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## History

- Founded in 1899 as the Czech Technical University, by a decree of Emperor Franz Joseph I, the Brno University of Technology is now celebrating its 110-year anniversary. However, its origins go back 50 years deeper into history – to the German-Czech Technical University, formed in 1849. The Department of Civil Engineering was the first to be founded, followed by Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Construction Engineering and Chemical Engineering. After World War I, a Department of Architecture was opened. The period between the beginning of World War II and 1989 brought many changes to the University. It was twice closed down, and its name was changed to Brno University of Technology. After 1989, the University was reorganized, and new faculties were established. The Faculty of Chemistry was reestablished in 1992. The Faculty of Business and Management was founded in the same year, followed by the Faculty of Fine Arts, in 1993. In 2000, two faculties located in Zlín separated from the university and formed the Tomáš Baťa University in Zlín. The latest significant change has been the formation of the Faculty of Information Technology, which split off from Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The original faculty has changed into the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication.

Many notable scientists, architects and artists have graduated from BUT, including Prof. Ing. arch. Ivan Ruller (Architecture, 1990–1994 Dean of the Faculty of Architecture), Prof. Ing. Dr. h. c. Vladimír List, DrSc. (Electrical Engineering),

Ing. Miroslav Sigmund (Mechanical Engineering), and Dr. Ing. Viktor Kaplan (Mechanical Engineering).

Today, with more than 22 000 students, the Brno University of Technology is one of the largest universities in the Czech Republic and the only technical university in the Czech Republic that which covers the whole spectrum of technical disciplines. The University has made numerous contacts with universities and other institutions around Europe, in the United States, Poland, Russia and other countries.

## Structure of the Institution

### ■ **Brno University of Technology consists of the following faculties (in alphabetical order):**

- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Business and Management
- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication
- Faculty of Fine Arts
- Faculty of Information Technology
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

In addition to the Faculties, the Institute of Forensic Engineering of Brno University of Technology forms an integral part of BUT. The Institute offers further education, and its members are expert advisors in many fields, including analyzing the cause of traffic accidents and evaluating property.

The University Libraries have a collection of 315 000 volumes, some of which have been published by VUTIUM Press, which edits about 290 publications every year.

The Student Residence Halls have a capacity to accommodate 6 800 students in rooms with internet access. BUT offers its students a wide range of dining services (cafeterias, restaurants, pizzerias, cafés, bars and snack bars) with a modern catering system (cashless, no pre-ordering, no limit, online menus).

BUT also has the largest academic sports facilities in the Czech Republic especially thanks to the newly-built multifunctional sports hall. The Centre for Sports Activities offers 42 sports activities.

## Organization of Studies

- The Brno University of Technology provides university education in 56 full-time and part-time degree programmes with 290 fields of study in the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral (Ph.D.) study programmes. The Faculty of Business and Management also offers an MBA study programme that is recognized world-wide. The university promotes the development of interdisciplinary branches such as materials science and engineering, mechatronics, mathematical and physical engineering, ecological engineering, biomedical engineering and medical informatics and industrial design. BUT also offers studies for double degrees and for the Euroengineer degree. The University uses the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). In 2006, Brno University of Technology obtained a Diploma Supplement Label certificate.

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The winter semester lasts from September to January, and the summer semester runs from February to September. Each semester consists of 10 to 14 weeks of courses and 4 to 7 weeks

of examination period. The length of the semester varies in different faculties and in different years of study. In the regular full-time study programmes the basic forms of teaching are lectures, laboratory work, projects, exercises, seminars, consultations (direct and individual), practical work and field trips (at the Faculty of Architecture, a one-year practical placement is obligatory between bachelor and master studies), seminar projects, research study and examinations.

## Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ <b>Total number of students</b>	<b>22 479</b>
Number of students in Bachelor Programmes	14 333
Number of Students in Master Programmes	5 989
Number of Students in Doctoral Programmes	2 157
Number of foreign Students	1 853
Total number of graduates in 2007	4 288
Number of Bachelor's Degree graduates	1 954
Number of Master's Degree Graduates	2 213
Number of Doctoral's Degree Graduates	121
Number of foreign Graduates	269
Total number of Academic Staff	1 280