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Our 6-year study programme General Medicine leads you to the Master's degree MUDr. (Medicinae Universae Doctor = Doctor of General Medicine). Our Dentistry study programme lasts for 5 years and culminates in the Master's degree MDDr. (Medicinae Dentium Doctor = Doctor of Dental Medicine).

Both programmes are not divided into Bachelor's and Master's studies; the entire curriculum lasts 5 or 6 years respectively. After completing the Master's degree, graduates may find a job straight away, continue onto a Ph.D. programme, and/or enrol in a specialisation training (most often).

Other options

Prospective students might also consider studying a long-cycle Master’s study programme Pharmacy (5 years) at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové or Natural Sciences in our Bachelor's programme Science at the Faculty of Science.

If you already hold a Bachelor's degree in Medicine, Science or other related fields, you might consider a follow-up Master's study programme Pharmaceutical Sciences available at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové.

Study programmes General Nursing, Paediatric Nursing, and Intensive Care are offered in Czech Language. The language barrier can be overcome by joining our preparatory language courses or foundation programmes (see below).

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If you find questions in the sample tests below challenging, we have a solution for you. Foundation programmes at Charles University are great opportunity for you to maximize the chance of passing the entrance examination.

- improve your knowledge of general biology, medical biology, chemistry, physics, and medical ethics
- acquire basic knowledge of Latin, field-specific English, and Czech
- get support when adjusting to a new culture
- find guidance through the admission procedure
- ease your further university studies

Find out more about foundation programmes

Foundation programmes are available in both English and Czech languages.

Overview of our medical faculties

Charles University has five faculties of medicine, three of which are in Prague, one is located in Plzen and one in Hradec Králové. Names of the Prague faculties include numbers signifying the order in which they were established. All of them are independent institutions of equal standing, each having its own medical facilities. They all offer degree programmes in English and the awarded degrees are comparable. Nevertheless, there are differences mainly as to their approach to teaching methods. The curriculum of English-taught courses is fully compatible with the current international standards and is accredited by the European Union.

All medical faculties offer entrance examination in both Czechia and abroad.

See the list of representatives below.

First Faculty of Medicine in Prague

The First Faculty of Medicine is located right in the beating heart of Prague's city centre. Besides General Medicine and Dentistry, it also offers Addictology as a separate follow-up masters's programme. With its five clinical facilities, it is the biggest medical faculty in terms of the size of its student collective.

Undergraduate programmes: General Medicine (6 years), Dentistry (5 years)

Annual tuition fee: EUR 24,330 (both General Medicine and Dentistry)
Application deadline: April 30
Contact: admissions@ff1.cuni.cz; phone +420 224 964 378
• Admissions website
• Sample test
• List of representatives abroad

Second Faculty of Medicine in Prague
The Second Faculty of Medicine takes pride in its favourable teacher-student ratio. Such individual approach only enhances the quality of the teaching methods. The additional focus on paediatrics allows students access to the biggest clinical facility in the country and one of the biggest in all Europe, the University Hospital in Motol.

Undergraduate programme: General Medicine (6 years)
Annual tuition fee: EUR 18,660
Application deadline: April 30
Contact: admissions@ffmotol.cuni.cz; phone: +420 224 435 833
• Admissions website
• Sample test
• List of representatives abroad
• Dates of entrance exams

Third Faculty of Medicine in Prague
The Third Medical Faculty stands out for its unique way of teaching. So-called "modules" link related subjects together into a problem-based curriculum. Modules are taught simultaneously, allowing students to have a more comprehensive understanding of the subject while stimulating the individual approach to study. The acquisition of practical skills is emphasised as students meet patients already from the first year onwards.

Undergraduate programme: General Medicine (6 years)
Annual tuition fee: EUR 17,040
Application deadline: March 31 / April 30
Contact: entranceexams@lf3.cuni.cz; phone +420 267 102 189
• Admissions website
• Sample test
• List of representatives and entrance exams abroad

Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen
The Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen is located in a modern campus in close proximity to the clinical facility. The campus includes a state-of-the-art Biomedical Centre dedicated to research on the replacement, support, and regeneration of vital organs. In the Simulation Centre, students practice emergency and intensive care using latest technologies.

Undergraduate programmes: General Medicine (6 years), Dentistry (5 years)
Annual tuition fee: EUR 15,820 (General Medicine and Dentistry)
Application deadline: April 30
Contact: admission@lfp.cuni.cz; phone +420 377 593 175
• Admissions website
• Syllabus of entrance exam
• List of representatives abroad

Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové
The Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové is one of our smaller faculties with family atmosphere and vibrant student life. Together with several other institutions of higher education, it lends this beautiful college town a youthful touch. The faculty also developed a wide range of academic supports while stimulating the modernization of its facilities.

Undergraduate programmes: General Medicine (6 years), Dentistry (5 years)
Annual tuition fee: EUR 16,220 (General Medicine); EUR 16,630 (Dentistry)
Application deadline: April 30
Contact: students@lfhk.cuni.cz; phone +420 495 816 487 (or -178, -438 at the end)
• Admissions website
• Sample test
• List of representatives and entrance exams abroad

Why we have five medical faculties?
Our faculties of medicine follow the long tradition of medical education at Charles University that constituted one of its four original pillars of knowledge since the foundation in 1348. In the 1882/83 academic year, the Faculty of Medicine was divided into Czech and German institutions, alongside the entire university. Following the events on November 17, 1939, Nazis closed the Czech University altogether and reopened only in May 1945. The following year, the German University was shut down, while the (Czech) Faculty of Medicine acquired the property of the former German Faculty of Medicine.
In 1945, the Faculty of Medicine also established two of its branches outside the capital, which later became independent institutions:

- Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové (LFHK) in East Bohemia
- Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen (LFP) in West Bohemia

In 1953, the Ministry of Higher Education split the Faculty of Medicine in Prague into three independent faculties with slightly different focuses:

- Faculty of General Medicine with focus on Stomatology, today's First Faculty of Medicine (LF1)
- Faculty of Pediatric Medicine, today's Second Faculty of Medicine (LF2)
- Medical Faculty of Hygiene, today's Third Faculty of Medicine (LF3)

You may apply to all our medical faculties, but you have to complete a separate application to every faculty. Each faculty has specific entry requirements and entrance exams. For more details about the differences, please visit this blog post where all the medical faculties of CU are discussed, including their examination criteria.