associations (EFPSA)).
- Karaoke Night (to motivate students for the new semester and icebreaking between students)
- Exhibition on topic of “What is Dyslexia?”
- Drama Courses (Licensed coach Gizem Buyer gave courses during the year)
- Article Review (Reading and discussion of the “The Psycho Gene”
- EFPSA’s Mind the Mind Campaign workshop and team building activity.
- Foundations established for the IUS Psychology Journal.
- PsyTalks
- Exhibition and gift distribution for Happiness Day at IUS.
- Social Media accounts activated.
- PsyTalks Professional
- Visiting Yunus Emre Institute
- Open Door Event (the aim of this event was the collecting information from students about their project or ideas and helping them to make their dreams come true by providing teams, equipment or place)
- ELS “Elmalı Latte Sohbeti II”
- International Culture and Career Congress (The congress organized in cooperation with 9 Eylül University Career and Management Club by the sponsorship of IUS and the participation and presentations of TIKA, Yunus Emre, THY Coordinators of the Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trendyol Group Project Manager Ilke Tuatay, IUS Career Center, IPSA Balkans, TUIC IUS and 9 Eylül University Career and Management Club(KYK))
- Drawing Competition on the topic of “Anxiety” (Money provided as prize to first three place)
- Exhibition about “Anxiety”
- IPSAFest’18 “Anxiety” (This conference organized by the sponsorship of IUS and participation & presentations of Assist. Dr. Orkun Aydın, Assist. Dr. Pınar Unal

Aydın, Assist. Prof. Dr. Selvira Draganovic, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayla Arslan, Assist. Prof. Dr. Almasa Mulalic and also on the last day of IPSAFest'18 graduation project presentations organized at the Main Amphitheatre & IUS A Building Entrance)

- Workshop with Assist. Prof. Dr. Orkun Aydın on the topic of “EMDR Therapy”
- Workshop with the Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Unal Aydın on the topic of “Cognitive Behavioral Therapy”
- Exhibition about “World No Tobacco Day”
- Annual International Psychological Fest (IPSAFest)
- IPSA is the official representative of Turkish Psychology Students Association (TPOGC) in Sarajevo/BiH. Also, IPSA is the only representation of TPOGC outside of the Turkey.
- Cooperation with Bosnian Psychology Students Association, SINAPSA.