

University of Montenegro International Students' Survival Kit



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WELCOME TO THE UCG
INTERNATIONAL SURVIVAL
GUIDE! CONGRATULATIONS
ON EMBARKING ON THIS
EXCITING JOURNEY OF
STUDYING ABROAD.

This guide is your go-to resource for navigating life at UCG and beyond. From essential Montenegrin expressions to practical tips on finding your way around, and making the most of your experience, this guide has you covered. Consider it your trusty companion as you navigate the exciting challenges and opportunities that await you.

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Must-know

A LIST OF USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Hello/Hi

Goodbye/Bye

Please

Thank you

Excuse me

Sorry

Yes

No

What's your name?

My name is...

How are you?

I'm fine, thanks.

Can you help me?

Can I have the bill?

Where is the bathroom?

How much does it cost?

What is inside this sandwich?

I will pay with a card

I am looking for place X

I don't understand

Zdravo/Ćao

Doviđenja/Vidimo se!

Molim Vas/Te

Hvala ti!

Izvinjavam se

Izvini

Da

Ne

Kako se zoveš?

Ja se zovem/Moje ime je

Kako si?

Dobro sam, hvala!

Možete/Možeš li mi pomoći?

Mogu li da dobijem račun?

Gdje je toalet?

Koliko to košta?

Šta je u ovom sendviču?

Platiću karticom

Tražim ovo mjesto

Ne razumijem

Accomodation and Housing

Dormitory Accommodation

Planning to stay at the Novi Dorm in Podgorica? Excellent choice! To secure a spot, make sure to submit a request to the international office as soon as possible. Here's a step-by-step guide to make your dormitory experience smooth:

Initiate the process early

Start by reaching out to the international office well in advance. The demand for dormitory accommodation can be high, so it's crucial to express your interest early on.



Contact the International Relations Office

Send a formal request to the international office expressing your desire to stay at the Novi Dorm. Include your personal details, expected duration of stay, and any preferences you may have.

You can contact them via this email:

irouom@ucg.ac.me

Wait for confirmation

Once your request is submitted, patiently wait for confirmation from the international office. They will provide information on whether a spot is available, along with any additional instructions or forms required.



Inside the Novi Dorm...



Now, let's delve into what awaits you at the Novi Dorm:

Room assignments

Room assignments are typically made by the university administration based on availability and your preferences, if possible. You may find yourself in a **double or triple occupancy room**, sharing a bathroom with your roommates. Rooms are organized by gender.

Monthly Costs

The accommodation fee for the Novi Dorm is **around 30 euros per month**, and this should be paid on-site. Ensure you have the necessary funds ready to cover your stay.

What to bring

While basic furnishings like a **bed, wardrobe, and desk** are provided, remember to pack your own bedsheets. Although pillows are usually available, they are not guaranteed. It's advisable to bring your own pillow along with any other personal bedding preferences. Being prepared will contribute to a comfortable and restful stay in the dormitory.

Responsibilities

Be aware that maintaining cleanliness in your assigned bedroom is your responsibility. Cleaning products are not provided, so consider bringing or buying your own supplies.

Security Measures

Rest easy knowing that the dormitory entrance is under 24/7 security surveillance. Your safety is a top priority, and there's always someone on guard, day or night.

Alternative Housing: Renting an Apartment

For those opting for more independence through off-campus living, renting an apartment is a popular choice. Should you decide on this route, here are some useful websites for apartment hunting:

<https://www.ustanzadan.me/>

<https://www.airbnb.com/podgorica-municipality-montenegro/stays>

Dining at UCG

When it comes to dining at UCG, students have several options to cater to their culinary needs and schedules. In the dorms, each floor is equipped with a small kitchen featuring a simple induction stove, fridge, and sink. However, it's important to note that these kitchens may not be available on every floor, and students are responsible for purchasing their own cooking ingredients and kitchenware.

Menza

Important info

- **Meal System:** Student card with loaded meal credits
 - **Meal Cost:** Around 1 euro each (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
 - **Monthly Purchase:** Unlimited, but meals expire on the 10th
 - **Purchase Restriction:** Not available from the 25th to the 1st
- Operating Hours:
- **Monday to Saturday:** 7 am to 8.30 pm
 - **Sunday:** 7 am to 1 pm
- Takeaway: Possible, bring your own packaging

Alternatively, many students choose to dine at the Menza, the campus cafeteria. Upon arrival, every international student receives a **student card**, which can be loaded with **meal credits**. ESN buddies will assist with this process. Meals at the Menza are incredibly affordable, averaging **around 1 euro** each for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Students can purchase as many meals as they want each month, but it's important to be aware that these meals expire **on the 10th of the month**, with a restriction on purchases between the 25th and 1st.

The Menza operates from **7 am to 8 pm from Monday to Saturday**, and from **7 am to 1 pm on Sundays**. Takeaway options are available, but students need to bring their own packaging.

Additionally, next to the Menza is **Buffe**, another dining option that offers a variety of food items such as sandwiches, omelets, and pastries. While students can use their meal credits at Buffe, it's worth noting that the prices are slightly higher compared to the Menza.

Buffe is open from **7 am to 9 pm on weekdays** and from **2 pm to 9 pm on Saturdays and Sundays**.

Laundry Services

At the Novi Dorm complex in Podgorica, laundry services are available for your convenience. Here's what you need to know:

Ticket Purchase Location

Tickets for the laundry can be purchased at the reception, located in a separate building from the dormitory. Refer to the accompanying picture for the exact location.



Operating Hours

Both the reception and the laundry are open from **8 AM to 8 PM**. Ensure you plan your visit within these hours. Slavka is the point of contact for laundry services. When Slavka is working, you can buy tickets. Her schedule may vary, so check with the dormitory staff or the provided schedule for her availability.

Ticket Prices

The cost for using the laundry facilities is **2 euros**. This covers both washing and drying. If you only need one of the services, the price remains at 1 euro. Tickets can only be bought in cash.

Bring your own cleaning products

Remember to bring your own cleaning products, as they are not provided in the laundry facility.

Other useful survival info

Mobile connectivity

Upon arriving in Montenegro, it's essential to address mobile connectivity. Unlike some countries, Montenegro is not under roaming agreements. To stay connected, students are advised to subscribe to a local mobile plan.

The two most convenient providers are  and "Telekom". 

The "**Tourist Prepaid**" plans, ranging from 15 to 20 euros per month, include essential services like internet connectivity. An additional convenience is that both providers offer **eSIM** plans, allowing students to purchase and activate their plans even before arriving in Montenegro.

Transportation in Montenegro

Exploring cities in Montenegro presents various options. Scooters, accessible through mobile apps, provide a convenient and eco-friendly mode of travel. Additionally, buses are available, though their schedules may not be easily accessible online. For efficient and up-to-date guidance on public transportation, the **Moovit** app is highly recommended. This app offers step-by-step directions to help students navigate the city seamlessly.

Taxi Services

Taxis in Montenegro are renowned for their convenience. Navigating Montenegro is a breeze with popular taxi apps that streamline booking and tracking. Especially in Podgorica, consider using:

- **Nas Taxi**
- **Klik Taxi**
- **TeslaGoApp**

Operating with internet connectivity, these apps are hassle-free for students. For those preferring phone calls, contact numbers for well-known taxi services include:

- **Red Taxi: 19740**
- **Nas Taxi: 19709**
- **City Taxi: 19711**
- **Lider Taxi: 19755**

Additionally, many taxi services can be reached via messaging apps such as Viber or WhatsApp. However, for a seamless transportation experience, using dedicated taxi apps is generally the most efficient method.

As you embark on your journey at UCG, armed with this survival guide, we hope you feel well-prepared for the exciting adventure that awaits. Navigating life in Podgorica will be hopefully made simpler with the insights shared here. Remember, this guide is a living document, much like your upcoming experiences. The details may evolve, just as your understanding of this vibrant community will. Should you have any questions or need further guidance, don't hesitate to reach out!

EMBRACE THE CHANGES,
SAVOR EVERY MOMENT,

WISHING YOU A FANTASTIC
AND FULFILLING TIME AT
UCG!

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