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**MANAGEMENT OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY**

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Charles University in Numbers

Charles University is a prestigious university established in 1348. It is the oldest and largest university in the Czech Republic and the highest-ranked on a worldwide scale.

Centres of Charles University

- 17 faculties – 14 in Prague, 1 in Pilsen (CU Faculty of Medicine) and 2 in Hradec Králové (CU Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy)
- 4 university institutes
- 5 others centres for educational, scientific, research, development and other creative activity and the provision of information services
- 5 university-wide purpose-built facilities

Employees

- CU has 8,075 employees.
- 51,500 students currently study at CU.
- More than 8,500 graduates at CU each year.

Budget

- CU has a total annual budget in excess of 9 billion CZK. 31% of this consists of a state contribution for educational activity, 38% from funds gained in grant award processes or other areas of science and research and 31% from the university’s own income.

CU according to worldwide university rankings

Charles University enjoys an elevated status among the top 1.5% of universities out of the total number of c. 18,000 educational institutions in the world. Charles University is the only university in the Czech Republic, and one of only a few institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, to regularly figure among the elite world universities according to the prestigious international ranking tables (Academic Ranking of World Universities, QS World University Rankings, Times Higher Education World University Rankings).
III. FACULTIES OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY

Catholic Theological Faculty (KTF UK)  www.ktf.cuni.cz
Protestant Theological Faculty (ETF UK)  www.etf.cuni.cz
Hussite Theological Faculty (HTF UK)  www.htf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Law (PrF UK)  www.prf.cuni.cz
First Faculty of Medicine (1. LF UK)  www.lf1.cuni.cz
Second Faculty of Medicine (2. LF UK)  www.lf2.cuni.cz
Third Faculty of Medicine (3. LF UK)  www.lf3.cuni.cz
Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen (LFP UK)  www.lfp.cuni.cz
Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové (LFHK UK)  www.lfhk.cuni.cz
Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové (FAF UK)  www.faf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Arts (FF UK)  www.ff.cuni.cz
Faculty of Science (PřF UK)  www.natur.cuni.cz
Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (MFF UK)  www.mff.cuni.cz
Faculty of Education (PedF UK)  www.pedf.cuni.cz
Faculty of Social Sciences (FSV UK)  www.fsv.cuni.cz
Faculty of Physical Education and Sport (FTVS UK)  www.ftvs.cuni.cz
Faculty of Humanities (FHS UK)  www.fhs.cuni.cz
IV.

STUDY AT CU

A wide range of study programmes and subjects, high graduate employment levels and prestigious diploma - these are the reasons for the high level of interest by applicants from both the Czech Republic and abroad in study at Charles University.

Study at CU – in facts and numbers

• Every year Charles University records more than 64,000 applications for study.
• 51,500 students (around one sixth of the total number of university students in the Czech Republic) currently study at CU.
• The highest number of students – 24,700 – is registered in Master’s study programmes.
• Around 18,900 students are registered in Bachelor’s study programmes.
• Around 7,900 graduates of master’s programmes are continuing in postgraduate programmes.
• More than 8,500 students successfully graduate from Bachelor’s, Master’s and postgraduate programmes.
• The unemployment rate among CU graduates is significantly lower (2.6 %) compared to that of university graduates in the Czech Republic as a whole (4.8 %).
• CU runs more than 330 accredited study programmes with more than 750 subjects (in all forms of study).
• CU offers around 300 lifelong learning courses (paid preparatory courses, language courses, vocational courses, courses for advanced pedagogical training, University of the Third Age – a set of educational courses for senior citizens – and many more), which are attended by almost 13,000 students every year.
**Study programmes and subjects**

- CU has for many years placed emphasis on the quality of its teaching and the interconnection of theoretical teaching and practical research.
- CU offers a spectrum of study programmes and subjects, many of which are unique in the Czech Republic (e.g. addiction studies, Egyptology, meteorology and climatology, Protestant Hussite theology, cuneiform, the physics of nanostructures, mathematical linguistics, and many more).
- Teaching in Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes uses a credit-based system created in accordance with guidelines outlined in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Amongst other things, this system allows students to select lectures or seminars from other subjects or subjects taught at other faculties or, if applicable, other universities, as optional subjects, increasing the accessibility, variability and interdisciplinarity of study and facilitating the mobility of students between CU faculties and partner educational institutions.

**Student grants**

CU supports its students through several types of grant:
- grant for excellent results of study
- specific-purpose grant
- postgraduate grant
- accommodation grant
- social grant

**Awards**

Amongst its students, CU recognises outstanding study, scientific or other performance on the part of its students through university and faculty awards or, where applicable, the nomination of students for extra-university awards. Its prestigious awards include:

- **Rector’s Prize** – granted for the achievement of exceptional results in science, research, sporting or cultural activity

- **Special Rector’s Prize for CU students** – granted for exceptional civilian bravery or dedication

- **Bolzano Prize** – awarded to students in bachelor’s, master’s and postgraduate study programmes for exceptional, unique work with outstanding creative content and interdisciplinary thematic scope and written by the applicant in the course of their studies

Other awards open to CU students include a large number of faculty awards: the Miloslav Petrusek Prize for the successful presentation of Charles University, the Minister of Education, Youth and Sport’s Prize and the Josef Hlávka Prize for Best Student and Graduate.
CU Alumni Society

Like all major world universities, Charles University maintains contact with its graduates as an important part of the academic community. The chief mission of the CU Alumni Society is to provide information, educational, cultural and social services for all graduate members, in order to build and maintain their identification with the university and involve them in its affairs. Members of the Society thus have the opportunity to not only take part in cultural and social gatherings organised by the university, but also to utilise a wide range of educational opportunities and benefits, including graduate discounts.

For more information and to register, see www.absolventi.cuni.cz.
V.

CU DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The faculties of Charles University are not all concentrated in a single, large campus. Apart from Prague, where the majority of its faculties are located, some faculties are situated in the cities of Pilsen and Hradec Králové. Individual buildings are organically integrated into urban agglomerations, and frequently found in the historical centre.

Facts and numbers on CU development plans

• CU has at its disposal a total of 142 buildings intended for teaching, science, research, administration, accommodation, catering, sport and exercise.
• Apart from CU’s participation in the joint BIOCEV project with the Czech Academy of Sciences, located in the village of Vestec, the university does not intend to abandon its historical localities, but to focus on the renovation and extension of existing complexes and the building of so-called minicampuses.

Examples of major projects

• construction of new buildings for the Globcentrum and Biocentrum minicampus in Albertov, Prague
• construction of the theoretical, preclinical and research institutes of the CU Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen (UniMeC, Biomedical Centre)
• construction of shared premises for the CU Faculty of Medicine and the CU Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové: Charles University Teaching and Research Centre in Hradec Králové (MEPHARED) and the Scientific Centre for Applied Biomedical Research in Hradec Králové (CeBioMed)
CU Centre for the Transfer of Knowledge and Technology (CPPT)

The CPPT is an autonomous component of the university that promotes the commercialisation of products and services that have been created in the faculties and components of CU, not only with regard to the commercial sector, but also within the university and, excitingly for the wider public. The CPPT administers a database of intellectual property consisting of dozens of national and international patents and specimens and collaborates with research-oriented multinational companies, progressive local companies and innovation-centric investors.

The spectrum of its activities is supplemented by the creation and coordination of project applications with innovative topics and university-wide scope and the preparation of training modules available not only to under- and postgraduate CU students, but also to employees and the wider public as part of the lifelong learning process.

The CPPT contributes to the initiation of projects supporting the commercialisation of specific scientific outcomes, known as pre-seed activities, financed from European structural funds to a total amount of 55,674,028 CZK for the period 2012–2015. The year 2014 saw the achievement of a further major success in the form of the approval of the TA ČR’s GAMA project supporting commercialisation at Charles University to the amount of 20,935,000 CZK for the period 2014–2019.
VI.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Charles University collaborates with a number of prestigious universities across the whole world. The priority of the University is to give students the opportunity to participate in study or research trips abroad.

Facts and numbers on CU international cooperation

- Every student of CU can travel to spend 1-2 semesters studying at a university abroad – either through the LLP/Erasmus programme, or on the basis of inter-university, faculty or cultural agreements.
- CU currently has 1,500 bilateral agreements as part of the LLP/Erasmus programme and 193 inter-university agreements with universities abroad.
- Charles University partner institutions chiefly include prestigious higher education institutions from 53 countries, from Canada to New Zealand.
- Every year around 4,000 students and 5,000 scientific and pedagogical staff travel abroad.
- More than half of CU study programmes are accredited in English or other languages (German, French).
- According to official European Union statistics, Charles University is in the top 10 of European universities in regards to the volume of student and employee exchanges through the Erasmus programme.
- With more than 7,000 students (around 2,000 of whom take courses in foreign languages), CU has the highest proportion of international students among Czech universities, who come primarily from Great Britain, Scandinavia, the Iberian peninsula, North America and Asia.

CU Mobility Fund

CU set up a mobility fund in 2001 with the aim of providing financial support for:
- study at a university abroad for a period of one to two semesters
- visits of university or scientific staff from abroad at CU
• international students studying at CU
• participation of students in international study or professional events abroad
• short-term scientific and research stays abroad

Fund to support stays of foreign researchers (post-doc) at Charles University

The objective of the fund is to provide financial support for graduates of Ph.D. programmes abroad for the purpose of their participation in projects run by a CU faculty/component for a maximum period of two years.

Václav Havel EUROPÆEUM MA Programme

This programme is intended for students of the Master’s cycle of the Institute of International Studies FSV UK and is organised by Charles University in cooperation with the universities in Oxford, Paris and Leiden. The two-year study course, divided into four semesters, encompasses European politics and contemporary history European social and geographical studies and European international relations.

Václav Havel Grant

The Václav Havel Grant is intended for international students whose studies are hindered or made impossible due to oppression by totalitarian, authoritarian or illiberal regimes anywhere in the world. The grant is provided over the entire duration of their studies at CU or for the period necessary for their completion. The grant is open to students from countries in which, according to the evaluation of humanitarian organisations, the systematic breach of human rights and freedoms is taking place, leading to discriminatory measures in relation to the gaining of education.
II. UNIVERZITA KARLOVA V ZÁKLADNÍCH ČÍSLECH
Science and research constitute a major component of activities carried out by Charles University. CU is host to a number of top research teams, who work in cooperation with prestigious centres abroad. Students also have the opportunity to become involved in the scientific and research activities of individual faculties.

### Facts and numbers on science and research at CU

- The scientific output of CU now accounts for more than a quarter of the output of the Czech Republic as a whole.
- In 2013 scientists from Charles University worked on almost 1,000 projects worth 9.3 billion CZK, provided by a variety of sources.
- Internal funding of scientific programmes amounts to around one billion crowns per year.
- According to official rankings of scientific output (e.g. by the Czech Council for Research, Development and Innovation), CU and the Czech Academy of Sciences are the most productive scientific institution in the Czech Republic.

### Specific university research

- Scientific and research work by students, primarily in postgraduate study programmes, is supported by, amongst others, the internal CU Grants Agency (GA UK) and competitions for student science projects and conferences.
- In 2013 CU's internal Grants Agency celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its foundation. To mark the occasion, the University held a postgraduate conference involving projects nominated as being of exceptional quality. Following the considerable success of the conference, it will now take place every two years.
- In 2011 financial support given to projects amounted to 264.4 million CZK, in 2012 290.5 million CZK, and in 2013 as much as 307.2 million CZK.
• Student interest in scientific projects is constantly increasing – in 2013 a total of 459 new projects were approved, in 2014 513 new projects from 1,241 proposals submitted; GA UK further continues to finance 187 projects from the year 2012 and 305 projects from the year 2013.

Support of science from CU’s own resources – PRVOUK

• Since 2012, programmes for the development of scientific subjects at Charles University (PRVOUK) have been providing institutional support for the development of science. These programmes are financed from funds provided to the university by the state as institutional support for the long-term, conceptual development of research.
• There is a total of 48 programmes, which jointly cover all areas of science supported at CU, from the humanities and social sciences to medicine and the natural sciences.

UNCE

• In 2011 CU announced the first edition of the University Centres of Excellence (UNCE) for the support of young, promising academic staff through top basic research teams.
• In 2012 a total of 278 young scientists in 27 excellent scientific teams, selected according to strict criteria, were given financial assistance. In the following year as many as 391 academic staff received financial assistance for the realisation of their scientific activities.

GA ČR and TA ČR

• Every year sees the involvement of individual faculties and components of CU in grant programmes run by the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic and the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (GA ČR and TA ČR), in addition to grant programmes ran by individual ministries of the Czech government.
• A total of 463 projects organised or jointly organised by CU are currently financed through funds received from the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic.
• A total of 40 projects organised or jointly organised by CU currently participate in TA ČR programmes.

New research centres financed through European Union structural funds

BIOCEV

• BIOCEV is a joint project of CU and the Czech Academy of Sciences, the University’s chief partner
in science and research. The goal of the project is to build a shared centre of excellence in biotechnological and biomedical research. The centre will be provided with state-of-the-art technology, facilitating high-quality basic research, combined with the transmission of results and technologies into the practical sphere, as well as high-quality education.

• Subjects of research will include the specific genes responsible for diseases of the heart and liver and deafness, as well as research into viral infections and the development of new biomaterials for replacement blood vessels and heart valves, the development of new treatment and diagnostic approaches in medicine etc.

ELI-CZ Consortium

The ELI-CZ Consortium brings together CU and other Czech universities and scientific institutes with an interest in the European ELI (Extreme Light Infrastructure) project. In the context of CU, the ELI-CZ Consortium includes new educational programmes (at bachelor’s, master’s and postgraduate level) in close concurrence with ELI scientific parameters. This chiefly involves the use of a laser system, unique in the world, in ‘femtotechnology’ in biology, chemistry and fixed-substances physics in cooperation with a collective of MFF UK staff.

International cooperation in science and research

• The faculties of CU are host to many leading research teams engaged in cooperation with centres abroad, whose results are published in international journals and monographs, winning many prestigious awards.

• CU staff participate in international projects, including the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) and programmes overseen by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport to support the international KONTAKT, COST and INGO research projects, as well as the MOBILITY, ‘Public Health’ and ‘Lifelong Learning: Erasmus, Jean Monet’ programmes. Sixty-six projects within the 7th Framework Programme Programme with CU participation are currently financed through EU funds.

Science Day at Prague universities – Scientia Pragensis

The goal of the annual Science Day, which takes place in the autumn, is to inform the broader public and, primarily, secondary-school pupils, about science and scientific activity at Prague universities, including specific demonstrations of the application of research. Participating in Science Day are Charles University, the Czech Technical University, the Czech Agricultural University, the Institute of Chemical Technology and the University of Economics.

www.sciprag.cz
Selected major awards received by university-based experts

J. E. Purkyně Prize
2013
• Prof. MUDr. Radana Königová, CSc., 3. LF UK, for services to the development of burns treatment

L’Oréal Grant for Women in Science
2013
• MUDr. Eva Froňková, Ph.D., 2. LF UK, for research into immunodeficiency
• PharmDr. Martina Čečková, Ph.D., FaF UK, for research into pharmaceutical transporters in cell membranes

2012
• RNDr. Karolína Pecková, Ph.D., PřF UK, for her project into the use of electrochemical methods
• Ing. Markéta Tesařová, Ph.D., 1. LF UK, for her project on the description of a new protein

The Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk Order for outstanding services to the development of democracy, humanity and human rights
2013
• Prof. Erazim Kohák, Ph.D., FF UK

Czech Head Prize, awarded by the Government of the Czech Republic
2013
• Prof. PhDr. František Šmahel, DrSc., dr. h. c. mult., FF UK, for the study of Czech history in the Middle Ages
2012
• Prof. MUDr. Pavel Klener, DrSc., 1. LF UK, for services to the development of chemotherapy for malignant tumours

2011
• Prof. MUDr. Petr Widimský, DrSc., 3. LF UK, for research into the treatment of acute myocardial infarctions

Minister of Education, Youth and Sport’s Prize
2013
• doc. RNDr. Rupert Leitner, DrSc., MFF UK, for exceptional results in the Daya Bay project
• Prof. RNDr. Petr Pyšek, CSc., PřF UK, for the development of invasive biology

Emil Votoček Medal
2013
• Prof. Ing. František Liška, CSc., PedF UK, for contributions to the development of science and education

Vojtěch Náprstek Honorary Medal
2013
• Prof. PhDr. Martin Hilský, CSc., dr. h. c., MBE, FF UK, for services to the popularisation of science
NEURON Prize for Contributions to World Science
2013
• Prof. RNDr. Bedřich Velický, CSc., MFF UK, for the study of unorganised systems and unbalanced events in solids
2012
• Prof. Jan Švejnar, Ph.D., M. A., FSV UK, for research into the economies of developed nations and strategies for economic transformations

NEURON Young Scientists’ Prize
2014
• Prof. Jana Roithová, Ph.D., PřF UK, is engaged in the use of matter spectrometry in combination with infrared spectroscopy in research into chemical reactions and primarily the properties of individual reaction particles. In practice this should improvements concerning the production process of various chemical products.
• PhDr. and JUDr. Jakub Rákosník, Ph.D., FF UK, focuses chiefly on issues surrounding the great economic crisis of the end of the 1920s and beginning of the 1930s and on the welfare state from its beginnings to the present-day.

2012
• Mgr. Libor Barto, Ph.D., MFF UK, is engaged in mathematics and theoretical computing science. The results of such research may drastically contribute to more effective computer algorithms.
• Prof. MUDr. Radek Špíšek, Ph.D., 2. LF UK, is undertaking research on the role of the immune system in controlling tumorous proliferation. For ten years he has been a member of a team that first developed, and is now preparing clinical tests of substances that stimulate the immune response to carcinomas of the prostate and ovaries.

• Doc. Mgr. Jakub Steiner, Ph.D., M.A., CERGE, is engaged in theoretical economics, and primarily game theory. He is researching the causes of the recent economic crisis in the United States and Europe.

Selected honorary doctorates awarded by Charles University

The University recognises exceptional individuals associated with the university through the awarding of honorary doctorates – doctor honoris causa. A significant milestone in this process was the year 1990, when CU started to proceed according to changed criteria in the spirit of political developments in the Czech Republic.

2013

Prof. Dr. Peter Kurmann, dr. h. c. (Switzerland)
Professor, Université de Fribourg

Prof. Anthony Frederick George Dixon, Ph.D. (Great Britain)
Emeritus professor, University of East Anglia

Prof. Aravind K. Joshi (USA)
Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Prof. Erling Norrby (Sweden)
Professor, Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien (Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences)

2012

Prof. Dr. Robert Alexy, dr. h. c. mult. (Germany)
Professor, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Prof. Dr. Robert Badinter (France)
Professor, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Prof. Eugene Braunwald, M. D. (USA)
Professor, Harvard Medical School

Prof. RNDr. Beloslav Riečan, DrSc. (Slovak Republic)
Professor, Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici

Prof. Kumbakonam R. Rajagopal (USA)
Professor, Texas A&M University College Station

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hans-Joachim Gabius (Germany)
Professor, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich

Prof. Christoph Wanner, M. D. (Germany)
Professor, Universitätsklinikum Würzburg

Prof. Stefano Zamagni (Italy)
Professor, Università di Bologna
Prof. Geoffrey Leech (Great Britain)  
Professor, University of Lancaster

Prof. Donald Lynden-Bell, FRS  
(Great Britain)  
Professor, University of Cambridge

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Domcke (Germany)  
Professor, Technische Universität München

Examples of successful recent scientific projects

2013
• Doc. Mgr. Michal Koucký, Ph.D., from the CU Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, gained the prestigious ERC grant and enjoyed success with his LBCAD (Lower Bounds for Combinatorial Algorithms and Dynamic Problems) project.

2011
• Prof. Mgr. Jana Roithová, Ph.D., from the Department of Organic and Cellular Chemistry of the CU Faculty of Science, gained the prestigious junior ERC Starting Grant for her Ion Spectroscopy of Reaction Intermediates project for the development of an innovative method for determining the appearance of particles in a solution that put the reaction in the desired direction.

• ThALES (Institut Laue-Langevin – ILL) project – since 1998 the Czech Republic, represented by Charles University, has been one of eleven member countries of the ILL. The Institute’s mission is to operate a nuclear reactor optimised for the production of intense neutron clusters for experiments in basic and, possibly, applied research.

The Czech National Corpus creates, administers and processes the most comprehensive general database of the Czech language and makes it publicly available for research and teaching purposes. The Corpus maps contemporary Czech and its development and functional and geographical variability and also contains bilingual texts in twenty foreign languages. The Corpus is the chief, major infrastructure for Czech linguistic research and is widely used in teaching, research and information systems.

The Laboratory for Magnetism and Low temperatures (LMNT), located within the MFF UK premises in Prague-Troja, has at its disposal a unique set of cryogenic and cryomagnetic equipment, offering a precise, efficient facility for measuring various physical properties of materials in a variety of extreme conditions.
Charles University offers its students a multiplicity of opportunities for developing their hobbies. Apart from a varied choice of student societies, the University also provides a number of sports, cultural and social activities.

**CU Student Union (SU UK)**

The CU Student Union (www.suuk.cz) is the first pan-university student organisation at CU. Created in the spring of 2008, it brings together student organisations from across the university, aids their communication with each other and strengthens the university’s identity.

**Student societies**

**AIESEC UK Praha**

is part of the AIESEC, international student organisation, which is active in 124 countries. It helps to establish working and cultural exchanges abroad for Czech students and for international students in the Czech Republic and events such as SPEAK!, EDISON and EDISON Little, Global Village etc.

http://praha.aiesec.cz

**Charles University Debate Club**

CU students (and others) meet every week at PF UK to develop their rhetorical skills and organise national and international gatherings.

www.dkuk.cz

**E-klub**

The Economics Club (E-klub) is an informal association of students of the Institute of Economic Studies FSV UK, who organise activities associated with their studies, lectures on the premises of the Institute and help develop scientific and social life at the IES.
Elíša
Society of students of the CU Hussite Theological Faculty. Its purpose is to develop student life through the organisation of cultural, social, educational and sporting events, including a regular film club, travellers’ club, philosophy evenings, excursions to interesting places, football matches etc. The society also organises an induction course for new students in cooperation with the faculty.

ELSA
ELSA is the largest independent association of law students in the world; active in over 300 faculties in more than 42 countries in Europe, it brings together around 38,000 students and young lawyers. ELSA has been active in the Czech Republic since 1990 at the law faculties in Brno, Olomouc, Pilsen and Prague. The goal of the organisation is to contribute to law studies, improve mutual understanding and promote the social responsibility of law students and young lawyers.
www.elsa.cz/praha

FFabula
A civic association for students and graduates of history at FF UK, whose primary goal is to improve communication between students based on their interaction at social, cultural and educational events.
www.ffabula.cz

Faculty of Humanities Film Club
FK FHS organises regular, thematic film screenings every Monday and contributes to other FHS UK cultural activities, such as festivals and concerts.
www.fkfhs.cz

Charlie
The CU LGBT association Charlie focuses on projects with themes of social awareness and anti-discrimination. The main intention of the association is to foster identification with the environment in which students find themselves, their safety and self-confidence.
www.charlie.li

In-life
In-life is currently active at five universities in the Czech Republic and Slovakia – in Prague, Hradec Králové, Brno, Ostrava and Bratislava – and organises lectures, discussions, meetings with interesting people, creative workshops, outdoor events, language and sport camps, film and music nights and so on.
www.integritylife.org
Charles University International Club
A students club that successfully schedules a variety of social, cultural and sporting events for both international and Czech students, and helps international students through their stay in Prague. The IC is currently active in five faculties of Charles University, each faculty with its own branch of the club:
• Faculty of Social Sciences – International Club FSV
• Faculty of Arts – International Society
• Faculty of Science – Erasmus Club
• Pedagogical Faculty – Erasmus Club
• Faculty of Physical Education and Sport – Erasmus Club
www.ic-cuni.cz

JINOnice Jinak
Informal association of students of FSV, FHS and FF UK, who organise the multi-genre student festival of the same name in Prague-Jinonice.
www.jjinak.cz

Juristi
The Juristi civic association is a non-profit association for law students, whose mission it is to promote law-oriented academic activities.
www.juristi.cz

Motolák
Motolák is the student association for medics at 2. LF UK and that sets up sport and cultural events for both students and teachers, as well as providing new students with assistance and organising charity events and art exhibitions.
http://motolak.org

MKPR
Civic association founded by students at the Department of Marketing Communication and PR at FSV UK. The goal of the association is to nourish cultural and social life at FSV UK, primarily through the organisation of festivals, club events and competitions, as well as training, seminars, excursions – essentially, the expansion of study and other possibilities – and the initiation of cooperation with companies, associations and scientific centres in the Czech Republic and abroad.
http://mkpr.cz

POLIS
Student association that assembles a wide variety of lectures, conferences and seminars in political science, economics, the general social sciences and law.
www.i-polis.cz

FSV UK Political Science Club
The goal of the club is to ensure the effective functioning of the FSV UK Institute of Political Science. It is an autonomous organisation that organises a number of social and student events.
www.pkfsvuk.cz
**Prague German Club**
Founded at the Charles University Faculty of Law, the “Prager Deutscher Klub” student association is open to all with an interest in German law, language and culture.
http://deutscherklub.cz

**Amnesty International Prague university group**
The goal of this branch of Amnesty International is to highlight breaches of human rights in the world. It tailors a variety of debates, documentary film screenings, exhibitions etc.
www.ipusa.cz

**Salsa4water**
Salsa4water is a voluntary organisation ran by students. Founded in Glasgow, Scotland, its activities revolve around lessons in salsa and other social dances at Charles University in Prague, as well as social events, weekend workshops etc. The proceeds from events go towards selected charity projects.

**SIMS**
SIMS is the Students’ Autonomous Association of the Institute of International Studies of FSV UK. http://sims.fsv.cuni.cz

**Czech Pharmacy Student´s Association**
The goal of the association is to expand and supplement the specialist training of its members, promote their interests, support the professional growth of pharmacy students, aid their meaningful employment, develop collaboration with other student, official, professional and union associations, organise cultural and social events etc.
www.scsf.cz

**Matfyzák**
Matfyzák is a civic association that upholds and develops cultural, sporting, social and specialist activities at its home CU Faculty of Mathematics and Physics and elsewhere.
www.matfyzak.cz

**Czech Medical Students’ Association**
SMČ is based at the CU 1st Faculty of Medicine. Its activities consist of the organisation of social and charity events, and it runs a library of foreign-language literature and an Internet study room in Faustův dům and participates in the supervision of the Erasmus programme for students of First Faculty of Medicine.
www.lf1.cuni.cz/smc

**Sociology Students’ Association “SOCKA”**
The FF UK Sociology Students’ Association is a meeting platform for students and teachers of, and anyone interested in, both sociology as a university subject and in society and social questions in a broader sense.
Students of Faculty of Humanities
This civic association provides institutional facilities for student activities at the Faculty of Humanities, including a summer school, music festivals, a faculty ball, travellers’ gatherings, excursions and so on.
www.studentifhs.cz

FF UK Students’ Council
The chief mission of SR FF UK is to develop cultural life at the faculty, promote the rights of students and support their interest in events at the CU Faculty of Arts.
http://strada.ff.cuni.cz

Faculty of Science Students´ Union
The goal of the union is to consolidate the active students and organisations of the faculty, ensure their regular communication, transmit information between these entities, inform members of events and to help promote and organise events for students and the academic community as a whole.
https://sites.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/sup/

Agora student association
The Agora student association was founded at the CU Pedagogical Faculty and its main task is to function as a liaison between students of the faculty pedagogical staff. The association’s chief activities currently include the publishing of the Post Septem weekly student magazine, organisation of themed film nights and organisation of and active participation in some university excursions.

UK media
UK media is the largest independent student association at CU. It focuses primarily on media activities, publishing the print magazine Sociál at FSV UK and the Ffakt online magazine at FF UK, as well as running the pan-university UKáčko.cz website.
www.ukmedia.cz

Trimed
Student organisation of the CU 3rd Faculty of Medicine. Organises social and educational events – balls, Christmas meetings, student conferences etc.

University Christian movement and Christian group of (FF) UK
The University Christian Movement arranges meetings of Christian students, regular Bible readings and a wide variety of cultural events. UKH is a member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, through which it offers education and courses, as well as short- or long-term excursions, abroad.
www.ukh.cz

Všehrd Association of Czech Lawyers
The goal of this, the oldest law association in the Czech Republic, is to support its members’
training in the legal and state sciences. Its activities include e.g. the organisation of lectures and specialist seminars, publication of legal books and periodicals and the founding and administration of benefit funds.

www.vsehrd.cz

Other student associations at CU

Hamba
The theatre company of PřF UK students was founded in 2006 and has performed plays like: Ceasar (V+W), Noc na Karlštejně (J.Vrchlický) or Don´t drink the water (W.Allen). www.hamba.cz

Church of the Most Holy Saviour in Staré Město
Student services held every Sunday and Tuesday.
www.salvator.farnost.cz

CU Orchestra and Chorus
Gives regular performances and collaborates with other musical bodies and charity organisations.
www.sboraorchestrulrku.cz

CU Film Seminar
The Film Seminar is held every Tuesday during the winter and summer semesters at the Blue Lecture Hall at Celetná 20. The seminar gives preview showings of new films and is open to all CU students and employees.
www.certik.ruk.cuni.cz/filmklub
Sport

Hostivař Sports Centre
• 7-hectare sports complex located on Bruslařská street in Prague 15, not far from the Hostivař halls of residence.
• The complex offers a number of sports facilities (indoor swimming-pool, multipurpose indoor sports facility, gym, sauna, outdoors sports facilities, ten tennis courts, football and softball pitch, multipurpose inflatable hall etc.), intended primarily for training by CU students or sports leisure activities through CU faculty sports clubs.
www.cuni.cz/UK-672.html

Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen
• Offers a wide variety of sporting grounds and equipment, including squash, volleyball, floorball, football, aerobics, tennis, basketball and badminton.
www.lfp.cuni.cz

Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové
• In addition to mainstream sporting activities, (volleyball, basketball, football), this faculty offers numerous individual, alternative and contemporary sports such as tennis, squash, spinning, canoeing, yoga, bodyform, table tennis, aerobics, dance aerobics, zumba, smartfit, in-line, modern forms of exercise to music, salsa, hip-hop, indoor climbing, gym, relaxational exercise, self-defence for women, martial arts for men, BOSU, H.E.A.T.

Sports Centre for Disabled Students of CU
• Educational centre for scientific and specialist activities for under- and postgraduate students. Opened in 2004 and is located in the Regata boathouse in Prague 4 – Podolí.
• Focuses on practical, sport, consultation, publican and popularisation activities.
• Provides special aids, assistants and specialist guides for selected sports.
• Courses offered include e.g. skiing, yachting, canoeing, cycling, table tennis, gym, conditioning and others.
www.cuni.cz/UK-1657.html

FTVS boathouse
• Slalom canal, gym and climbing-wall located at Vodácká 789/8, Prague 7 – Troja. Offers courses in rafting, canoeing, water rescue etc.
http://troja.kanoe.cz/

FTVS University Sports Club
• Uses faculty sports facilities and FTVS UK boathouse in Troja.
• 34 types of sport offered.
• Most sections of the VSK prepare students for top-flight and professional sport, whilst also permitting recreational exercise and training.
• Sports offered include aerobics, indoor hockey, mountaineering, yachting, diving and surfing, as well as tennis and karate.
http://www.ftvs.cuni.cz/vsk/
CU offers its students complex services to help them through their studies and any problems they may encounter in their private life.

The CU Information, Advisory and Social Centre (IPSC) is intended for both Czech and international applicants for study, students, graduates and the wider public. It is divided into three departments – information services, advisory services and social services.

The Information Services Department gathers, updates and provides information on both university activities and organisation and on options for study at CU. Clients can contact the department by phone, e-mail or through selected social media, and of course through one-on-one consultations. The Information Services Department further organises regular themed seminars, lectures and courses on issues related to study abroad, career development and development of one’s personal skills, as well as many other areas of interest. Staff also make presentations on CU courses at education fairs.

The IPSC also offers free, specialised counselling on professional, psychological and legal issues, as well as the option of personal coaching. Psychological counselling is also available to international (English-speaking) students.

The Social Services Department monitors conditions for study and work at CU and focuses on improving their quality, with a focus on equal opportunities, as well as providing employees and students with effective support in the resolution of social issues. The department also includes the Office for Special-Needs Students, which offers information and consultation services to both university students and staff and those who are only considering studying at CU. Through the CU Alumni Club the university endeavours to strengthen contacts with its graduates.

The IPSC also issues ID cards for students, employees, graduates and external users, provides Internet access, printing services and runs a shop with CU souvenirs and promotional materials.

Accommodation

- CU has 20 halls of residence (12 in Prague, 3 in Pilsen, 2 in Hradec Králové and 2 in Brandýs nad Labem).
- Halls offer more than 12,500 beds in several price categories.
- Cash-free payment of accommodation is also possible.
- Rooms include Internet connection, as well as rooms with barrier-free access and amenities adapted for the disabled and accommodation for married couple and mothers with children.

Catering

- CU provides subsidised catering for students in fifteen student cafeterias menzy (12 in Prague, 2 in Pilsen, 1 in Hradec Králové).
- Student cafeterias offer 3–5 menus per day, as well as salads, desserts, coffee and other goods.
- The modern catering system allows cash-free payment for selected foods, the option of ordering food online from any cafeteria up to 14 days in advance, electronic monitoring of one’s catering account etc.
- Selected cafeterias offer quiet corners with Wi-Fi connection.

www.kam.cuni.cz
The output of the university publisher’s is largely based on the university’s educational and scientific activities. Several faculty publisher’s also undertake their own publishing activities.

**Karolinum Press**

The Karolinum Press was founded in 1990 and has issued more than 4,500 publications since then. It primarily publishes scientific monographs – from specialist studies to comprehensive, representative monographs for the broader public – and nearly 30 specialist periodicals. For students it prepares learning texts and university textbooks for all subjects provided at CU. Some special projects are also prepared in cooperation with other publishers, as well as preparing specialised projects, including the Limes, Litera, Politeia, Lingvistika and Dramatica editions, in cooperation with leading experts from Charles University. The Karolinum Press also continues to support Czech literature and centres of Czech studies across the world through editions of Czech literature translated into world languages, as well as specialist works by both Czech and international scholars of Czech.

The Karolinum publisher’s also issues a number of publications in both printed and online form. Thanks to its cooperation with international distributors, Karolinum e-books are available all over the world. CU employees and students have free access through their library accounts.

All books published by Karolinum are available from the university bookshop at Celetná 18, Prague or through Karolinum’s e-shop at www.knihkupectvikerolinum.cz. Members of the CU academic community and ISIC and ITIC card-holders receive a 10% discount on all goods.

One major, recent publishing event was the Town Rights of the Kingdom of Bohemia (‘Práva městská Království českého’, the so-called Koldín Town Rights), prepared by a team led by Prof. Karél Malý, as well as a monographical treatise on the works of the Master of the Třeboň altar by Prof. Jan Royt. The monograph Homelessness as an alternative means of existence for young people (‘Bezdomovectví jako alternativní existence mladých lidí’) by Prof. Marie Vágnerová, Ladislav Csémy and Jakub Marek represents a thorough study of the issue from a psychological perspective. Amongst
the successful English-language publications was Prof. Jan Sokol introduction to philosophy, Thinking about Ordinary Things, or Michaela Budiman’s Contemporary Funeral Rituals of Sa’dan Toraja.

The Jaroslav Jirsa Prize for the best teaching text of 2013 was won by Tomáš Klíma’s Učebnice klasickej japonštiny - Japanese textbook.

Faculty publishers

MatfyzPress
Founded under the auspices of Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (MFF) in 1994. Specialises in textbooks and other publications, chiefly for students of MFF.

CU Faculty of Education Press
Publishes scripts, gazettes, scientific publications, occasional publications for the needs of the faculty, specialist quarterly publications, specialist bulletins and the PedF magazine Informatorium. The publishers also has its own shop.

CU Faculty of Arts Press
The CU Faculty of Arts publishers issues specialist monographs, teaching texts and scientific journals in the humanities. The publishers also oversee ten journals and distribute publications and journals prepared by individual departments and institutes of the faculty.

CU Faculty of Law Publishing Centre
The Centre issues monothematic publications, conference almanacs, scripts for students and the Acta Universitatis Carolinae - Iuridica peer-reviewed journal.

University publications

iFORUM
The University’s online magazine iFORUM was founded in autumn 2003 and provides news on current events at CU, reacts to issues and endeavours to map all areas related to university activity – issues surrounding education and science, universities, legislation etc. The magazine also has an English version – English Digest – for international students. www.iforum.cuni.cz

FORUM
FORUM is a representative printed periodical, published quarterly, for representatives of the academic community and the public.

Charles University is also on Facebook: www.facebook.com/UniverzitaKarlova
Twitter: www.twitter.com/UniKarlova

and other social networks.

University videos can be found at: www.youtube.com/user/UniKarlova.
XI.

MAJOR PREMISES AND COLLECTIONS

The rich history of Charles University is reflected not only in its many major buildings, which are, at the same time, historical monuments, but also in the many valuable, specialised faculty collections, many of which are presented in specialised museums.

Carolinum building

The Carolinum is a national cultural monument and the chief headquarters of CU. The building has been part of the University since 1383. One of the most significant spaces in the Carolinum, which hosts all major ceremonies and social events, is the Grand Aula, located on the first floor. Occupying the most prominent place in the room is a tapestry made according to a design by Vladimír Sychra, at the centre of which are motifs of the oldest seal of CU, extracts from Charles’ founding deed of 1348 and the symbols of the four original faculties of the University. A major architectural element of the Grand Aula is the Gothic oriel with the original university chapel. Other significant, beautiful rooms include the Small Aula, the Patriots’ Hall featuring busts of major personalities, and on the ground floor the Imperial Hall with portraits of Maria Theresia, Joseph II and Leopold II by Barbara Kraft-Steiner, dating from 1799, and the cloister with its original Gothic vaulting – this corridor is currently used as an exhibition space.

House of the Professed (Profesní dům)

The MFF UK building is located on Malostranské náměstí in Prague and is a major Baroque monument. It was built in the last third of the 17th century as a house of the professed for the Jesuit order, and attached to the Church of St. Nicholas, according to designs by Giovanni Domenico Orsi and Francesco Lurago.

Botanical Garden of the CU Faculty of Science

The PřF UK Botanical Garden is one of the oldest university gardens in Europe and boasts an area over 3,5 ha. Amongst its most valuable exhibits is the collection of Central European flora, founded in 1904.

www.bz-uk.cz
Botanical Garden of Medicinal Plants in Hradec Králové

The FaF UK Botanical Garden of Medicinal Plants in Hradec Králové stretches over an area of 2.5 ha. www.faf.cuni.cz/fakulta/galerie/fakulta/botanicka-zahrada

Hrdlička Museum of the Human

The Hrdlička Museum of the Human can be found in the CU Faculty of Science and is divided into a museum part (open to the public) and a depositary (open for study and research purposes). The museum contains c. 4,000 exhibits – e.g. a collection of casts of face-masks and heads of North American Indians, a collection of trepanned skulls etc. www.natur.cuni.cz/biologie/hrdlickovo-muzeum

Map Collection of the CU Faculty of Science

The PřF UK Map Collection was founded in 1920 as the Czechoslovak State Map Collection. It is one of the most significant collections of maps in the Czech Republic and includes more than 2,000 atlases (16th century onwards), 60 globes, around 100,000 maps etc. www.natur.cuni.cz/geografie/mapova-sbirka

Mineralogical museum of the CU Faculty of Science

The collection, with a current inventory of more than 22,000 items, was founded as far back as 1775. The museum is used for the teaching of mineralogy and is also open to the public. http://web.natur.cuni.cz/ugmnz/muzeum

Collection of plaster casts of Antique sculptures (CU Faculty of Arts)

The Collection of plaster casts of Antique sculptures is located in the Ústí nad Labem City Museum. Some exhibits are also situated in the central library in the basement of the faculty’s main building in Prague. Other exhibits supplemented the existing exhibition in the Gallery of Antique Art in Hostinné. www.muzeumusti.cz/v80/Anticky-sen http://hostinne.ff.cuni.cz

Museum of Normal and Comparative Anatomy (CU First Faculty of Medicine)

The anatomical institute museum contains exhibits concerned with normal human anatomy. The collection was founded in the mid-18th century and includes e.g. cross-sections of organs and
Museum of the Anatomical Institute of the CU Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové

The museum was founded in 1945. The largest part of the collection consists of bones. The museum is used primarily for the teaching of students of medicine and healthcare workers.

http://web.lfhk.cuni.cz/anatomie/domstr/anatomie.htm (see Museum)

Czech Pharmaceutical Museum (CU Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové)

The historical collection of FaF UK, located in the hospital in the town of Kuks, contains a wide variety of exhibits, including medicaments and preparations for the pharmaceutical industry (around 6,000 registered items).

www.ceska-apatyka.cz

Chlupáč Museum of the History of the Earth (CU Faculty of Science)

Part of PřF UK, this museum is primarily used for teaching and research in historical geology, palaeontology, general geology and other related fields.

www.natur.cuni.cz/geologie/chlupacovo-muzeum

Faculty chapel

Faculty chapel of the CU Catholic and Protestant Theological Faculties (KTF and ETF UK).

www.ktf.cuni.cz/KTF-41.html (Sedes Sapientie chapel in the KTF building, Thákurova 3, Prague 6)

http://web.etf.cuni.cz/ETF-231.html (chapel located in basement of ETF building at, Černá 9, Praha 1)

Faust House (Faustův dům)

The first mentions of the building date from as far back as the 12th century. The greatest contribution to the legends surrounding the house was probably made by two 16th-century owners – Edward Kelley and Mladota ze Solopysk – who performed alchemistic experiments in the building. The house is currently administered and used by the CU First Faculty of Medicine.

www.lf1.cuni.cz/faustuv-dum-historie-a-legendy
 XVI.

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY

The history of Charles University stretches back nearly seven hundred years and is inseparably associated with events that affected the history of Czech nation, its development and state up to the present day.

1348
By a deed of foundation dated 7 March, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV founds a university with four faculties (liberal arts, medicine, law and theology).

1654
By the so-called decree of unity, Emperor Ferdinand III established the Charles-Ferdinand University.

1882
By decree of Emperor Franz Josef I the Charles-Ferdinand University was divided into two independent universities, teaching in Czech and German.

1920
The Czech university is named Charles University.

1939
Following the German occupation and student demonstrations (17. 11.) the Nazi closed the Charles University by force; its activities were only renewed in 1945.

1950
The universities law rescinds academic autonomy and subordinates the university’s activities to the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

1989
A demonstration to mark the events of 17 November 1939 triggers the overthrow of the Communist regime.

1990
The universities law renews the autonomy of the University and freedom of research and teaching.

2000
CU Faculty of Humanities is founded; Charles University now consists of 17 faculties.
XIII.

MAJOR HISTORICAL AND PRESENT-DAY FIGURES ASSOCIATED WITH CHARLES UNIVERSITY

Charles University has hosted, and continues to host, many major figures, whose knowledge and professional successes confirm the high standard of the institution and help to propagate the traditionally good name of the University.

**Charles IV (1316–1378)**
Holy Roman Emperor and King of Bohemia, founder of the Charles College and the Prague university – the oldest university in the Holy Roman Empire north of the Alps

**Jan Hus (c. 1371–1415)**
master of the faculty of arts, bachelor of theology, latterly dean of the faculty of arts and rector of the university, preacher and church reformer

**Jan Jesenius (1566–1621)**
physician and rector of the Prague university; executed for active participation in the anti-Habsburg uprising

**Bernard Bolzano (1781–1848)**
philosopher, mathematician, professor of the religious sciences and the Faculty of Arts of Charles-Ferdinand University

**Jan Evangelista Purkyně (1787–1869)**
scientist and physiologist, co-author of the first specialist terminology in Czech

**Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk (1850–1937)**
philosopher and sociologist, professor at the Faculty of Arts of the Czech part of Charles-Ferdinand University, first president of the Czechoslovak Republic

**Albert Einstein (1879–1955)**
physicist, author of the theory of relativity, holder of the Nobel Prize for Physics, professor of physics at the Faculty of Arts of the German part of Charles-Ferdinand University

**Franz Kafka (1883–1924)**
one of the most significant and globally acclaimed writers of the 20th century
Karel Čapek (1890–1938)
major Czech writer, journalist, playwright, translator and photographer

Jaroslav Heyrovský (1890–1967)
chemist, inventor of polarography, professor at the CU Faculty of Science, holder of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry

Milada Horáková (1901–1950)
Czech lawyer and politician, victim of the Communist regime, executed following political show-trials based on fabricated charges of espionage and treason

Jan Patočka (1907–1977)
one of the most significant Czech philosophers, spokesman for Charter 77

Bohumil Hrabal (1914–1997)
Czech prose author, one of the most significant and most translated Czech authors of the 20th century

Petr Eben (1929–2007)
major Czech composer of spiritual and modern classical music

Josef Škvorecký (1924 - 2012)
famous Czech writer, translator and exile publisher

Radana Königová (1930–2013)
doctor of medicine specialising in burns treatment and plastic surgery, holder of the honorary title of Knight of Czech Medicine

Antonín Holý (1936–2012)
chemist, discoverer of, amongst other things, the most effective current treatment for AIDS

Helena Illnerová (*1937)
physiologist and biochemist, former chair of the Czech Academy of Sciences

Jan Palach (1948–1969)
student of the Faculty of Arts who immolated himself in protest at the occupation of Czechoslovakia by forces of the Warsaw Pact

Karel Pacák (* 1958)
Internationally recognised specialist in internal medicine and endocrinology, currently working as the Chief of Section on Medical Neuroendocrinology, NICHD, Bethesda, USA

Martin Hilský (* 1943)
Professor of English Literature, translator, Shakespeare scholar

Pavel Kolář (* 1963)
physiologist with a professional focus on the motor pathology of children, physiotherapist to a number of elite Czech athletes
Miroslav Bárta (* 1969)
archaeologist, Egyptologist, director of the Czech
Egyptology Institute of the CU Faculty of Arts

Miroslava Knapková (* 1980)
rower/sculler, gold medallist in single sculls at the
London Olympic Games in 2012