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## Tradition and Prestige

Palacký University Olomouc (Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci–UP) is the second-oldest university in the Czech Republic, educating scholars since the 16th century. Olomouc is also the site of the second-largest historical monument area in the country. A second home to roughly 23 thousand students from all over the world, Olomouc is known as the “Czech Oxford”. Its eight faculties provide more than 300 study programmes in the following areas of study: Theology, Education, Law, Physical Culture, Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Medicine, and Health Sciences. Top-level disciplines include Experimental Medicine, Nanotechnology, Optics, Kinanthropology, and Experimental Physics. Internationally recognised specialties include Special Education, Physiotherapy, Psychology, and Political Science.

## 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. Thanks to university projects, science-research centres like the Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine, the Regional Centre of Advanced Technologies and Materials, and the Centre of the Region Haná for Biotechnological and Agricultural Research have been established in Olomouc, whose significance reaches far beyond the region. Other renowned workplaces include the Joint Laboratory of Optics, the Centre for the Prevention

of Risky Virtual Communication, the Olomouc Social Health Institute, and the BALUO Application Centre.

## Information

The English website of Palacký University Olomouc is [www.upol.cz/en](http://www.upol.cz/en). Applicants are advised to visit [www.study.upol.cz](http://www.study.upol.cz) to learn about the options and conditions of studying at UP. The website offers a user-friendly catalogue of study programmes and an electronic application form. UP also has profiles on social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The internet news portal *Žurnál Online* ([zurnal.upol.cz](http://zurnal.upol.cz)) is a regular source of information concerning what happens at UP. An English edition is printed biannually.

## International Environment

Palacký University is truly international: more than 17% of its students come from abroad. Thanks to various exchange programmes, the majority of Palacký University students can get experience by studying abroad.

## Students for Students

One of the many plusses of living and studying in Olomouc is the opportunity to take part in its countless cultural, sporting and social events. More than thirty student associations take part in the organisation of countless events. Students run their own radio and TV stations, sing in choirs, perform in stage plays, and organise film clubs. Major music, theatre, and film festivals such as Academia Film Olomouc (AFO), the Festival of Film Animation and Contemporary Art (PAF), the Student May Celebrations, and the Flora Theatre Festival take place throughout the academic year.



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## UP Information Centre and Shop (UPoint)

UPoint, located in the House of the Black Dog on Olomouc's main square, provides information about the university and offers a designer fashion collection, high-quality souvenirs, and books from the UP Press. 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 designs of UP souvenirs.  
[www.upoint.upol.cz/en](http://www.upoint.upol.cz/en)

## International Relations

The UP International Relations Office provides information about study and traineeship mobility and funding options for students and staff alike. It is the key coordinator for the Erasmus+ programme and provides information about other exchange programmes within the European Union, collaboration with partner universities, and other programmes.

## Centres, Institutes, Schools

The Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies was established 2004. The Confucius Institute and King Sejong Institute provide language courses. The British Centre offers English exams. Palacký University organises Summer and Winter Schools for foreign students.

## Accommodation and Dining

Accommodation at modern housing facilities in Olomouc is provided mainly to full-time students, al-

though others may apply too. UP students, employees, guests, and non-university customers can dine in several modern facilities. All canteens and cafeterias offer a wide variety of ready and short order meals.

## The Arts Centre and the Armoury

The Palacký University Arts Centre (located in the original Jesuit College building "Konvikt", or Convictorium) houses a variety of arts disciplines, a theatre, a cinema, an art gallery, a choir hall, fine arts ateliers, and the Baroque Corpus Christi Chapel. The central university library on Bishop's Square, featuring open stacks, is located in a Baroque armoury from the epoch of Empress Maria Theresa. This historical building provides facilities for the Palacký University Information Technology Centre, the UP Press, the UP Archives, and the university Communications Office. Students can also make use of the university textbook bookshop, study rooms, and café.

## Science and Technology Park

The UP Science and Technology Park offers rental space—office spaces, laboratories, pilot plants, co-working, and virtual offices. Its Technology Transfer division administrates UP intellectual property. It connects businesses with Palacký University, provides commercial collaboration with firms in the areas of contracted research, research on commission, and on the basis of licensing agreements. The UPrint 3D print workplace is the largest 3D print centre in Moravia. And the Numerical Simulation Laboratory offers numeric modelling on a super computer.





# Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology

## Basic information

Olomouc is traditionally a centre of religious and educational life in Moravia. The Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology at Palacký University has been developing this heritage since 1573. Its mission is to assist the Church and society to face their contemporary challenges.

## Key areas of education

Theology is studied both by candidates for the priesthood and the general public. Humanitarian and Social Work studies critically explore the complexities of humanitarian crises and the responses they trigger, with particular focus on effects on people, institutions and societies. Social Education arms future teachers with practical skills, especially in after-school activities for socially-disadvantaged children. The Ph.D. programme "Social and Spiritual Health Determinants" is focused on interdisciplinary approaches to health and illness.

## Information about study programmes in English

The Humanitarian section runs the International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights which involves trans-disciplinary modules with simulations of humanitarian crises. In addition, the faculty organises the CEEPUS International Autumn School in Bioethics. These courses are provided in English. There are international English MA and Ph.D. programmes underway.

## Of special interest

There are three research centres at the Faculty. Biblical scholars and philosophers prepare translations with commentaries of Septuagint, Clement of Alexandria and other patristic authors. Practical theologians develop ecumenical and interreligious dialogues. Psychologists focus on empirical research in social determinants of health and evidence-based policies.



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# Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

## Basic information

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

## Key areas of education

The Faculty of Medicine offers two Master's degree study programmes: a 6-year programme in General Medicine and a 5-year programme in Dentistry. The studies are concluded by the Final State Examinations, graduates are awarded an academic-professional degree "Doctor of Medicine" (MUDr.) or "Doctor of Dentistry" (MDDr.). In 2019/2020, a new Master's degree study programme will be launched (Public Health) which can be studied full-time or part-time.

## Information about study in English

Foreign students are offered both study programmes (i.e. General Medicine and Dentistry) in English. Except for the fact that teaching is conducted in English, the curricula of the 2 study programmes are identical to the coursework taken by Czech medical students. The faculty is also engaged in various exchange programmes (e.g. Erasmus+).

## Of special interest

The faculty participates in a number of popularisation events and organises educational activities for the public. For its alumni, it holds Golden and Diamond Graduation Ceremonies and the alumni reunion "Roots/Radices". Its students take part in many events for children and seniors, such as "Reading to children" and "Teddy Bear Hospital". 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

### Basic information

The Faculty of Arts is the largest UP faculty. Its 21 departments offer study programmes in the humanities, social sciences, arts, and foreign languages. The faculty provides adequately demanding training, a liberal approach in arranging one's own curriculum, a personal approach to students, and development of individual skills. An open space for discussion and creative thinking is promoted. The faculty encourages every student to study abroad.

### Key areas of education

The Faculty of Arts provides instruction in foreign languages and literatures (Asian languages, Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian), art 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).

### Information about study programmes in English or German

The Faculty of Arts offers many study programmes on the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral levels that are fully accredited and taught in English or German. The choice of programmes is constantly growing. The faculty provides an international environment and supports academic exchanges with many universities around the globe.

### Of special interest

The Faculty of Arts organises many internationally renowned conferences. In addition, the faculty convenes 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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# Faculty of Science

## Basic information

The Faculty of Science is a research-oriented institution that takes pride in its creative potential, extensive research output, and versatile international collaboration. Lecture halls and laboratories offer state-of-the-art equipment. Students enrolled in the faculty have the opportunity to join research teams and publish their work in prestigious scientific journals and conferences.

## Key areas of education

The Faculty of Science offers competitive education programmes for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ecology, and Earth Sciences. Several Master's level and all doctoral programmes are available in English.

## Study programmes in English

Mathematical Analysis, Applied Mathematics, Algebra and Geometry, Computer Science, General and Mathematical Physics, Applied Physics, Optics and Optoelectronics, Biophysics, Physical Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology, Experimental Biology, Zoology, Botany, Ecology, Geological Sciences, Geoinformatics and Cartography, and International Development Studies.

## Of special interest

The J.L. Fischer Scholarship (circa 11 000 euros 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 tuition fees and accommodation expenses.

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# Faculty of Education

## Basic information

The tradition of teacher training in Olomouc dates back to the 18th century. Both teachers and students of the Faculty of Education are encouraged to draw upon this prestigious and rich history and develop it creatively in the spirit of 21st century educational trends. The Faculty of Education trains future teachers and other supporting educational professionals for all types of schools: kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, formal and informal educational facilities.

## Key areas of education

A wide variety of combinations and forms of study are offered within Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. study programmes in teacher education and extra-curricular fields of education. In addition, the faculty offers lifelong education programmes for continued professional development and provides the teacher training for students of other faculties within Palacký University.

## Study programmes in English or Russian

Study programmes accredited in English focus on developing professional knowledge and skills for teachers, special needs teachers and other educators. For example, students can specialise in upper secondary school teaching, special needs education and adult education, and special needs education in after-school settings.

## Of special interest

The faculty's academic research focuses primarily on the process of education, innovative methodologies, inclusion, quality of life improvements for people with disabilities, Internet safety, evaluating working climates in educational institutions, and also on natural sciences. The faculty organises art exhibitions and concerts. It also provides specialised service institutes which provide social and legal counselling, an Internet safety centre for school children, parents and educators, and a support centre for students with special education needs.



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# Faculty of Physical Culture

## Basic information

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 areas of physical activity, human movement and healthy lifestyle. The new Olomouc-Neředín campus concentrates state-of-the-art facilities for research in human movement and transfer of research findings into practice.

## Key areas of education

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.

## Information about study in English

The faculty also offers 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 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+, Canada, China, Japan), sports courses and camps are very popular among students. Faculty experts investigate areas such as the lifestyle of Czech children within the international HBSO study and the impact of the environment on physical activity within the IPEN Adolescent project. The faculty is an active member of the HEPA Europe Network, ISBNPA and ISPAH organisations, and publishes two academic journals: *Acta Gymnica* and *Tělesná kultura* (Physical Culture). The faculty also runs a training and recreation centre called Pastviny (Pastures).



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# Faculty of Law

## Basic information

The Faculty of Law builds on a several centuries-long tradition of law education in Olomouc. Its modern history began in 1991, when it was established as the first post-revolutionary faculty of law in the former Czechoslovakia. Its mission is to support the values of freedom, democracy and civic society. The faculty consists of eight departments and two centres.

## Key areas of education

The faculty provides two study programmes for secondary school graduates – a five-year Master’s degree programme in Law, three-year Bachelor’s degree programme Law in Public Administration, a postgraduate two-year follow-up Master’s degree programme European Studies Focused on European Law, and a four-year doctoral study programme Theoretical Legal Sciences in five different specialisations. The faculty also awards the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence in 14 disciplines.

## Information about study programmes in English

The Faculty of Law offers two study programmes fully accredited and taught in English – Master’s and Ph.D. degree programmes International and European Law. In the same field, a three-semester professional LL.M. course is offered, as well as LL.M. Experiential Learning and Teaching in cooperation with Charles University in Prague.

## Of special interest

Out of all the law faculties in the Czech Republic, the UP Faculty of Law provides the most sophisticated system of competence and practical training already beginning in the first year of study. Its legal clinics are among the best in Europe. The faculty puts an emphasis on the personal approach to students and the development of individual skills. Together with modern educational trends, the faculty offers its students a wide range of extracurricular activities.



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# Faculty of Health Sciences

## Basic information

The Faculty of Health Sciences was established in 2008 by separation of the nonmedical 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 University Hospital Olomouc and the Theoretical Institutes of the Faculty of Medicine.

## Key areas of education

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, Paramedic, and healthcare specialisations such as Physiotherapy and Radiology Assistant.

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

For Master's degree programme graduates the Faculty offers study in the prestigious Doctoral programme of Nursing.

## Of special interest

Faculty members' scientific publications are published in an interdisciplinary journal, *Profese on-line*. 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 healthcare disciplines. The faculty is very active in the fields of science and research in the branches: Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery, Radiology Diagnostics and also in Human Safety and Crisis management.



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## SPORTS AND LEISURE

### UP Field House

Altogether with a complex of outdoor playing fields and a boathouse, the UP Field House serves as a sports learning facility for UP students studying or taking an interest in athletics, and also for training and matches of the UP Volleyball Team and UP Sporting Club. When not in use, its facilities can be hired for sporting or cultural events.

### Academic Sport Centre

The UP Academic Sport Centre ensures a rich offer of attractive sport and recreation activities for UP students and employees. It organises several summer and winter sports courses, educational programmes for lecturers, and UP Sports Day. It makes use of gymnasiums in the centre of the city, the UP Field House, the university boat house, swimming pool, gymnasium and the tennis courts, and the sporting grounds in Olomouc-Neředín.

### BALUO Application Centre

This unique scientific-technical park in the Neředín complex is aimed at supporting physical activity,

a healthy lifestyle, and the prevention of civilisational diseases. The complex contains a diagnostic studio with state-of-the-art measuring equipment, swimming pools equipped with recording equipment, a fitness centre, and the only indoor ski slope in Moravia with variable inclination and speed.

### Joy of Movement

A web platform giving tips on sporting events, providing interesting information about research into human movement, and offering events of its own: Fresh Air hiking trips and Nordic ski training. It also offers the possibility of following movement activities via an on-line system.

### Park It! Revitalising the Public Space

The Park It! initiative is a UP project with the support of the City of Olomouc and the Flora Olomouc Exhibition Halls, the goal of which is to bring more cultural and sporting events and instructional activities into Olomouc parks—for example summer film showings, dances, creative workshops for children, outdoor quizzes, sporting afternoons, literary readings, and concerts. It also offers picnic baskets for hire.

# Why Study in Olomouc

The leading travel guide *Lonely Planet* has ranked Olomouc for two years in a row among the top ten destinations in all of Europe, claiming that “Olomouc is one of the Czech Republic’s most underrated destinations, with a great nightlife scene and a mini-Prague feel.” Dozens of parks, cafés, restaurants, theatres, diverse music clubs, and varied sporting centres are all waiting for you.

## Some of the main reasons to study in Olomouc at UP:

- the high placement rate of UP graduates in the labour market
- Palacký University Olomouc’s standings in the rankings of the best universities in the world
- the many possibilities to study abroad during one’s studies at UP
- support for applied research.

Students can also take part in more than thirty student organisations as well as take advantage of the UP Career Centre, or the assistant service for students with disabilities.

Palacký University also provides stipends for qualified students and supports interesting student research via the UP Endowment Fund.

Because of its large number of foreign students, lecturers, and scientists, studying at Palacký University Olomouc offers a wonderful opportunity to learn foreign languages and make friends from all over the world. Add that to the huge number of cultural and sporting activities during the academic year, and you have the recipe for a life-changing student experience at one of Central Europe’s oldest and most prestigious universities.

Finding Olomouc—neighbouring airports and their distance in kilometres:

**Brno** 80 km | **Ostrava** 100 km | **Katowice** 185 km | **Bratislava** 205 km | **Vienna** 210 km | **Krakow** 260 km | **Prague** 280 km | **Wroclaw** 330 km | **Budapest** 400 km | **Dresden** 420 km | **Salzburg** 510 km | **Nuremberg** 580 km | **Berlin** 615 km | **Munich** 645 km



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