



Banking Institute/College of Banking

Bankovní institut vysoká škola a.s.

Abbreviation in Czech: BI

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History

- The Banking Institute/College of Banking (BICB) – Bankovní institut vysoká škola a.s. was founded on June 14th, 1999, in accordance with Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports № 2300/99. It became the first ever non-governmentally owned higher education institution in the Czech Republic.

Higher education at the Banking Institute/College of Banking started in 1999/2000 with the Bachelor program in “Banking”, specialization “Banking Management”. In the next several years the school received accreditation for other Bachelor programs in the field of banking, finance, economics and management as well as in other recent programs.

In 2001, COGNOS AG, a German holding company specialized in training activities, decided to enter into partnership with BICB, and hence BICB was then also the first non-governmentally owned Czech College having a foreign associate. In 2002, BICB also opened its own regional consultation centers in various cities in the Czech and the Slovak Republics.

In 2002 the school received accreditation for the continuing Master study program with Finance specialization. This study program is the continuation of the Banking Management or Insurance Business Bachelor study program.

In 2004, the school received accreditation for the continuing “Economics and Management” Master’s study program with “Information Technology and Management” specialization. This program has been thought of as a continuation of the Bachelor study program in “Information Technology and Electronic Business”.

In 2008 , the College moved to the newly built campus in Prague – Stodůlky.

Structure of the Institution

- Banking Institute/ College of Banking is the first private College in the CR. The College consists of the following departments:

Mathematics and Statistics Department, Law Department, Economics and Social Sciences Department, Management of Firms and Institutions Department, Insurance business Department, Finance and Accounting Department, Financial Trading Department, Information Technologies and Electronic Trading Department, Property Valuation Department, Languages Department, Department of European Integration, and Medical and Social Services Department.

The college campus is spread over an area of about 10 500m² in the western outskirts of Prague. The campus contains teaching facilities for all departments, including lecture rooms, the rector's office, a library, an auditorium, classrooms, social facilities, a student and staff canteen and a golf club.

Organisation of Studies

- Each academic year is divided into two semesters.

Current BICB opened programs are the following:

Bachelor's Degree programs with a field of concentration to be chosen from ten different areas in either daily or distance (less frequent but more intensive for working students) studies.

The BICB Bachelor program curriculum lasts for 3 academic years and is available either in the form of full-time or working part-time combined studies. During the first year, the Bachelor Program includes courses that are common to all the fields of study. In the following years, more sophisticated subjects strive to prepare students for employment in insurance, banking, and financial institutions. Students are exposed to most recent business trends. The aim of the BICB Bachelor Program is to provide students with in-depth knowledge, which is needed for employment in banking and financial institutions and governments. Graduates receive the title of Bachelor (Bc.).

Master's Degree programs with Finance or Information Technology concentrations, by either full-time or part-time study.

A BICB Master's graduate is a specialist with fully completed higher education studies. S/he is knowledgeable in the area studies of the studied branch, is able to analyze situations, can critically decide, and solve practical problems. Upon passing the Master's state closing examination and defending of Master's thesis, graduates receive the title of Engineer (abb. Ing).

Under the new concepts that have been worked out in cooperation with the foreign strategic partner, training holding company COGNOS AG, BICB carries out a comprehensive and interconnected system of studies and specialized courses of adult education, conferences, workshops, open and custom-made courses, seminars and other services.

BICB organizes conferences, workshops and discussion forums covering successful and widely known topics and other activities connected with current affairs,

professional and specialized courses, open and custom-made seminars based on actual and innovative topics and also new courses and seminars in banking, finance, marketing, law, administration, personal development of managers and employees, etc.

Other fields of work include specialized adult study courses under Higher Education Act N. 111/1998 Coll. and Act N. 147/2001 Coll., which stipulate that particular subjects are taught in the form of seminars, international courses, training courses for internal accreditation of physical persons and the system of quality control, English courses taught by native speakers, consulting in the field of company and personal strategies, analysis and development of managers and employees and psychoanalytical activities aimed at the development of corporate culture.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

Total number of students	4456
Number of student of bachelor study programmes	3590
Number of student of mastery study programmes	896
Number of foreign students	2186
Total number of graduates in 2008	870
Total number of academic staff	62