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# About Charles University

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Charles University (CU) in Prague, **founded in 1348** by the King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, is the oldest university in Central Europe. At the time of its foundation, the university consisted of four faculties; it currently has **17 faculties**, 3 university institutes, and 6 other centres. CU is an accredited public university and an autonomous research and educational establishment. CU is headed by the Rector and the Academic Senate is the university's supreme self-regulating academic body. According to Shanghai University's Academic Ranking of World Universities, CU is one of the **world's top 300 universities** (i.e. among the **2 percent top universities in the world**) and one of the **100 best universities in Europe**. Among the prominent persons associated with the university during its illustrious history are, for example: Albert Einstein, Franz Kafka, T. G. Masaryk, Jaroslav Heyrovský and many others.



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- University [website](#)
- I-forum: [CU online magazine](#) about student and academic life
- Charles University Point: [Gift Shop](#)



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