

UNIVERSITY & CAREER COUNSELING

Irena Filkova

Certified University and Career Counselor

Guiding NOVA students through every step of the university application process — from course selection and career exploration to essays and final submissions.

Ms. Filkova joined NOVA International School Skopje in September 2003, initially as an English Language and Literature and Public Speaking teacher, before transitioning to a full-time university and career counseling position.

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Joined NOVA, later moving into full-time counseling

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University & Career Counseling classes held weekly during FLEX

How She Supports Students

Ms. Filkova guides and supports students through all steps of the application process, and is knowledgeable in admission and application procedures for multiple study abroad destinations.



Finding the Right Fit

Course selection, academic enrichment opportunities, career exploration, and identifying “best fit” universities.



Applications & Essays

Application and document preparation, essay and motivation letter writing, and resume editing.

She actively expands her own knowledge by completing training, attending and presenting at conferences, organizing university visits and fairs, and networking with colleagues in Europe, the US, and the UK.

Credentials & Professional Development

In addition to a BA in English Language and Literature with a minor in British Cultural Studies, Ms. Filkova holds:



UCLA Extension Certificate

Certificate in College Counseling, University of California, Los Angeles.



THE CAP — Level 2

Times Higher Education Counselor Accreditation Program.

She is a member of **International ACAC**, **CEESA**, and **ACES**, holds the **NACAC International University Advocate Badge**, and served on **IACAC DEI** (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Committee from 2022 to 2025.

Platforms & Appointments

NOVA uses the Unifrog guidance counseling platform to support students' career exploration and university search.



Students

Book appointments directly via Google Calendar.



Parents

Reach out by e-mail or phone to schedule a meeting.



Questions about university and career counseling? Families can reach the Secondary School office to schedule time with Ms. Filkova.