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Statement on Professor Emeriti at University of Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Abstract

The title of Professor Emeritus at the University of Sarajevo represents the highest honorary academic recognition awarded to retired full professors who have demonstrated exceptional and lasting contributions to science, teaching, professional practice, and the development of the University. The University of Sarajevo, established in 1949 is s the oldest and largest university in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The emeritus title can be conferred after retirement from active service, long-term distinguished service as a full professor, outstanding scientific and educational achievements, significant professional and public engagement, contributions to institutional development, and a record of high moral and professional integrity. Professor’s emeriti sore slowed postgraduate mentorship, academic committees, research projects, manuscript reviewing, and limited teaching activities. An overview of emeritus appointments from 2001 to 2025 indicates that 259 professors have been awarded the title of Professor Emeritus, including 53 women and 206 men, without evidence of numerical restrictions on appointments.

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Nomination Rules for Professor Emeritus at the University of Sarajevo

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Academic Rank:** The candidate must have held the highest academic title, typically that of Full Professor (Redovni Professor), at the University of Sarajevo.
- **Retirement:** The candidate must be retired from active service at the University.
- **Years of Service:** There is usually a minimum number of

years of distinguished service at the University as a full professor (e.g., 10, 15, or more years, depending on specific faculty/university rules).

- **Exceptional Contributions:** This is a key qualitative criterion. The candidate must have made outstanding contributions in:
- **Scientific-research work:** Significant publications, successful research projects, patents, etc.
- **Teaching activity:** Excellence in teaching, mentorship, development of curricula.

- **Professional and public work:** Contributions to the development of their field, professional organizations, expert committees, and broader society.

- **Development of the University:** Active participation in the administration and development of the University or their specific faculty.

- **Moral and Professional Standing:** The candidate must have maintained a high ethical and professional reputation throughout their career.

Nomination Process:

- **Initiation:** The proposal for awarding the title of Professor Emeritus usually originates from the relevant department or faculty council where the professor worked. This proposal is typically well-supported by documentation detailing the candidate’s achievements.

- **Faculty-Level Review:** The faculty council reviews the proposal and, if approved, forwards it to the University level.

- **University-Level Review:** The proposal is then considered by a specialized committee or the Academic Council (Senat) of the University of Sarajevo. This committee evaluates the candidate’s qualifications against the criteria outlined in the Statute.

- **Final Approval:** The ultimate decision to award the title of Professor Emeritus rests with the Senate of the University of Sarajevo.

Benefits/Roles (as per your provided document and general practice):

- Participation in doctoral and master’s committees.

- Reviewing manuscripts.

- Consultancy on scientific and artistic projects.

- Limited teaching engagements (e.g., guest lectures, specific parts of courses), but generally not full course responsibility or independent examination.

Restrictions on the Number of Emeriti at the University of Sarajevo

Based on the provided document and general understanding of such academic titles, there is no explicit numerical restriction or cap on the number of Professor Emeriti that the University of Sarajevo can award.

The title is awarded based on merit and adherence to stringent qualitative criteria, rather than a fixed quota. The variation in the number of female and male emeriti awarded each year (as seen in your “Overview of Recipients” table) further supports the idea that the award is based on individual eligibility and the submission of deserving candidates, not on an institutional limit.

While there might be budgetary implications for any associated benefits (e.g., small stipends, access to university resources), the title itself is primarily an honor bestowed upon distinguished retired professors.

Number of professor emeriti

From 2001-2025 has been nominate 259 professor emeritus of the University of Sarajevo, and have been 53 female and 206 male professors.

Engagement of professor emeriti

In accordance with the legal and by-laws [1], professors emeritus at the University of Sarajevo may be engaged as follows:

Mentor or member of the committee for the preparation of doctoral and master’s theses, Member of the committee for the selection of academic staff, Member of the committee for the equivalence and recognition of foreign higher education qualifications, participant in the implementation of the teaching process of the first and second cycles of studies, integrated studies and the third cycle of studies, if there are no other personnel solutions, Manuscript reviewer, for coordination and work in scientific research and artistic projects.

A professor emeritus may be engaged to hold part of the lectures within the course within the teaching process of the first and second cycles of studies, integrated studies and the third cycle of studies, without the possibility of teaching the course in its entirety and independently taking the final exam.

Faculties	Number of professors
Faculty of Architecture	9
Faculty of Economics	35
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	18
Academy of Fine Arts	11
Faculty of Philosophy	30
Faculty of Medicine	19
Faculty of Agriculture	14
Faculty of Law	13
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	11
Faculty of Criminalistics	6
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	7
Faculty of Islamic Studies	6
Faculty of Health Studies	4
Faculty of Political Sciences	18
Faculty of Civil Engineering	5
Faculty of Dentistry	3
Faculty of Electrical Engineering	7
Faculty of Pharmacy	4
Faculty of Forestry	2
Faculty of Catholic Theology	2
Academy of Music	3
Faculty of Sport	1
Academy of Performing Arts	1

The largest number of emeriti are from the Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Political science, about 50 professor emeriti, followed by the Faculty of Economy and Faculty of Law 47, the Faculty of Health science /Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine/ 40 emeriti

Reference

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