



European Polytechnic Institute in Kunovice

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- History** ■ The European Polytechnic Institute Ltd was the first private university in Moravia and was accredited to deliver bachelor studies programmes - Management and Marketing in Foreign Trade, Finance and Taxation, Economy Informatics, and Computer Science. The history of our educational complex started in 1991 when our college in Uh. Hradiště was founded and the undergraduate programmes in Computer Science and Electronic Systems were offered.

As the Czech legislation at that time did not allow running graduate studies at private institutions, we were the first school in the Czech Republic which started cooperation with the Institute of Technology in Sligo, Ireland. We tried to get the bachelor's programme covered by NCEA in the Irish Republic. In October 1998 the B.B.S degrees – Bachelor of Business Studies were awarded. The first conferring of Bachelors in Kunovice took place in October 1998.

The first students of the bachelor programme, according to Czech legislation, began to study in September 1998 and since that time we have graduated 1 271 students in all study programmes. We have highly qualified staff in our university, and international conferences are organized so that the contacts with other universities abroad including mutual research are maintained.

- Structure of the Institution** ■ The European Polytechnic Institute Ltd. is divided into departments. The campus encompasses the premises in the towns of Hodonín and Uherské Hradiště. The goal of our university is to act as a facilitator for the development in the South Moravia regions.

The management of our university consists of the Rector and Vice-Rectors. The organizational chart in the academic year 2008/9 shows a Vice Rector for pedagogical activities, a vice rector for science and research, a vice rector for foreign affairs, and a vice rector for cooperation with industry. The University is divided into the following departments: the department of Applied Economics, the department of Applied Informatics and the department of Foreign Languages. EPI is linked to the partner universities abroad - REA in Moscow, MOSAP in Moscow, the Institute of Economics in Podolsk, and the College of Economics, Tourism and Social Sciences in Poland. In the framework of cooperation with these institutions, mobility of students takes place, scientific conferences are organized, and joint research tasks are solved.

Organisation of Studies

- The students can take bachelor programmes in: Management and Marketing for Foreign Trade, Finance and Taxation, Computer Science, and Informatics in Economy. They can study as full time, part time or distance students. The teaching process is supported by computerisation. Electronics texts, electronic diagnostic tests, the library, fully computerised management, booking and information processes are at students' disposal, and communication among students and lecturers is also computerised. All classrooms are interconnected with the school network, connected to the internet, the central D-base and servers. Our university uses the ECTS credit system and issues Diploma Supplements. The academic staff includes academicians from 7 countries. Our University has accreditation for education of managers in public administration, and accreditation enhancing the qualification of teachers at basic and secondary schools.

The whole education process is concentrated on satisfying the needs of the region. Part time and distance students take advantage of being involved in their employment, and by studying at university they can help develop their employer's activities.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ Total number of students	1 130
Number of foreign students	181
Total number of graduates in 2008	257
Total number of academic staff	75