



Technical University of Liberec

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History

- The history of the Technical University of Liberec goes back to 1953, when the Technical College of Mechanical Engineering was established. Since that time the College has offered academic programmes in Mechanical Technology, and in the Design/Construction of Textile, Glass, Ceramics and other Machinery. These academic programmes and related research activities corresponded directly to the typical industries found in Northern Bohemia. In the late 1950s, a new academic programme - Textile Technology - was offered at the College. In 1960, the College was divided into two faculties, the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and the Faculty of Textile Engineering. Also, the name of the College was changed to the College of Mechanical and Textile Engineering.

Between 1990 and 1995, four new faculties were founded. On January 1, 1995, the College of Mechanical and Textile Engineering gained the status of a university, and became the Technical University of Liberec. In June 1995, the sixth faculty - the Faculty of Mechatronics, Informatics and Interdisciplinary Studies - was established.

The University has an enrolment of more than eight thousand students. The academic programmes offered at the University, and the research performed by the academic staff is of great benefit to the City of Liberec and its surrounding region. The University's graduates are able to satisfy the local demand for specialists in engineering, textile industries, for elementary and secondary school teachers, and for architects, economists and business specialists. The University's academic staff and students take part in research and co-operate closely with foreign universities.

Thanks to the Municipal and Regional authorities, the University has acquired new buildings, which have enabled it to set up additional classrooms and laboratories. It has also been possible for the university to increase its library holdings of resource materials, and to improve its information system.

Structure of the Institution

- **The Technical University consists of six faculties:**

- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,
- Faculty of Textile Engineering,
- Faculty of Sciences, Humanities and Education
- Faculty of Economics and Business Administration,
- Faculty of Arts and Architecture,
- Faculty of Mechatronics, Informatics and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Institute of Medical Studies

Organization of Studies

- The University offers all types of study programmes, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral. Studies last from two to six years, depending on the faculty, field of study and type of study programme. Regulations concerning the academic programmes offered by the Technical University of Liberec are based on the General Academic Regulations, which contain allowances for those students who need a more flexible academic programme. The University provides various types of distance education at a charge, organised through the Distance Education Service, especially in the following areas: life-long education of teachers and tutors, and education of employees in small textile companies. As a part of the Distance Education Service there is also a special counselling centre for disabled persons.

On the campus of the University there is a new, modern library where teaching materials may be found and books in Czech and in foreign languages can be borrowed. The library has a great variety of resources, including periodicals in Czech and foreign languages. It is divided into four sections: Czech, English, German and French. There is also a reading room, providing Czech and foreign periodicals and books.

The halls of residence can accommodate approximately 3,000 students, i.e., 70 % of the University's full-time students. Most of them live on a campus located about a 15-minute walk from the teaching buildings. The university campus provides a pleasant study environment and comfortable accommodation. Students can take advantage of the student canteens. Their services include breakfast, lunch and evening meals. Sports and games facilities, leisure clubs, and computer rooms are at the disposal of students.

The Academic Sport Club organises various sports and cultural activities in accordance with students' interests.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ Total number of students	9 201
Number of students of bachelor study programmes	5 804
Number of students of master study programmes	2 130
Number of students of doctoral study programmes	449
Number of foreign students	438
Total number of graduates in 2007	1 436
Total number of academic staff	548