



2061315  
inhabitants



\$ 7850  
income per year



♂ 71yrs ♀ 76yrs  
life expectancy



7.8%  
of GDP for health



2.6  
doctors/1000 people

## STUDYING MEDICINE IN...

# Skopje

Savo Trajanovik (26) is a sixth year medical student from Skopje, Macedonia.

### How is university life in Skopje?

We have only one medical faculty and it is in Skopje. Students from all over Macedonia study at this faculty, so studying here is a special experience. I think that student life, and studying, here is pretty different from anywhere else in the western countries. First of all because we have a different study programme, and secondly because you know most of the people. This makes is sometimes easier, sometimes harder to concentrate on your studying, because we have a diverse and very fulfilled social life here.

### Is it financially possible for everyone to study medicine in Macedonia?

It is very expensive, concerning the economical situation in Macedonia. It costs about € 1 000 and about € 200 if the government supports you. Unfortunately, there are only a few grants.

### You experienced Dutch university life through an exchange programme. What do you think is the biggest difference between studying in Amsterdam and Skopje?

Educationally, I think in Amsterdam there are more possibilities to enrich your medical knowledge. I think the study programme is different and maybe better. Furthermore, I think the economic and political situation allows the medical faculty to purchase more material. Socially, there are small differences between Skopje and Amsterdam, some things are better here, some are better there. I am really glad I had the chance to participate in this exchange programme. We exchanged a lot of experiences, which gave us insight in each other's social and educational life!



### Describe your life in 2020...

I see myself as a young but already successful gynaecologist. I will probably live with my wife and children by that time, which would mean I am happy both at work and home. **MP**

**I had an exceptional time with the Dutch students! There are a lot of things I miss about Amsterdam: dropjes, drinking beer with the other students, riding a bike...**

