Student Life

- **International Student Club**
The International Office, together with Czech students (tutors), organises cultural and social activities (tours of Prague, exhibitions, concerts, etc.) for international students.

- **Film Club**
The Film Club holds a film screening every two weeks throughout the semester. The current programme can be found on the club’s website (http://fkfhs.blogspot.cz/).

Student Facilities

- **Accommodation**
  Accommodation is provided in Charles University’s halls of residence (dormitories). Students are normally housed in double-occupancy rooms.

- **Student Cafeterias**
  Charles University operates a number of student cafeterias (‘menza’) at different locations. The FHS cafeteria is located on the ground floor of the main building in Jinonice.

- **Library**
The Charles University library system is decentralized and consists of a number of libraries at different locations. The FHS library can be found on the ground floor of the main building in Jinonice.

- **Computers and Internet Access**
  PC workstations are available in the computer labs in various university buildings. Wireless Internet can be accessed inside the university buildings (a Charles University Student Card is required).

- **Sport facilities**
  Sport facilities are located in the Hostivař campus (Bruslařská 1132, Prague 15).

Tutoring System

To help exchange students get a good start, the FHS International Office sponsors a tutoring system operated by student volunteers. The main task of a student tutor is to provide the incoming student with practical information about the faculty and to introduce them to life in Prague.

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Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague

Charles University

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.

History

The Faculty of Humanities (FHS) is Charles University’s youngest faculty. Originally founded in the early 1990s as the Institute for Liberal Education, it was elevated to the rank of a faculty in 2000, the vision being that it would offer study programmes at the Bachelor, Master’s and PhD levels in various humanities and social science disciplines not yet established at CU. The FHS quickly gained a reputation as a progressive school with innovative study programmes and teaching methods.

Mission

The mission of the Faculty of Humanities is through high-quality education to endow students with the ability to lead a fulfilling life in this increasingly complex and changing world.

Goals

- to provide education in the humanities and social sciences that meets the highest international standards;
- to achieve excellence in research and integrate it with education;
- to cultivate the ability of students to learn throughout life and encourage self-responsibility and a commitment to society;
- to promote the mobility of the FHS’s increasingly international student body and academic staff.

Research

The Faculty of Humanities is dedicated to excellence in various areas of academic research. The faculty participates in international and national research projects and promotes young researchers’ academic development.
Accredited Study Programmes and Departments

**Undergraduate Study Programme – Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities:**
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of History
- Department of Social Sciences
- Department of Arts
- Department of Languages
- Department of Qualified Skills

**Master’s Study Programmes:**
- Civil Society Studies
- Electronic Culture and Semiotics
- European Cultural and Intellectual History
- Gender Studies
- General Anthropology – Integral Study of Man
- German and French Philosophy in the European Context
- Historical Sociology
- Management and Supervision in Social and Health Care Organisations
- Oral History – Contemporary History
- Social and Cultural Ecology

**Postgraduate Study Programmes:**
- Applied Ethics
- Civil Sector Studies
- Environmental Studies
- General Anthropology
- Historical Sociology
- Deutsche und Französische Philosophie
- Philosophie allemande et française
- Sémiotique et philosophie de la communication

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International Students

‘Study abroad in the Czech Republic opened my eyes to the culture and art history of Central - Eastern Europe.’

(A. T. – exchange student from the USA)

International students have three options for studying at FHS: as degree-seeking students, as exchange students from one of our partner universities, or as students from a non-partner university (so-called free-movers).

**Degree-seeking students – study programmes in foreign languages**

**BA DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES**

- Liberal Arts and Humanities (EN)

**MA DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES**

- German and French Philosophy in the European Context (GE, FR)
- Historical Sociology (EN)

**Exchange study**

- Oral History – Contemporary History (EN)

**Erasmus**

The number of exchange students attending FHS increases steadily every year. The most popular exchange programme is the EU-sponsored Erasmus. Visiting students attend courses in English together with Czech students; courses offered by other CU faculties are also open to them, subject to availability. FHS offers an interesting selection of courses in the humanities and social sciences every semester.

**European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**

To ensure compatibility of credits and grades earned with other European higher education systems, FHS uses the European credit transfer system. ECTS credits are based on the course workload (1 ECTS credit = 25 hours of work). Students are expected to obtain 60 ECTS credits per academic year of full-time study.

**Course Catalogue**

The Course Catalogue is available online in the Student Information System (SIS); it contains detailed information on all courses (annotations and syllabuses) and schedules. See:is.cuni.cz/studium/index.php

**Czech Language Course**

The Czech Language Course is designed for international students with no previous knowledge of Czech. There is no entrance exam or fee, but students are required to buy a course book.

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Undergraduate Programme in Central European Studies

FHS participates in the Undergraduate Programme in Central European Studies (UPCES) offered in cooperation with CERGE-EI. This programme is open to students from top-tier American universities and FHS students (including FHS exchange students). FHS students can choose any course and join the excursions or cultural events held as a part of the programme. The courses focus on the history, politics, society, culture, literature and philosophy of Central Europe.

**Erasmus Mundus EuroPhilosophie (Master’s Programme)**

The Erasmus Mundus Master’s Programme German and French Philosophy in the European Context (EuroPhilosophie) offers highly qualified students from around the world an advanced study course in the field of German and French philosophy. Over two years, students spend one to two semesters at three of the seven European universities participating in this programme (Bochum, Louvain-la-Neuve, Luxembourg, Munich, Prague, Toulouse and Wuppertal). Programme graduates are awarded a joint Master’s degree from three participating universities.

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FHS buildings

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**Academic Year**

- Winter semester
  - Teaching period: end of September to early January
  - Exam period: mid-January to late February

- Summer semester
  - Teaching period: end of February to mid-May
  - Exam period: mid-May to June

**Orientation session** for incoming students is held at the start of each semester.

**Application Deadlines**

- Degree students
  - 28 February (MA + BA programmes)
  - 30 April (PhD programmes)

- Exchange students
  - 30 June (WS, academic year)
  - 31 October (SS)

**Application Procedure**

Degree students

Consult the relevant programme website (fhs.cuni.cz/FHSENG-314.html).

Exchange students – required documents

Nomination by home university / letter of recommendation (free-movers)

Learning agreement

Academic transcripts

Certificate of language skills

**Student Card**

The CU Student Card and sticker entitle holders to use the libraries, cafeterias, or computer labs of the university and get them a 50% discount on public transportation.