
FAQ

- **What makes the Czech Republic such a popular destination for international students?**

Currently, the Czech Republic is a popular destination for international students, with almost 400.000 foreign students enrolled, of which 7.000 international students study at Charles University, many of them within the Erasmus+ programme. The Czech Republic provides many educational and cultural opportunities, while being situated in the heart of Europe. Study in the Czech Republic is popular especially since it offers well-esteemed universities with high quality teaching, affordable living costs, and a dynamic and vibrant cultural life.

- **Why study at Charles University?**

Charles University is the leading university in the Czech Republic. It was founded by the King Charles IV in the year 1348 and with its long history it is one of the oldest universities in the world. The University offers accredited degree programmes at Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. levels. It provides high quality teaching, has an excellent research record and employs academics who are leading professionals in their disciplines. The University has about 52.000 students, including international students who come to the university to obtain their degree or as exchange students for study stays.

- **Why study at Faculty of Physical Education and Sport?**

Since 1965, the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport has been one of the 17 faculties of Charles University, having grown out of the Institute of Physical Education that became part of the university in 1959. The Faculty's mission is to educate and train professionals for work in the areas of physical education, sports, recreation and rehabilitation. The uniqueness of the Faculty consists in the fact that it provides a wide range of theoretical and practical courses taught in English within the study branches of Physical Education and Sport, and Physiotherapy, which enables an excellent career preparation. The number of Erasmus+ students is about 40-50 each semester, so there are a lot of opportunities to meet friends from different countries of Europe, as well as to meet full degree students from all over the world.

- **What academic degrees are awarded by Charles University?**

There are three types of degrees awarded at Charles University: Bachelor degree, Master degree and Ph.D. degree. Bachelor and Master Degrees are considered as undergraduate degrees (in some countries Master degree is called a graduate degree), Ph.D. is postgraduate (doctoral) degree.

The content, difficulty and number of semesters required to complete a degree programme is the same in the Czech Republic as it is in the EU countries, USA or Canada. A degree of a Bachelor or Master is of the same value as anywhere else. All degree programs require graduation from the preceding degree(s).

- **What can you study at Faculty of Physical Education and Sport?**

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sport offers accredited degree programmes at Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. levels. Two study programmes are fully taught in the English language:

Bachelor's Programmes

- Physical Education and Sport (3 years), Study Branch: Physical Education and Sport
- Specialization in Health Service (3 years), Study Branch – Physiotherapy

Master's Programmes

- Physical Education and Sport (2 years), Study Branch: Physical Education and Sport
- Specialization in Health Service (2 years), Study Branch – Physiotherapy

Erasmus+ students are integrated into the courses of these two degree programmes. For the list of courses offered for Erasmus+ students, please see: <http://www.ftvs.cuni.cz/FTVSEN-31.html>

Doctoral programmes

For Erasmus+ students the Faculty offers internships for conducting research in the areas of Kinanthropology and Biomechanics. It is possible to spend the internship at many of the Departments or Centres of the Faculty. For participation in the internship at the Faculty, it is first necessary to make sure there is an available suitable guarantor and adequate content of the stay.

- Kinanthropology focuses on the interdisciplinary study of human movement, with respect to Physical Education, sport, recreation, rehabilitation and physiotherapy. It develops themes such as psycho-social and biological determinants of an active lifestyle, psycho-social functions of physical activities, values and ethics of sport as a part of the quality of life, etc.
- Biomechanics concerns questions such as the functional and structural response of the human locomotor system, tissues, organs and organ systems to dynamic stress fields; injury biomechanics, occupational diseases, human-

machine interaction, degenerative organism changes, artificial replacements, tissue engineering, identification of loading history, etc.

- **What languages are courses taught in?**

The Faculty of Physical Education and Sport offers two Bachelor and Master branches of study in the areas of Physical Education and Sport, and Physiotherapy, with a choice of two languages: Czech and English. To be able to successfully study at the Faculty, an adequate level of one of these languages is required. This means not only the ability to read and write, but also the ability to speak and understand the content of courses.

- **What teaching and exam methods are used?**

In the Czech Republic most courses combine a range of teaching methods such as lectures, seminars, tutorials, laboratory sessions, field trips, clinical practice and work placements. The assessments are commonly based on a mixture of exams, either written or oral, course work and seminar papers.

- **Does the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport accept mature (older) students?**

Faculty of Physical Education and Sport is looking for the brightest and best students whatever their background. So applications from mature students are welcomed since the skills and experience they bring are valued. There is no upper age limit. It is appreciated that not everyone has had the opportunity or desire to enter higher education at the age of 18.