

# Higher Education in the Czech Republic



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# History of HE in the Czech Republic

- First university: Charles University, Prague in 1348
- Palacký University, Olomouc, 1573
- 1918, establishment of Czechoslovak state, enhancement of HE and founding of more universities
- Three cycle structure since 2001



# Degree structure and academic year

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- Three cycle structure: bachelor`s, master`s, doctoral degree programs
- Bachelor`s: 3-4 years
- Master`s: 1-3 years, or full master`s: 4-6 years
- Doctoral: usually 3 years
- MBA programs are also offered
- Academic year: 12 months, 2 semesters, starting in October and March; exam period lasts 5 weeks after each semester

# Admission requirements and tuition fees for degree studies

- **Public and state institutions are free of charge** for citizens of all nationalities, with the following **exceptions**: administration of admission proceedings; extending the duration of study beyond a set limit; the study of an additional program to the original studied; study in a foreign language.
- **Private institutions** can fix their own fees, the tuition fees differ from 2,000-15,000 EUR per year.
- Language: set by institution, usually proven B2 level of CZ or EN
- Matriculation exam (bachelor`s) or relevant degree (master`s, PhD)

# Study programs



- Full English programs available in all three cycles, visit this page for a full list:  
<http://www.education.cz/configurator>
- Joint master`s degrees, Erasmus Mundus programs

# Scholarships

- Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
- Foreign Development Aid
- South Moravian Centre for International Mobility
- Exchange programs: Erasmus+, CEEPUS



# Universities in the Czech Republic

- 26 public HE institutions
- 2 state HE institutions
- 43 private HE institutions



- 390 000 students at HE institutions
- 39 000 foreign students at HE institutions
- For a full list visit: <http://www.studyin.cz/universities/>



# Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague

- 3rd largest university
- Emphasis on research: Rector`s Prize for best scientific article, 24 PhD programs in English, funding from state, private sector, EU
- Emphasis on practical training: field trials and greenhouses on campus, field trips, cutting edge technology in labs, 97 % of students find a job or continue HE
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XL2oVwRGmPw>
- Department of Ecology, Agronomy and Aquaculture
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary
- English or Czech B1
- Study cycle: 1, 2, 3



# Charles University, Prague



- Department of Linguistics
- Languages and Philological Sciences
- English, Czech, Slovak, Polish B1
- Study cycle: 1,2,3

- Largest (53 000 students) and most prestigious university in CZ
- Among the top 100 of Europe
- Emphasis on research and international collaboration in research
- Famous for participating in CERN and its Egyptology research
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akmGOZagH7E>

# Mendel University in Brno

- Department of Economics,  
Department of Teacher`s and  
Preschool Teacher`s Education,  
Department of Psychology
- Teacher Training and Education  
Science, International Relations,  
European Studies, Area Studies,  
Business and Administration, Social  
and Behavioral Sciences
- English B2
- Study cycle: 1,2; 3 only in the field of  
Business Administration



- Named after Mendel the father of genetics, the university has 5 more faculties besides Agronomy today
- Participation in interdisciplinary research

# Palacký University, Olomouc

- 2nd oldest university established in 1573
- Today the university aims to enhance European collaboration in research
- A real university city: highest ratio of student/population in CZ
- 14 full English programs bachelor`s and master`s programs and doctoral programs in 6 fields
- Host of Academia Film Olomouc film festival for 50 years
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1nHw2xhw3M>



- Department of Geography
- Geography
- English, Czech B2
- Study cycle: 1, 2

# University of Ostrava



- Department of History of Art, Department of Geography, Department of German Studies
  - Languages, History of art, Geography
  - German, English B1 (German); German, English, Czech B1 (History of arts); Czech, English B2 (Geography)
  - Study cycle: 1, 2, 3 only in the field of German
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- Founded with the aim to set balance between humanities and technical studies of an industrial region in 1991
  - European Research Institute for Social Work and Institute for Research and Application of Fuzzy Modelling

# College of European and Regional Studies, České Budějovice

- The first private college of the Region of South Bohemia
- Aims to educate public administration professionals on a European level
- Editorial office of the journal *Auspicia*
- Political Science and Civics
- Czech, English B1
- Study cycle: 1



# Masaryk University, Brno

- Department of Sociology, Department of Psychology, Department of Croatian and Slavic Studies, Department of French and Iberoromance Studies
- Sociology and Cultural Studies, Psychology, Languages
- English B2, French B1 (French Dept.)
- Study cycle: 1, 2, 3 (3 does not apply for Slavic Studies)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXfv0PUYN3s>



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Thank you for your attention!



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