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The Faculty of Humanities (FHS) was established as an independent institution of higher education in Koper on 19th July 2000, becoming an affiliate of the University of Primorska in 2003. The Faculty of Humanities at the University of Primorska offers both undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses as well as engaging in scientific and specialist activities in the field of humanities, arts and social studies. To assure the highest quality in its operations in all these fields the Faculty promotes the following core values:

- excellence of study programmes;
- continuous development of infrastructure and equipment;
- highly qualified and experienced staff working in a harmonious professional environment;
- enhanced attention to the well-being of students, creating better employment opportunities;
- highly efficient support network both within the University of Primorska, and the wider academic field in Slovenia as well as internationally.

The Faculty of Humanities has gained recognition for its great dynamism due to its progressive orientation, its creativity and capacity for critical thinking, as well as to the collaboration of its dedicated teaching staff together with students in an atmosphere of mutual support. The Faculty enjoys the advantage of being situated in the coastal area bordering on Italy and Croatia, providing the potential for drawing on positive cultural and economic influences. Insights and skills acquired in the course of study introduce students to the secrets of Istria, Slovenia and the Mediterranean, guiding them to understand various trends within a wider European and international setting.

The Faculty is keen to offer courses with a difference:

- seminars with a lower student teacher ratio;
- a more friendly, individualized attitude to students;
- more international study and exchange opportunities (e.g. by inviting visiting professors and attracting international students);
- intercultural collaboration within exchange opportunities within the EU member states (e.g. Socrates / Erasmus Programmes, Mobility Programmes);
- interdisciplinary study programmes, offering a wide range of subject choices;
- courses built on individual research within seminars and project work;
- study courses focusing on the Mediterranean basin as a specific natural and cultural environment;
- study courses centred on Slovene, European and international topics.

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Department of Geography is one of the two founding cores of the Faculty of Humanities, as it began operating in 2001, when first students of bachelor degree program were enrolled in the study process. In the academic year 2018/2019, the department had 17 members – 5 of which were fully employed by

the department, while others were external collaborators, coming from the Anton Melik Geographical Institute of Research Centre in Ljubljana and the Karst Research Institute in Postojna (both operate under the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts). The members of the department show a high degree of scientific research excellence in their fields of expertise and have achieved international respect in the field of geography with regular publication of scientific articles in renowned journals, organization of several international scientific conferences, and as chairs and members of International Geographical Union's commissions and editorial committees.

The Department of Geography at the University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities, shows, by the structure of its programme, the enthusiasm of a young, dynamic, and modern professional orientation. The motivated teaching staff is a guarantee for obtaining the relevant competencies in the field of geography on the bachelor, master or doctoral study program.