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History ■ Located in the center of Prague, the University of New York in Prague (UNYP) was established in April 1998 in cooperation with the State University of New York Empire State College (www.esc.edu). Through this cooperation, UNYP offers students the opportunity to obtain an internationally recognized American Bachelor's Degree from the State University of New York. UNYP also received assistance from its sister college, New York College in Athens, Greece (www.nyc.gr).

The undergraduate program is based on the American style of university education and classes are taught in English. The goal of the program is to introduce students to a range of academic disciplines, to prepare them to master the techniques of critical thinking, effective communication, analysis and research, and acquire the knowledge necessary for a professional specialization in a major field.

UNYP also works closely with large multinational firms located in Prague establishing internships that will give students the opportunity to apply their skill in a work setting.

In Fall 2002, the university in partnership with La Salle University (www.lasalle.edu) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, began a post-graduate program in communications that leads to a Master's Degree in Professional Communications and Public Relations granted by LaSalle University.

In Fall 2004, UNYP in partnership with the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) (www.iukb.ch) in Switzerland began offering a Master's of Business Administration (MBA), with specializations in Management, Banking, Marketing, Human Resource

Management, and Management Information Systems. These programs are designed for working adults with classes offered on weekends.

In a few short years UNYP has gained a reputation for offering high quality educational programs by providing a strong foundation in the liberal arts and professional majors with a cross-cultural and international perspective. Today, over 600 students from over 60 countries are learning together and interacting with an international group of instructors. UNYP is proud of its accomplishments and its ability to blend the rich academic history of the Czech Republic with American and European higher education.

Structure of the Institution

- The university's building is located in the center of Prague, and include classrooms, three computer labs, a library with over 30,000 volumes in English, a study room, and administrative offices.

Organisation of Studies

- **Bachelor's programs offered at UNYP include:**
 - Business Administration
 - Communication and Mass Media
 - English Language and Literature
 - International Economic Relations
 - Psychology

The academic year is divided into two semesters (Fall and Spring), each with 15 weeks of instruction. In addition, there are two four-week intensive summer terms.

Intensive weekend programs for working professionals take place during two weekends each month.

All studies are presence-based and conducted in the English language. Classes combine lectures, discussion, and group work. Continuous assessment is used for all courses. Class size is small, with an average of 22 students per class, and a maximum of 30.

Most bachelor's study programs at UNYP are dual-degree programs, leading to the award of a bachelor's degree from State University of New York Empire State College, and a Czech bachelor's degree from UNYP.

Students progress towards a bachelor's degree through the accumulation of credits within a defined program of study composed of both compulsory and elective courses. UNYP uses both American semester credits and ECTS. Credits from previous studies at accredited higher education institutions are recognized through a transfer credit process. Students must complete a substantial, research-based bachelor's thesis as part of the study programs. A comprehensive state exam, including a defense of the thesis, concludes the study.

UNYP also offers a number of lifelong learning programs, both in cooperation with foreign partner universities and with international companies located in the Czech Republic. one is an economist with the ability to use information technology. Such a graduate will most probably work on the positions of lower and middle management. Because of an elaborate educational program, the graduates are able to continue in a master or MBA study.

Basic Statistical Data for Academic Year 2008/2009

■ Total number of students	506
Number of students in bachelor's degree programs	464
Number of students in Master's / MBA / Life-long Learning programs	42
Number of foreign students	378
Number of countries of origin of students	66