

**WELCOME GUIDE**  
**“FAN S. NOLI” UNIVERSITY**  
**KORÇË (ALBANIA)**



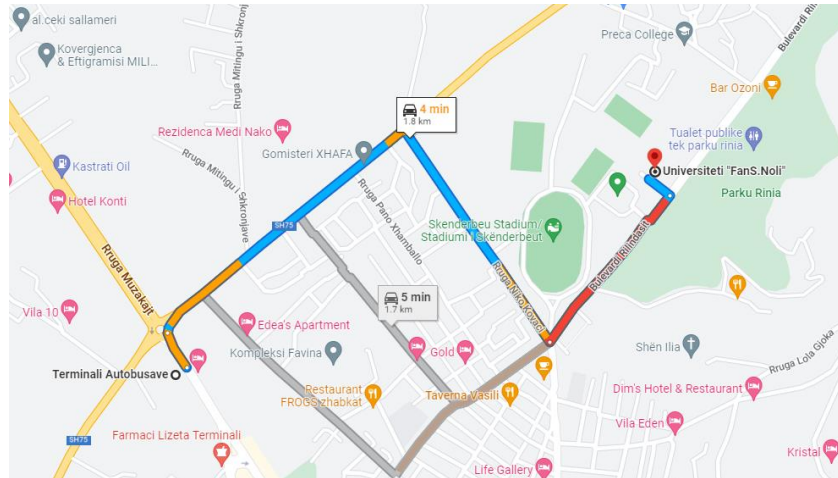
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# LOCATION

## “Fan S. Noli” University

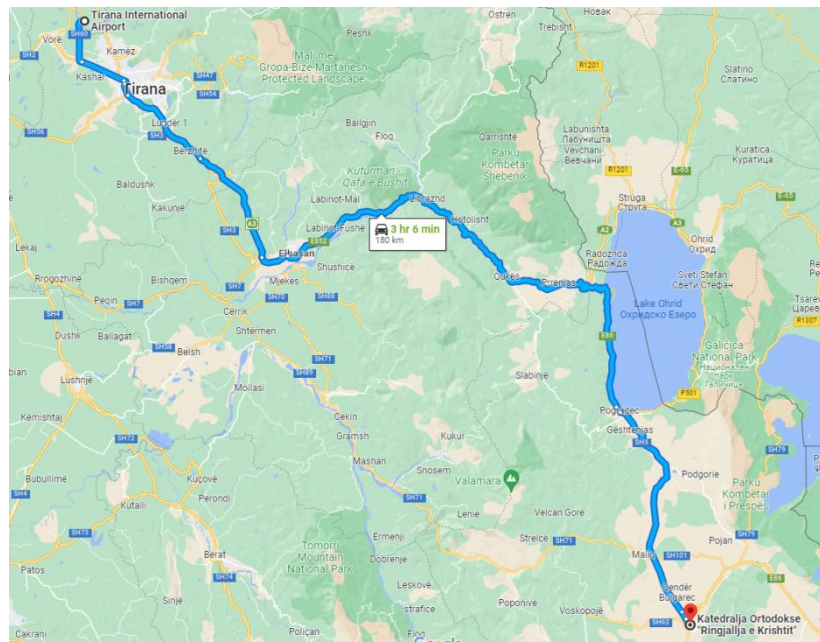
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How to get to the campus?



The first day of the training, we will wait for you at the entrance of the campus.

## From the airport to Korçë/center



There are different ways of joining the City center from the Airport easily and cheap.

You can take a taxi at the airport to drive you at the Bus Station in Tirana and then you can take the bus to come to Korçë (below you will find the timetable), or you can take a taxi to directly drive you to Korçë.

Tiranë - Korçë	11:45, 12:30, 13:15, 14:00, 14:45, 15:30, 16:15, 17:00
	05:45, 06:30, 07:15, 08:00, 08:45, 09:30, 10:15, 11:00

1. Ticket price for the 1<sup>st</sup> option (Airport – Bus Station):
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2. Ticket price for the second option (Airport – Korçë):

### ***Accommodation***

Some ideas for hotels and Guesthouses in Korça:

**Hotel Kocibelli POOL & SPA:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-QrOvRrZ>

It is 15 minutes walking far from the University.

**Grand Hotel Palace:** <https://www.google.com/travel/hotels/s/K7NZmtDXi5N1s3uj8>

It is 15 minutes walking far from the University.

**SAHATI Hotel & Restaurant:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-g4vUSO>

It is 20 minutes walking far from the University.

**ODA Guest House:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-wxJW4pu>

It is 15 minutes walking far from the University.

**COZY Guest Home Korce:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-fwMp69>

It is 20 minutes walking far from the University.

**PEOPLE Guest House:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-Rd8tlg>

It is 5 minutes walking far from the University.

**A list of small apartments cheaper than the hotels:**

**APARTMENT 2+1:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-bkyKQb>

It is 15 – 20 minutes walking far from the University.

**KELA's apt:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-U0geas>

It is 15 minutes walking far from the University.

**JANO apartment Korce:** <http://www.booking.com/Share-jnrIwN>

It is 15 minutes walking far from the University.

Another option:

Dormitory of “Fan S. Noli” University.

It is 2 min walking from the Campus.

Cost: 10 Euro/night

Cooking facilities/conditions – NOT provided



## ABOUT KORÇË



**Korçë** is the eighth most populous city of the Republic of Albania and the seat of Korçë County and Korçë Municipality. The total population is 75,994 (2011 census), in a total area of 806 km<sup>2</sup> (311 sq mi). It stands on a plateau some 850 m (2,789 ft) above sea level, surrounded by the Morava Mountains.

The area of the Old Bazaar, including Mirahori Mosque, is considered as the urban core of the city. Founded by a local Ottoman Albanian lord, Ilias Bey Mirahori, the urban area of Korçë dates back to the late 15th century and the beginning of the 16th century, however its actual physiognomy was realized in the 19th century, during a period that corresponds with the rapid growth and development of the city. The Old Bazaar has played a dominant role in Albania's market history. Korçë is the largest city of eastern Albania and an important cultural and industrial centre.

### ***Tourist information:***

The must see:

**The Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Cathedral:** it's a large, impressive church with Byzantine Revival-style architecture. It's the largest Orthodox Church in Albania and dates back to 1995.

**The Old Bazaar:** This charming, 400-year-old area of the city is like the city's beating heart. Along its streets, you'll find lots of vendors, shops, bars, and restaurants. The Ottoman-style cobblestones are still intact, and when you walk them, you can't help but be transported centuries into the past





**Walk Down Boulevard Shen Gjergji:** It's a beautiful, family-friendly spot that's lined with a number of bars and restaurants. It's also a popular place to meet up with friends!

**Get a Bird's-Eye View of Korçë A top Red Tower:** It's a narrow, curiously-shaped building that stands high above the city. I'm all about seeing the locations I visit from above to get a new perspective of them.

**Korçë Brewery (Birra Korçë):** It dates back to 1928 and is the oldest brewery in all of Albania and it produces 10 million liters of beer per year.

**The Museum of Education “Mësonjëtorja e Parë Shqipe”:** It was built in 1887. This museum was once a school and is an emblem of Albanian history. Only Turkish was spoken in Albania during the Ottoman period. After the Ottoman Empire fell, this school was the first in the country to teach in Albanian!



**National Museum of Medieval Art, Korca:** National Museum of Medieval Art of Korça was established back in 1980, and houses some 7,000 items of immeasurable historical and cultural significance. Stone, metal, wooden, and fabric items from Albania's iconography are presented. Also, collections of paintings from the Korça school, are on display here, as well. Housed in what was the Korça Cathedral, the museum is a must see attraction for history and art lovers. The museums objects de art range from anonymous religious icons of the 13th and 14th Centuries, as well as well known pieces from noted artists like; Onufri, Jeromak Shpataraku, David Selenica, Onufer Qiprioti, Teacher Kostandini, and the Zografi Brothers, among the many others. This museum collection is, by far, one of the finest in all Albania. **Opening Hours** April- September, Every Day 9:00 – 19:00 October - March, Tuesday- Sunday 9:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 19:00 **Tickets** 200 Lek Students 300 Lek Families 350 Lek Pensioners/Invalids 500 Lek Group +30 700 Lek Standard

**Gjon Mili Photography Museum:** Gjon Mili Museum The American photographer Gjon Mili with Albanian origin, now has a museum in the city of its origin, Korçë. Many world famous photos taken by the photographer are exposed in the museum. Gjon Mili is known as the photograph who used for the first time electronic flash photography movement. Gjon Mili was born on November 24, 1904 in Korçë. At the age of 5 his family emigrated to Romania. There he did the high school and at the age of 19 he went to America. He graduated in the Institute of Technology of Massachusetts as lighting engineer. During this time he dealt with photographic art. The Museum dedicated to him is in the city of Korca in Albania stabilised at "The Romanian House" just in the centre of Korca . Gjon Mili is one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century.





**Kamenica Tumulus:** Tuma of Kamenica is one of the largest known holes so far, in which were identified 400 graves, skeletal remains of 430 individuals and more than 3,500 objects. Its earliest tombs belong to the late Bronze Age around the XII century p.e.s. This mound has ceased to function around the middle of the 6th century BC, so there is a nearly 700-year history. In this tumulus are conserved as, the ring of the central tomb of the tomb, the first and the second group of graves with a monumental structure and the rest left without excavation, where it is thought that in that part of the tomb there are also 400 graves others.

Some addresses near to the Campus for lunch:

**Taverna Vasili:** On the second floor is a covered, open-air terrace with five tables, and inside, you'll find a cozy dining area and a small wine cellar. It's very rustic and has the feel of a unique, Balkan steakhouse, opened from 10:00 to 23:00

**Fast food Univers:** near to the Camups, it served the most delicious fast food in town, opened from 08:00 to 10:00.

Restaurants for dinner:

- A list of typical restaurants in Korçë: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g318868-Korce\\_Korce\\_County.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g318868-Korce_Korce_County.html)
- Eat Unique Albanian Food at Vila Cofiel! You can't start a meal in Albania without some rakija. It's sweet and light and tastes like Jagermeister! One of the best dishes of Albania is Vila Cofiel's pork with purple plum marmalade, which was the perfect combination of fatty, juicy, salty and sweet. It's one of my favorite things you must do in Korçë, Albania!  
Address:

Vila Cofiel

Rr: Avni Rustemi, Korçë, Albania

+355 69 640 2500

### ***Tourist information offices:***

Tourist Info Center

Bul. Shen Gjergji, Korçë, Albania

Tel: + 355 8225 7803

Cel: + 355 6720 34403

Fax: + 355 8225 7803

[info@visit-korca.com](mailto:info@visit-korca.com)

<http://www.visit-korca.com/site/contact.php>

### ***Public transport:***

**Korçë** is a station in **Albania** with domestic and international bus connections to e.g. countries like **Greece** (Athens, Thessaloniki, Larissa...).

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- General information
- Station and stop information
  - Bus stop
- Popular routes
  - Popular routes from Korçë
  - Popular routes to Korçë

## **General information**

BUS STOP

### **Station and stop information**

#### **Address:**

Rruga Kiço Greço , Korçë

#### **GPS Coordinates:**

Coordinate: [40.6185128, 20.7756651](#)

40.61864, 20.775499

**Bus stop** is located about **672 m** from the town centre, which is only a **8** minute walk.

Near **Bus stop** you can find: **ATM, kiosk, coffee bar, fast food** and **hotels or hostels**

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### ***Important phone numbers (free of charge)***

- ✓ Medical emergency: 127
- ✓ Police: 129
- ✓ Fire: 128

## ***Healthcare***

### **Hospitals and medical care:**

Regional Hospital Korçë:

**Address:** Bulevardi Fan Noli 98, Korçë

**Hours:** Open 24 hours

**Phone:** 082 242 755 / 127

Maternity Hospital:

**Address:** Rruga Partizani 622, Korçë

**Hours:** Open 24 hours

**Phone:** 082 243130

Ambulance:

**Address:** Bulevardi Fan Noli 46, Korçë

**Hours:** 24 hours

**Phone:** 129

## ***Useful information prior to arrival***

### **Things to know about living in Albania:**

- Albanian Money

The Albanian monetary unit is called Lek. The currency code for Lek is ALL (Albanian Lek).

Banknotes come in denominations of 200, 500, 1 000, 2 000, 5 000 Lekë;

Monetes come in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Lekë

Euro – ALL currency: 1 EUR = **119** ALL (depending on the currency rates)

[https://www.bankofalbania.org/Markets/Official\\_exchange\\_rate](https://www.bankofalbania.org/Markets/Official_exchange_rate)



- Cost of living
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### **Restaurants**

Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	400.00 Lek
Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	2,500.00 Lek
McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)	428.40 Lek
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	90.00 Lek
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	700.00 Lek

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### **Sports And Leisure**

Fitness Club, Monthly Fee for 1 Adult	1,666.67 Lek
Tennis Court Rent (1 Hour on Weekend)	950.00 Lek
Theatre, 1 Seat	300.00 Lek

- Climate



## ***INFORMATION ABOUT UNIKO***

“**FAN S. NOLI**” University is located in the centre of the city of **Korça**, in the south-east of Albania.

It was established on the basis of the Higher Agricultural Institute, in 1971. “Fan S. Noli” University started its academic activity in 1992. In 1994 it was given the name "Fan S. Noli".

UNIKO has cooperation agreements with other national and international HEIs for better educational and scientific research interaction. UNIKO is an active participant of European Erasmus+ programs, CBHE, and Erasmus+ Mobility Projects. Students of UNIKO have had mobility experiences under EU Erasmus+ programs. More than 40 pedagogues have improved their qualifications with mobilities in foreign universities.

## ***INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE***

Address: Rectorate Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:00

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UNIKO operates in four main units which are organized in 15 departments

It offers:

- ✓ 26 "Bachelor" study programs;
- ✓ **24 “Master” programs;**
- ✓ **7 associate programs;**
- ✓ **1 PhD program.**

About **5000** students enrolled in UNIKO, **160** full-time and **125** part-time lecturers.

About **35.000 students** graduated from 1992-2020.

- In 2017, **UNIKO** was accredited for a **5-year period** by the British Quality Assurance Agency.

## ***ACADEMIC INFORMATION***

### ***FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS***

#### **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

##### **Professional study programs:**

- ✓ “Agricultural Business Management”;
- ✓ “Veterinary Management”;
- ✓ “Seed and seedling production techniques”.

##### **Professional Master Study programs**

- ✓ “Integrated Rural Development”;
- ✓ “Quality and Food Safety”;
- ✓ “Agrarian Engineering, Horticulture Profile”.

##### **Bachelor Study Programs:**

- ✓ “Agro business”;
- ✓ “Agro nutrition”;
- ✓ “Agronomic Engineering”;
- ✓ “Plant Medicine and Horticulture”.

##### **Master of Science Study Program**

- ✓ “Plant Medicine”.



**PhD “Program”:**

- ✓ “Sustainable Horticulture”.

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PHILOLOGY****Professional study programs**

- ✓ "Education in Infancy and Early childhood";
- ✓ "Support Office for Communication, Library and Archive".

**Bachelor study programs**

- ✓ "Teacher in Primary Education";
- ✓ "Teaching in Preschool Education";
- ✓ "Physical Education and Sports";
- ✓ "Language and Literature";
- ✓ "English language";
- ✓ "French Language and Culture";
- ✓ "History - Geography".

**Professional Master Study programs**

- ✓ "Teaching in Primary Education";
- ✓ "Teaching in History and Geography";
- ✓ “Teaching in English language ”;
- ✓ "Teaching for vocational school teachers";
- ✓ "Teaching in Albanian Language and Literature";

**Master of Science study programs**

- ✓ “Culture, Media and Editing”.

## **FACULTY OF ECONOMY**

### **Professional study programs**

- ✓ “Assistant Manager”.

### **Bachelor study programs**

- ✓ "Finance-Accounting";
- ✓ "Economics";
- ✓ "Business and Trade";
- ✓ "Business Administration in Tourism";
- ✓ "Business Administration in Marketing";
- ✓ “Management”;
- ✓ "Business Informatics".

### **Professional Master study programs**

- ✓ "Finance-Accounting";
- ✓ "Banking and insurance";
- ✓ “Marketing”;
- ✓ "Tourism " ;
- ✓ "Tourist guide";
- ✓ "Business Administration".

### **Master of Science study programs**

- ✓ “Accounting”

## **FACULTY OF NATURAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

### **Professional study programs**

- ✓ “Social Service”.

### **Bachelor study programs**

- ✓ "Philosophy-Sociology";
- ✓ "Administration and Social Policies";
- ✓ "Mathematics-Informatics";
- ✓ "Mathematics-Physics";
- ✓ "Information technology";
- ✓ "Biology chemistry";
- ✓ "General nurse" ;
- ✓ "Midwifery."

### **Professional Master Study programs**

- ✓ "Teaching in Social Sciences";
- ✓ "Public administration";
- ✓ "Teaching in Mathematics and Informatics-Physics";
- ✓ "Modern Telecommunication Systems and Internet Technologies";
- ✓ "Teaching in Biology and Chemistry";
- ✓ "Nursing".

### **Master of Science study program**

- ✓ "Social Philosophy"

## ***GRADING SYSTEM***

Transcript of records

The incoming exchange students will be awarded ECTS credits for each successfully completed course and provided with a transcript of records that will be sent to the International Office at their home institution.

The equivalence of study periods is performed according to the Evaluation System, which is presented in the following table:

POINTS	GRADE	ECTS (grade)	DESCRIPTION
1-39	4	F	Poor

40-50	5	F+	Poor
51-60	6	E	Average
61-70	7	D	Average
71-80	8	C	Good
81-90	9	B	Very good
91-100	10	A	Excellent

## ***STUDENT VISA***

Can enter Albania without visa:

- Foreign citizens who have a valid, multiple entry Schengen visa, which has been previously used in one of the Schengen states, or foreign citizens who have a valid permit of stay in one of the Schengen states.
- Foreign citizens who have a valid, multiple entry US or UK visa, which has been previously used in the respective country of issuance, or have valid permit of stay in the US or UK Please note!
- Citizens from the EU have the facility to enter the country with only an ID card
- Passport or ID card must be valid for at least 3 (three) months from their entrance day

Visa regime for foreign citizens: [http:// punetegashtme.gov.al/wp-content/ uploads/2018/11/3-visa-regime-for-foreigncitiznes-01.11.2018.pdf](http://punetegashtme.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/3-visa-regime-for-foreigncitiznes-01.11.2018.pdf) All the other foreigners must apply for Visa before entering Albania. For information about the Visa Application please visit: [https://punetegashtme. gov.al/en/aplikim-per-vize/](https://punetegashtme.gov.al/en/aplikim-per-vize/) Foreigners staying for more than 3 months in Vlora should apply for Resident permit within 30 days after entering the Republic of Albania. They must appear in person at the Local Police Directorate of Border and Migration of Vlore's office (situated at the port of Vlora). The process for resident permit application will be facilitated by the International Office Team at the University of Vlora.

Document required for resident permit application:

1. Request for the residence Permit form



2. Residence Permit Application form
3. Photocopy of Passport or ID card
4. Four passport sized photos (47mm X 36mm) no older than six months from the date of application
5. Proof of accommodation while in the Republic of Albania (provided by the house landlord in original notarized copy)
6. Document from home institution proving that he/she is part of Erasmus + program.
7. Criminal Record document (issued by the home country) legalized according to the regime with the relevant country which has issued this document. (translated and notarized)
8. Travel health insurance documents for the duration of the visa
9. Letter of Invitation from the host institution (will be given by UV)
10. Proof that the students has sufficient income (Erasmus document grant); The cost for resident permit for 6 months is 5000 Lekë (40 €) + the card cost.

## ***Incoming students at UNIKO***



### **Paula Llorens Esbri**

“Institut agronomique Mediterraneean de Montpellier”, France

I am Paula Llorens Esbri, a Spanish student of the Agricultural Engineering, working on a Research Project at “Fan S. Noli” University in the frame of Erasmus+ Programme. During my internship I will be working on a research project on the effects of new trends in Korca apple farms, regarding the participation of Albania in the EU. Not only in an academic view, but also in a personal view, I strongly believe that I will improve my level of languages, meeting new friends from Albania and other nationalities and learning the culture of such a different country.



### **Malak Hazimeh**

“Institut agronomique Mediterraneean de Montpellier”, France

I am Malak Hazimeh, a Lebanese student, in Agriculture engineering. I am studying in France at the “*Institut agronomique mediteeraneen de Montpellier*” and I have chosen “Fan S. Noli” University, Korce, Albania to conclude my final

internship project, as an Erasmus + exchange student. Why Albania? This was the question that I have heard the most. To make it simple, why not Albania? I was offered a good opportunity to come and work on my final project in this beautiful country. As an agriculture engineer, I have found a very interesting place, since agriculture has a huge role in its national economy and its part of its traditional and cultural assets, without mentioning all the abundant natural resources and its capabilities.



**Maya Bouhafs**

“Institut agronomique Meditteranean de Montpellier”, France

I am Maya Bouhafs, an Erasmus student at the “Fan S. Noli” University in Korçe, Albania. I am and Agricultural Engineer majoring in crop breeding and production graduated from higher national school of Agronomy of Algiers (Algeria) and I am actually attending Master studies in "Farming system design for sustainable food systems" at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier, France. I chose Albania rather than another country, because I wanted to give a try to the Eastern European countries and I know that Albania is full of history and that is definitely a place worth discovering and in addition, it has a good agricultural sector and as an agronomist, I find it very interesting.

***Have a great stay in Korçë and looking forward to meeting you!***