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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS SUMMER UNIVERSITY COURSES – SOMMERKOLLEG – POLETNA ŠOLA BOVEC 2025

All the information and official documents related to this call, instructions and forms are available **on the Bovec 2025 Summer School webpage**, accessible at the following link:
<https://sites.units.it/internationalia/it/altmobil-out/?file=bovec.html&cod=2025>

Foreword

This summer school is organised by the University of Klagenfurt in collaboration with the Universities of Trieste, Udine, Ljubljana, Koper, Rijeka and Osijek. It aims to strengthen collaboration between neighbouring regions by promoting mutual knowledge among students from universities in the multinational Alps-Adriatic region. At the Bovec Summer School, language, politics, culture in its various aspects, communications and diplomacy are considered as support for democracy, freedom, economic and social wellbeing, and diversity. The aim is to consider borders no longer as factors of division but as opportunities for people and populations to meet. The ultimate goal is the construction of a peaceful coexistence.

This summer school is based on the *tandem principle*, where participating students collaborate in language learning through a bilateral exchange where each participant helps the other to improve in the language they are learning. Participants help each other by communicating in their mother tongue (or in a language they know very well), thus ensuring mutual learning. The main idea is that both interlocutors learn and practice the language simultaneously, taking advantage of each other's strengths.

The University of Trieste is funding **6** positions for its students to participate in the 2025 edition of the Bovec Summer School.

The summer school will take place in Bovec, a small town in the upper Soča valley (Gornje Posoje, Slovenia), **from 13th to 27th July 2025**.

The University of Trieste covers the cost of food, accommodation and participation in language courses, conferences, workshops and excursions. Students are required, however, to pay a contribution of EUR 110.00 to the University of Klagenfurt for other expenses.

The summer school's educational activities are delivered by teachers who are native speakers and are divided into Italian, Slovenian, German, Friulian and Croatian language courses. There are also group activities such as conferences, seminars, workshops and excursions.



Participation in the summer school courses earns students 3 extra credits.

Article 1 – Theme

The 2025 edition, entitled ‘Nation and Narration in Europe. Language, Culture and Identity in the Pursuit of Europeanisation’, will focus on the re-emergence of far-right nationalist movements in Europe, offering an analysis of the historical context that has led to the current political situation, and aims to assess possible future developments and actions.

The 2025 edition of the Bovec Summer School will focus on the current socio-political context, in which political positions are re-emerging with a nationalistic approach which seeks to frame economic and social problems as national problems and cultural conflicts, spreading divisive narratives rooted in fear and resentment. Universities have an important role to play, especially given growing anti-scientific attitudes. By sharing research, teaching and knowledge, universities play a key role in developing ideas and methods that support democracy, the rule of law, human rights, diversity and peace.

The Bovec Summer School plays a key role in this context. The question at the heart of the 2025 edition is: what narrative of nation can foster the European project of peace, democracy and well-being, and integration? Students will discuss how language, politics, culture in its various aspects, communication and diplomacy support democracy, freedom, economic and social well-being, and diversity. The Bovec Summer School will address topics such as multilingualism, cultural heritage, the politics of memory, and the hybrid and interconnected nature of cultures.

Article 2 – Working languages

The languages used during group activities, seminars and workshops are Italian, Slovenian, German, Croatian and Friulian.

Article 3 – Admission requirements and applications

To participate in the selection, students must:

- be regularly enrolled at the University of Trieste until the end of the Bovec Summer School 2025;
- have obtained a minimum of 8 ECTS in the first term of academic year 2025-2026 or have an average of at least 5 ECTS over the last 3 terms;
- have very good knowledge of one of the summer school's official languages (Italian, Slovenian, Croatian, German or Friulian) for the *tandem principle* to apply;
- have a basic knowledge of the language selected for the language course. Total beginners cannot participate.



As regards the language course they wish to attend, candidates must indicate a first and second choice from the languages offered (German, Slovenian, Croatian and Friulian). Students should indicate their first and second choice on the application form available on the 2025 Bovec Summer School webpage.

Students can attach any relevant certificates or linguistic assessments to their application. If candidates attended language courses organised by their university and/or by another institution, they must specify the course start and end date as well as the course length in hours. This information should be included on the self-declaration form available on the 2025 Bovec Summer School webpage.

Candidates interested in attending the Friulian language course are not required to prove their proficiency in that language.

Candidates should submit their applications by logging in to UniTS online academic services (Esse3). Applications are open from the time of publication of this call until **3rd April 2025 at 12:00 (CET)**. Detailed instructions for completing the application in Esse3 are available on the 2025 Bovec Summer School webpage.

Article 4 – Evaluation of applications and selection results

Candidates will be selected by the University Internationalisation Committee which was appointed by Rector's Decree No 1080/2023 of 16th November 2023. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- language skills;
- average of the marks and number of credits;
- motivation;
- any educational and/or professional experiences related to the 2025 Bovec Summer School theme indicated in the application form.

If two or more candidates are awarded the same mark, priority will be given to the candidate who:

- has not participated in any previous editions;
- has not gone outside their exam schedule (*fuori corso*);
- is younger.

The Committee may also take into consideration a balance in working languages.

The rankings will be published on the official register of the University and on the call webpage. The online publication of this list has legal value. No candidate will receive direct communication of the selection results.



Successful candidates are considered to have automatically accepted their place at the summer school.

Any refusals must be promptly communicated and duly justified to outgoing.students@amm.units.it.

Successful candidates will have to pay a contribution of EUR 110.00 to the University of Klagenfurt by bank transfer no later than **30th April 2025** to the following account: Raiffeisenlandesbank Kärnten (address: Nautilusweg 11, 9020 Klagenfurt)
Bank account in the name of: Universität Klagenfurt
IBAN: AT42 3900 0000 0251 5039 BIC: RZKTAT2K
Reference: Summer School Bovec 2025 - Candidate's name and surname.

If a candidate withdraws after 31st May 2025, the contribution will not be reimbursed, except for serious documented reasons that will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Article 5 – Credit recognition

Participation in the summer school courses earns students 3 extra credits. Credits will be recognised at the end of the mobility period, as soon as the coordinating university has sent the final documentation proving the student's attendance.

Upon return from their mobility period, students must send a short final report on their experience to the International Mobility Office.

The final report must be duly signed and dated and sent by email as a pdf file. The email must be sent from the student's institutional email address and have the following subject: 'Final report on 2025 Bovec Summer School'. The report should be sent to the following address: outgoing.students@amm.units.it

Article 6 – Insurance

During their mobility period, recipients have medical, civil liability and accident insurance coverage.

- Health insurance: guaranteed by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For further information, please visit this [page](#) (mobility to EU countries). All recipients, in particular non-EU citizens, are invited to contact the local health authority (*azienda sanitaria locale* – ASL) to verify the health care conditions in their destination country.
- Civil liability: the University of Trieste offers all enrolled students civil liability insurance through policy No 412222617 signed by Axa Assicurazioni S.p.A.
- Insurance for accidents at work: the University of Trieste offers insurance coverage for accidents at work through the national insurance system (consolidated law on the National



Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work [INAIL], Italian presidential decrees No 1124/65 and 156/99).

- Insurance for other accidents: the University of Trieste offers insurance for other accidents at work through policy No 412248780 signed by Axa Assicurazioni S.p.A.

The accident and civil liability insurance provided only covers accidents that occur during educational activities.

Article 7 – Access to official documents, data processing and staff member in charge of the administrative procedure

The personal data collected for the purposes of this selection will be processed in accordance with the European Regulation No 2016/679 on the protection of personal data. Data may also be processed using IT. Aggregate data may also be used for statistical purposes by the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research.

When necessary, personal data may be transferred to universities located in non-EU countries. In this case, the University will adopt an adequacy decision pursuant article 45 of the General Data Protection Regulation – Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1773 of 28 June 2021.

Candidates are guaranteed access to the records of the selection procedure pursuant Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of personal data.

The data controller is the University of Trieste – Piazzale Europa, 1 – 34127 Trieste, in the figure of its legal representative, the Rector.

The Head of the International Mobility Office at the University of Trieste is responsible for data processing.

Pursuant to Italian Law No 241/90 and subsequent amendments and additions, the staff member in charge of the administrative procedure is the Head of the International Mobility Office at the University of Trieste.

For anything not specified in this call, please refer to the current legislation on the subject, to the Regulation on Students' International Mobility and to other provisions in force at the University of Trieste.

Updated information on Regulation (EU) 2016/679 is available on the [dedicated section](#) of the University's website.