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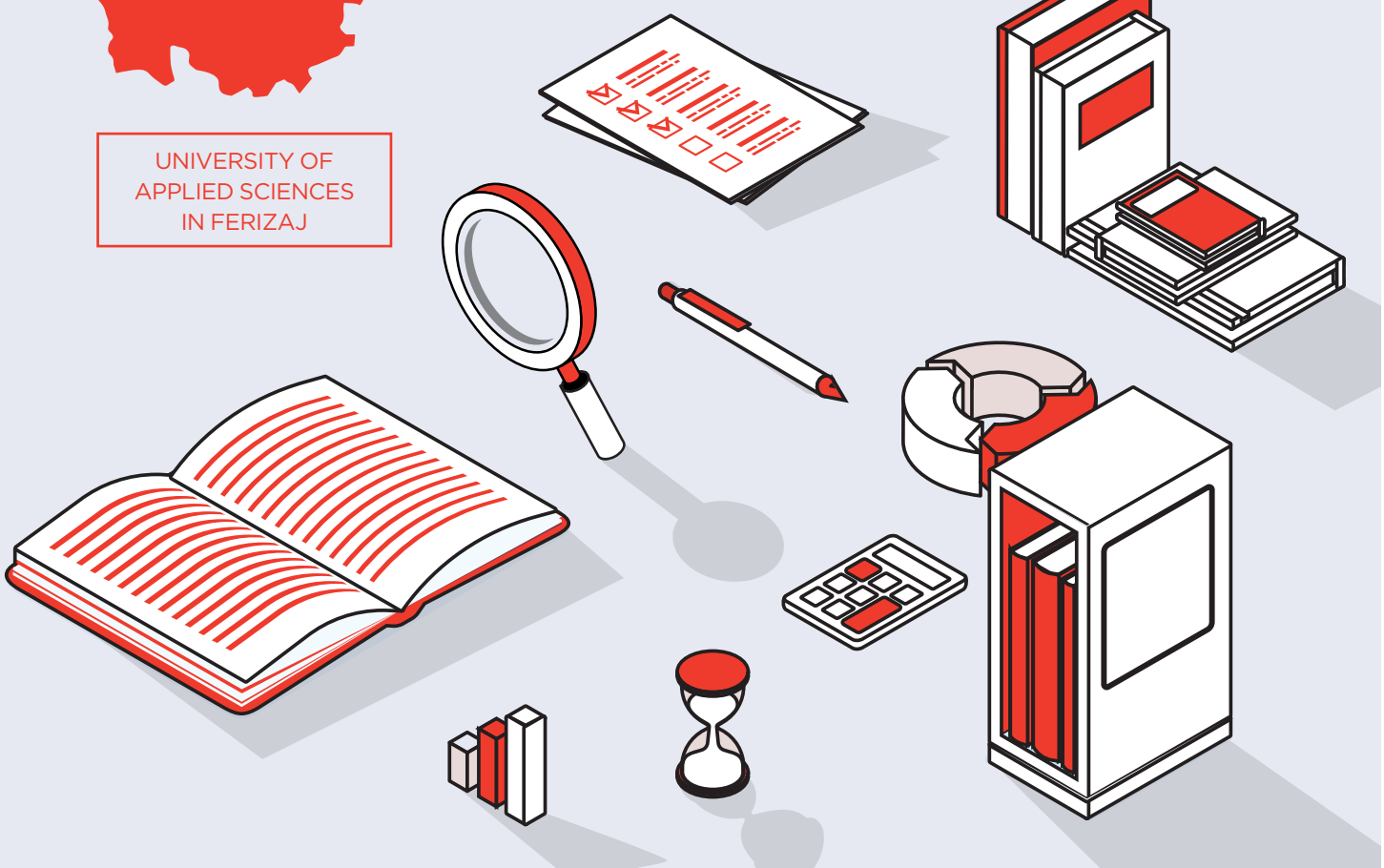
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“Our Father, who art in heaven, give us the power to keep our mouths shut when we have nothing to say. And forgive us the patience to think before we write! Inspire us with a sharp sense of justice to speak not only without bias, but to also act thus! Save us from the traps of grammar, distortions of language and errors of typing. Amen!”

[Faik Konica]

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DEFINITIONS

- **Papers published in a journal with a coefficient –** are papers published in journals foreseen by the laws and regulations in power

- **Participation in papers –** papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the author ranking, i.e., not just first or corresponding authors

- **Papers in dubious journals –** papers published in journals listed in Beall's list

- **Justification of academic rank –** having the necessary number of scientific papers for the respective academic rank according to the laws and regulations in power

- **Men and women –** presumed gender of the academic staff based on their name without prejudicing their personal identification.

INTRODUCTION

The report on the academic integrity and scientific publications of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj marks the end of the first cycle of research reports on academic integrity for all public universities, conducted in the scope of the QAINT project.

The reason why ORCA has researched all public universities is because the Kosovo public must be informed on the quality of education in public universities, which are mainly funded by taxpayer money. The evaluation of the quality of education in public universities and the improvement of transparency through public pressure, according to ORCA, will lead to an improvement of quality of education offered by these institutions.

The research on the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj (UASF) was challenging in and of itself because of the lack of transparency by this institution. UASF is the only public higher education institution that does not have academic staff CVs published on its official website. ORCA sent a request to UASF to publish the CVs in compliance with the standard established by other public universities. Our request was not considered. We also wrote to the Ministry of Education, who is the direct funder of this higher education institution, who despite their concern on the lack of transparency of UASF, have not successfully managed to fulfil this request.

For this reason, ORCA has decided to research the scientific publications of UASF professors through other platforms of scientific publications, such as Google Scholar.

The research was conducted in October 2021, when ORCA researchers reviewed the listed publications in Google Scholar profiles of academic staff of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj who have the following academic ranks: assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor.

Out of a total of 5 faculties within the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, we have reviewed the profiles of academic staff in 4 faculties only. Because of the specific nature of their work, ORCA has not reviewed the artistic work required as an equivalent to scientific papers in the Faculty of Applied Arts. Consequently, the professors of the Faculty of Applied Arts are not part of this report.

From the general findings, there are 28 professors with academic ranks and full-time contracts in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj. Out of which 8 (28%) are women and 20 (72%) are men. 61% of the academic staff do not justify their academic ranks. Out of the professors who do not justify their academic ranks, 36% are women and 64% are men.

The total number of scientific publications in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj is 59. The Faculty of Management has the most scientific papers in scientific journals, with a total of 18, and an average of 2 papers per professor. However, because of the smaller number of academic staff in the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology (5 professors), the average of papers per professor is higher in this faculty, with 3 papers per professor.

This report could serve in planning reforms, including funding of scientific projects so scientific publishing can increase in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj.

GENERAL DATA ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

BUDGET

The Kosovo budget set aside 2,295,908 euros in 2020 for the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, and they spent 1,745,908 euros. While in 2021, they have set aside or planned to spend 1,665,908 euros[1].

STUDENTS

From official data from the Kosovo Agency of Statistics[2] the total number of students registered in Bachelor level in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj for the academic year 2020/2021 is 1249 students, out of which 739 are girls.
The number of students who graduated in the Bachelor level during 2019/2020 is 120, out of which 83 are girls. The total number of students in the Master level in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj for the academic year 2020/2021 is 201 students, out of which 109 are girls. 8 students graduated from the Master level in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj during the academic year 2019/2020.

FORMAL TRANSPARENCY

From ORCA's report (2021) on transparency and accountability in public universities[3], the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj had published 15 out of the 27 necessary and basic documents or information on the functioning of the university. In 2020[4], UASF had 16 published documents, and in 2019 it had 8 only[5].

1 Report "Transparency and Accountability in Kosovo Public Universities: Management of finances 3", link: http://orca-ks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Management-of-finances-3.pdf
2 Kosovo Agency of Statistics, Education statistics in Kosovo 2020/21, pg. 74, link: https://ask.rks-gov.net/media/6292/statistikat-e-arsimit-n%C3%AB-kosov%C3%AB_2020-21.pdf
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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FERIZAJ

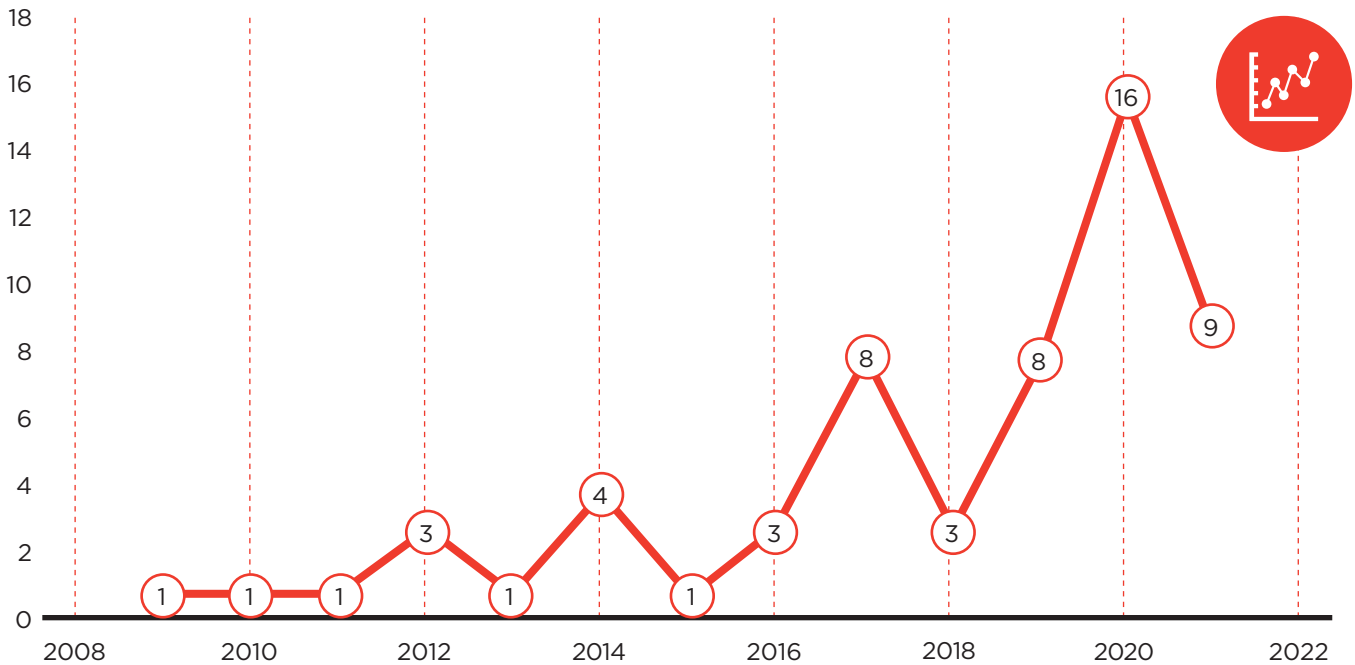
The University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj (UASF) had 28 professors evidenced through lists in the university website, and a total of 4 faculties (excluding the Faculty of Applied Arts). Out of 28 professors, 8 (28%) are women and 20 (72%) are men. In the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj there are 3 full professors, 2 associate professors, and 23 assistant professors.

NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FERIZAJ

The professors at the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj have published a total of 59 scientific papers. This data was generated from the Google Scholar profiles of the professors listed as academic staff in the university's website. The total number of papers valid for academic promotions (professors are first or corresponding author) is 42.

In 2020, the professors at this university published the most scientific papers, 16 or 27% of the total number of scientific papers

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FERIZAJ



The Faculty of Management has the most scientific papers in scientific journals, with a total of 18, and an average of 2 papers per professor. However, because of the smaller number of academic staff in the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology (5 professors), the average of papers per professor is higher in this faculty, with 3 papers per professor.

While the faculty with the least papers published in scientific journals in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj is the Faculty of Engineering and Informatics with 12 papers, and an average of 1.71 papers per professor.

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS PER PROFESSOR

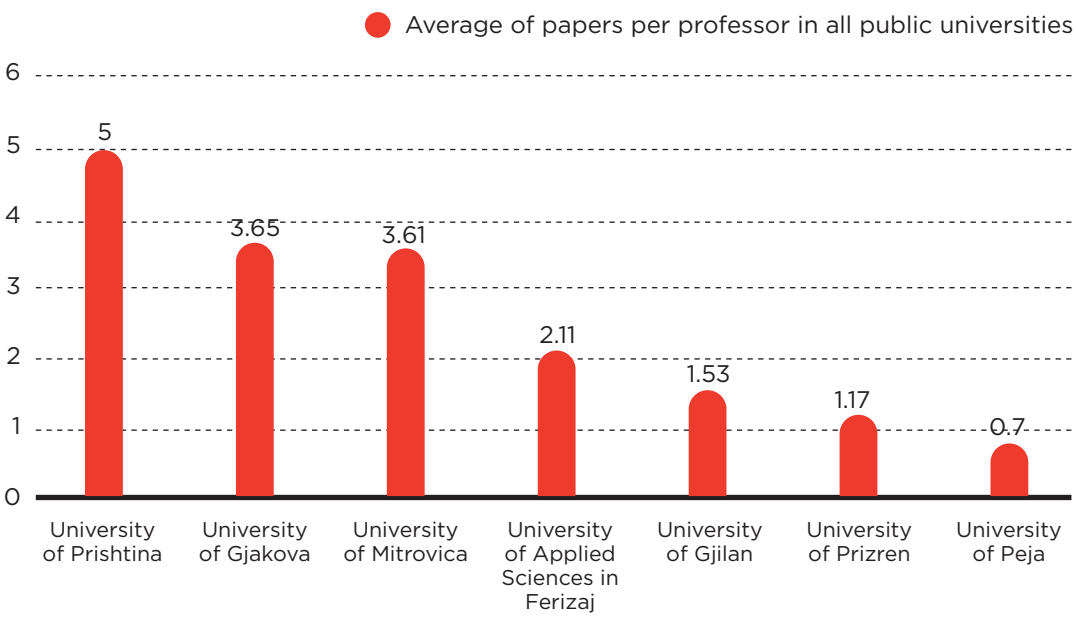
No.	Faculties in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj	Total number of publications	Total number of professors	Papers per professor
1	Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology	15	5	3.00
2	Faculty of Engineering and Informatics	12	7	1.71
3	Faculty of Management	18	9	2.00
4	Faculty of Tourism and Environment	14	7	2.00
	TOTAL	59	28	2.11

The average of papers per professor in the university level is 2.11 papers per professor.

In comparison, from data gathered in 2020, in the University of Gjilan there are 1.53 papers per professor, in the University of Gjakova there are 3.65 papers per professor, in the University of Mitrovica there are 3.61 papers per professor, and in the University of Prishtina there are 5 papers per professor.

From the data gathered in 2019, in the University of Prizren there were 1.17 papers per professor, while in the University of Peja there were 0.7 papers per professor.

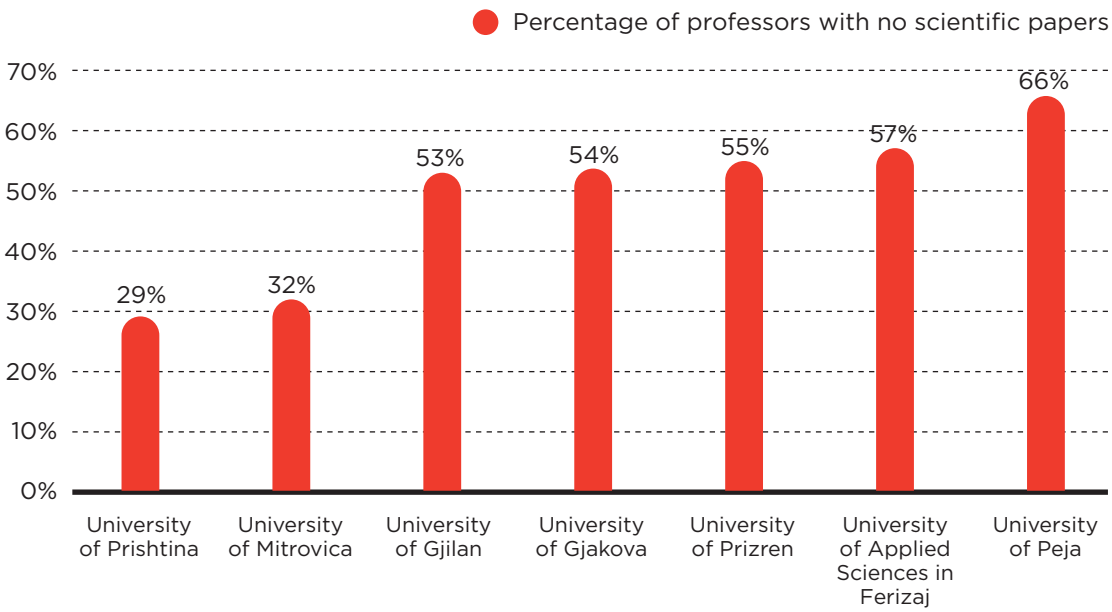
AVERAGE OF PAPERS PER PROFESSOR IN ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



The data generated in this report show that out of 28 professors in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, 16 or 57% do not have any papers published in scientific journals, as first or corresponding author.

In comparison, from data gathered in 2020, the number of professors who did not have any scientific papers in the University of Mitrovica was 23 or 32% of the total number of professors, in the University of Gjilan it was 21 or 53%, in the University of Gjakova 14 or 54%, and in the University of Prishtina it was 150 or 29%. While from data generated in 2019, in the University of Prizren there were 31 or 55% professors who had no scientific papers, and in the University of Peja there were 22 or 66% of professors who had no scientific papers.

PERCENTAGE OF PROFESSORS WITH NO SCIENTIFIC PAPERS IN ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



The faculty with the most professors that have no scientific papers published as first or corresponding author is the Faculty of Tourism and Environment, where 71% of professors have no scientific papers published. While all faculties in the University of Applied Sciences have professors that do not have a single scientific paper published as first or corresponding author, the lowest number of such cases is in the Faculty of Management where there are 4 professors with no scientific papers or 44% out of the total number of professors.

No	Faculties in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj	Number of professors with no scientific papers	Total number of professors
1	Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology	3 (60%)	5
2	Faculty of Engineering and Informatics	4 (57%)	7
3	Faculty of Management	4 (44%)	9
4	Faculty of Tourism and Environment	5 (71%)	7
	TOTAL	16 (57%)	28

PUBLICATIONS IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

Out of 28 professors in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, 11 or 39% have published in dubious journals. The total number of such publications in the university level is 23. The faculty with the most papers published in dubious journals is the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology with a total of 10 papers.

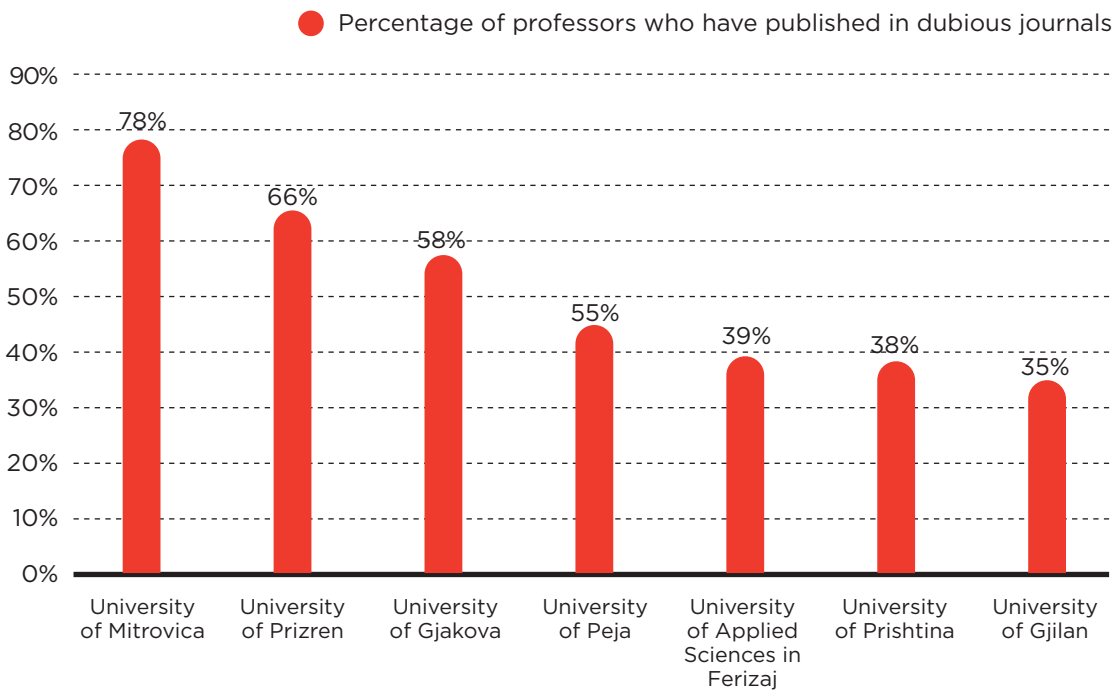
PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

No.	Faculties in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj	Number of publications in dubious journals	Number of professors who have published in dubious journals
1	Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology	10	2
2	Faculty of Engineering and Informatics	4	2
3	Faculty of Management	7	5
4	Faculty of Tourism and Environment	2	2
	TOTAL	23	11

In comparison, from data generated in 2021, the percentage of professors who published in dubious journals in the University of Gjilan was 35%. From data generated in 2020, in the University of Prishtina 38% of professors had publications in dubious journals, 58% of professors in the University of Gjakova published in dubious journals, and in the University of Mitrovica 78% of professors published in dubious journals.

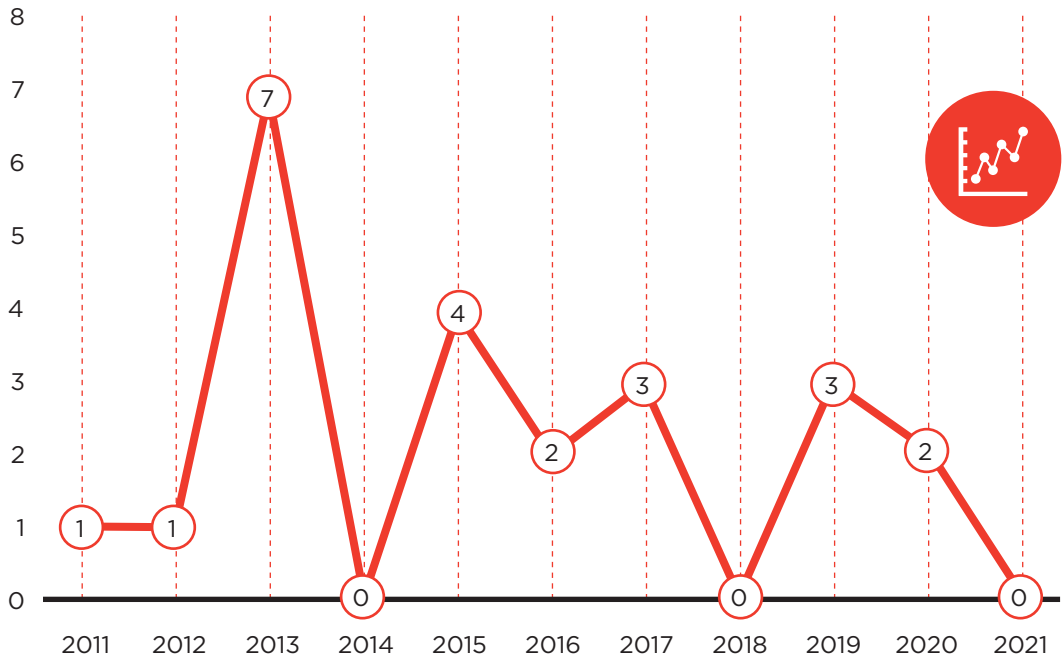
From data generated in 2019, 45% of professors in the University of Peja had publications in dubious journals, and 66% of professors in the University of Prizren had published in dubious journals.

PERCENTAGE OF PROFESSORS WHO HAVE PUBLISHED IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



The professors at the University of Applied Sciences have published in dubious journals in the past ten years, from 2011 to 2020. 2013 saw the most papers published in dubious journals, with a total of 7. In the following years there was a decrease in publications in dubious journals, with 2 papers in 2020 and 0 in 2021.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FERIZAJ



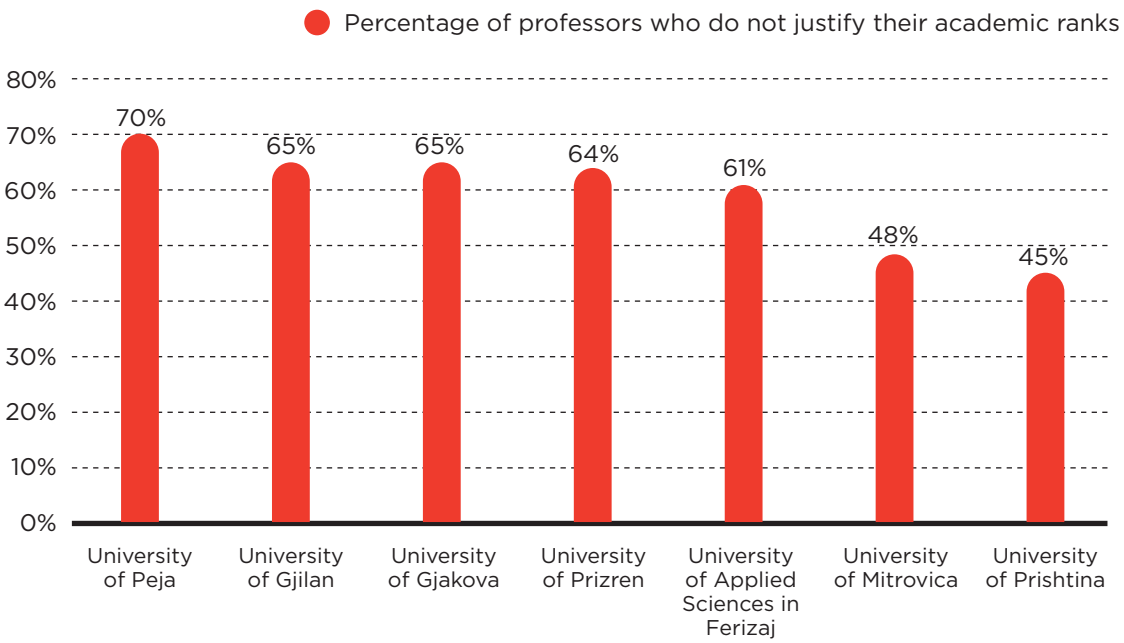
JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 28 professors in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, 17 or 61% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific publications as first or corresponding author.

In comparison, from data gathered in 2021, 65% of professors in the University of Gjilan did not justify their academic ranks. From data generated in 2020, 45% of professors in the University of Prishtina did not justify their academic ranks, 65% in the University of Gjakova, and 48% in the University of Mitrovica.

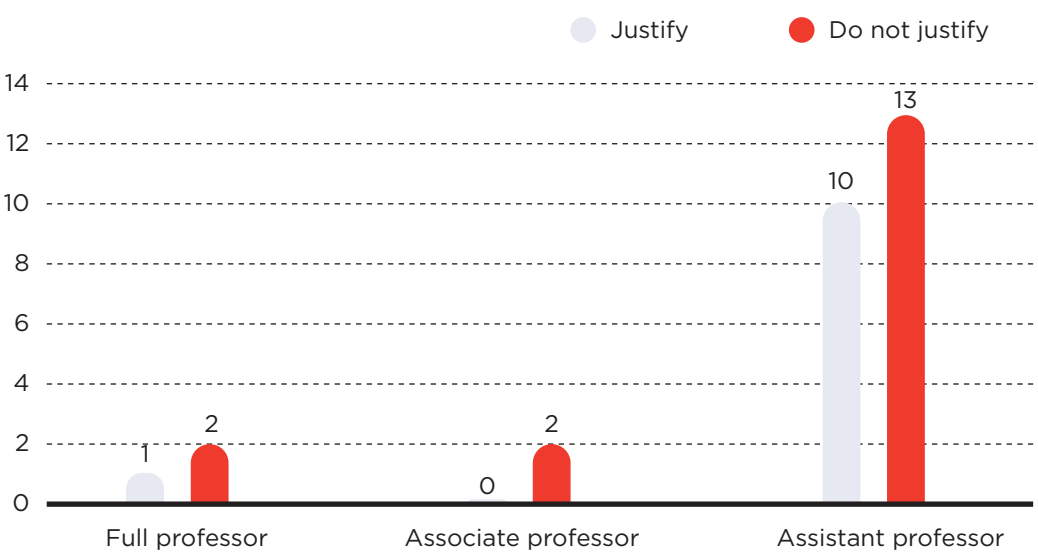
From data generated in 2019, 64% of professors in the University of Prizren did not justify their academic ranks, and 70% of professors in the University of Peja did not justify their academic ranks.

PERCENTAGE OF PROFESSORS WHO DO NOT JUSTIFY THEIR ACADEMIC RANKS IN ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



Out of 23 assistant professors, 13 or 57% do not justify their academic ranks, neither of the 2 (100%) of associate professors do not justify their academic ranks. Out of 3 full professors, 2 or 67% do not justify their academic ranks.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FERIZAJ



The faculties with the most professors who do not justify their academic ranks are the Faculty of Engineering and Informatics, as well as the Faculty of Tourism and Environment, where in both faculties 71% of professors do not justify their academic ranks.

While the faculty where most professors justify their academic ranks is the Faculty of Management with 44%.

No.	Faculties in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj	Justify	Do not justify	TOTAL
1	Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	5
2	Faculty of Engineering and Informatics	2 (29%)	5 (71%)	7
3	Faculty of Management	5 (56%)	4 (44%)	9
4	Faculty of Tourism and Environment	2 (29%)	5 (71%)	7
	TOTAL	11 (39%)	17 (61%)	28

In the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj, the highest percentage of professors who do not justify their academic ranks is at the associate professors with 100%. The higher the academic rank, the higher are the odds of not justifying the academic rank. An exception to this is a single full professor who justifies his academic rank.

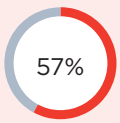
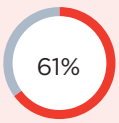
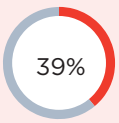
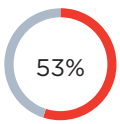
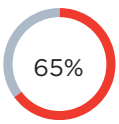
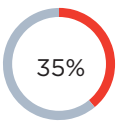
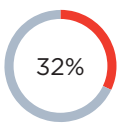
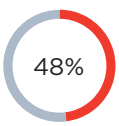
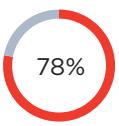
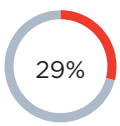
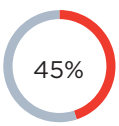
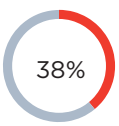
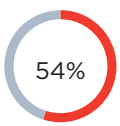
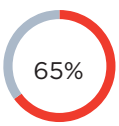
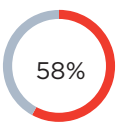
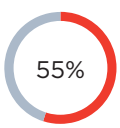
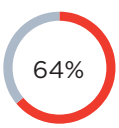
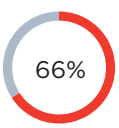
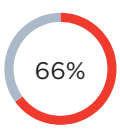
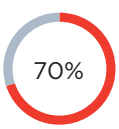
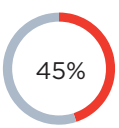
No.	Faculties in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj	Full professors		Associate professors		Assistant professors	
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1	Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology	1	0	0	0	1	3
2	Faculty of Engineering and Informatics	0	2	0	1	2	2
3	Faculty of Management	0	0	0	1	5	3
4	Faculty of Tourism and Environment	0	0	0	0	2	5
	TOTAL	**1 (33%)**	**2 (67%)**	**0 (0%)**	**2 (100%)**	**10 (43%)**	**13 (57%)**

COMPARISON WITH OTHER PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

From data gathered in 2021, the percentage of professors with no papers in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj was 57%. From data gathered in 2021, 53% of professors in the University of Gjilan did not have any scientific papers. From data gathered in 2020, the percentage of professors with no scientific papers in the University of Mitrovica was 32%, in the University of Gjakova 54%, and in the University of Prishtina 29%. While from data gathered in 2019, 55% of professors in the University of Prizren had no scientific papers, and 66% in the University of Peja.

From data gathered in 2021, the percentage of professors who do not justify their academic ranks in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj was 61%. From data gathered in 2021, the percentage of professors who do not justify their academic ranks in the University of Gjilan was 65%. From data gathered in 2020, the percentage of professors who do not justify their academic ranks in the University of Mitrovica was 48%, in the University of Gjakova 65%, and in the University of Prishtina 45%. While from data gathered in 2019, 64% of professors in the University of Prizren did not justify their academic ranks, and 70% in the University of Peja.

From data gathered in 2021, the percentage of professors who were found to have published in dubious journals in the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj was 39%. From data gathered in 2021, the percentage of professors who were found to have published in dubious journals in the University of Gjilan was 35%. From data gathered in 2020, the percentage of professors who were found to have published in dubious journals in the University of Mitrovica was 78%, in the University of Gjakova 58%, and in the University of Prishtina 38%. While from data gathered in 2019, 66% of professors were found to have published in dubious journals in the University of Prizren, and 45% in the University of Peja.

University	Percentage of professors without any papers	Percentage of non-justification of academic ranks	Percentage of professors who have published in dubious journals
University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj *	 57%	 61%	 39%
University of Gjilan *	 53%	 65%	 35%
University of Mitrovica **	 32%	 48%	 78%
University of Prishtina **	 29%	 45%	 38%
University of Gjakova **	 54%	 65%	 58%
University of Prizren ***	 55%	 64%	 66%
University of Peja ***	 66%	 70%	 45%

Footnote explanation:

* Data from 2021

** Data from 2020

*** Data from 2019

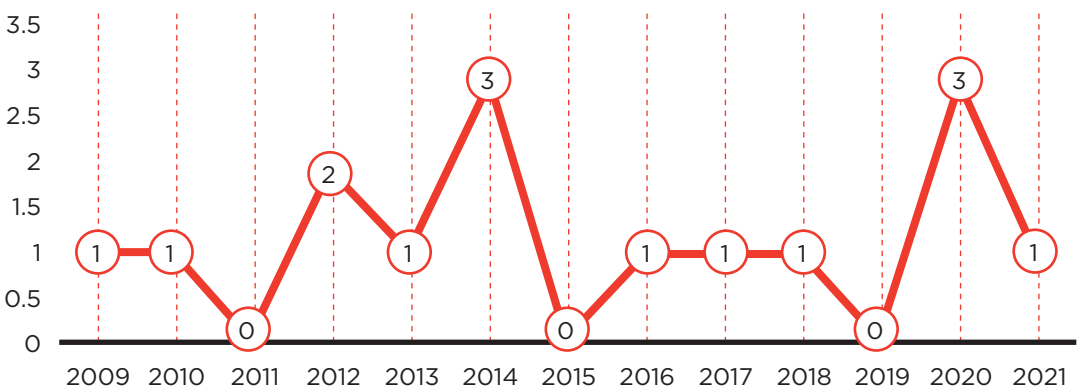
FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND WOOD TECHNOLOGY

5 professors with academic ranks
1 full professor
No (0) associate professors
4 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

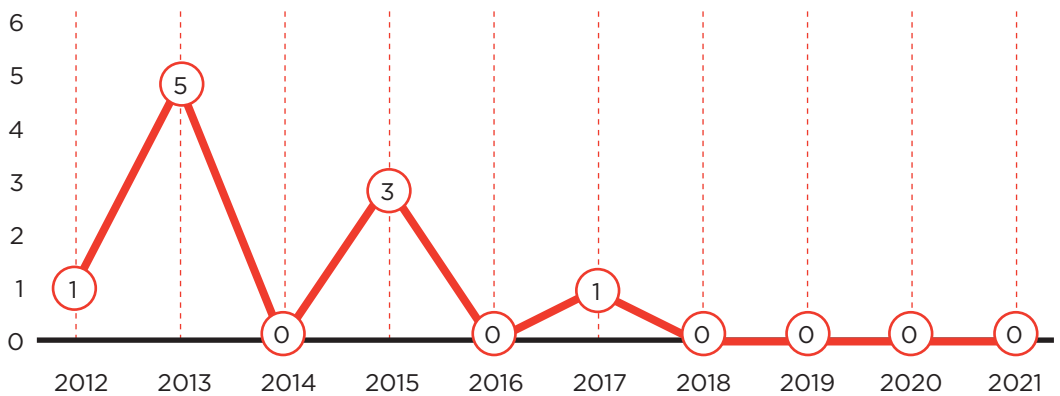
The professors of the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Wood Technology have published a total of 15 papers in scientific journals, 7 of which are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first or corresponding authors. 3 professors in this faculty do not have any papers published as first or corresponding author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND WOOD TECHNOLOGY



2 professors in this faculty have published 10 papers in dubious journals, with 5 papers published in 2013 only. Since 2017 there have been no publications in dubious journals.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND WOOD TECHNOLOGY



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 5 professors, 3 or 60% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first or corresponding authors.
This faculty has only one full professor, who justifies his academic rank. It does not have any associate professors. Out of 4 assistant professors, only one justifies his academic rank.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Assistant professors		**Associate professors**		**Full professors**		**Total**	
Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify
1	3	0	0	1	0	2 (40%)	3 (60%)

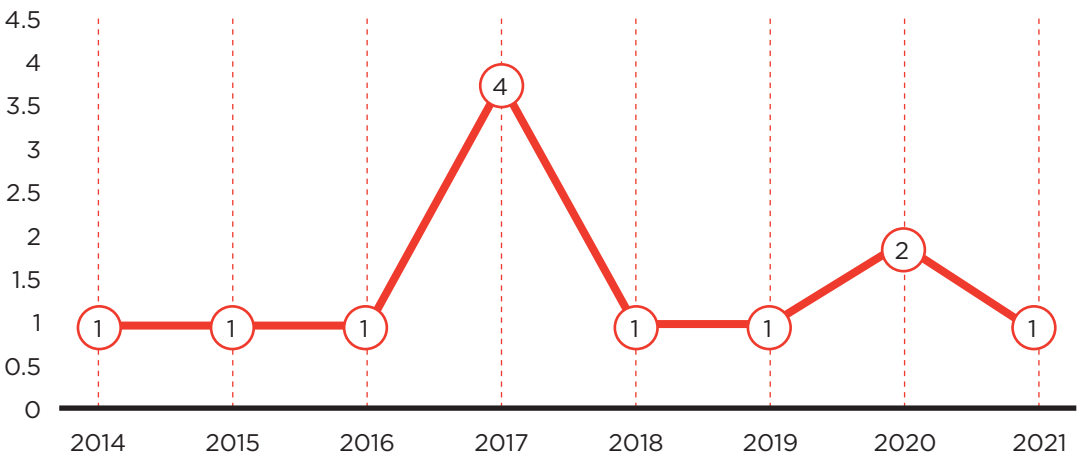
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS

7 professors with academic ranks
2 full professors
1 associate professor
4 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

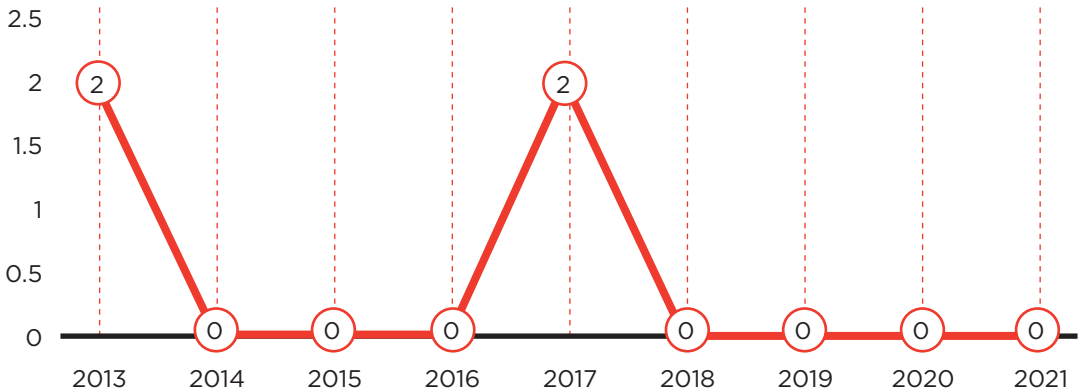
The professors of the Faculty of Engineering and Informatics have published a total of 12 papers in scientific journals, 11 of which are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first or corresponding authors. 4 professors in this faculty do not have any papers published as first or corresponding author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS



2 professors in this faculty have published 4 papers in dubious journals. Since 2018 there have been no publications in dubious journals.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN
THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 7 professors, 5 or 71% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first or corresponding authors.
The two full professors do not justify their academic ranks. The sole associate professor does not justify his academic rank. Out of 4 assistant professors, two do not justify their academic ranks.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Assistant professors		**Associate professors**		**Full professors**		**Total**	
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2	2	0	1	0	2	2 (29%)	5 (71%)

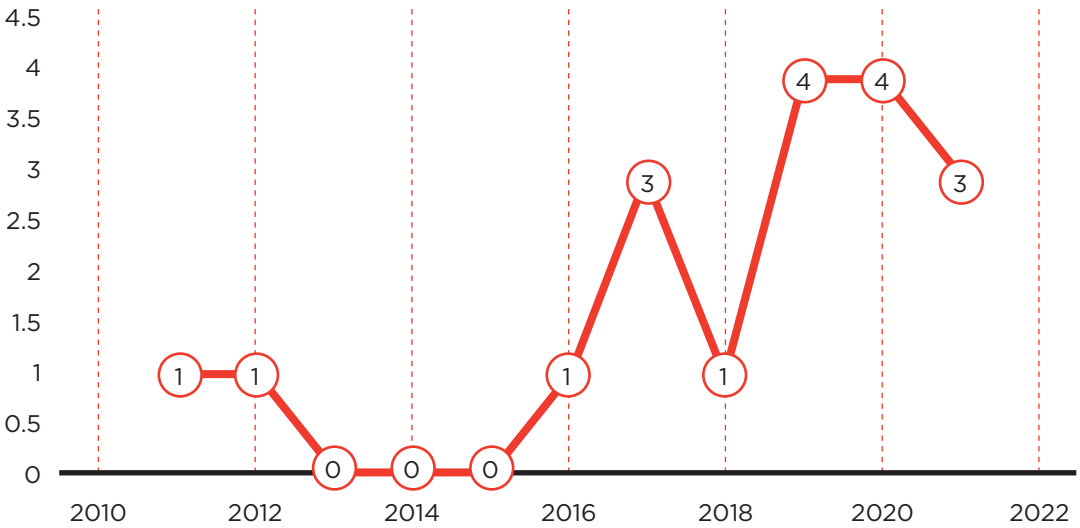
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

9 professors with academic ranks
No (0) full professors
1 associate professor
8 assistant professors

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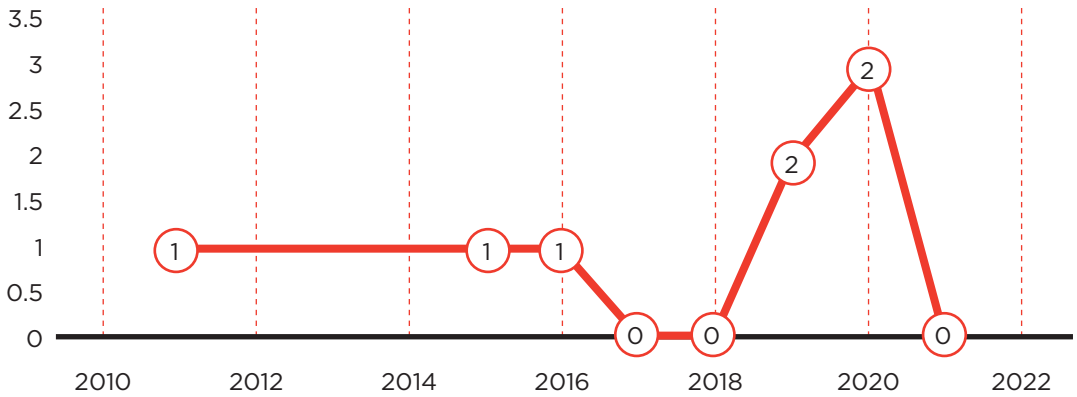
7 professors in the Faculty of Management have published a total of 18 papers in scientific journals, out of which 14 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first or corresponding authors. 4 professors in this faculty do not have any papers published as first or corresponding author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT



4 professors in this faculty have published 8 papers in dubious journals. In 2020 the professors of this faculty published the most in dubious journals with a total of 3 papers. There are no papers published in dubious journals in 2021.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 9 professors, 4 or 44% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first or corresponding authors.
There are no full professors in this faculty. The sole associate professor does not justify his academic rank. Out of 8 assistant professors, 3 do not justify their academic ranks.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Assistant professors		**Associate professors**		**Full professors**		**Total**	
Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify
5	3	0	1	n/a	n/a	5 (56%)	4 (44%)

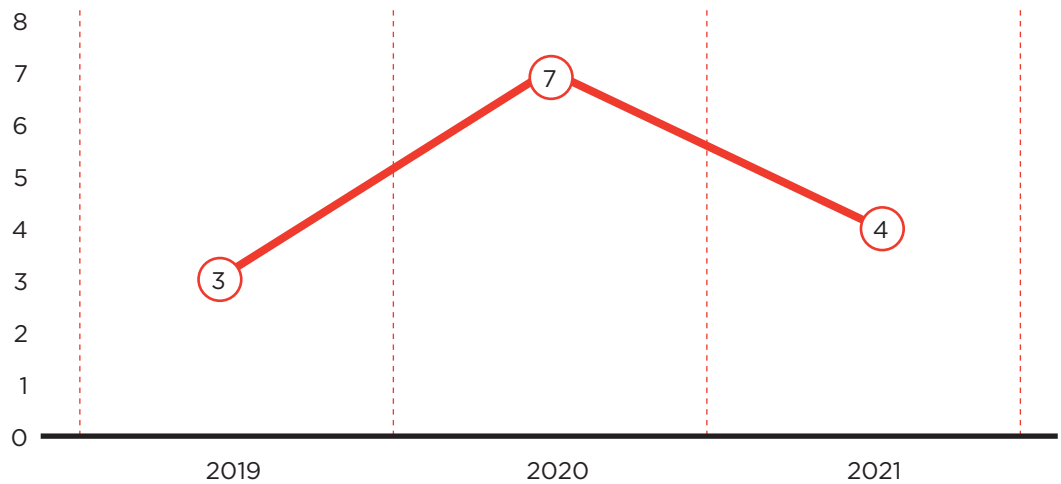
FACULTY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT

7 professors with academic ranks
No (0) full professors
No (0) associate professors
7 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

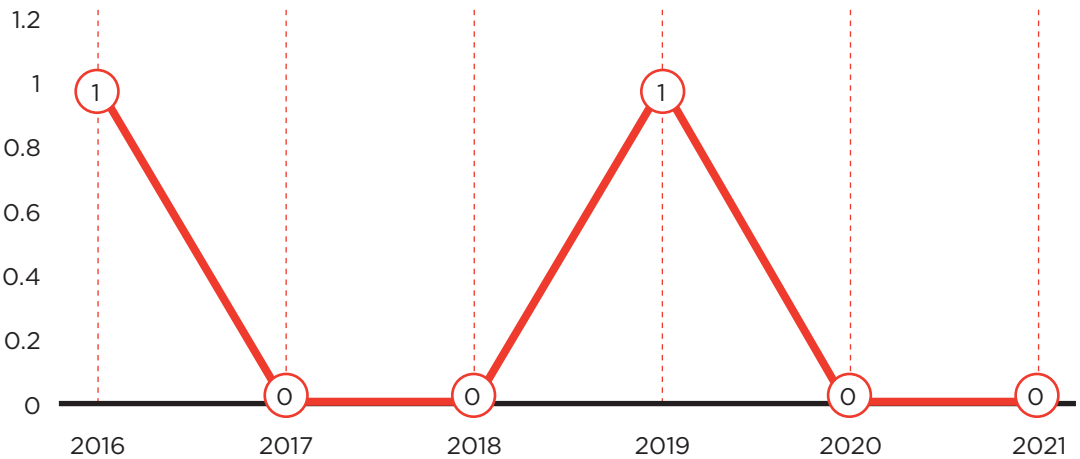
7 professors in the Faculty of Tourism and Environment have published a total of 14 papers in scientific journals, out of which 10 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first or corresponding authors. 5 professors in this faculty do not have any papers published as first or corresponding author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT



2 professors in this faculty have published 2 papers in dubious journals. The last paper in dubious journals was published in 2019.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 7 professors, 5 or 71% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first or corresponding authors.
There are no full professors or associate professors in this faculty. Out of 7 assistant professors, 5 do not justify their academic ranks.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Assistant professors		**Associate professors**		**Full professors**		**Total**	
Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify	Justify	Do not justify
2	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2 (29%)	5 (71%)

METHODOLOGY

LEGAL BASIS:

1. Law for Higher Education in the Republic of Kosovo[6]
2. The University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj Statute, specifically Articles 157, 158, 159[7]
3. Administrative Instruction 01/2018 the recognition principles of platforms and international magazines with reviews[8]
4. Administrative Instruction for supplement and precision - Annex - I - (MEST) 7/2018 of AI No: 01/2018 the recognition principles of platforms and international magazines with reviews[9]

ORCA has reviewed publications in international scientific journals, established as a criteria by the Law on Higher Education in Kosovo, the Statute of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj for election on one of the academic ranks: assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor, and the Administrative Instructions 01/2018 and 07/2018.

The University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj does not have (or does not have it published) a regulation on elections, re-elections, or appointments of academic staff.

6 Law on higher education, 2011, link: https://gzk.rks-gov.net/ActDocumentDetail.aspx?ActID=2761
7 Statute of the Public University of Gjilan, 2020, link: https://ëëë.uni-gjilan.net/ëp-content/uploads/2020/12/STATUTI-I-UNIVERSITETIT-%E2%80%9DKADRI-ZEKA%E2%80%9D-N%C3%8B-GJILAN.pdf
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RESEARCH OBJECT

The same research on other public universities was based on CVs published in the official websites of universities. The University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj does not have any CVs published for any of the professors, apart from the rector of the university. The university has also refused to respond to our request for publication of the CVs or to provide access to us.

For the purpose of this report, ORCA researched the public profiles of professors in Google Scholar.

The profiles of 28 members of academic staff with professor ranks in 4 faculties of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj were reviewed. This research does not include assistants, lecturers, foreign language lecturers, and other collaborators who do not have the academic ranks of assistant professor, associate professor or full professor.

Because of the specific nature of their work, ORCA did not research the artistic work that is the criteria equivalent to scientific papers for the professors teaching art classes. Thus, the professors of the Faculty of Applied Arts were not researched by ORCA.

THE DURATION OF RESEARCH

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THE METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCHING JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Like most public universities in Kosovo and based on the current legislation, the status of correspondent author and first author in scientific papers are valid for academic promotions.

For the academic rank of assistant professor, the candidates must have at least one scientific paper published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, according to the current Kosovo legislation, as first or corresponding author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 1.

For the academic rank of associate professor, the candidates must have at least three scientific papers published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, according to the current Kosovo legislation, as first or corresponding author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 3.

For the academic rank of full professor, the candidates must have at least five scientific papers published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, according to the current Kosovo legislation, as first or corresponding author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 5.

Based on AI1/2018, AI7/2018, ORCA has given each scientific paper listed in the CVs a coefficient. These coefficients were given based on the databases where the journals are indexed, giving them a coefficient of 1, 0.85 or 0.70.

ORCA has given a coefficient of 0 to papers published in conference proceedings, reports, projects, books or book chapters, which are not in international scientific journals, or papers that are in the process of being published, or papers for which the authors have received any type of confirmation by the journal but haven't been published.

Publications in scientific journals of Kosovo or neighboring countries, based on the Administrative Instruction 01/2018 were given a coefficient of 0.
Papers published in journals that are listed in dubious journals list or if these journals have a publisher listed in dubious publishers list, have a coefficient of 0, and were calculated for the purposes of this research.

CALCULATION OF THE NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

After the CVs were researched, the scientific publications found in the journals according to the regulations, were compared cross-professor, to eliminate double counting.

This number includes all the scientific papers published in valid journals, not taking into account authorship rank, which is different from the analysis of justifying ranks where we have counted only the publications where University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj professors are first or corresponding authors.

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