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- History** ■ “To accomplish its mission of creating the prerequisites for permanent career progress and personality development of its graduates, VSFS strives to become a prominent, respected and sought-after institution of education and research providing its graduates with a competitive advantage so that they may be successful on the labour market throughout their working lives.”.

Vysoka skola finančni a správní received state approval to begin education as one of the first private higher education institutions in the Czech Republic in 1999. In the course of the first few years it stood among the most significant private institutes of higher education, and also the biggest in terms of numbers of students. The set of common values that was adopted set the pace for the school’s strategy of further development and its everyday life, and is a respected practical tool guiding us in the fulfilment of our mission.

The main core of study programs that the school offers are programs focused on finance, financial services, public administration, corporate management, marketing communication and informatics. Bachelor and master degree graduates can thus establish themselves in a wide range of positions in companies, institutions, public administration offices and/or in their own enterprises.

Among the core priorities for further development are ongoing improvement of the education process, research and development. A significant initiative in this regard is the foundation of the Internal Grant Agency, which initiates research and development activities and finances them from internal sources. This is the basis for success in grant activities outside VSFS on the national and international level. Vysoka skola

financni a spravni regularly receives of grants from the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic. The Grant Agency has entrusted VSFS with the development of research projects, e.g. in the area of effective investment, financial markets and modernisation of public administration.

The development of international student and staff mobility, cooperation and building networks with international research departments and universities is also supported. Student exchange programs within the EU Lifelong Learning Program (LLP), Leonardo da Vinci and the Fulbright Program form the basis for further cooperation and realization of numerous consultations, work placements, scientific conferences and cooperation to solve various research projects.

Vysoka skola financni a spravni relies on cooperation with significant partners from the commercial sphere. The general partner of VSFS is Czech Coal, while the main partners are Mostecka uhelna spolecnost (the Coal Company of the City of Most), Kooperativa (insurance company) and Raiffeisen Bank, which supports the development of research and development projects. VSFS cooperates closely with public administration bodies, especially in Prague, Most and Kladno, and participates in the development strategies and projects of these regions.

## Structure of the Institution

- The portfolio of VSFS study programs is wide and varied. University-level study programs, managerial programs and courses create a system where follow-up studies are almost always possible. In the 2008/2009 academic year, VSFS offers students the following accredited bachelor and master degree study programs: Applied Informatics, Finance and Financial Services, Marketing Communication, Insurance, Corporate Management and Finance, Public Administration and Public Finance.

The Czech bachelor and master study programs are indirectly complemented by BSBA and MBA, American managerial study programs. VSFS organizes these in cooperation with City University of Seattle, U.S.A. The content is focused on the study of top level corporate management, and all classes are taught in English. Students may take advantage of a special offer to study Czech and American degree programs in parallel, in the form of a Double Degree.

Currently, VSFS provides instruction in three buildings in Prague, with further study centers in Kladno and Most. During the first six years of its existence, it has invested tens of millions of Czech crowns in building modernization and classroom equipment. The result is cutting edge facilities for studies, including Wi-Fi connection to the internet, a comfortable search system at the school libraries, the school's own publishing house Eupress, the school's stores, e-shop and a network of contracted bookshops. The conference hall boasts modern technology ensuring professional education. It is used for conferences and multimedia classroom instruction with wireless and television studio equipment. The modern facilities include the student club, which serves the purposes of a refectory, a pleasant place to meet for business and pleasure or for holding tournaments in table soccer or snooker.

Various forms of consultations, individual payment schedules and arranging better student loans are just some ways the school helps its students. Academic scholarships are provided for students with excellent results every year. Science scholarships are provided to students who participate in projects or in scientific research inside the faculties. The school has also opened a new scholarship program for "super talented" students in the 2008/2009 academic year. These students not only have to achieve brilliant study results but must also participate in research projects and with the help of their tutors publish the results. VSFS also supports a unique scholarship program

helping talented students with health or social handicaps to participate in higher education. Thanks to these scholarships, students gain high-quality education and increase their chances for a successful career.

## Organisation of Studies

- Applications for bachelor and master studies proceed from March until August each year. Classes are organized in academic years, divided into winter and summer semesters. Each semester is 12 weeks long, followed by a 5-week examination period. Part-time students may take their exams throughout the academic year, once the individual course classes are over. Studies are completed with final state examinations, including oral presentation of bachelor theses, and with the issue of the Bc. – Bachelor, Ing. and/or Mgr. – Master titles.

In accordance with long-term development, VSFS introduced the ECTS credit system. To simplify university level qualification recognition abroad, the school also issues diploma supplements.

Vysoka skola financni a spravni is part of the Community of Schools. Apart from VSFS, the members are the Bank Academy – grammar school, college and higher vocational school and City University of Seattle. The concept has created conditions for the whole family to study – grandchildren, children, parents and grandparents. Vysoka skola financni a spravni is thus fulfilling its vision to become the lifelong partner in education.

## Basic Statistical Data for Academic Year 2008/2009

<b>Bachelor studies</b>	full-time – 1 233
	part-time – 1 988
	total – 3 221
<b>Master studies</b>	full-time – 350
	part-time – 1 155
	total – 1 505
<b>Total no. of students</b>	4 726