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Palacký University  
Olomouc



### **Tradition and Prestige**

Palacký University Olomouc (Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci—UP) is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic, educating scholars since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Olomouc is also the site of the second largest historical monument area in the country. A second home to almost 24 thousand students from all over the world, Olomouc is a genuine university city, the “Czech Oxford”.

Its eight faculties provide 240 study programmes in Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degrees in the following areas of studies: Theology, Education, Law, Physical Education and Sports, Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Medicine, and Health Science. Top-level disciplines include

Experimental Medicine, Nanotechnology, Optics, Kinesiology, and Experimental Physics. Internationally recognised specialties are Special Education, Physiotherapy, and Psychology.

### **Science and Research**

Palacký University Olomouc is a modern research university. Science and research—their support and development—are its top priorities. Research teams utilise state-of-the-art technologies, and students assist in solving scientific research projects. Palacký University Olomouc collaborates with a number of foreign partner institutes.

## International Environment

Palacký University Olomouc is truly international: more than 12% of its students come from abroad. Thanks to the various programmes many students of Palacký University experience part of their studies abroad. Many foreigners decide to stay in Olomouc or at least come back regularly. Locals are friendly and Olomouc is welcoming.

## The Arts Centre and the Armoury

The Palacký University Arts Centre (located in former Jesuit College called Konvikt) houses a variety of arts disciplines. Students and teachers alike make use of its theatre, gallery, cinema, choir hall, music studios, and fine arts ateliers. Concerts are regularly held in the Konvikt courtyard and the Baroque Corpus Christi Chapel.

The central university library is located in a Baroque armoury from the epoch of Empress Maria Theresa on Bishop's Square. This historical building also provides facilities for the Palacký University Computer Centre, UP Press, UP Archive, and Communications Office. Students can also make use of the university textbook bookshop, study rooms, and restaurant.

## Students for Students

One of the many pluses of living and studying in Olomouc is the opportunity to take part in its countless cultural, sport, and social events. Two dozen student associations have their share in the organisation of many events. Students run their own radio and TV stations, sing in choirs, perform in stage plays, and organise film clubs. Music, theatre, and film festivals such as Academia Film Olomouc, Festival of Film Animation, Septembeam (video mapping), the May Festival, and the Flora Theatre Festival take place throughout the academic year.

## The Information Centre and Shop of Palacký University (UPoint)

The Information Centre and Shop of Palacký University in the House of the Black Dog on Horní náměstí provides information about the university and offers a designer fashion collection, high-quality souvenirs, and books from the

UP Press. The information and sales service are provided by UP students. UP students and alumni have also contributed to the production of the assortment, such as the designs of the UniWearCity fashion collection and the design of UP souvenirs.

<http://upoint.upol.cz/>

## Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute provides Chinese language courses and promotes Chinese culture. Cultural events are organised with the help of students of the Department of Asian Studies at the UP Faculty of Arts. Chinese language courses and Chinese culture workshops are taught by Chinese lecturers, graduated from Chinese as a Foreign Language major at Chinese Universities. The institute was founded in 2007; its partnership university in the People's Republic of China is Beijing Foreign Studies University, where the Czech language is taught.

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# Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology has the longest tradition among the faculties in Olomouc, going back to the year 1573. Its main building is the historical Seminary of St Francis Xavier on University Street.

Theology is the traditional pillar of the curriculum, studied by candidates for the priesthood as well as other interested persons. The faculty has been further focussing on the education of experts in non-theological disciplines such as Social and Charity Work, International Humanitarian Aid, and Special Education.

## Study programmes

The Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty offers studies in Theology, Theological Studies, Social Policy and Social Work, and Social Education. Christian Education teachers for primary schools are also trained here. Popular study programmes include Charity and Social Work, or International Humanitarian and Social Work, conducted in collaboration with Caritas – College of Social Work Olomouc. Social Education is also very popular among applicants. The faculty is open to all students, regardless of their faith.

Master's degree programme graduates may continue their study in postgraduate doctoral programmes. The faculty has the accreditation for habilitation and professor procedures. Various specialised courses in lifelong education programmes are prepared for students as well as the public, and a number of courses, lectures, and field trips are organised at the University of the Third Age.

## Of special interest

There are three research centres operating at the Faculty of Theology: The Centre for the Study of Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Texts, the Olomouc University Social Health Institute (OUSHI), and the Institute for Intercultural, Interreligious and Ecumenical Research and Dialogue (IMEVD).



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# Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Physicians have been instructed in Olomouc since the 18th century. The Faculty of Medicine as such was opened in 1947, one of the four faculties after the university's post-war restoration. Partnerships with other universities, hospitals, and specialised institutes across Europe involve both lecturing and scientific research. Practical training is provided in collaboration with Teaching Hospital Olomouc.

The UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry is a leading institution in biomedical research, with a long-standing tradition and the ambition to become an eminent centre of innovation and excellence among medical faculties in the Czech Republic and all of Central Europe.

## Study programmes

The Faculty of Medicine offers two Master's degree study programmes: General Medicine and Dentistry. Both programmes may be studied in English. The faculty also offers dozens of doctoral study programmes in Czech and English along with continual lifelong education, including the University of the Third Age.

## Of special interest

The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry keeps expanding and modernising. Experts in the newly opened *Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine* investigate the causes of tumour and infectious diseases on the molecular level.

The completion of its new *Theoretical Institutes* has significantly enhanced the quality of provided education. New possibilities in instruction such as telemedicine have been developed and state-of-the-art simulators are in use.



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# Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is the largest UP faculty. Its twenty-one departments offer more than 600 combinations of humanities, social, linguistic, and arts studies programmes. The Faculty of Arts offers adequately demanding training, a liberal approach in arranging one's own curriculum, a personal approach to students, and development of individual skills. Student activities are strongly supported, with emphasis on involving students in expert and cultural activities. An open space for discussion is promoted and creative thinking is welcome. The faculty administration encourages every student to study abroad at least once at some point during their studies.

## Study programmes

The Faculty of Arts provides instruction in a number of languages and literatures (Chinese, Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian), arts studies (Art History, Musicology, Theory and History of the Dramatic Arts, and Theatre, Film and Media Studies), and social sciences (Journalism, Sociology, History, Andragogy, Cultural Anthropology, Political and European Studies, and Psychology).

All fields of study are accredited for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degree study programmes. Teaching qualifications for secondary and further education are also offered.

## Of special interest

The Faculty of Arts participates in organising the largest European festival of documentary and popular science films, Academia Film Olomouc (AFO). Events organised by arts studies departments in the premises of the Palacký University Arts Centre contribute to the cultural life of the region. The faculty actively develops and fulfils the third role of the university in civic society.



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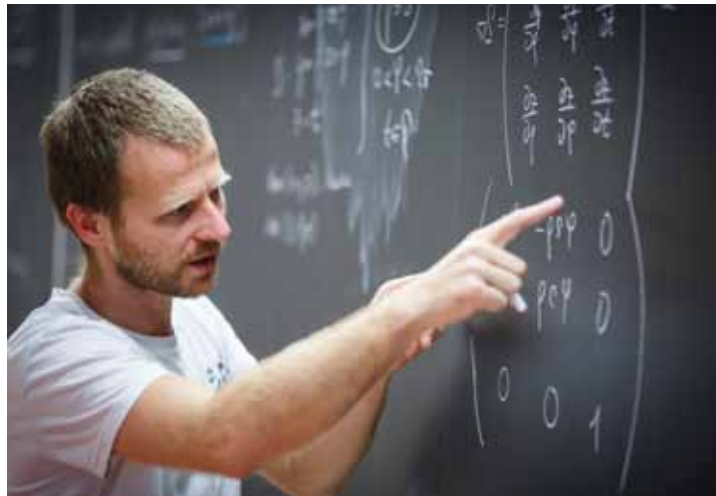
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# Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science in Palacký University is a world-class research-oriented institution that offers competitive education programmes for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ecology, Earth Sciences, Mathematics and Information Science. Students enrolled in the faculty shall have the opportunity to join international research teams and publish their research work in prestigious high-impact scientific journals. Lecture halls and laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities are freely accessible to all staff members and students. The Fortress of Knowledge, a historical premise of the Crown Fortress is situated near the faculty building, and the southeastern region of the city of Olomouc is home to a growing campus of biotechnological and nanotechnological institutes that include the Region Centre of Advanced Technologies and Nanomaterials (RCTPM) and the Centre of the Haná Region for Biotechnological and Agricultural Research (CRH).

## Study programmes

The Faculty offers comprehensive courses in all fundamental natural sciences, which include Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ecology, Earth Sciences, and Information Technologies. English-language courses are offered to undergraduate-level programmes in Applied Mathematics, International Development Studies, Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Material Chemistry, and Nanotechnology. All doctoral programmes are available in English. In addition, the J.L. Fischer Scholarship (amounting to 11 000 Euro per year) is awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Science in order to support doctoral students in English-study programmes; the scholarship covers all tuition fees and accommodation expenses.

## Of special interest

The Faculty of Science takes pride in its creativity potential, extensive research output, and versatile international collaboration. To date, the teams of scientists in the faculty have continuously produced significant scientific achievements in the fields of biotechnologies, nanomaterial research, optics, quantum information science, and research into new chemicals applicable to medicine and the industry.



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# Faculty of Education

The roots of the tradition of teacher training in Olomouc go back to the 18th century. Both teachers and students are encouraged to attach themselves to its prestige and rich history and develop it in a creative manner in the spirit of modern European educational trends. The Faculty of Education trains future teachers and other educational professionals for all types of schools—kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, formal and informal educational facilities. Training for careers in the area of social affairs and public administration is provided too. Teaching competence for students enrolled in teaching study programmes at other UP faculties is guaranteed; the Lifelong Education Programme offers further schooling to professionals in education as well as other areas. The development of internationalisation is supported, so students have a broad variety of options for study abroad in more than 80 foreign partnership institutions.

## Study programmes

The Faculty of Education offers educational and specialised studies in the fields of Teaching, Special Needs Teaching, Primary and Pre-Primary Education, Special Education, Social Work, Public Administration, Social Sciences, English and German, Mathematics, Czech, Biology, Environmental Studies, Technical Education and Information Technology, Health Education, Music Education, Art Education, and more. Selected programmes are accredited in English and Russian on the level of Bachelor's, Master's, and doctoral degrees.

## Of special interest

Academic research activities involve the quality of life for the disabled, quality of education, educational institution climate and its evaluation, educational methodology innovation, prevention of risky virtual communication, comparative zoology in natural sciences, etc. The faculty collaborates with Czech and international experts and is very productive in the field of arts (exhibitions, concerts, etc.). It also hosts specialised service institutes such as University Psychology Counselling, Social and Legal Counselling, Centre for Prevention of Risky Virtual Communication, and the Support Centre for Students with Special Needs, which helps challenged students from all faculties.



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# Faculty of Physical Culture

The Faculty of Physical Culture has been a part of Palacký University since 1991. It is a leading institute in the Czech Republic in the area of human movement and healthy lifestyle. The new Olomouc-Neředín campus will concentrate state-of-the-art facilities for research in human movement and transfer of research findings into practice.

## Study programmes

The Faculty offers Bachelor's, Master's as well as Doctoral degree programmes. Applicants can choose from the following fields of study: Adapted Physical Activity, Adapted Physical Education, Physiotherapy, Emergency and Disaster Management Studies, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Physical Education and Sport, Coaching and Sport Management, Coaching and Sport, and Physical Education, and also Kinanthropology for young researchers interested in doctoral study. These study programmes are taught in Czech. The Faculty offers also study programmes fully taught in English. They are as follows: Master's degree in Physical Activity and Active Living and Adapted Physical Activity, and Doctoral degree in Kinanthropology.

## Of special interest

The Faculty of Physical Culture provides various forms of lifelong education, specifically coaching and licence programmes. International partners are involved in research as well as student and academic exchanges; study programmes abroad (Erasmus+, Japan, China, Canada), sports courses and camps are very popular among students. The faculty experts investigate areas such as the lifestyle of Czech children within the international HBSC study and the impact of the built environment on physical activity within the *IPEN Adolescent* project. The faculty publishes two academic journals *Acta Gymnica* and *Tělesná kultura* (Physical Culture). An active lifestyle is promoted by the *Radost z pohybu* (Joy of Movement) internet portal. The faculty runs a training and recreation centre called *Pastviny*.



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# Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law builds on several hundred years of earlier tradition in teaching Law. Its modern history commenced in 1991 after being reopened as the first Czech Law faculty after the Velvet Revolution. Its mission is to encourage and support the values of liberty, democracy, and civic society. Academicians put emphasis on practical forms of education, developing students' skills. The faculty features modern lecture rooms, which are also used for academic conferences, seminars, and festive assemblies.

## Study programmes

The faculty offers a five-year Master's degree programme in Law and Legal Science, a three-year Bachelor's degree programme in Law in Public Administration, and a continuing Master's degree programme in European Studies with Specialisation in European Law (the study programme Political Science).

The postgraduate programme Theoretical Legal Science—in the areas of Civil, Criminal, Administrative, and Constitutional Law—has been running since 2009; European and International Law was included in 2014. The faculty awards the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence in 14 disciplines.

## Of special interest

The Master's study programme Law and Legal Science is unparalleled in the Czech context due to its practical applications, training in fundamental areas of positive law since the beginning of the study, and in the dominance of the key programme Civil Law. Since 1996, the faculty also runs The Legal Clinic, a legal counselling centre offering legal assistance especially to socially needy persons or people with other special needs, the first of its kind in Central Europe. Its clinical law programme is top-level in the European context.



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# Faculty of Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences was established in 2008 by separation of the non-medical health disciplines from the existing programmes of UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. It is the newest faculty at Palacký University. Classes take place in the premises of Teaching Hospital Olomouc and the Theoretical Institutes of the Faculty of Medicine.

## Study programmes

The Faculty of Health Sciences offers Bachelor's degree study programmes and continuing Master's degree programmes. The Bachelor's programmes include General Nursing, Midwifery, and health-care specialisations such as Physiotherapy and Radiology Assistant.

Continuing Master's degree study programmes include healthcare specialisations such as Physiotherapy and Nursing Care in Internal Medicine.

## Of special interest

Faculty members' scientific publications are published in an interdisciplinary journal, *Profese on-line*, listed among Peer-Reviewed Non-Impact Journals. It is indexed in the Bibliographia Medica Čechoslovaca in the National Medical Library of the Czech Republic. It is issued semi-annually in a Czech and English edition ([www.profeseonline.upol.cz](http://www.profeseonline.upol.cz)), available free of charge. The journal addresses professionals in nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, radiological assistance, anthropology, psychology, sociology as well as in specialised services in health care, oriented to improve the quality of provided care and to develop the theoretical bases of all health-care disciplines.



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