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Polytechnic University of Tirana

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Polytechnic University of Tirana Profile and Structure

From the early stages of its creation to the present day, the Polytechnic University of Tirana as a public institution of the Higher Education, has evolved in harmony with the demands of the social and cultural environment in Albania. In the process of change, it has often been a generator and supporting factor of the creation of the history of the higher education (mainly in the engineering field), technology, innovation, economy, national culture and public life.

The tradition dates back to the year 1951, with the founding of the Higher Polytechnic Institute of Tirana which at the time consisted of several engineering branches such as: The Mechanical Engineering, The Electric Engineering and the Construction Engineering.

In 1957, the University of Tirana was founded. The Engineering Faculty was one of its constituent faculties.

The year 1971 marks the finalization of the restructuring of the first study programs, in the Engineering Faculty. In compliance with the demands of the Albanian Industry of the time, which was flourishing, the four study programs had other profiles added. This coincides with the period of the first qualifications of the staff abroad, through specializations, which considerably influenced the quality of the teaching process and that of the scientific research.

The Polytechnic University of Tirana, founded pursuant the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 215, Date. 15.7.1991 “For the Reorganization of the University of Tirana” comprised four faculties in line with its existing units: The Mechanical Engineering Faculty, the Electrical Engineering Faculty, the Construction Engineering Faculty and the Faculty of Geology and Mining.

In 1994 the organic structure of the faculties at the Polytechnic University changed and alongside with that, significant changes were made to the syllabi and the number of many study programs.

2005 marked the restructuring of the study programs of the PUT in compliance with the “Bologna Charter” It was in that year that the implementation of the study programs comprising two cycles started: the 3-year cycle (Bachelor) and the subsequent cycle the two-year Master degrees which were further divided into: Professional Master and Master of Science). The implementation of the 3-year study cycle (Doctorate) started in 2009.

In 2007 there were 6 faculties in the PUT: apart from the existing faculties, The Faculty of Information Technology (FTI) and The Faculty of Mathematics and Physics Engineering (FIMIF) were founded. On the other hand, pursuant to “The Law for the Higher Institutions in the Republic of Albania” No. 9741, Date 21.05.2007, changes were made to the structure of the PUT due to the fact that two institutions were attached to it: The Institute of Energy, Water and Environment (INEUM) and The Institute of Geo-Sciences (INGJ)

In 2012, pursuant to the Order of the Minister for Education and Science, No. 371, Date 28.07.2011 “For the creation of the Geo-sciences, Energy, Water and Environment (IGJEUM), at the Polytechnic University of Tirana”, the two aforementioned institutes were united in one.
In January 2013, pursuant to the Order of the Minister for Education and Science, No. 28, Date 31.01.2013 ‘Over the opening of the Architecture and Urbanism Faculty at the Polytechnic University of Tirana’, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism was founded, separating it from the Faculty of Construction Engineering. Actually, The PUT is the only engineering university in Albania, with a 70-year history of attempts, hard work, achievements and success in the fulfillment of most immediate challenges that relate to the enhancement of the quality level in all the activities that fulfillment of the historic mission dictates.
1. The Faculty of Information Technology, (FIT);
2. The Faculty of Electrical Engineering, (FEE);
3. The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, (FME);
4. The Faculty of Civil Engineering, (FCE);
5. The Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, (FAU);
6. The Faculty of Mathematical Engineering and Physics Engineering, (FMEPE);
7. The Faculty of Geology and Mining, (FGM);

Cycles of Study and Academic Program

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FIRST CYCLE
(BACHELOR)

- PUT
  22 Study Programs
- FEE
  3 Study Programs
- FGM
  5 Study Programs
- FME
  4 Study Programs
- FMEFE
  2 Study Programs
- FAU
  1 Study Program
- FCN
  4 Study Programs
- FIT
  3 Study Programs

SECOND CYCLE
(PROFESSIONAL MASTER)

- PUT
  24 Study Programs
- FEE
  3 Study Programs
- FGM
  9 Study Programs
- FME
  3 Study Programs
- FMEFE
  3 Study Programs
- FIT
  2 Study Programs
- FAU
  1 Study Program
- FCN
  3 Study Programs
SECOND CYCLE
(MASTER OF SCIENCE)

- PUT: 32 Study Programs
  - FGM: 8 Study Programs
  - FME/FE: 3 Study Programs
  - FAU: 2 Integrated Study Programs
  - FCN: 7 Study Programs
  - FEE: 2 Study Programs

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GRADUA platform benefits for students

Students benefits:

- Free of charge use of placement services.
- Easy access to information on job/internship
- Career guidance and employability
- Certification of academic career
- Opportunity to enhance their university by assessing their academic experience.
The Role of the Career Counselling in GRADUA project implementation

The work done by the career counseling office in relation to informing students with the GRADUA platform.

✓ The career office has informed all PUT students who are on the verge of graduation about the GRADUA project and its importance;
✓ The career office has introduced the way of enrollment in the platform of newly graduated students;
✓ The career office has instructed newly graduated students to complete the application form;
✓ The career office has motivated students to actively pursue the platform, in order to establish a direct interactive and ongoing relationship with companies, which operate in the field of engineering;
✓ Employment of PUT students at companies operating in the field of engineering;
Dissemination process and activities

The dissemination of GRADUA Platform from Polytechnic University of Tirana can be summarized in the following categories:

Dissemination through different means of communication with students
Dissemination Via Media and Publishing
Through Communication with businesses

The Communication with students of Polytechnic University of Tirana consists in the primary target group interested in GRADUA Platform, which considering their actual student status and specific correlation with the employment market, is divided in three groups, as following:

i) Students finishing high school
ii) Actual Students in PUT
iii) Alumni (Graduated Students)

With the students finishing High School, Candidates for students at PUT are presented not just with the study programs at PUT, but also with the possible specializations regarding their field of interest, the support of Career Counseling in their upcoming academic and professional career as well as the lifelong professional enabled by the presence in GRADUA.
The process of informing high school graduates by providing full information on academic, teaching, programs and employment Polytechnic university of Tirana manages to achieve through “Work & Study” Fair, where communication is direct and includes the distribution of brochures.
The Presentation of Gradua to the actual students of PUT, actually takes place, via electronic communication since the beginning of their last year of studies, considering their interest to be in the platform for internship purposes mainly, while direct presentations in the classrooms, in the last semester of their studies is considered essential.
for the preparation of a formal and professional Curriculum Vitae at Gradua Platform.
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While Alumni (the students which have graduated prior initiation of GRADUA Project) are invited by mail to take part of GRADUA Platform, as a tool to enhance their employability options, while career Counseling is planning on undertaking open discussions with this group, as part of professional activities planned by POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA.
Dissemination Via Media is considered of a particular interest for every project at POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA, where GRADUA takes a peculiar place, since it represents the rising opportunities for employment. Considering that the youth is mostly connected via social media, the presence of GRADUA trainings and notifications are displayed periodically in Polytechnic University of Tirana official.
Polytechnic University of Tirana has a portfolio of +60 Cooperation of Agreements with businesses and others with institutions. These agreements represent a regulated collaboration to enhance the partnership between university – students – business (achieving transmitted knowledge, information, internship, further employment etc.)

**Firm Benefits:**

Access to a database collected from 9 universities

Availability of updated CVs by graduates

Opportunity to search for CV from human resources

Opportunity to check and compare the profiles of graduates for employment

Timely benefit in recruitment after the academic career of the graduates is certified by the respective university

Opportunity for distribution of internships / job offers

Development of training programs in accordance with international standards

Now, with the integration of GRADUA as an affiliation of this office has addressed the presence of these businesses in GRADUA to achieve a wider information regarding the graduate’s profile, the possibility to
have access to Curriculum Vitae with requested skills and a greater space for presenting their internship and work opportunities. This is the leading interest in presenting GRADUA during different communications with businesses which can be addressed during:

- Meetings at PUT
- Individual Communications with business representatives
- Examples of Communication with businesses where GRADUA was presented:

**ACTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH SOME OF THE COMPANIES**

HIDROCENTRALI ASHTA
HYUNDAI AUTO ALBANIA

ALBA ELECTRIC

ALBTEK ENERGY

AIR ALBANIA

IVECO AUTOVISION

FIATA

SWISS

Foreign Investors Association of Alb

DALVIN Sh. P. K.

Dalvit Sh. P. K.

Deloitte Albania

FORSCHNER

albpetrol

Ford

ProCredit Bank

Forschner

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The career office organized an online meeting with companies and businesses in order to acquaint them with the GRADUA platform and the benefits that companies will have if they register on this platform. The meeting was attended by about 23 companies operating mainly in the field of engineering. There was a great interest from the companies for the GRADUA platform and the GRADUA registration manual was forwarded to all companies.
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Photos from the online meeting with the companies that put has cooperation, Tirana 2021