



Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno

Mendelova zemědělská a lesnická univerzita v Brně

Abbreviation in Czech: MZLU

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History

- The University can pride itself on the longest history of agriculture and forestry studies in the Czech lands. The University was established in 1919 as the University of Agriculture in Brno and it maintained this name until 1994. Its constitution was the culmination of a long-term effort to institute an agricultural university in Moravia, which has, from time immemorial, held an important post among the countries with the most developed agricultures in central Europe.

The science and research tasks carried out here comply with the long-term scientific aims of the University and of the individual faculties, and cover the agricultural, forest, biological, economic and technical sciences. A variety of scientific activities are used in institutional research, in research grant bodies, in research centres and in international research programmes.

Structure of the Institution

- **The Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno consists of the following faculties:**
 - Faculty of Agronomy
 - Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology
 - Faculty of Business and Economics
 - Faculty of Horticulture
 - Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies

In order to train students, to conduct research and to verify theoretical knowledge in practice the University disposes of the University Agriculture Enterprise in Žabčice and

the Training Forest Enterprise of the Masaryk Forest in Křtiny (10,000 ha of forest-land).

The complementary teacher training in technical subjects, the complementary teacher training for job trainers, education of senior citizens within the University of the Third Age and the educational courses tailored to the needs of general public are all arranged by the Institute of Lifelong Learning, established in 2003. Both the botanical garden and the arboretum frequently serve teaching purposes. Automated systems of administration, in the forms of the University Information System and the SAP system, are operated by a newly formed Institute of Informatics and Communication Technologies.

Organization of Studies

- Every academic year is divided into two semesters (winter and summer semesters), each of them lasting 14 teaching weeks. Each semester is followed by a four to five week period of examinations. Most of the courses are compulsory. Students can study their subjects in Czech or English. It needs to be pointed out that each faculty offers full teaching programmes in English.

All the faculties offer three-year bachelor study programmes. Successful students then continue their studies in the two year Master's programme. Graduates are awarded the degree of „Inženýr“ (i.e. Engineer, in abbr. Ing.). Students make their final examination in their chosen subjects, and prepare a thesis for presentation before a commission.

Faculties also organise doctoral study programmes which take three years of studies and involve preparing a doctoral thesis. Participants in these programmes are graduates of the Master's programme. The programme is completed by a doctoral examination and the presentation of a thesis.

In addition it must be mentioned that the University is involved in many exchange programmes (LLP Erasmus, Ceepus, Action, etc) also offered through the University Institute of life-long education, runs summer courses, workshops, conferences and seminars. Many of these activities are fully in English.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

Total number of students	9 585
Number of students of bachelor study programmes	6 546
Number of students of master study programmes	2 531
Number of students of doctoral study programmes	508
Number of Foreign students	150
Total number of graduates in 2007	2 040
Total number of academic staff	441