



# University of Nova Gorica

Athletes friendly university



# University of Nova Gorica and sports

We are aware of the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle and of the needs of athletes to obtain quality education. We have witnessed numerous cases of athletes who have managed to successfully combine their sports careers and studies and thus increase their future **employment prospects**. In order to encourage more athletes to take a double career path, we offer them specially **tailored modes of study** and the opportunity to apply for **scholarships for student athletes** provided by the University of Nova Gorica Foundation – the Scholarship Fund for Students Athletes »Matija Franko«.

The University of Nova Gorica **has been the first university in Slovenia to offer the student athlete status** to all registered athletes currently competing and achieving notable results. The student athlete status is granted on the basis of the evaluation of an athlete's results, achievements and the recommendations of the relevant sports associations and clubs, and independently of an athlete's categorisation assigned by the National Olympic Committee.

Besides specially tailored modes of study, there are also **other advantages** of studying at the University of Nova Gorica for athletes, such as individual approach to students, studying in small groups and distance learning opportunities. The mild sub-Mediterranean climate of the Goriška Region, located near the Adriatic Sea, and the quality sports infrastructure also offer favourable conditions for practising a variety of sports, including outdoor sports, all year round.

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The University of Nova Gorica has also been successfully cooperating with local sports clubs and associations and thus contributing to the development of sports in the local environment.



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»I'm Kristjan Hočevar, student of the School of Engineering and Management of the University of Nova Gorica. For a couple of years I've been an almost professional road racing cyclist and the University of Nova Gorica has been offering great support to me. Yet when I was searching for study options, I immediately noticed that this university supports athletes very much. When I found a study programme that I liked (Engineering and Management) and found out about the excellent conditions for road racing cycling in the Goriška Region, I immediately decided to enroll. The privileges that I have as a student athlete are of great help to me as I can't come to all lectures and exams due to very frequent training sessions, races and training camps. In this respect, our university is very flexible and I can still take all the exams and successfully pass a year of studies in time, as other students do. Besides that, the university follows my progress and supports me in my sports career.«

*Kristjan Hočevar,  
road racing cyclist and student of the School of  
Engineering and Management, UNG*



"I'm Matevž Rupnik, student of Physics and Astrophysics at the University of Nova Gorica. I'm also a professional alpine skier and due to this I'm frequently absent from lectures and tutorials. But despite my rather low attendance of classes, I've always managed to fulfil my study obligations at this high-quality study programme, thanks to the University's tailored modes of study. Besides that, the University also supported me in competing at the Winter Universiade, which was an unforgettable experience. I'm actually very interested in physics and astrophysics and I also ski with the same amount of enthusiasm, so I'm really glad that with the help of the University of Nova Gorica I can successfully combine my two lifelong passions."

*Matevž Rupnik,  
alpine skier and student of the School of Science, UNG*

## Invitation to athletes

### Thinking of combining your sports career and studies?

If you are seeking for **tailored modes of study** allowing you to lead a double career and **boost your future employment prospects**, the University of Nova Gorica is the right choice for you.

#### We offer you:

- **the student athlete status**, which can be obtained upon individual assessment of an athlete's sports achievements and independently of his/her categorisation by the National Olympic Committee,
- **tailored modes of study** (adjusted schedules, additional examination dates, lower lecture attendance requirements, adjusted conditions for progressing to the next year of studies etc.), **small study groups**,
- **distance learning opportunities** (online examinations, online lectures, virtual classrooms etc.),
- **scholarships for students athletes**, granted by the University of Nova Gorica Foundation,
- **career counselling services**.

As a student athlete you will be able to enjoy also other general student status related benefits such as subsidised student meals and transport, and other discounts, including those related to using sports facilities and their services. Moreover, the mild and favourable climate of the Goriška Region offers a lot of opportunities for practising countless sports disciplines all year round.

### Schools and study programmes of the University of Nova Gorica:

- School of Engineering and Management  
- *Engineering and Management*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels
- School of Environmental Sciences  
- *Environment*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels
- School of Science  
- *Physics and Astrophysics*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels  
- *Materials Science*, 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- School of Humanities  
- *Slovene Studies*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels  
- *Cultural History*, 1<sup>st</sup> level  
- *European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Erasmus Mundus)*, 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- School of Arts  
- *Digital Arts and Practices*, 1<sup>st</sup> level  
- *Media Arts and Practices*, 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- School for Viticulture and Enology  
- *Viticulture and Enology*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels
- Graduate School  
- *third-level (doctoral) study programmes in various fields*

#### More information on admissions to UNG:

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## Invitation to sports clubs

Sports clubs and coaches are well aware of the importance of education and encourage athletes to pursue double careers to obtain a profession and **increase their employment prospects** after finishing their sports careers. Being actively involved in an educational process also helps the athletes develop personal qualities such as perseverance, maturity and the sense of responsibility, which are of key importance in sports.

Sports clubs and organisations are warmly invited to contact us and **establish long-term cooperation with our university**.



»Hi, I'm Katja and I've been a karting racer for 15 years. I'm a multiple national champion, cup winner and Central European champion. On finishing secondary school, I wasn't sure how I'd be able to combine further studies with my sports career. School has always been my top priority and I have been doing my best to fulfil my study obligations, so that I can always take part in a race care-free. The student athlete status enables you all that and I was pleasantly surprised when I learned that I could obtain this status at the university as well. It really helps students athletes to focus on their studies and sports at the same time. I am glad that at the University of Nova Gorica and the School of Arts we are surrounded by great professors and other members of staff, who support us with our studies and our sports careers. I can't wait for the beginning of the new academic and all new study and sports adventures.«

*Katja Pivk,  
karting racer and student of the School of Arts, UNG*

### We offer athletes and sports clubs the following benefits:

- high-quality study programmes of first (bachelor's), second (master's) and third (doctoral) levels with special modes of study adapted to athletes,
- the opportunity for coaches and sports clubs to participate in the process of tailoring the modes of study to students athletes of the University of Nova Gorica,
- career counselling for athletes – students and graduates of the University of Nova Gorica,
- presentations of the University of Nova Gorica for clubs (in-situ and online presentations), opportunities to participate in various events of the university,
- the possibility of promoting various sports disciplines and sports clubs.

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