Introduction

Charles University offers various means of support to Ukrainian and international students from all UA universities. Early on, CU opened up for UA students incoming as freemovers. Then, individual faculties adjusted their admission requirements and prolonged the deadlines for the academic year 22/23, opening selected programmes for the UA citizens only. Visit our database of degree programmes to find out more and apply at once. If you need to find your way around the wide range of available programmes, use our Na Karlovku portal (in Czech) or its English version, Study Charles, where you can search e.g. by areas of interest. On these websites, you will also find presentations of our 17 faculties and information about student life at the University. Do not forget to check out the general information on how to apply.

1. Ukrainian university students with UA citizenship

You can choose any of the degree programmes available at CU and inquire about the possibility of becoming a freemover by contacting the respective faculty coordinator and, if possible, scheduling an appointment. As a freemover, you are still officially enrolled at your home university and your short-term stay with us is thus understood as a mobility (with the end date currently set to February 2023 – the end of our winter semester). As a freemover, you are expected to participate in Czech language courses and apply for regular degree studies at CU (either in Czech or in English) for the academic year 22/23 or 23/24.

2. Ukrainian applicants for full-time degree studies

We encourage you to explore the above-mentioned database of available study programmes at CU and if the application deadline for your chosen programme is still open, you may take part in the admission procedure. Please, remember to apply directly through the database. Note that none of the 22/23 programmes opened and adjusted specially for the UA citizens will be available after September 10th. Furthermore, some degree programmes may require you to take a General Academic Prerequisites (GAP) examination or a field-specific test. For more information, you can visit the SCIO website.

Studies in English are mostly paid. The fees, as well as requirements, depend on the particular study programme. On the other hand, studies in Czech are free of charge, but you need to meet the same requirements as Czech students and, moreover, some faculties will require a Czech language certificate. For more information on the language courses, see below.

3. International students from UA universities

We encourage you to explore the above-mentioned database of available study programmes at CU and if the application deadline for your chosen programme is still open, you may take part in the admission procedure. Please, remember to apply directly through the database. Note that the regular application deadline for the academic year 22/23 has already passed (we expect the deadlines to be similar also next year). However, some of the programmes are still open for application. Some degree programmes may require you to take a General Academic Prerequisites (GAP) examination or a field-specific test. For more information, you can visit the SCIO website.

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Medicine and Dentistry

Charles University has five independent faculties (schools) of medicine. Each of the faculties is in different buildings and is equipped with its own medical facilities. All of the faculties offer degree programmes in English — a 6-year undergraduate programme in General Medicine leading to the Master's degree MUDr. Three of those faculties also offer a 5-year programme in Dentistry leading to the Master's degree MDDr. Applicants may also choose Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Kralove.
None of these study programmes is divided into Bachelor’s and Master's (post-bachelor) degrees; the entire curriculum lasts 5 or 6 years, respectively. Each faculty has its own specific entry requirements and entrance exams. You may apply to all medical faculties, but you would have to apply to each faculty separately.

Transfer
The rules governing admissions do not specify the term "transfer". You need to apply as a regular applicant first, meet the admission requirements and enter the first year. Only after then you could ask for the recognition of credits you have already received for identical courses. However, their recognition cannot be guaranteed beforehand. Therefore, we recommend you to contact the respective faculty and consult your options directly with them.

Recognition of foreign education ("nostrification")
For admission, you will need to submit documents (verified copy of your diploma) to assess your previous higher or secondary education. In case you are missing some of the documents, an affidavit will suffice. Read more about the nostrification and other useful information. Also, please note that CU is entitled to make decisions regarding degree programmes of corresponding/similar content that are offered at CU. In case of any further questions, please contact (and make an appointment) directly at:

Rectorate, Charles University
Ovocný trh 5, 116 36 Prague 1
Contact: nostrifikace@ruk.cuni.cz

Czech language and preparatory courses
Our Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies (ILPS or UJOP in Czech) currently offers multiple types of Czech language courses (basic crash courses and intensive or non-intensive (i.e., morning or evening) courses) either for free thanks to the generous donations by The Kellner Family Foundation and J&T Foundation or under regular prices. Some of these courses are specially tailored for Ukrainians. We encourage you to visit our institute’s website for further details, including deadlines, online application forms, and price list.

You may also explore other available language learning opportunities of your choice, such as those listed on the official website of Prague or see other options provided by the Prague Integration Centre etc. (for contacts, see below). There is also a public database of Czech language lectures.

Financial assistance
Foreigners with the temporary protection status due to the armed conflict in Ukraine are exempted from the duty to pay the application fee.

All Ukrainian students admitted to CU in 2022 due to the current armed conflict, either as freemovers or enrolled in regular study programmes, will receive a monthly scholarship to cover their basic needs (accommodation, food, language courses etc.) until February 2023 – the end of our winter semester. This offer expires if the applicant fails the entrance exam or will not join the regular study programme, once accepted. CU also offers to its students, among other means of help, psychological counselling in English free of charge.

Regarding other scholarships, financial support for students is organised by individual faculties, some of which also offer merit-based scholarships for outstanding students (after the first year of studies) and other options. The exact amount is set by the internal regulations of the respective faculty. Learn more about the scholarships and bursary rules at CU. For information on governmental scholarships, please visit the website of the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. Further, you are welcome to visit also the following websites:

- Study in the Czech Republic and their overview of scholarships for UA students
- Study in Prague
- Research Grants at CU

Contacts

You can use the helpline mainly for general questions, to help you find a required contact or to guide you in dealing with various situations (e.g., admission requirements, accommodation, language courses).

For more specific inquiries, please get in touch with the faculty coordinator directly. Further advisory services regarding study options at CU are offered by CU Point (in Czech or English).

CU Point, Charles University
Celetná 13, Prague 1
Contact: +420 224 491 850; info@cuni.cz

Opening hours

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We also recommend contacting the following centres and institutions for more information on available means of help:

- Prague Integration Centre
- Czech Ministry of Internal Affairs: Information for UA citizens
- Czech Ministry of Internal Affairs: NGOs providing free help to foreigners
- Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies, Charles University
- Study in Prague: Ukraine
- Study in the Czech Republic

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