

Based on Article 69 of the Act on Higher Education and Scientific Activity (Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia, NN 119/2022) and Article 11 of the Statute of Algebra Bernays University, the decision of the Senate of Algebra Bernays University in Zagreb, Croatia No. 28, dated February 20, 2026,

and

based on the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 56/25), the Rules on the Call for Enrolment and Implementation of Enrolment in Higher Education (Official Gazette of RS, No. 6/22, 4/23, 5/24, 7/24 and 56/25 – ZViS-1), the decision of the Senate of the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto, Slovenia No. 29/24-28-3, dated January 28, 2026, and the consent obtained from the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on March 26, 2026,

ALGEBRA BERNAYS UNIVERSITY

and

FACULTY OF INFORMATION STUDIES IN NOVO MESTO

hereby announce the

**CALL FOR ENROLMENT IN THE JOINT DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMME (3rd
CYCLE)**

COMPUTER AND DATA SCIENCE
IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Duration of Study

The study programme lasts 3 years and comprises 180 ECTS.

Mode and Location of Study

The study programme is conducted as a full-time study programme in the **English language**.

The academic year 2026/2027 starts on **01.10.2026**.

The study programme will be conducted in a **blended/hybrid** manner.

For all courses, lectures and seminars, students will be able to attend classes in the lecture halls at the University Algebra Bernays and at the Faculty in Novo Mesto or online via digital platform in real time according to the schedule.

Exams will be held in lecture halls at the University/Faculty premises in Zagreb or in Novo mesto.

The joint doctoral study programme will be implemented if a minimum of **5 students** enroll in the programme.

Academic Title

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer and Data Science, PhD.

Information about the joint doctoral study programme

Joint Admission Office (primary contact)

<https://www.algebra.hr/sveuciliste/en/admissions/>

Individual counseling and information about the study programme will be available at the Joint Admission Office at the University Algebra Bernays, Gradišćanska 24, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia by phone (+385 1 5809 315) or email (prijavni.ured@algebra.hr).

Alternative point of contact

Individual counseling and information about the study programme will also be available at the Admission Office at the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto, Ljubljanska cesta 31a, 8000 Novo mesto, Slovenia by phone (+386 7 37 37 870) or email (vpis@fis.unm.si).

Information days

Information days will be held in a blended/hybrid format at the Institutions and online via online platform.

Information days at the Algebra Bernays University in Zagreb, Croatia will be held in a blended/hybrid format at the Faculty, Gradišćanska 24, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia and online via an online platform, in English and Croatian, upon public announcement.

Information days at the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto, Slovenia will be held in a hybrid format – at the Faculty, Ljubljanska cesta 31a, 8000 Novo mesto, Slovenia and online platform:

- 13. 2. 2026 at 10.00 and 17.00 (in Slovenian),
- 14. 2. 2026 at 10.00 (in Slovenian),
- 9. 4. 2026 at 17.00 (in Slovenian),
- 4. 6. 2026 at 17.00 (in English) and
- 20. 8. 2026 ob 17.00 (in Slovenian).

Enrolment places for citizens of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Slovenia and the EU

For enrolment in the 1st year	For enrolment in a higher year
Full-time study	Full-time study
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Enrolment places for international candidates**

For enrolment in the 1st year	For enrolment in a higher year
Full-time study	Full-time study
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* The number of enrolment places for international students is limited by the number of places for citizens of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Slovenia and the EU.

** International candidates for enrolment must demonstrate an adequate level of English language proficiency.

The adequate knowledge of English of an international candidate (a person coming from one of the countries with a higher migration risk, as determined by the list of countries whose citizens must have visas when crossing the external borders of the European Union, in accordance with the law governing the conditions and procedures for the entry, departure, and residence of foreigners in the Republic of Croatia/Republic of Slovenia) is verified through a direct interview.

Demonstrating adequate language proficiency is only mandatory for citizens who do not come from the EU member states or countries with which Croatia/Slovenia has concluded a bilateral agreement allowing their citizens to study under the same conditions as Croatia/Slovenian citizens.

Procedures and Deadlines for Application and Enrolment

First application deadline: **from 01.05.2026. to 31.07.2026.**

Second application deadline: **from 01.08.2026. to 20.09.2026.**

The application deadlines apply to enrolment in the **first year of studies.**

Financing of Study

Doctoral studies are subject to a tuition fee, which is published in the valid price list.

Application and Enrolment Procedure

The information about the study programme is published on the websites <https://www.algebra.hr/sveuciliste/en/> and <http://www.fis.unm.si>.

The electronic application form is submitted via the **eVŠ web portal**: <http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/>.

The application is considered submitted on time if:

- the application that has been completed and submitted to eVŠ by 31.07.2026 (in the first application period) and
- the application that has been completed and submitted to eVŠ by 20.09.2026 (in the second application period).

All required supporting documents (attachments) for the application must be submitted electronically via the eVŠ portal. Scanned documents or photographs of original certificates and other required documents are accepted as proof of fulfillment of the enrolment conditions in the application and admission procedure.

Required documentation for the application – for EU citizens:

- diploma or certificate of completion of previous studies (if the diploma has not yet been issued) and
- diploma supplement or certificate of completed exams with an average grade for all years combined and a grade for the second-cycle diploma (certificate for the entire study programme – issued by the faculty where the candidate obtained their diploma).

For students with a professional diploma or a certificate of completion of the previous studies curriculum of the graduate study program is required for the assessment process and distinctive courses selection.

Required documentation for the application – for international candidates:

- diploma or certificate of completion of previous studies (if the diploma has not yet been issued); certified by the ENIC/NARIC office, if necessary,
- court-certified translation of the diploma in the English language,
- proof of the content and duration of education and completed obligations (attachment to the diploma) or a certificate of completed exams with an average grade for the 2nd cycle of studies.

Other requirements

For students with professional diploma or certificate of completion of the previous studies curriculum of the graduate study program is required for the assessment process and distinctive courses selection.

Candidates for enrolment must demonstrate an adequate level of English language proficiency, which will be verified by a valid certificate (CEFR B2 or higher) and/or through a direct interview.

Accepted candidates will be invited to enroll via email.

Additional services and amenities

Institutions offer their students opportunities to participate in research work, mentorship with professional counseling, guest lectures, professional excursions, etc., thereby raising the level of knowledge and competitiveness of our students.

Doctoral students are especially invited to join research groups depending on their personal and professional interests. Students decide on additional activities voluntarily.

Enrolment Conditions

Candidates who have completed a study programme and have been awarded a qualification corresponding to the level 7 EQF or 2nd cycle of the QF-EHEA and obtained a minimum of 300 ECTS, may enroll in the first year of the doctoral study programme.

Those who have completed equivalent education abroad may also enroll in the first year of the doctoral study programme.

The equivalence of education obtained abroad is determined by the Algebra Bernays University and the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto, at the applicant's request, as part of the education recognition procedure.

The Joint Admissions Board shall be responsible for the selection and admission of all students to the joint degree study programme in accordance with the joint procedure and criteria specified in the Regulation on Joint Doctoral Study Programme.

Enrolment Limitation

Enrolment can be limited if the number of applications significantly exceeds the number of places available. In the event of enrolment limitations, candidates will be selected based on their average grade in their master's study programme without the grade of their master's thesis (or the average grade of the last two years of study in the case of a single-cycle master's programme) and the grade of their master's thesis.

The criteria are weighted as follows: average grade of the master's study programme (60%) and grade of the master's thesis (40%). If the master's study programme did not include a master's thesis or the thesis was not graded, the average grade of the master's study programme will be the sole criterion. For graduates of pre-Bologna university study programs, candidates will be selected based on their average grade for the last two years of study and the grade of their thesis.

	Independent higher education institution (abbreviation)	Study programme	Location of implementation	Enrolment places for citizens of the Republic of Slovenia and the EU				Enrolment places for Slovenians without Slovenian citizenship				Enrolment places for international candidates				Enrolment places for parallel studies		
				1st year		Enrolment in a higher year		1st year		Enrolment in a higher year		1st year		Enrolment in a higher year				
				Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time
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* The number of enrolment places applies to citizens of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Slovenia and the EU, and also to international candidates.