

CHARLES IV.



**Charles  
University**

## **Guide for international applicants**

# How to apply

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## Choose a study programme

- Bachelor's (Bc.)
- Long-cycle Master's (MUDr.; MDDr.; Mgr.)
- Follow-up Master's (Mgr.)
- Doctoral (Ph.D.)

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## Submit the application form

Do not forget to attach all the documents required by the faculty or to send them by the deadline.

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## Pay the application fee

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## Entrance exam (if required)

Applicants with a visa duty taking an entrance examination in Czechia need to apply for a short-term visa after receiving their Invitation Letter.

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## Recognition of your previous education

Unless specified otherwise, all the recognised documents must be submitted to the faculty by the enrolment date.

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## Acceptance

Admitted students with a visa duty need to apply for a long-term visa or residence permit after receiving their Letter of Acceptance.



## Enrolment and matriculation



### Not sure about your future?

Our Study Charles portal will help you to find the right path!





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Charles University was founded in 1348, making it **one of the oldest universities in the world.**

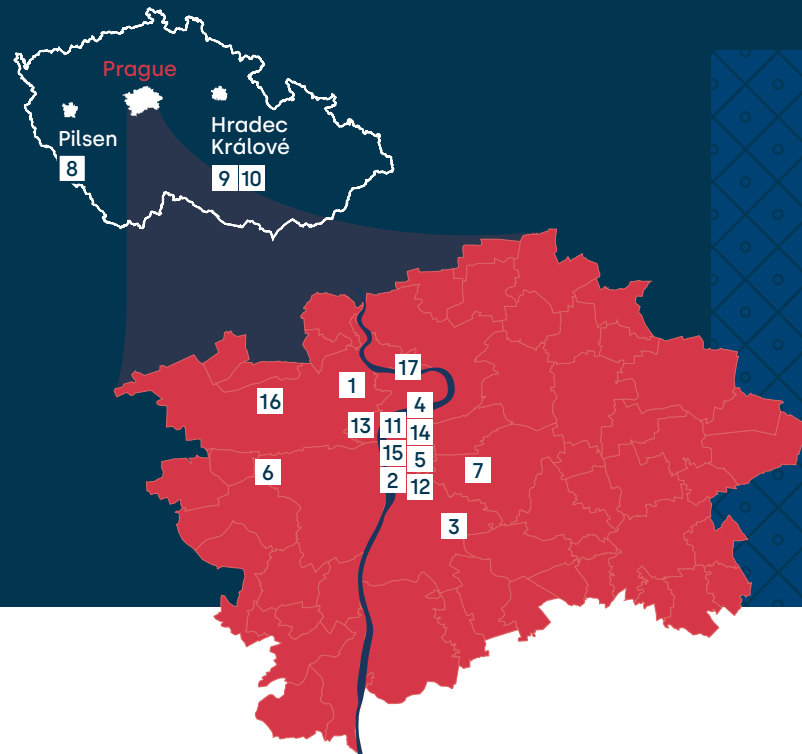
Almost seven centuries of academic excellence guarantee our stable position as the **best-rated Czech university** across the international rankings (Shanghai, Times, QS, and Leiden metrics) and the **best-performing research institution in the country.** In fact, we are among the **top 2% of world universities and one of the best 100 universities in Europe!**

With 17 faculties in 3 different cities, 4 institutes, and other facilities such as botanical gardens or museums, we are also the **largest university in Czechia.**

**CHARLES  
UNIVERSITY**

# Charles University

- [1] Catholic Theological Faculty
- [2] Protestant Theological Faculty
- [3] Hussite Theological Faculty
- [4] Faculty of Law
- [5] First Faculty of Medicine
- [6] Second Faculty of Medicine
- [7] Third Faculty of Medicine
- [8] Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen
- [9] Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové
- [10] Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové
- [11] Faculty of Arts
- [12] Faculty of Science
- [13] Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
- [14] Faculty of Education
- [15] Faculty of Social Sciences
- [16] Faculty of Physical Education and Sport
- [17] Faculty of Humanities



## Charles IV



Charles IV, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, was one of the most influential figures in 15<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Thanks to his reforms, Bohemia enjoyed unprecedented economic growth and prosperity. Among other things, he **founded a university in Prague**

known as Charles University today. Up to this day, he is remembered as a **great statesman and visionary leader**.

**17**  
faculties

**3**  
university cities

**> 20 %**  
international students

**50.000+**  
students

**top 2 %**  
best universities

## International scope

Our international partnerships, comprehensive research schemes, and strategic location in the region put us at the **forefront of academic endeavour**. The innovative infrastructures and university alliances secure our position in global academic networks, giving you the opportunity to **contribute to international projects and make a meaningful impact**.



# Accessible education

Unlock the doors to higher education without the burden of debt! Our **low tuition fees**, with a median around EUR 7,000 for undergraduate studies, together with the available **scholarships**, make a **world-class education accessible to all**. Plus, with tuition-free education in the Czech language, a number of international students decide to learn Czech even before applying! We support your journey through a range of **language and preparatory courses**. They can help you to **succeed during the entrance exams** as well as with your **cultural integration – great choice if you are considering a gap year!**

Study in English  
with tuitions



Study in Czech  
for free and learn  
new language

## Students

From the very beginning, Charles University has had a **cosmopolitan character** with a multitude of students from abroad. During the past decade, we've welcomed a growing number of **international students from over 130 countries**. In other words, we've more than doubled their ranks! Today, one in every five international students in Czechia calls Charles University their home, their alma mater.

Number of international students

2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 2026



You decide  
which courses  
fit best with  
your core  
studies

## Flexible curriculum

Our **student-centric approach** empowers you to customise the education based on your **individual passions and interests**. In addition to the core subjects, you can choose from a range of **optional course units**, even outside your faculty, including soft skills or self-development training. Our international **joint degrees**, double-subject curricula, and **study abroad** options provide additional avenues for your **bespoke path to success**.

## Study abroad

Charles University is a great choice when considering your next study abroad options. We are the **fifth most popular destination** and one of ten European universities with the **largest exchange of students and employees through the Erasmus+ programme**. Charles University is part of numerous international programmes and agreements, allowing a continuous flux of incoming and outgoing students. Together with our long and proud tradition of **summer schools**, we offer countless opportunities to expand your horizons. Even for a short time.



Summer  
schools

3

cities

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refectories

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dormitories

10.000

beds

## Accommodation

Dormitories provide a **comfortable yet affordable living alternative** to private accommodation. It is a popular option among international and local students alike – **every fifth student at Charles University lives in the dorms**. Additionally, **all international freshmen have pre-reserved spots**, just waiting for their confirmation. Residence halls are located in all our university cities, and students can **choose an appropriate option according to their needs and budget**. Rooms are available for both short and long-term stays so many exchange students take advantage of that, too.

## Sustainable development



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Our commitment to sustainability goes way beyond purely academic discussions. Aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, we embrace a holistic understanding of this endeavour – from its **environmental aspects, provision of equal opportunities, and quality assurance** within our own operations up to the **university's third role** as a public service institution. Our belief in **transformative power of education and research** brings positive change and opens doors for diverse talents like you!

## Academic support

The student experience at Charles University is designed to **broaden your horizons** and provides valuable skills for your future career. That's why we encourage our students to take part in various extracurricular activities. **Your well-being is our top priority** – fitness classes, academic workshops, and counselling services are here to help you stay focused, organised, and motivated. Courses on **critical thinking or writing and presentation skills** will empower you even beyond the university studies. And for any **students with special needs**, we offer a range of additional supports and resources.

Our **state-of-the-art libraries** are not just a source of academic literature and e-resources, but also offer a peaceful and stimulating environment for your studying and relaxation. Need a space for team assignments? Our **coworking spaces and study rooms** provide the perfect setting for collaborative learning. You can pick any of the almost 4 million items in our collections and push the boundaries of knowledge even further.

Together  
for better  
future  
#sustainably





# Student life

With Charles University's unique integration into the heart of the city, student life goes beyond the boundaries of a secluded campus. Thanks to this setting, you have ample opportunities for **cultural engagement, social activities, and personal growth**. You can also indulge in a wide range of **sports activities**, join the esteemed CU **choir and orchestra**, or participate in **volunteering initiatives** that make a positive impact on the local community.

Membership in **student societies and academic clubs** allows you to make a real change! Public lectures, student conferences, cultural events, or awareness campaigns are just a few examples of what you can do here. In addition, some associations are not exclusively for students – professors and alumni are keen participants, too, which is **great for networking**.



## Academic Calendar

The academic year is divided into **two semesters** (autumn-winter and spring-summer). Each semester consists of teaching periods, examination periods, and breaks, including national holidays.

### PhD applicants

PhD studies are different compared to the pregradual. Some of the programmes might have two possible intakes and application deadlines, according to their designation:

Application deadline	Intake
April 30	Winter-term (October)
September–December	Summer-term (March)



Fall in love  
at CU  
with



# Winter Term

Applicant	Student	Month
<b>Choose a study programme</b>	Arrival Enrolment Orientation SEP 28 Statehood Day	<b>SEP</b>
	Commencement of the academic year (Winter Term) Welcome Day for freshmen Matriculation Course registration OCT 28 Independence Day	<b>OCT</b>
	NOV 17 Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day	<b>NOV</b>
	Exam pre-terms Christmas break DEC 24 Christmas Eve DEC 25 Christmas Day DEC 26 The Second Christmas Day	<b>DEC</b>
<b>Admissions are open</b>	JAN 1 Restoration Day of the Independent Czech State	<b>JAN</b>
	Exam period Course registration	<b>FEB</b>

# Summer Term

Month	Student	Applicant
<b>FEB</b>	Commencement of the Summer Term	<b>Application deadlines</b>
<b>MAR</b>	Good Friday (moveable date) Easter Monday (moveable date)	
<b>APR</b>	Check your visa or residence permit (if required)	<b>Entrance exams (if required)</b>
<b>MAY</b>	MAY 1 Labour Day MAY 8 Victory Day	
<b>JUN</b>	Exam period	<b>Recognition of your previous education</b>
<b>JUL</b>	JUL 5 Saints Cyril and Methodius Day JUL 6 Jan Hus Day	
<b>AUG</b>	Summer break	
<b>SEP</b>	Resit of exams	<b>Application for long-term visa or residence permit (if required)</b>

Please note that the schedule is only indicative; the exact order of the steps depends on the school system and country of your origin.



# Knowledge hub of Central Europe



[studyin.cz](https://studyin.cz)



[studyin  
prague.cz](https://studyin.prague.cz)

Czech universities appear regularly in various university rankings. Seven of the most distinguished and internationally recognised universities in Prague offer a top-tier education, no matter which field of study you choose.

**CZECH  
REPUBLIC**

# Affordable living standard

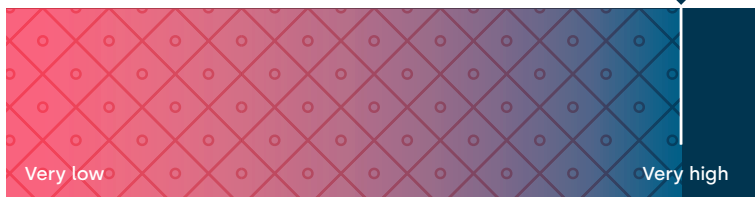


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Enjoy the ultimate student lifestyle while keeping costs low! According to WorldData, Czechia ranks in the top 40 countries for its balance of **affordable living costs vs high purchasing power and average income**.

That's why Czechia consistently appears among the **25 best countries to live in**. Moreover, our very high position on the UN's Human Development Index (HDI) is a testament to the **rich culture and fulfilling life** available to our students.

Czech Republic's HDI ranks: 32



# Work & study



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Students often take part-time jobs compatible with their study obligations to gain the required work experience and make some pocket money on the side. As a student, you have **free access to the Czech labour market** without the need for a separate employment permit (students up to 26 years old). After graduation, you can also stay

for up to nine months to find a job or start your own business.

# Safety & peacefulness

Vision of Humanity recognises Czechia as **one of the most peaceful countries in the world**. Our stable political situation and low crime rates ensure a high level of overall safety so you can **feel secure and at ease** here, giving your parents the necessary peace of mind.

# Travelling

Since Czechia is the **beating heart of Europe**, you can take advantage of the dense railway network and cheap bus tickets to **explore the entire continent**. Want to go even further? The Vaclav Havel Airport Prague is easily accessible by public transport, day and night.



# Prague

Discover the perfect mix of culture, creative opportunities, and sustainable living in Prague, named among the **top 10 European cities**. With its **compact size, excellent public transportation system, and historic charm**, Prague is a dream come true for every student. Immerse yourself in the city's **rich cultural heritage**, as its oldest parts are recognised by UNESCO as World Cultural Heritage. Prague also boasts an impressive ranking as the **second greenest capital in Europe**, making it one of the top-rated destinations on the Time Out Index.

Are you looking for a **calmer study destination?** Maybe the buzz of the capital is too much for you... Charles University has **two off-site campuses in smaller cities**, Pilsen and Hradec Králové – both under two hours travel from Prague. These offer **medical, dental, and pharmaceutical study programmes** at their **modern research facilities**.

**Come #czechitout  
for yourself!**

**City of  
hundred  
spires**







# Pilsen

Home to the legendary Pilsner Urquell, this small city surprises you with its easy-going and welcoming nature. With Germany just a stone's throw away, your weekend adventures suddenly become international trips. Charles University has its lecture rooms, research labs, and medical facilities all in one campus, making it a true academic sanctuary.



# Hradec Králové

Also known as the „Salon of the Republic“ owing to its unique fusion of historic and progressive architecture. Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the city's extensive greenery and nearby natural parks. Plus, three different universities have their campuses in Hradec, which amounts to a substantial student population.





## Services



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At Charles University, we go above and beyond to make sure our international students **feel welcome and supported from day one.**

Our team of dedicated

**Buddies, Housing Assistants, and Student Ambassadors** is always here to help with orientation and day-to-day inquiries, ensuring your **smooth transition into a new and foreign environment.** But that's not all – we also offer integration courses and exciting social events to help you settle down and **make lifelong connections with fellow students.**



**USEFUL  
TIPS**

# VISA

I am from	I need	
<b>EU + EEA/ EFTA country</b>	Short-term stay (less than 90 days)	Long-term stay (more than 90 days)
<b>Any other country</b>	You have no visa duty ☺ Short-term (= Schengen) visa*	Long-term visa or Residence permit

\* Selected countries have a short-term visa waiver.



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A short-term visa is ideal for applicants coming for an entrance examination or our exchange students. Depending on the duration of the stay, some exchange students may need a long-term visa or residence permit instead.

	Long-term visa	Residence permit
<b>Ideal for</b>	Exchange students	Degree students
<b>Validity</b>	Up to 12 months	Typically 12 months
<b>Extension</b>	YES*	YES
<b>Study abroad (EU)</b>	NO	YES
<b>Schengen travelling</b>	NO	YES
<b>Change the purpose of stay</b>	NO	YES

\* Only up to 12 months in total.







## Recognition of previous education

Recognition of your secondary or higher education can be **done directly by the faculty you are applying to**. It is the easiest way to validate your documents (nostrification).

There is no need to include all the documents immediately with your application. Once you get your diploma and transcripts, just send the verified copies (with an apostille and/or super-legalised) to the faculty by post.

## Healthcare



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The public healthcare system in Czechia is of high quality, is very accessible, and has practically no additional costs other than the **compulsory EU-wide insurance fee**. With this insurance, you can get outpatient care and regular check-ups with both general practitioners and medical specialists. Help in emergency situations is available to everybody at all times. There is usually no need to visit a private practice unless you require some non-standard medical care.

**Students from EU + EEA/EFTA** need only their EHIC card and a registration document from PVZP, the largest health insurance company in Czechia, to gain full access to public healthcare.

**Foreigners with visa requirements** are obliged to take out health insurance covering comprehensive healthcare with PVZP, the largest health insurance company in Czechia, for any long-term stays exceeding 90 days. This student insurance is valid in all member states of the Schengen area.



# Useful links

Service	Description
<b>Mapy.cz</b>	The best mapping app for Czechia. Offline downloads available for your field trips into the wild.
<b>PID Lítačka</b>	Timetables and coupons for Prague public transportation.
<b>IDOS</b>	Timetables and tickets for all the transportation systems in the country and beyond.
<b>Praguer</b>	All you need to know when living in Prague – in one app.
<b>Záchranka</b>	Emergency app allowing you to contact the Medical Rescue Service or the Mountain Service directly.
<b>Expats.cz</b>	News, useful information, and job listing for foreigners in Czechia.

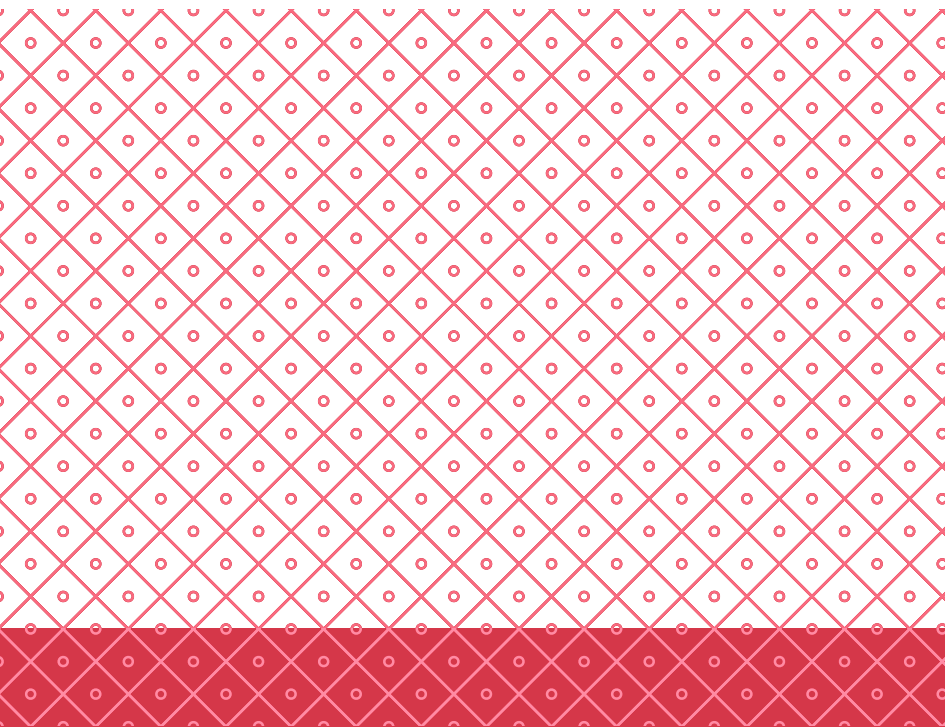
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