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History

- The College of Polytechnics continues the tradition of tertiary education in Jihlava. The building has housed various educational institutions. From 1994 it was the home of the largest Czech higher professional school, which from the very beginning was formed in the tertiary education style with a view to later transformation into a public tertiary educational institution. The College of Polytechnics Jihlava was established in June 2004 as the first public higher education institution of non-university type in the Czech Republic. The first fields of study, in Finance and Management and in Travel/Tourism, were soon accredited and classes started in February 2005.

Development

Using the EU Structural Funds and Operational Programmes for 2007-2013 aimed at education, research, development and innovation, the college is preparing to build up a campus with a further special background for the College (a special library, laboratories, and lecture halls). The college is also a key partner of the Vysočina Region in the project to build up a Scientific and Technological Park in Jihlava. The development of this infrastructure is planned in the proximity of the College.

Structure of the Institution

- **The College of Polytechnics Jihlava is not divided into faculties. The instruction is organized by a number of departments:**
 - Department of Economics and Management
 - Department of Electrotechnology and Informatics
 - Department of Travel/Tourism
 - Department of Health Service Studies

- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Applied Languages
- Department of Sports
- Institute of Life-Long Learning
- University of the Third Age

The College has its own building, which is well suited to its needs. There are language rooms, computer rooms, reading rooms, and a special library. Students' residences and a students' canteen form parts of the building. Jihlava and its surroundings offer good conditions for sports, social and cultural activities.

Organization of Studies

- The general objective of the accredited bachelor study programmes is to provide interested people with an opportunity to obtain career-related education with a practical bias. The college is one of the few in the Czech Republic that enable students to carry out a practical placement lasting several weeks during their studies. Students thus have a chance to confront their theoretical knowledge with real-life situations in specific institutions and companies, and this prepares them well for entry into the labour market. The College provides education in the areas of Economics and Management, Electrotechnology and Informatics, and Health Service.

The bachelor study programmes (full-time or part-time) last 3 or 3.5 years, depending on the programme. The academic year is divided into two semesters (winter and summer semesters), each of them lasting 13 or 14 weeks, followed by a four to five week examination period.

In the bachelor programmes, a unified credit system compatible with ECTS is applied, which facilitates student mobility in the framework of European educational programmes.

A diploma and a bachelor degree (Bc.) is awarded upon successful completion of the programme, including the state examination and the presentation of a final project. Graduates may apply for admission to a related Master study programme, and may pursue a degree abroad, provided their language skills are adequate.

In addition there are non-degree programmes run by the Institute of Life-Long Learning and the University of the Third Age.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

▪ Number of students	1 534
Number of graduates in 2008	90
Number of academic staff	66