

UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT
FACULTY OF MARITIME STUDIES
Ruđera Boškovića 37, Split

CALL FOR ADMISSION

to the 1st year of the PhD Study
“*Technologies in Maritime Affairs*“
in the academic year 2026/2027.

The PhD study *Technologies in Maritime Affairs* is delivered through six (6) semesters (3 years). Upon completing the Study, the candidate earns the PhD academic degree in the area of technical sciences, specifically in the field of traffic and transport technology.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The right to apply for the Call for Admission is held by the citizens of the Republic of Croatia and foreign citizens on the same conditions:

I.

Applicants who have completed university undergraduate or graduate study (Bachelor of Science after a 4-year study or Master of Science, on completion of the Bologna-system study 3+2 or integrated study 0+5) and have earned the equivalent of 300 ECTS (including the undergraduate study) in the area of technical sciences, in a study: university graduate study in mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, nautical studies, marine engineering, marine electrical engineering and information technologies, maritime management technologies, maritime systems and processes, marine yacht and marina technologies, electrical engineering, electronics, computing, university graduate studies, i.e. Nautical studies and maritime traffic technology, Marine engineering and maritime traffic technology, Traffic technology and organisation, Logistics and management in maritime affairs and traffic, Road traffic, City traffic, Information-communication traffic, Postal traffic, Waterway traffic, Air traffic, Railway traffic, Intelligent transport systems and logistics, Logistics, Aeronautics, Integrated naval maritime studies (Naval nautical studies and Naval marine engineering). For those applicants for whom the Doctoral Study Committee requires additional knowledge from the scientific field of traffic and transport technology, the Faculty Council will, following the proposal of the Committee, confirm the differential courses which the applicant has to enrol for the postgraduate study allowing the applicant to earn a maximum of 60 ECTS credits.

II.

Applicants who have earned the Master's academic degree based on the study programmes in the area of technical sciences started before the higher-education reform in 2005. The Master's academic degree allows the commencement of postgraduate study due to the acknowledgement of ECTS credits. The exact number of ECTS credits acknowledged as equivalent to the Master's degree is stated by the Doctoral Study Committee for each applicant individually. The applicant cannot be released from the obligation to earn the ECTS credits related to the creation of a doctoral dissertation.

III.

Applicants who have completed university undergraduate or graduate study at a foreign university shall, at their own expense, cover the cost of obtaining and, on the occasion of applying to the Call for Admission, submit the academic acknowledgement of a foreign higher-education qualification from the appropriate authority for enrolment into this Study. For such applicants, the Doctoral Study Committee can specify differential exams.

IV.

Applicants who have initiated their studies in other postgraduate-related studies can apply for admission to the Study with ECTS credit acknowledgement.

The Doctoral Study *Technologies in Maritime Affairs* can enrol applicants who have completed lower-level studies mentioned in Subparagraphs I, II, and III with a grade point average of a minimum of 3.5. Exceptionally, the Doctoral Study Committee can also approve enrolment to candidates with a grade point average lower than 3.5 if they meet one or more of the following conditions: they have published scientific and/or professional papers related to the field of the doctoral study; they have recommendations from at least two university teachers holding academic teaching or scientific titles.

The applicant must be proficient in English to a level ensuring undisturbed following of scientific literature (level B2) and has to provide a certificate of English language knowledge. The applicants without the required English language certificate will be interviewed in English.

PROCEDURE

The applicant to the Call for Admission who meets the requirements will be invited for an interview to state motivation and interests for the research in the selected specialisation, with the possibility of checking their competencies. Based on the above-mentioned, the decision on the enrolment of applicants is taken by the Doctoral Study Committee, while the final decision is made by the Faculty Council.

Before submitting the application, the applicant shall, in consultation with the mentor:

- Define the research area of the doctoral thesis,
- Provide a rationale for the selected research area,
- Prepare a list of publications, including copies of published papers and proof (certificates) of other activities for which ECTS credits have been awarded (if applicable),
- Prepare a brief CV (EUROPASS format) including a description of science and professional activities

The Call is launched for the admission of 10 candidates.

The total Study fee amounts to 12,000.00 EUR, according to the Decision from Article 6(8) of the Ordinance on the Doctoral Study *Technologies in Maritime Affairs*. The candidate shall pay 4,000.00 EUR by the end of October 2026/2027, 2027/2028, and 2028/2029, regardless of the number of ECTS earned in the previous academic year.

Applications, together with the required documentation, must be submitted by post or in person to the Faculty's registry office no later than 10th September 2026, to the following address:

University of Split, Faculty of Maritime Studies, Ruđera Boškovića 37, 21000 Split, with the following indication: Call for Admission to the Doctoral Study *Technologies in Maritime Affairs*.

To the Application for Admission, the applicant attaches filled-in and signed forms PDS-1 (Application for Admission) and PDS-2 (Proposal of research area of the doctoral thesis), and the documents therein required, as well as proof of proficiency in English. Applicants who do not provide the required proof of proficiency in English shall take an interview in English.

The application forms can be filled in in English or Croatian and are available from the website: <https://www.pfst.unist.hr/nastava/studiji/doktorski-studij/dokumenti>

The candidate shall present the original documents for checking at enrolment.

Applicants of any gender will be eligible. Words and terms used in the Call for Admission that indicate gender, irrespective of their being masculine or feminine, refer equally to the masculine and feminine genders.

Regarding the clarification of admission requirements, admission procedures, study structure, and duration, applicants are referred to the Regulations on the Doctoral Study *Technologies in Maritime Affairs*, June 2025.

All necessary information can be obtained via email at helena.bule@pfst.hr, igolub@pfst.hr, or by phone at +385 21 619 414.

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