



Silesian University in Opava Slezská univerzita v Opavě

Abbreviation in Czech: SU

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History

- Opava was a town with relatively developed education already in the Middle Ages. The first attempt at establishing a university was in 1870, but the Silesian University in Opava was not established until 1991. It has become an integral part of the Czech public university system.

The Silesian University in Opava is a member of the European University Association.

Structure of the Institution

- Today the structure of the university consists of the Faculty of Philosophy and Science, the School of Business Administration in Karvina, the Mathematical Institute in Opava, the Faculty of Public Policy in Opava, and the Extramural Centre in Krnov. During the time of its existence Silesian University has become an important factor impacting the development of science and the level of education in Northern Moravia and Silesia.

The Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava consists of six research-pedagogical stations: the Institute of Czech and Library Science, Foreign Languages, History and Museology, Computer Science, Physics, the Institute of Creative Photography and two cabinets – Cabinet of Foreign Languages and Cabinet of Physical Education. More than thirty Bachelor and Master programmes and two doctoral programmes are offered at the faculty.

The Faculty of Public Policy in Opava consists of three research and teaching stations: Social Sciences, Public Administration and Regional Policy, Nursing.

The School of Business Administration in Karviná provides study programmes research not only in regional and enterprising fields, but also in analysing and evaluating the effects of the processes of European and world globalization and integration on the Czech economy.

The Mathematical Institute of the Silesian University in Opava was detached from the Faculty of Philosophy and Science at the beginning of 1999. The position of the Institute is outstanding, especially in research, where many leading institutions in the world accept its results.

Organization of Studies

- Each academic year is divided into two semesters – winter and summer semesters. Each semester consists of approximately 15 weeks of lectures followed by a six to eight week examination period. Study programmes at the University take three to six years, depending on faculty, form of study and type of study programme.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

Total number of students	6 470
Number of students of bachelor study programmes	5 014
Number of students of master study programmes	1 319
Number of students of doctoral study programmes	137
Number of foreign students	373
Total number of graduates in 2008-09-15	1 007
Total number of academic staff	455