

My name is **Minja Petrović**, I come from Jagodina, and I am 26 years old. I graduated from the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, and today I living in Indiana, the United States. I finished my undergraduate studies in July 2021.

Throughout my third year at the Faculty of Education, I searched for the program abroad. Finally, the Russian and East European Institute at Indiana University stood out as the best choice. Therefore, at the beginning of my final year at the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, I started applying for a master's degree. Indiana University accepted my application in January of 2021 and in August I moved to Bloomington.

Currently, I am obtaining my master's degree at the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies. My major is in Russian and East European area studies, focusing on education. I got the chance to study abroad because of my proficiency in English and experience of living and studying in the field that the Russian and Eastern European Institute is focusing on.

Studying at the Faculty of Education helped me to get into the master's studies abroad in several ways. Firstly, I had a chance to study the English language during the entire bachelor program at the Faculty of Education in Jagodina. The English language module brought my proficiency to a more prominent level. Secondly, as a student at the Faculty of Education, I had a chance to study for one semester in Hungary as an Erasmus+ exchange student. This experience strengthened my desire to study abroad and expanded my understanding of education in general. Finally, the Faculty of Education in Jagodina followed and supported me throughout the challenging application process for Indiana University.

In my present studies I benefit greatly from the skills, knowledge and competences the Faculty of Education in Jagodina taught me. The first encounter with the United States educational system was stressful because they have a completely different approach to lecturing. However, the methodological and practical experience I gained in the Faculty of Education in Jagodina helped me understand and follow the new system.

Although I still do not find myself competent to give advice, my advice for all students studying at the Faculty of Education in Jagodina is simple: at the beginning of your bachelor studies, set the goals and build your path towards them. Read the literature critically, and don't be shy to ask as many questions as you have on your mind.

My advice for everybody who wants to study at the Faculty of Education in Jagodina is based on my very positive experience. I consider the Faculty of Education in Jagodina to be my second home. The professors I worked with are experienced methodologists who, among other things, taught me what a healthy relationship between a student and a professor means for the academic development of a student. If you are interested in education, the Faculty of Education in Jagodina is my strong and sincere recommendation.