## UNIVERSITY "UKSHIN HOTI" PRIZREN QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE



SUMMARY REPORT OF ASSESSMENTS RESULTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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## Introduction

## Quality Assurance Office

The Quality Assurance Office (QAO) operates as a part of the Central Administration of Prizren University "Ukshin Hoti". The purpose of the QAO is to develop and continually enhance university policies and practices to improve quality, in accordance with the provisions of the Higher Education Law, European Area Quality Assurance standards, Kosovo Accreditation Agency standards, and Quality Assurance Regulations.

The operational oversight of the QAO rests with the Vice-Rector for Increasing Quality and International Relations, while the administrative oversight is managed by the University's General Secretary. Quality assessment is carried out through the instruments outlined in the Quality Assurance Regulations, which are formulated by the Central Committee for Quality Assurance and approved by the Senate. Reports generated by the Quality Assurance Committee at the academic level incorporate recommendations derived from assessment outcomes. These results are communicated to the deans and administrative leaders (stakeholders), and they are also forwarded to the management. Ultimately, the report is published on the University's official website.

Questionnaires A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, and A13 are conducted twice a year, while other questionnaires are launched at the end of the year. Questionnaires A8 and A12 are continuously processed during student de-registration and graduation. All questionnaires are both anonymous and completely confidential. Academic staff performance is evaluated based on five assessment pillars from questionnaires A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5. These results reflect the staff's performance for each semester as well as the entire year. Academic staff receive notifications regarding their performance results at the conclusion of each semester.

## A1 - Professors/Assistants assessment by students

This questionnaire is designed for both bachelor's and master's students. It comprises 17 for professors and 16 for assistants, along with one additional open-ended question. Responses are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 . The questionnaire addresses the following aspects:

- Teaching methods
- Student-instructor interactions
- Ethical conduct

The primary aim of this questionnaire is to gather information about various aspects, including the syllabus implementation, professional development, teaching methodologies, time management, availability for consultations, and the behaviour of professors and assistants.

It serves as a vital component of the academic staff performance assessment, conducted twice a year at the end of each semester. The resulting report presents both general statistics and recommendations derived from the collected data. Professors and assistants receive notifications regarding their performance and can access the questionnaire results through the university's online system, specifically on their individual profiles. The questionnaire is entirely confidential and anonymous During the summer semester, the questionnaire collected 8593 responses from students and 8944 for winter semester. The survey results are satisfactory with a rating of 4.37 for the summer semester and 4.40 for the winter semester at the university level, on a full five-point scale. Below, the results for each question are presented graphically for the calendar year 2022.

The results of the A1 questionnaire, including all the affirmations at the university level







P8: The professor has used basic and additional resources/literature in teaching.


P9: The professor has integrated theoretical and practical concepts for the subject (if exercises are applied).





P15: How much information has the professor provided you for current trends related to the subject?



P17: How do you assess the professor in general?




P20: How closely has the assistant followed the syllabus/course content?







P29: The assistant has behaved in accordance with the ethical code.


P30: How much has the assistant used presentations
(with slides) during the lectures?



## A2 - Intercollegiate assessment

The questionnaire is intended for the academic staff and is launched twice a year as an indicator of their performance. The survey has been launched for all academic units. It is launched across all academic units and consists of four levels rated on a scale of 1 to 5:

- Intercollegiate collaboration
- Intercollegiate communication
- Interpersonal relations
- Ethical intercollegiate behaviour

The primary goal of the questionnaire is to identify both advantages and areas needing improvement in intercollegiate relations. Professors receive notifications about their performance and intercollegiate assessment each semester. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

Intercollegiate assessment averages of the faculties are as follows: Faculty of Education: 4.42, Faculty of Economics: 3.73, Faculty of Philology: 4.21, Faculty of Law: 4.46, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences: 4.47 and Faculty of Computer Science: 4.95.






## A3 - Report of assessment by the Dean

The questionnaire is designed for the deans to assess the academic staff. It is launched twice a year and serves as an indicator of academic staff performance. The questionnaire comprises three assessment levels and includes an open-ended question that evaluates:

- Regular attendance (10\%)
- Consistent scheduling of exams and consultations (5\%)
- Ethical behaviour towards students and colleagues (5\%).

The purpose of the questionnaire is to facilitate assessment by the academic unit leader, aiming to gather information that helps in improvement. The teaching staff is notified of their assessment by the dean through their individual online profiles. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. The resulting report presents general statistics and recommendations based on the data collected from the questionnaires.





## A4 - Assessment of scientific publications and conference participation

The questionnaire is designed for the regular evaluation of academic staff to identify their achievements in scientific publications (at least 1 scientific paper as per UA MESTI guidelines) which is evaluated with $0 \%$ to $15 \%$ and their participation in conferences, congresses, and workshops is evaluated on a scale of $0 \%$ to $5 \%$. The evaluation is based on factual evidence. The questionnaire is conducted twice a year and serves as a key indicator for determining academic staff performance.

The report presents general statistics and recommendations that result from the evaluation. The university strives for measurable outcomes in order to compare and ensure quality in the university. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. At the university level, the publication of at least 1 (one) scientific paper on the platforms according to UA, MESTI accounted for $12.40 \%$ out of $15 \%$, while participation in conferences, congresses and workshops contributed as $3.10 \%$ from $5 \%$.

Academic publications and participation in university-level scientific conferences




## A5 - Assessment report of the contribution to university and society

The survey is intended for regular academic staff with the aim of encouraging staff to participate in committees, working groups, university expert groups, and actively engage in community activities (volunteer work, workshops, expertise, etc.). Active contributions to committees, working groups, university expert groups are evaluated on a scale from $0 \%$ to $10 \%$, as well as active participation in community activities (volunteer work, workshops, expertise, etc.), which is also evaluated on a scale from $0 \%$ to $10 \%$.

The questionnaire is conducted twice a year and serves as a key indicator for determining regular academic staff performance. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. The university strives for measurable outcomes in order to compare and ensure quality in the university. At the university level, the active contribution to committees, workshops, and expert university groups was evaluated at $7,77 \%$ out of $10 \%$, while active participation in community activities (voluntary work, workshops, expertise, etc.) was evaluated at $6,70 \%$ out of $10 \%$.




## A6 - Comprehensive assessment

The questionnaire is designed for students, and the comprehensive assessment aims to gather thorough information about them. The assessment questionnaire is divided into four columns/categories, containing 32 closed-ended questions and 2 open-ended questions.

The study program category includes 7 questions:

- Faculty category, governance, and student services: 7 closed-ended questions and 1 openended question.
- University administrative services category: 3 questions.
- Library category: 7 questions.
- Infrastructure category: 4 questions.
- Extra-curricular activities category: 4 questions.

Questionnaires aim to provide insights into various aspects, including:

- Fulfillment of the students' expectations study program's,
- Adequacy of elective courses,
- Motivation for students' research work,
- Study program and employment,
- Management-student correlation,
- Functionality of faculties, student services,
- Interpersonal relationships,
- Student elections,
- Mobility,
- Information, IT services,
- Library, access, literature, service,
- Infrastructure, classrooms, offices, laboratory equipment, hygiene.

Assessment is conducted on a 1-5 scale. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. The report presents general statistics and recommendations arising from the data collected from the questionnaires.





P4: Students are motivated to engage in research work in collaboration with the professors.


P5: Students are offered services and advice by program holders.




P8: The faculty management (dean, vice-dean, program leader) is open to students' remarks, suggestions, and requests.



















P26: The classrooms are comfortable for learning.









## A7 - Dean's performance evaluation

The questionnaire is designed for the academic staff, where the dean of each academic unit is evaluated. The dean's evaluation by the academic staff is conducted once a year. The questionnaire contains 13 closed-ended questions and 1 open-ended question. The purpose of the questionnaire is to evaluate the Dean on various aspects, such as:

- The vision and development of the academic unit.
- Governance and decision-making.
- Motivation and support for scientific research.
- Discussions within the academic unit.
- Representation skills inside and outside the university.

The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. The evaluation is done on a scale of 1 to 5 . The report represents general statistics and recommendations that result from the collected data from the questionnaires.

53 respondents from six academic units operating at the university have answered the evaluation. According to the data, 9 respondents answered from the Faculty of Education, 11 from the Faculty of Economics, 10 from the Faculty of Philology, 5 from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, 6 from the Faculty of Computer Science, and 12 from the Faculty of Law. The results of the questionnaire regarding the "Dean's Performance Evaluation" based on the questions are as follows:



P2: How do you evaluate the dean in the development and management of teaching within the faculty?





P6: How do you assess the fairness of the Dean in allocating resources?







## A8 - Evaluation by graduated students

The questionnaire is used by graduated students at both the bachelor and master's levels of each study program. The questionnaire contains 41 questions, out of which 38 are closed-ended questions and 3 are open-ended questions. The questionnaire is divided into three columns/categories:

- Study program
- Teaching and evaluation
- Treatment of students and learning support
- The evaluation of the overall result

The purpose of the questionnaire is to collect information about various aspects of the study program, including its content, coherence, expectations, teaching methods, exercises, practical work, student involvement in research, mobility opportunities, evaluation processes, examination deadlines, student-professor relations, consultations, mentoring, career and alumni support professional training during the studies, ECTS credits, program expectations, strengths, weaknesses, and more. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous. The report represents general statistics and recommendations that result from the collected data from the questionnaires.


P2: How do you assess the possibility of taking courses outside of the study program?





























P30: To what extent has the study program prepared you to continue your studies in the same










Note:
The report has been prepared at a university level!

## A9 - Assessment by academic staff

The questionnaire is designed for the University's academic staff and is conducted once a year. The questionnaire has 59 questions, of which 1 is an open-ended question. The questionnaire is divided into three columns/categories:

- Managing and Participation
- Scientific Research
- Infrastructure

The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather information about various aspects of the university, including institutionalization, transparency, decision-making participation, criteria for academic promotion, innovation, quality assurance, mission and university vision, strategic objectives, internationalization, professional advancement, number of students, syllabi, ECTS credits, mobility, academic unit leadership, communication between academic/administrative staff and students, library services, collaboration for scientific research, training, projects, extracurricular activities, infrastructure, hygiene, IT services, communication tools, and the university website. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

The report represents general statistics and recommendations that result from the collected data from the questionnaires.

The questionnaire was answered by 57 respondents at the university level. Among these, there were 10 respondents from the Faculty of Education, 10 from the Faculty of Economics, 10 from the Faculty of Philology, 8 from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, 6 from the Faculty of Computer Sciences, and 13 from the Faculty of Law. At the university level, the category 'Managing and Participation' received an evaluation score of 4.26, indicating a high score. The category 'Research Work' received an evaluation score of 3.85 , which is above the average. Additionally, the evaluation score for 'Infrastructure' was 3.88, also above the average.




P3: Management and participation [How do you assess the transparency and accountability of decisions made by the Faculty Council, the Dean's Office, and Management Officials?]




P8: Management and participation [How do you assess the relevance of your professional field and the academic


































## A10 - Assessment by administrative staff

The questionnaire is designed for the administrative staff at the centre level and within academic units. It is conducted once a year and consists of 45 closed-ended questions and 1 open-ended question. The purpose of the questionnaire is to identify weaknesses and shortcomings in order to facilitate improvements at both the centre and academic unit levels. The questionnaire aims to evaluate various aspects of the university, including institutionalization, transparency, participation in decision-making, tasks/competencies, cooperation with administrative and academic staff, student engagement, progress, work environment, freedom of speech, attempts at quality assurance, internationalization, management, infrastructure, safety, cafeteria services, information/communication services, website effectiveness, and expectations.

The questionnaire was answered by a total of 13 individuals from the Central Administration and only 1 individual from the Faculty of Computer Science. The results for each separate question in the questionnaire are as follows:




























P31: How do you assess the opportunities for discussion and problem-solving with superiors at work?
















## A11 - Assessment by Industrial Advisory Board (IAB)

The questionnaire is designed for employers, particularly for the IAB, and it is conducted once a year. The questionnaire contains 14 closed-ended questions and 1 open-ended question. Its objectives include enhancing collaboration with private businesses, evaluating the university/academic unit collaboration, addressing employee needs, assessing practical, observing communication with university/academic units, evaluating IAB participation in teaching classes, measuring the importance of collaboration, and assessing involvement with university/academic unit structures. The questionnaire is completely confidential and anonymous.

The report presents general statistics and recommendations based on the collected data from the questionnaires. The questionnaire was answered by a total of 37 respondents: 7 from the Faculty of Education, 4 from the Faculty of Economics, 13 from the Faculty of Philology, 9 from the Faculty of Computer Science, 0 from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, and 4 from the Faculty of Law. The evaluation results, measured on a scale from 1 to 5 at the university level, averaged 4.05. Specifically, the Faculty of Education received an average evaluation of 4.29, the Faculty of Economics was evaluated at 3.95, the Faculty of Philology received an evaluation of 3.85, the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences did not receive any evaluations from the IAB members, the Faculty of Computer Science was evaluated at 4.17, and the Faculty of Law received an evaluation of 4.02.



P3: The most important phase is establishing the form of collaboration with the University through initiating contact with the appropriate University staff.







P14: Employers understand the need for mutual collaboration with the University.


## A12 - Mentoring of student dropout

This questionnaire is designed for students at the bachelor's and master's levels, regardless of their study program, who are in the process of deregistering from the university. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information about the reasons for discontinuing their studies, with the aim of improving the quality and preventing student dropout. The questionnaire is divided into three main categories and subcategories:

- Personal Reasons
- Migration
- Reasons related to the program/subject/faculty
- Lack of opportunities for distance learning
- Changing faculties
- Work
- Financial reasons
- Studying abroad
- Other reasons

The questionnaire also includes two open-ended questions. It is important to note that the questionnaire is completely anonymous and confidential. The report will provide general statistics and recommendations based on the data collected from the questionnaires.

The results indicate that the primary reason for dropping out is migration ( $57 \%$ of reported cases), followed by personal reasons ( $15 \%$ ), financial and work-related issues ( $6 \%$ ), lack of free time for studying (5\%), studying abroad (4\%), changing faculties (3\%), changing universities (1\%), and other reasons (1\%).

## A13 - Intercollegiate assessment of the lesson

The intercollegiate assessment of the lesson is conducted twice a year, every semester. Collegial observation is performed on the same or similar subjects. The objectives of the questionnaire are as follows:

- To identify aspects of the lecture that enhance the teaching and learning process.,
- To generate recommendations for the teaching and learning process based on surveys, ideas, and objectives gathered through the observation process.

Faculty of Education: At the Faculty of Education, 12 collegial assessments were conducted during the year 2022.

Faculty of Economics: At the Faculty of Economics, 31 collegial assessments were conducted during the 2022.

Faculty of Philology: The report has not been sent!
Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences: At the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, 5 collegial assessments were conducted during the year 2022.

Faculy of Computer Science: At the Faculty of Computer Science, 53 assessments were conducted.

Faculty of Law: At the Faculty of Computer Science, 12 assessments were conducted during the year 2022.

## A14 - Self-assessment of professors

The self-assessment questionnaire for professors is conducted once a year by the university's academic staff. The questionnaire consists of 21 closed-ended questions and 2 open-ended questions. Its purpose is to identify both positive elements and aspects for improvement. The questionnaire covers topics such as the utilization of potential, respecting the work schedules and collaboration, expectations, dedication of time to research, student evaluation, teaching techniques, lecture sources, participation in conferences/trainings, mentoring, contributions to curriculum development, study program, etc.

The report will provide general statistics and recommendations based on the data collected from the questionnaires. The questionnaire has been answered by 53 respondents. 10 respondents answered from the Faculty of Education, 8 from the Faculty of Economics, 10 from the Faculty of Philology, 8 from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, 6 from the Faculty of Computer Science and 11 from the Faculty of Law.

The overall university-level self-assessment score is 4.86 . The self-assessment results for professors at the university level are as follows: Faculty of Education: 4.80, Faculty of Economics: 4.94, Faculty of Philology: 4.88, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences: 4.79, Faculty of Computer Science: 4.93, Faculty of Law: 4.83.





P6: I make time for scientific research..














P21: How much have your research and work contributed to the development of the study program, faculty, and University?


## A15 - Professor/assistant professional development plan

The questionnaire is designed for the academic staff. Aiming to ensure quality in the teaching and learning process, the university is committed to supporting the professional development of all professors and assistants through training and education, assigning tasks that help develop skills and gain experience, creating and sharing knowledge by teaching others and learning at the same time.

The questionnaire contains the following:

- Requests from professors and assistants for training and opportunities for professional development.
- Central Commission for Quality Assurance's assessment results for training and professional development.

The questionnaire was answered by 40 respondents. 6 respondents answered from the Faculty of Education, 8 from the Faculty of Economics, 7 from the Faculty of Philology, 8 from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, 4 from the Faculty of Computer Science and 7 from the Faculty of Law.

| Winter Semester 2022-2023 | Areas for professional development (special training or development required) | Submitted request (Write down the request) |
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| Faculty of Education | - Natural Sciences <br> - Research methodology <br> - Educational Policies with the Development of the Quality Assurance Strategy for AL <br> - Special International <br> Development - Study visits in the field of education <br> - Special International <br> Development - Study visits in the field of Education and Psychology <br> - Educational seminars that will help students understand math better with examples from real life. | - Conducting training related to research methodology <br> - Designing study programs that must meet the standards and criteria according to Manual for accreditation. <br> - Request for international visitI am, Serdan Kervan, professor at the Faculty of Education. I request that you make possible a study visit with the purpose of using the international collaboration and to research for joint studies. This can be done in Italia. Why Italy? The reason for choosing Italy is that there we visit Reggio Emilia schools and observe its preschool program. Similarly, in preschool program subjects, we have specific topics related to the models and strategies of Reggio Emilia. During this visit, we can conduct scientific research through observation and focus groups of professionals. <br> - Request for international visitI am, Esen Spahi Kovaç, professor at the Faculty of Education. I request that you make possible a study visit with the purpose of using the international collaboration and to research for joint studies. This can be done in Italia. Why Italy? The reason for choosing Italy is that there we visit Reggio Emilia schools and observe its preschool program. Similarly, in preschool program subjects, we have specific topics related to the models and strategies of Reggio Emilia. During this visit, we can conduct scientific research through observation and focus groups of professionals. <br> - Methods and techniques for teaching mathematics in primary education classes in Turkey - Since mathematics is fundamental in primary education, it emphasizes the importance of teaching students to love mathematics. It is crucial to use simple teaching methods and techniques for professors, and it should become a habit for students to learn mathematics without fear. I look forward to the pleasure of exchanging ideas with such a community of mathematicians and request that necessary measures be taken. |
| Faculty of Economics | - Certified Auditor <br> - Trainings related to projects <br> - Advanced teaching methodology, Practical Development Practices of Microeconomics Concepts, | - Organizing as many trainings as possible to improve teaching and learning techniques. <br> - Study visits with students off campus. <br> - Covering expenses for conference participation and expanses for publishing scientific papers in Scopus and Web of Science indexed journals. |


|  | increasing activities in the field of scientific-research -Scientific research at Conferences in Scientific Institutes - Managing Touristic Leadership, as well as new training methods of scientific-research (application of research - programs and software) Trainings on Data Processing - Software Programs Training for using STATA | - Trainings for data processing software programs. <br> - Requesting online training for using STATA, which is necessary for Econometrics course at the Master's level. |
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| Faculty of Philology | - Contrastive Research <br> - Field of Folk Literature and Folklore in general <br> - Training for project application and research work <br> - Training in the use of new software for processing data <br> - English for Specific Purposes <br> - New development in the field research and scientific-research <br> - Interuniversity Research Visits | - We request the University's support, along with the participation of students, in conducting exhibitions and research in rural areas within the framework of Folk literature. Folk treasures are and will always be important to our culture; therefore, we should preserve, collect, and cultivate them. This presents a great opportunity for our students to closely engage with this treasure. <br> - I request to make visits, along with the students of the English Language and Literature program, to private businesses with which the University cooperates, in order to observe the usage and application of the English language there. <br> - Recent advancements in scientific research techniques and methods. <br> - Visits to universities in European Union and Scandinavian countries. |
| Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences | - Training for Teaching <br> Excellence <br> - Participation in Congresses and Conferences <br> - Statistics, Agribusiness <br> - Training for application of statistics software packages <br> - Biology of Plants <br> - International Trainings <br> - Trainings on the use of laboratory equipment | - Participation at EAAE congress. <br> - Providing licensed statistical software packages. <br> - Training in laboratory equipment methods and applications. <br> - I would like to receive more detailed training on the use of the LinTab-Tsap and other equipment relevant to the forestry field. <br> - I request the higher management to provide training on Real-time PCR to enhance our academic performance and scientific research capabilities. |
| Faculty of Computer Science | - Organization of international study visits <br> - Building smart cities through Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence <br> - Methodology for teaching, elearning, teaching techniques etc. <br> 1. Professional development and preparation for semester teaching; | - Based on the University's financial limitations, we request the purchase of more advanced computer equipment for FCS. Such equipment is crucial for enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. <br> - We shall receive training in teaching methodology, e-learning, and various teaching techniques. <br> - End of the winter semester lectures and exercises. |


|  | 2. Continuous advancement of academic scientific professional knowledge; <br> 3. Enhancement of practical professional capacities; <br> 4. Improving TIT and SD program quality, <br> 5. Advance and expansion of collaboration and coordination with business partners, international partners, donators and relevant international scientific training institution. <br> 6. Improvement of teaching, research work plan and participation in conferences (by including students in research work), contribution to the university and to the community. |  | Participating in professors' and students' projects. <br> Reflection on teaching and learning results, as well as holding consultations with students. <br> Sending students to study abroad, for a semester. |
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| Faculty of Law | - Training in the field of research <br> - Practical training <br> - Public International Law <br> - Contemporary teaching-training methodology |  |  |

