



## Student Life

### • International Student Club

The International Office, together with Czech students (tutors), organises cultural and social activities (tours of Prague, exhibitions, concerts, etc.) for international students.

### • Film Club

The Film Club holds a film screening every two weeks throughout the semester. The current programme can be found on the club's website ([http://fkfhs.and.cz/index.php?lang\\_id=2](http://fkfhs.and.cz/index.php?lang_id=2)).

## Student Facilities

### • Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in Charles University's halls of residence (dormitories). Students are normally housed in double-occupancy rooms.

### • Student Cafeterias

Charles University operates a number of student cafeterias ('menza') at different locations. The FHS cafeteria is located on the ground floor of the main building in Jinonice.

### • Library

The Charles University library system is decentralized and consists of a number of libraries at different locations. The FHS library can be found on the ground floor of the main building in Jinonice.

### • Computers and Internet Access

PC workstations are available in the computer labs in various university buildings. Wireless Internet can be accessed inside the university buildings (a Charles University Student Card is required).

### • Sport facilities

Sport facilities are located in the Hostivař campus (Bruslařská 1132, Prague 15).

## Tutoring System

To help exchange students get a good start, the FHS International Office sponsors a tutoring system operated by student volunteers. The main task of a student tutor is to provide the incoming student with practical information about the faculty and to introduce him / her to life in Prague.

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# Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague

## Charles University

Charles University (CU) in Prague, founded in 1348 by the King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, is the oldest university in Central Europe. At the time of its foundation, the university consisted of four faculties; it currently has 17 faculties, 3 university institutes, and 6 other centres. CU is an accredited public university and an autonomous research and educational establishment. CU is headed by the Rector and the Academic Senate is the university's supreme self-regulating academic body. According to Shanghai University's Academic Ranking of World Universities, CU is one of the world's top 300 universities.

## Prague

The capital and largest city of the Czech Republic has been a thriving cultural and political centre since the Middle Ages. 'The city of a hundred spires' or 'Golden Prague' is home to a unique collection of historical monuments built in various styles and dominated by Prague Castle. The historical city centre, set on both banks of the Vltava River, has been listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Register since 1992.



## Figures

Number of students: 2,600  
Departments: 20  
Degree programmes: 14  
Academic staff: 149  
Administrative staff: 37

## History

The Faculty of Humanities (FHS) is Charles University's youngest faculty. Originally founded in the early 1990s as the Institute for Liberal Education, it was elevated to the rank of a faculty in 2000, the vision being that it would offer study programmes at the Bachelor, Master's and PhD levels in various humanities and social science disciplines not yet established at CU. The FHS quickly gained a reputation as a progressive school with innovative study programmes and teaching methods.

## Mission

The mission of the Faculty of Humanities is through high-quality education to endow students with the ability to lead a fulfilling life in this increasingly complex and changing world.

## Goals

- to provide education in the humanities and social sciences that meets the highest international standards;
- to achieve excellence in research and integrate it with education;
- to cultivate the ability of students to learn throughout life and encourage self-responsibility and a commitment to society;
- to promote the mobility of the FHS's increasingly international student body and academic staff.

## Research

The Faculty of Humanities is dedicated to excellence in various areas of academic research. The faculty participates in international and national research projects and promotes young researchers' academic development.

## Accredited Study Programmes and Departments

### Undergraduate Study Programme – Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities:

- Department of Philosophy
- Department of History
- Department of Social Sciences
- Department of Arts
- Department of Languages
- Department of Qualified Skills

### Master's Study Programmes:

- Civil Society Studies
- Electronic Culture and Semiotics
- Gender Studies
- General Anthropology - Integral Study of Man
- German and French Philosophy in the European Context
- Historical Sociology
- Management and Supervision in Social and Health Care Organisations
- Oral History – Contemporary History
- Social and Cultural Ecology

### Postgraduate Study Programmes:

- Anthropology
- General Anthropology – Integral Study of Man
- Applied Ethics
- Environmental Studies



## International Students

*'Study abroad in the Czech Republic opened my eyes to the culture and art history of Central - Eastern Europe.'*  
(A. T. – exchange student from the USA)

International students have three options for studying at FHS: as degree-seeking students, as exchange students from one of our partner universities, or as students from a non-partner university (so-called free-movers).

### Degree-seeking students

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH:

##### Liberal Arts and Humanities

##### PhD DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH:

##### Environmental Studies General Anthropology

### Exchange students

#### Erasmus

The number of exchange students attending FHS increases steadily every year. The most popular exchange programme is the EU-sponsored Erasmus. Visiting students attend courses in English together with Czech students; courses offered by other CU faculties are also open to them, subject to availability. FHS offers an interesting selection of courses in the humanities and social sciences every semester.

### European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

To ensure compatibility of credits and grades earned with other European higher education systems, FHS uses the European credit transfer system. ECTS credits are based on the course workload (1 ECTS credit = 25 hours of work). Students are expected to obtain 60 ECTS credits per academic year of full-time study.

### Course Catalogue

The Course Catalogue is available online in the Student Information System (SIS); it contains detailed information on all courses (annotations and syllabuses) and schedules.

See: [is.cuni.cz/studium/index.php](http://is.cuni.cz/studium/index.php)

#### MASTER'S DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

##### German and French Philosophy in the European Context (GE, FR)

##### Historical Sociology (EN)

##### Oral History – Contemporary History (EN)

### Czech Language Course

The Czech Language Course is designed for international students with no previous knowledge of Czech. There is no entrance exam or fee, but students are required to buy a course book.



## Undergraduate Programme in Central European Studies

FHS participates in the Undergraduate Programme in Central European Studies (UPCES) offered in cooperation with CERGE-EI. This programme is open to students from top-tier American universities and FHS students (including FHS exchange students). FHS students can choose any course and join the excursions or cultural events held as a part of the programme. The courses focus on the history, politics, society, culture, literature and philosophy of Central Europe.

## Erasmus Mundus EuroPhilosophie (Master's Programme)

The Erasmus Mundus Master's Programme *German and French Philosophy in the European Context* (EuroPhilosophie) offers highly qualified students from around the world an advanced study course in the field of German and French philosophy. Over two years, students spend one to two semesters at three of the seven European universities participating in this programme (Bochum, Louvain-la-Neuve, Luxembourg, Munich, Prague, Toulouse and Wuppertal). Programme graduates are awarded a joint Master's degree from three participating universities.

## FHS International Office

The FHS International Office coordinates student, teacher and staff mobility. The office is responsible for contacts with partner institutions in other countries and for promoting international cooperation. The office also provides counselling and support to incoming and outgoing students.



### FHS's Erasmus Network:

55 partner universities in 21 countries

### Non-Erasmus partner universities:

33 universities in 15 countries

### Mobility per year:

Exchange students – outgoing: 60  
– incoming: 150

Outgoing teachers: 60

Incoming teachers: 10

## FHS buildings

**Main building Jinonice:**  
U Kříže 8, Prague, 158 00

**Hůrka building:**  
(MA courses): Husníková  
2075, Prague, 158 00

**CERGE-EI:**  
(UPCES courses):  
Politických vězňů 7,  
Prague, 110 00

## Academic Year

### Winter semester

**Teaching period:** end of September to early January  
**Exam period:** mid-January to late February

### Summer semester

**Teaching period:** end of February to mid-May  
**Exam period:** mid-May to June

Orientation session for incoming students is held at the start of each semester.

## Application Deadlines

### Degree students

28 February (MA + BA programmes)

30 April (PhD programmes)

### Exchange students

30 June (WS, academic year)

31 October (SS)

## Application Procedure

### Degree students

Consult the relevant programme website ([fhs.cuni.cz/FHSENG-314.html](http://fhs.cuni.cz/FHSENG-314.html)).

### Exchange students – required documents

Nomination by home university / letter of recommendation (free - movers)

Learning agreement

Academic transcripts

Certificate of language skills

## Student Card

The CU Student Card and sticker entitle holders to use the libraries, cafeterias, or computer labs of the university and get them a 50% discount on public transportation.