How to Apply

Charles University has 17 independent faculties and each faculty has its own specific application procedure and admission requirements.

Five easy steps:

1. Choose a study programme and check the admission requirements in the database.
   a) Study in English, German, Russian or French (with tuition fees)
   b) Medicine in English (with tuition fees)
   c) Study in Czech (free of charge)

2. While applying you may get ready for the recognition of your previous education, which is part of the admission procedure (the required documents might be sent later after you have received your diploma). Charles University accepts these three different arrangements:
   a) RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN EDUCATION FOR APPLICANTS TO STUDY PROGRAMMES AT CHARLES UNIVERSITY – for the purposes of the admission procedure for applicants to study programmes at Charles University only
   b) GENERAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION (UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES) - for all graduates of foreign higher education institutions who need the recognition for the purpose of further study at any other university, for the purpose of employment or other reasons
   c) GENERAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS - graduates of foreign schools who have received a certificate confirming completion of primary, secondary or higher vocational education may apply for the recognition to the regional authority.

3. Fill in the application form (be aware that some faculties have their own application forms – those are available on the faculty website).

4. Submit the application form together with all the documents the faculty requires.

5. Pay the application fee. Make sure you do this final step, and your application will be proceeded. Get ready for the admission process and the entrance exam if required!

Those who are still working towards their certificates and diplomas may submit these documents later. The deadline for submitting the supporting documents is September 30, or October 23 for applicants who obtain their secondary school leaving certificate at the start of the autumn term.

Application deadlines
   a) Degree programmes taught in Czech
      • February 28 or March 31 for bachelor’s and master’s degree programmes
      • April 30 for doctoral programmes (Ph.D.)
   b) Application deadlines for degree programmes taught in English can be different for each faculty (it can vary from February to June). Check the Central database of all study programmes.

The academic year always starts on October 1. Remember that all forms must be delivered in time. Your application cannot be accepted after the closing date for any reason whatsoever.

Minimum entry requirements
   a) a completed secondary education before entering the first year of a Bachelor’s or an undivided Master’s degree programme;
   b) a completed Bachelor’s degree before entering the first year of a follow-up Master’s degree programme;
   c) a completed Master’s degree in a related field of study before entering the first year of doctoral programmes.
Entrance exams

All applicants who submit the required materials by the deadline might be invited to sit an entrance exam (if one is required). Entrance examinations are normally held within the period of May to June or July, unless the faculty determines otherwise, for example adjusting to the period when foreign nationals obtain their certification.

Entrance exams are conducted primarily in the Czech language with the exception of exams for English-taught study programmes, in which case the entire entrance procedure will be directed in English. Foreign nationals who did not attend high school in the Czech Republic and are applying for a study programme taught in Czech may be required to take an additional test to demonstrate their Czech language ability - see Study in Czech.

Transfer options

If you are interested in transferring to our university, please contact the respective faculty to consult your options and check the faculty website.