

What All Can a Classroom Where We Learn Slovenian Language Be?

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- ❑ Year Plus module at University of Ljubljana
- ❑ Additional activities within Year plus
- ❑ Additional activities as a form of experiential learning of Slovenian language or learning beyond the classroom



Year Plus module

- ❑ Offered to international students at UL (not students in short period mobility)
- ❑ 120 lessons of learning Slovenian language per year (60 per semester) + additional activities
- ❑ Possibility of extending 1st year of studies



Additional activities (compulsory and elective)

compulsory additional activities:

- ❑ Phonetic lessons in the phono lab or by zoom,
- ❑ Preparation of the speech and a speech performed in Slovenian language,
- ❑ A workshop on the rules of academic writing in Slovenian language



Elective or optional activities (students need to choose at least two per semester):

- a walking tour of Ljubljana, a trip to a Slovenian town (three visits were organized and guided: to Škoja Loka, Kamnik and Novo mesto),
- a visit to a book fair, a visit to the House of the EU,
- a self guided tour of a chosen museum or gallery, a guided tour of the Museum of Contemporary History,
- a workshop on Slovenian popular music (in two parts),
- a workshop on the use of online language resources and tools for Slovenian language,
- a literature workshop, reading Slovenian literature (according to a list, prepared in advance and regularly updated), and a translation workshop
- watching a theatre performance, watching a Slovenian film (several Slovenian films were offered on the list),
- a Friday Hiking Club (five hikes in the hills around Ljubljana),
- a lecture on Slovenia, its architecture and cuisine.



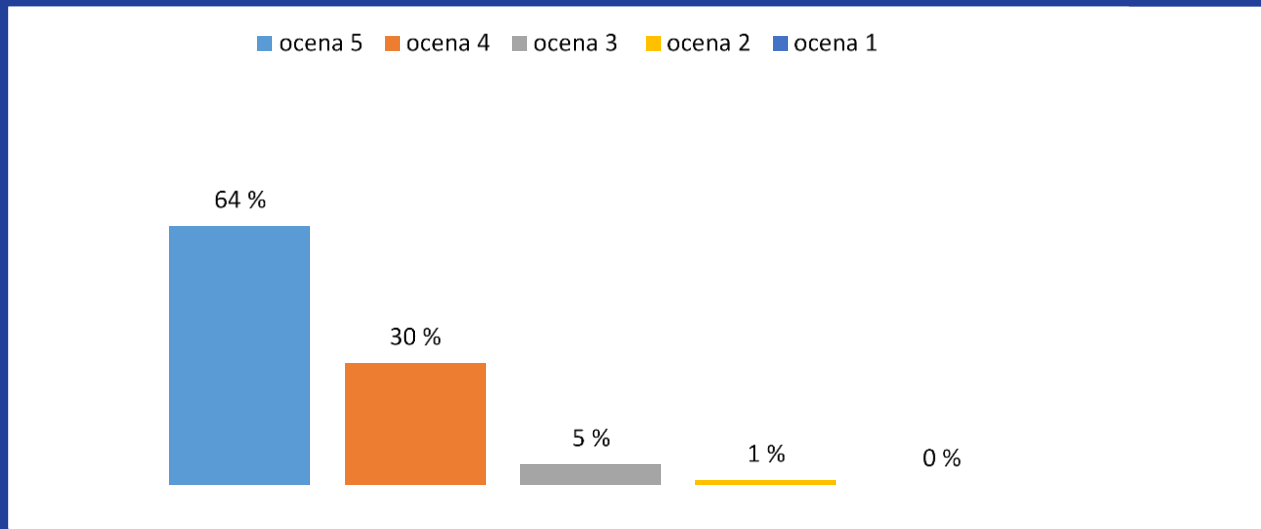
Additional activities at Y+ module

- Learning beyond the classroom
- Experiential learning
- Autonomous learning

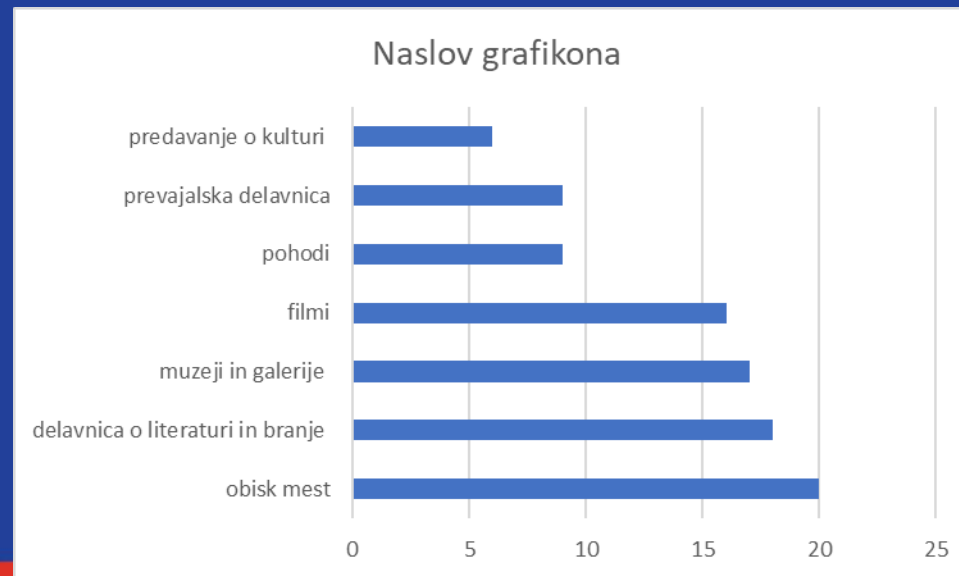


Students' feedback on activities - I

Average grade of activities: 4,6 of 5 (5 highest grade).



Students' feedback on activities - II



Students' feedback on activities - III

"What I liked most was that the professors made sure to organise additional activities that further introduced us to Slovenian life and culture."

"The extra activities are a fantastic part of the course."

"It has helped me a lot to feel like I have been in Slovenia my whole life."

"I feel like this academic year has been the hardest period of my life, but apart from the commitments, the Year Plus has helped me meet a lot of people who make me feel less lonely."



- ❑ Additional activities are an appropriate way to complement traditional classroom activities
- ❑ More emphasis on pre-activity preparation to be given
- ❑ More emphasis on the response or feedback to the activities carried out to be given.



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