



Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem

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v Ústí nad Labem

Abbreviation in Czech: UJEP

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History

- The history of Jan Evangelista Purkyně University goes back to 1954, when the operations of the Higher Pedagogical School in Ústí nad Labem were launched. On the basis of Government Decree No. 57/1959 Coll., this institution was transformed into the Pedagogical Institute in 1959 and subsequently, in 1964, the Pedagogical Faculty in Ústí nad Labem was established, by being transformed from the former institute.

Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem (UJEP) was established in compliance with Act No.314 of the Czech National Assembly issued on 9 July 1991, and the formal inauguration ceremony was held on 28 September 1991.

The university bears the name of Jan Evangelista Purkyně (17 December 1787 - 27 August 1869), the well-known North Bohemian fellow countryman and scientist, and continues to develop his creative work and heritage in the spheres of science, education, social and cultural life. Particularly inspiring was his versatile and high-minded relationship to his North Bohemian home, his country and all other nations.

Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, located in the area of the Czech Republic close to the German border, also pays attention to inter-cultural issues, and for that reason, the Institute for Slavonic and German Studies was founded. It has gradually built up a wide international reputation and there has been a positive response to its establishment in other countries. A Centre for Roma Culture, dedicated to multicultural education issues, has been set up at the Faculty of Education.

Structure of the Institution

■ UJEP consists of the following faculties:

- Faculty of Social and Economic Studies,
- Faculty of Art and Design,
- Faculty of Production Technology and Management,
- Faculty of the Environment,
- Faculty of Philosophy,
- Faculty of Education,
- Faculty of Science,
- Institute of Health Studies

Faculty of Social and Economic Studies

Fakulta sociálně
ekonomická
FSE

- The Faculty of Social and Economic Studies (FSE) has approximately 2 400 students enrolled. Its graduates find their jobs both in the business sphere and in the offices of the public administration institutions. The Faculty is actively involved in a number of research activities connected with economic and social problems on the regional and international levels. At present, the Faculty is cooperating with regional bodies and organizations in solving a number of serious regional issues.

Faculty of Art and Design

Fakulta umění a
designu
FUD

- At present, more than 300 students study at the Faculty of Art and Design. The graduates find jobs in industrial arts, in the sphere of design and in the business sector. Besides teaching, members of this Faculty focus on artistic activities and, along with students, develop an effort to increase the aesthetic quality of material civilization. One of the aims of the Faculty members is to contribute to the renaissance of traditional branches of industry, and at the same time to support the development of most modern branches of art. The Faculty of Art and Design offers a follow-up master's study programme in photography, taught in the English language.

Faculty of Production Technology and Management

Fakulta výrobních
technologí
a managementu
FVTM

- More than 450 students are studying at the Faculty of Production Technology and Management at present. The Faculty prepares technical and economic professionals mainly for the industrial production sector. Its members carry out research in the areas of applied technologies and production management. A number of outstanding results have been achieved in such research spheres as engineering technology, machinery mechanics and electromagnetic wave application.

Faculty of the Environment

Fakulta životního
prostředí
FŽP

- The Faculty of the Environment is focused on research and education activities in the sphere of ecology and the environment. At present, the Faculty has approximately 1000 students. The graduates find their jobs in a number of state and local administration bodies, in control and inspection institutions, in the business sphere and in consulting centers, as well as in research institutions. The main research and development activities are focused on such fields as landscape engineering, water management, environmental chemistry, analytical chemistry, environmental economics and geoinformatics.

Faculty of Philosophy

Filozofická fakulta
FF

- Around 500 students are enrolled at the Faculty of Philosophy at present. The Faculty is generally focused on teaching and research in several branches of humanitarian sciences. Along with traditional fields of study, such as Germanic studies, social, philosophical, historical and political studies, a study programme in Cultural and Historical Regional Studies has already been offered for 13 years. The Faculty

of Philosophy offers a doctoral study programme in Historical Science, taught in the German language.

The graduates of the Faculty can find their jobs in archives, museums, policy-connected institutions, public relations, etc. The historical research being carried out at the Faculty is of outstanding national and international significance. In the field of philosophy the accent is on topics of continental and analytical philosophy dialogue and on political philosophy. In the political sciences, attention is paid to political-historical research on the totalitarian movement and ideology, and to the holocaust issues, including their regional dependencies. The research on transition from a non-democratic regime to a democratic regime is also very promising. The Department of Germanic Studies is focused on the issues of German literature in Bohemia, comparative linguistics, and teaching German as a foreign language.

Faculty of Education Pedagogická fakulta PF

- The Faculty of Education is the biggest faculty of the university. Around 4 100 students are at present enrolled in a number of programmes.

The Faculty graduates generally find jobs in the sphere of education services. The experience they gain during their studies also gives them an opportunity to find employment in a great variety of other spheres. The art-oriented departments hold a number of successful exhibitions at home and abroad. The two choirs from the Department of Music have won a great number of awards all over the world.

Faculty of Science Přírodovědecká fakulta PřF

- At present time, the Faculty of Science has approximately 1000 students enrolled. The research is oriented to fundamental spheres, including computer physics, computer methods and simulations, the methodology of molecular simulations and their applications in physics, chemistry and chemical engineering, simulation of the energetic processes in the solar atmosphere with reference to the eruption physics, plasma physics, plasmachemistry, physics of thin films and surfaces, research on electrochemical and photosynthesis biosensors for herbicide residues, microbiology and biology of plants and animals, applied geography, environmental geography, landscape ecology, landscape synthesis, landscape planning and instrumental methods in analytical chemistry. The graduates of the Faculty can find their jobs in a great variety of spheres, such as scientific workplaces, educational institutions, and company research and development divisions. The Faculty of Science offers a doctoral study programme in Physics, taught in the English language.

Institute of Health Studies Ústav zdravotnických studií ÚZS

- At present, around 400 students are enrolled at the Institute of Health Studies. The main aim of the Institute is to respond to the needs of the contemporary health service organizations for high-qualified medical personnel in the fields of: Ergotherapy, Physiotherapy, General Nurse and Qualified Midwife. The Institute cooperates with a number of medical institutions.

Organization of Studies

- UJEP has a modular system based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which is widely used in European universities. Each course has a credit rating, and a standard three-year Bachelor's degree consists of 180 credits (30 credits per semester). In addition to required courses, students can choose a variety of optional courses. Most degrees programmes require students to undertake a final-year project and take a state examination.

The academic year is divided into two semesters (winter and summer semesters). Each semester has 14 teaching weeks, and is followed by a four to five-week period of examinations.

The University offers bachelor, master and doctoral study programmes. The studies lead to the degrees bakalář (i.e. Bachelor), abbreviated as Bc., magistr (i.e. Master), abbreviated as Mgr. or inženýr (i.e. Engineer), abbreviated as Ing., and doktor (i.e. Doctor), abbreviated as Ph.D.

Most of the study programmes at the university are conducted in the Czech language. If a foreign student applies for one of the study programmes, an examination in the Czech language forms part of entrance interviews.

Bachelor study programmes last 3 or 4 years on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis. Bachelor study programmes have recently been introduced at all faculties and institutes. Follow-up master study programmes last 2 years. Full master study programmes last 4 or 5 years and both are mostly offered on a full-time basis. A full master study programme is offered only at the Faculty of Education. Follow-up master study programmes have recently been introduced at all faculties.

Doctoral study programmes last 3 or 4 years, and can be taken on a full-time and/or part-time basis at the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Art and Design, the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Science.

Czech Language Courses

Every enrollee can take the Czech language preparatory courses organized by UJEP. Two types of courses are available: short-term monthly courses and long-term yearly courses for groups of up to 15 people. Students who successfully pass the final language test are awarded a certificate. Students who obtain the certificate are not required to pass a further language test at the University.

The students are taught by highly qualified and experienced professors of UJEP. Accommodation is available in the International Dormitory of UJEP for the whole period of the courses. During this time the students learn the Czech language and get used to the new cultural environment. After half a year of intensive study, most students are able to communicate in Czech on a fairly good level. The rest of the time can be spent on learning professional vocabulary and preparing for the examination.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ Total number of students	10 284
Number of students of bachelor study programmes	6 919
Number of students of master study programmes	2 726
Number of students of follow-up master study programmes	573
Number of students of doctoral study programmes	66
Number of foreign students	142
Total number of graduates in 2007	1 367
Total number of academic staff	430