

ALBANIA



INTRODUCTION

Albanian history is believed to date to Illyria in the 4th Century BC and to the Roman Empire. Albania was ruled by the Byzantine Empire during the 6th to 12th centuries and the Turks during the 15th through 19th Centuries. From 1912 to 1939, Albania was an independent republic until it was annexed by Italy in 1939. After World War II, Albania became the Socialist People's Republic of Albania which became the Republic of Albania in 1991.

Albania is bordered clockwise by Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia, Greece, the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea. Albania is about the size of the State of Maryland. Ethnically, the population, about 3 million people, is 95% Albanian, 3% Greek, and 2% other minorities (Vlach, Roma / Gypsy, Serbian, Macedonian, and Bulgarian). Religious affiliations are 70% Muslim, 20% Albanian Orthodox, and 10% Roman Catholic. The official national language is Albanian; however, other languages are spoken.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Language of instruction: Albanian
Academic year: September / October to June / July
Bologna (EHEA) signatory date: 2003
Literacy rate for total population: 93%
Educational Authorities:

The **MINISTRIA E ARSIMIT DHE E SHKENCËS (MASH)** / Ministry of Education and Science is responsible for all levels of education, elementary through tertiary including professional; organizes the Albanian system of higher education and research; monitors HEI institutions; and is responsible for spending on institutions and specialized institutions.

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The **AGJENCIA KOMBËTARE E AKREDITIMIT TË ARSIMIT TË LARTË (AAAL) / National Agency for the Accreditation of Higher Education** may be reached by phone / fax at +355-4-225-7954 or on the web at www.aaal.edu.al. The agency supports quality assurance and is responsible for accreditation procedures. The Albanian system allows for dual accreditation, both of the institution and of programs of study.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM: ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY

Basic Education: Grades I to VIII at a shkollë 8-vjecare (eight-year school):

Lower Cycle:

Grades I to IV (First Basic Stage / Elementary Education)

Approximate age of student: 6 to 10

Type of institution: Cikël i Ulët (Elementary)

Credential earned: N.A.

Upper Cycle:

Grades V to VIII (Second Basic Stage / Primary Education)

Approximate age of student: 10 to 14

Type of institution: Cikël i Lartë (Primary)

Credential earned: Dëftesë Lirimi / School Leaving Certificate

Note: Basic education is compulsory; most students complete secondary.

Secondary: Grades IX to XI / XIII:

Academic Stream:

General / Academic (4 years, grades IX to XII)

Approximate age of student: 14 to: 18

Type of institution: Shkollë e Mesme e Përgjithshme (High School)

Credential earned: Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate)

Note: Secondary school students must pass maturity examinations in order to graduate and be awarded the **Dëftesë Pjekurie/Certificate of Maturity**. State maturity testing has mandatory exams in math and literature; these equate to the completion of secondary education. Maturity testing also includes two exams chosen from a list of ten; these elective exams are taken to seek admission to public institutions of higher education; private institutions generally do not require the elective maturity testing. Separate post-secondary entrance examinations may also be required to confirm mastery of such areas as art, physical education, architecture, and foreign language. The size of incoming post-secondary enrollment in certain majors is set each year by the Albanian government.

Vocational-Technical Streams:

Prevocational (3 years, grades IX to XI)

Age level from: 14 to: 17

Type of institution: Shkollë Professionale (Vocational School)

Credential earned: Dëftesë e përfundimit dhe Çertifikatë e aftësive profesionale për punëtor të kualifikuar (Certificate and Statement of Vocational Abilities).

Vocational (5 years, grades IX to XIII)

Age level from: 14 to: 19

Type of institution: Shkollë Teknike (High Technical School)

Credential earned: Dëftesë e përfundimit dhe Çertifikatë e aftësive profesionale për punëtor të kualifikuar (Certificate and Statement of Vocational Abilities)

Note: Vocational-technical education in Albania includes schools for agriculture, economics, fine arts, foreign language, nursing and medical laboratory technology, physical education, and nursery and kindergarten teacher training.

USUAL SECONDARY GRADING:

Based on 1 to 10, with 5 as minimum passing grade:

- 10/dhjetë = ten (excellent)
- 9 / nëntë = nine (very good)
- 8 / tetë = eight (good)
- 7 / shtatë = seven (average)
- 6 / gjashtë = six (satisfactory)
- 5 / pesë = five (lowest passing grade)
- 4 / katër = four (failing)
- 3 / tre, tri = three (failing)
- 2 / dy = two (failing)
- 1 / një = one (failing)

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM: TERTIARY

The prevailing legislation is the Higher Education Law, No. 9741, effective 5-21-2007 (and amendments). All institutions of higher education, except for the Military University, are governed by this law which implements the usual Bologna degree sequencing. Academies and universities, which are authorized to offer the three principal Bologna cycles, provide both instruction and research. Higher schools and professional colleges which offer mainly first-cycle programs focus on instruction in applied fields although some second-cycle programs are available. Programs are provided on a full time, part time, and on-line.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS:

Universitet (University)

Akademi (Academy)

Shkollë e Lartë jo Universitare
(Non-University Higher School)

Kolegji Profesional (Professional College)

First Cycle or Stage: Diplomë e Nivelit të Parë (first cycle degree - Bachelor)

Admission requirement: Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate) and entrance examinations

Duration: 6 semesters / 3 years / 180 ECTS (most majors)

Coursework required: Yes

Thesis required: Not usually

Credential earned: Titull (title) or Diplomë (bachelor)

Note 1: First-cycle study programs must be accredited; credentials from unregulated professions lead to the workforce, not to the next educational level.

Note 2: Professional majors such as medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and architecture are studied in university programs which incorporate both first and second cycles or stages. These programs generally require 10 semesters / 5 years to 12 semesters / 6 years. Lawyers (barristers) must pass a state exam prior to professional practice. Upon graduation, physicians enter professional practice as general practitioners without state exams; for medical specialties, additional courses of study, 2 to 4 years, is required.



Second Cycle or Stage: Diplomë e Studimeve të Thelluara pasuniversitare (Master):

Note: Second cycle or stage comprises two degrees: Master i Nivelit të Parë (Master of the First Level) and Diplomë e Nivelit të Dytë (Second cycle degree or Master)

Master i Nivelit të Parë (Master of the First Level):

Admission requirement: Successful first-cycle studies, e.g., bachelor or title

Duration: 2 semesters / 1 year / 60 ECTS

Coursework and training required: Yes

Thesis required: No

Credential earned: Master i Nivelit të Parë (Master of the First Level):

Note: The first-level credential of the second cycle or stage is primarily professional and does not give access to third cycle or stage programs. Teachers need this credential in their fields.



Diplomë e Nivelit to Dyte (Second Cycle Degree / Master):

Admission requirement: Successful first-cycle studies, e.g., bachelor or title

Duration: 4 semesters / 2 years / 120 ECTS

Coursework and training required: Yes

Thesis required: Yes

Credential earned: Diplomë e Nivelit to Dyte (Second cycle degree or Master)

Note: The second-level credential of the second cycle or stage encompasses the full 2-year EHEA (Bologna) second cycle and gives access to third cycle or stage (doctoral) programs.

Third Cycle or Stage: Doktor I Shkencave (Doctor of Sciences):

Admission requirement: Successful second-cycle studies, e.g., master, plus research and publications

Duration: 6 semesters / 3 years to 10 semesters / 5 years

Coursework required: Yes, 60 ECTS. Doctorants (doctoral students) may transfer the 60 ECTS from a qualifying Diplomë e Nivelit to Dyte (Second cycle degree or Master).

Dissertation required: Yes, with juried defense

Additional requirements: 3 publications (minimum of one in recognized international journal) and 3 conference presentations / activities (minimum of one in international setting)

Credential earned: Doktor I Shkencave

Note: The Third Cycle or Stage includes long-term specializations, 2 to 4 years, in such professions as law, economics and health sciences / medicine.

Teacher Training

Early Childhood: Çerdhe dhe Kopesht Fëmijësh (Nursery) / Kopesht Fëmijësh (Kindergarten):

Admission requirement: Dëftesë Lirimi / School Leaving Certificate

Duration: 6 semesters

Type of institution: Shkollë e Mesme Pedagogjike (pedagogical high school)

Credential earned: Edukatore per Çerdhe dhe Kopesht Fëmijësh Diploma (kindergarten-governess diploma)

Lower Cycle of Basic Education: Grades I to IV:

Admission requirement: Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate)

Duration: 6 semesters / 3 years

Type of institution: Higher education institution

Credential earned: Mësues te Ciklit Parashkollor Diploma



Upper Cycle of Basic Education: Grades V to VIII:

Admission requirement: Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate)

Duration: 8 semesters / 4 years

Type of institution: Higher education institution

Credential earned: Mësues per Ciklin e Ulet Diploma.

Secondary Education: Grades IX and up

Admission requirement: Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate)

Duration: 8 semesters / 4 years

Type of institution: Higher education institution

Credential earned: Mësues per Shkollat e Mesme Diploma



Other Educational Programs:

Non-traditional studies:

Part-time distance and correspondence education at undergraduate and graduate levels

Lifelong higher (continuing) education courses for workforce purposes:
Programs culminate in a Dëshmi (certificate).

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SAMPLE CREDENTIAL (1)

ALBANIAN REPUBLIC
Education department

District's educational directorate _____
High school " _____ 28 November _____
NR. of the official register 4696 NR. of the special register 5256

MATURITY SCHOOL REPORT

_____, born on _____

(First name, Fathers name, Last Name)

In _____ district of _____

In the academic year 1994 - 1995 has finished the high school in the full-time school system.

SAMPLE CREDENTIAL (2)

REPUBLIKA E SHQIPERISE UNIVERSITETI POLITEKNIK FAKULTETI INXHIERIESE SE NDERTIMIT

Rruga "Muhamet Gjollësia" Nr.54, Tirane Tel.Fax.00355 42 29045

Nr. 03 Prot. Tirane, me 02.01.2005

VERTETIM

Vertetojme se ka qene student prane ketij fakulteti, dega Arkitekture, profili Arkitekture. Ka filluar studimet ne vitin 1992 dhe i ka perfunduar ne vitin 1998. Ne perfundim te studimeve ke shlyer detyrimet e meposhme:

1. Matematike I+II	6+6(gjashte+gjashte)
2. Gjeometri deskriptive	8(tete)
3. Gjuhe huaj	5(pese)
4. Edukate fizike	5(pese)
5. Material ndertimi	5(pese)
6. Histori arkitekture	9(nente)
7. Elemente projektimi pk	8(tete)
8. Kompozim arkitektonik	8(tete)
9. Vizatim modelim	9(nente)
10. Gjuhe e huaj	5(pese)
11. Edukate fizike	7(shtate)
12. Histori arkitekture	10(dhijete)
13. Kompozim arkitektonik	8(tete)
14. Vizatim modelim	10(dhijete)
15. Informatike	5(pese)
16. Teknologji arkitekture pk	9(nente)
17. Teknologji arkitekture	9(nente)
18. Projektim arkitektonik	10(dhijete)
19. Projektim arkitektonik	8(tete)
20. Shkence konstruksione	5(pese)
21. Praktike mesimore	9(nente)
22. Shkence konstruksione	5(pese)
23. Teknologji arkitekture pk	9(nente)
24. Teknologji arkitekture	5(pese)
25. Projektim arkitektonik pk	9(nente)
26. Projektim arkitektonik	9(nente)
27. CAD I	8(tete)
28. Teori arkitekture urbanistike	7(shtate)
29. Fizike ndertimi	10(dhijete)
30. Sistemit gjelberim pk	6(gjashte)
31. Sistemit gjelberim	6(gjashte)
32. Urbanistike pk	8(tete)
33. Urbanistike	10(dhijete)

34. Konstruksione ndertimi	5(pese)
35. Topografi	7(shtate)
36. Urbanistike pk	8(tete)
37. Projektim arkitektonik pk	10(dhijete)
38. Praktike mesimore	10(dhijete)
39. Urbanistike pk	8(tete)
40. Topografi	5(pese)
41. Konstruksione ndertimi II pk	6(gjashte)
42. Konstruksione ndertimi II	6(gjashte)
43. Bazat teorike te ekonomise se tregut	6(gjashte)
44. Urbanistike pk	8(tete)
45. Urbanistike	9(nente)
46. Histori urbanistike	8(tete)
47. Projektim ambientat pk	8(tete)
48. Projektim ambientat	8(tete)
49. Projektim ndertesa industriale pk	8(tete)
50. Projektim ndertesa industriale	8(tete)
51. Projektim arkitektonik pk	9(nente)
52. Projektim arkitektonik	9(nente)
53. Konstruksione ndertimi III pk	7(shtate)
54. Konstruksione ndertimi III	5(pese)
55. Ekonomi ndertimi	8(tete)
56. Legjislacion profesional	8(tete)
57. Projektim arkitektonik pk	8(tete)
58. Projektim arkitektonik	7(shtate)
59. Arkitekture interieri pk	8(tete)
60. Arkitekture interieri	8(tete)
61. Konstruksione speciale pk	5(pese)
62. Konstruksione speciale	6(gjashte)
63. Impiante ndertesa	5(pese)
64. Adaptim arkitektonik pk	6(gjashte)
65. Adaptim arkitektonik	8(tete)
66. CAD II pk	9(nente)
67. CAD II	9(nente)
68. Nota e diplomes	9(nente)

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SAMPLE CREDENTIAL (3)



SAMPLE CREDENTIAL (4)

Nr.	LENDET	Notat përfundimtare të vitit të parë	Notat përfundimtare të vitit të dytë	Notat përfundimtare të vitit të tretë
1	Fizikë	—	9 (më mirë)	8
2	Lëvizjet	8 (të mirë)	9 (më mirë)	8
3	Epistola e kësaj (Sapientia)	10 (dijetë)	10 (dijetë)	9
4	Matematikë	8 (të mirë)	6 (gjatë)	8
5	Epistola e kësaj	9 (më mirë)	8 (të mirë)	8
6	Matematikë	8 (të mirë)	8 (të mirë)	8
7	Fizikë	7 (dijetë)	6 (gjatë)	8
8	Epistola e kësaj	9 (më mirë)	9 (më mirë)	9
9	Biologji	9 (më mirë)	9 (më mirë)	8
10	Përzgjedhje teknike	7 (dijetë)	6 (gjatë)	—
11	Matematikë	—	—	—
12	Matematikë	—	—	—
13	Matematikë	—	—	—
14	Matematikë	10 (dijetë)	10 (dijetë)	—
15	Epistola e kësaj (Sapientia)	9 (më mirë)	8 (të mirë)	—
16	Epistola e kësaj	—	9 (më mirë)	—
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mbrojtjen e diplomës
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Shënime për formimin e gjithanshëm dhe sjelljen:

Shënime për formimin e gjithanshem dhe shpejtë:
 Gjellë dhe mbullës. Bujësi raportet të mija me Kolch-
 itin. Shënime të tij. Gjellë dhe mbullës me
 rezultate të qytetimit. Bujësi të bashkëpunimit me
 me mbullës.

Duke marrë parasysh rezultatet e arritura i njohet nxënësit Shkollë e mesme mbarimi i shkollës së mesme.

Minneapolis, më 4/8/1937

DIRETTORE

SAMPLE CREDENTIAL (5)



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPERISE

Ministria e Arsimit

Drejtoria arsimore e rrethit _____

Shkolla e mesme e përgjithshme "28 Nëntori" _____

Nr. amzës 4696 Nr. i regjistrit të veçantë 5256

DEFTESE PJEKURIE



_____ lindur më _____
(Emri, Mbiemri, Mënyrë)
në Shkollën të rrethit Shkodër

në vitin shkollor 1994 - 1995 ka kryer shkollën e mesme

me
të përgjithshme _____ shkëputje nga puna.
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ALBANIAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND ACADEMIES

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Web: www.unitir.edu.al

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Rektori : JORGO KAÇANI

Fax: +355 4 227914, Tel: +355 4 227996

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4. Universiteti “Luigj Gurakuqi” Shkodër

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6. Universiteti “ Fan S. Noli” Korçë
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9. Akademia e Arteve
Bul. "Deshmoret e Kombit", Sheshi "Nene Tereza",
Tirane
Rektori : PETRIT MALAJ
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10. Akademia e Edukimit Fizik dhe Sporteve "Vojo
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Name of Institution	Recognition	Location
Akademia e Filmit "Marubi"	Yes	Tirana
Instituti i Arsimit te Lartë ISAAT - akredituar MND	Yes	Tirana
Kolegji profesional "Ivoclar Vivadent"	No	Tirana
Kolegji profesional "Luigj Benussi"	No	Tirana
Kolegji Profesional "New Generation"	No	Tirane
Kolegji Profesional Dentarium	No	Tirane
Nena Mbretereshe Geraldine	No	Mat
Shkolla e Lartë "European I Turizmit"	No	Tirane
Shkolla e Lartë "Gjon Buzuku"	No	Shkoder
Shkolla e Lartë "Kristal"	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë "Kristal"	No	Kukes
Shkolla e Lartë "Kristal"	No	Korçë
Shkolla e Lartë "Kristal"	No	Fier
Shkolla e Lartë "Marin Barleti"	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë "Metropolitan"	No	Tirane
Shkolla e Lartë "New York University of Tirana"	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë "Planetar"	No	Tirane
Shkolla e Lartë "Polis"	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë "Tirana Business University"	No	Tirane
Shkolla e Lartë "Universiteti Elite"	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë "Wisdom University" - akredituar dy programe (two programs accredited)	No/Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Aldent	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Amerikane	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Epoka	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Illyria	No	Tirana



Shkolla e Lartë Justicia	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Justinani 1	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Logos	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Luarasi	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Medicom	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Medicom	No	Fier
Shkolla e Lartë Medicom	No	Elbasan
Shkolla e Lartë Medicom	No	Korçë
Shkolla e Lartë Medikadent	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Mesdhetare	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Nderkombetare - Tiranës	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë NEHEMIA	No	Pogradec
Shkolla e Lartë Pavaresia	No	Vlore
Shkolla e Lartë per Edukim	No	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Sevasti & Parasqevi Qiriazi	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Vitrina	No	Tirana
Universiteti "UFO"	Yes	Tirana
Universiteti "UFO"	No	Berat
Shkolla e Lartë "Universiteti European i Tiranës"	Yes	Tirana
Shkolla e Lartë Zoja e Këshillit te Mirë	Yes	Tirana

Resources:

EducationUSA Country Profile: Albania, 2009

Association of International Universities: Albania, 2008-09

World Higher Education Database: Albania, 2005-06

Ministry of Education and Science: [//www.mash.gov.al/?lang=en](http://www.mash.gov.al/?lang=en)

Note: Resources prior to enactment of Education Law of 2007 may have pre-Bologna educational information.



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