

## Faculty of Forestry, University of Banja Luka

Faculty of Forestry, University of Banja Luka, is an educational and research institution for acquiring knowledge and conducting scientific research in the field of forestry.

Faculty was established in 1992, although the initiative for the establishment of the Faculty reaches far into the past.

It is one of the 13 members of the integrated University of Banja Luka.

Today Faculty offers courses for undergraduate academic studies, as well as for the master (graduate) academic studies of two study programs.

Faculty has a well-equipped space for teaching, as well as offices and laboratories. Altogether it is spread over 1100 square meter.

Faculty has a well equipped library with 10960 textbooks and 75 journal titles.

By end of academic year 2011/12, at the Faculty are defended 502 graduate works, 9 specialty papers, 3 master's theses and 2 doctoral dissertations.



Considerable attention is paid to cooperation with economy in the areas of teaching and scientific activities, work on joint projects, organizing seminars, courses, panel discussions, expert surveys.

- At the Faculty level, there are eight departments:
- •Department of Ecology of Forest Habitats
- •Department of Forest Genetics and Plant Production
- •Department of Integral Protection of Forest Ecosystems
- •Department of Using of Forest Resources
- •Department of Organization and Economics of Forestry
- •Department of Silviculture
- •Department of Forest Management
- •Department of Wildlife Management

Today at the Faculty are employed 26 teachers and associates.

Thanks to cooperation with the Faculty of Forestry in Belgrade, Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana, as with almost all faculties of the University of Banja Luka, Faculty constantly improve quality and strives to organize courses.

Since the school year 2007/08. the courses at the Faculty of Forestry are performed in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Declaration.

Faculty of Forestry has two cycles of study:

-First cycle studies – undergraduate degree (bachelor), (cca 600 studenets) -Second cycle studies – graduate (Master), (cca 80 students)

The first cycle of study covers one general orientation: *Forestry*.

A second cycle study programs:

- Forestry
- Forest resource management.

Faculty of Forestry in Banja Luka has achieved long-term cooperation with several government, academic and research institutions in the country, the region and the world, especially in the exchange of personnel, activities and joint projects and educational organization.

Faculty has signed specific agreements on cooperation with several educational institutions:

- -Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade
- -Agricultural Faculty in Banja Luka,
- -Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana.
- -University of Novi Sad, Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment.
- -University of Missouri, Columbia, Department of Forestry
- -Faculty of Forestry Sofia, Bulgaria

Cooperation with other institution in 2012: -**EFI** – FOPER project,

-Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska

- 1. Education of teaching staff of the Faculty of Forestry in Banja Luka
- 2. The possibility of artificial breeding of Black Grouse in the Republic of Srpska
- 3. Education, research and development in forestry
- 4. Recent achievements in the construction of forest truck roads

## -Fund for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency of the Republic of Srpska

- 1. Podzols and their vegetation in the Republic of Srpska
- Public Enterprise "Šume RS"
- WWF Natura 2000

Publishing and exchange of publications

-Faculty is publisher of textbook, practicum's, monographs and regular publications.

-Aannual regular editions include Bulletin and Information Bulletin, which are available for free download on the website of the Faculty.

-Bulletin of the Faculty of Forestry is issued twice a year, with the papers of teaching and cooperative staff of Faculty.





