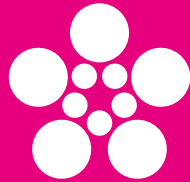


University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice



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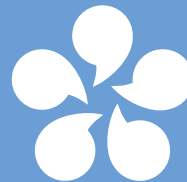
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Welcome to České Budějovice

The royal city of České Budějovice was founded more than 750 years ago. It is centred on the confluence of the rivers Vltava and Malše and it has been the natural centre of the South Bohemian Region since its inception. With its historical city centre, the second-largest square-shaped town square in the country, its Baroque fountain and the renaissance town hall, it is among one of the most beautiful cities in the country and beyond. The 73-metre-high Black Tower built in the 16th century and the neighbouring St. Nicholas's

Cathedral are the two most dominant features of the city's skyline.

The South Bohemian capital, with a population of almost one hundred thousand, is a pleasant place to both live and study. Without having the atmosphere of a busy city, it offers everything one might need: cinemas, clubs and cafés, theatres, museums, galleries, swimming pools and shopping centres. The more than 9 000 students of the University fill the city with a youthful spirit – during the year,

The surroundings of České Budějovice are also attractive. The Hluboká Chateau, a pearl among Czech chateaux, is close by as well as the spa town of Třeboň, or locations on the UNESCO list – picturesque Český Krumlov and the heritage reserve of Holašovice.



the city comes alive through festivals, exhibitions and street art. An inseparable part of student life is relaxing with friends and a pint of beer, which has been brewed in České Budějovice for centuries. The local Budweiser Budvar brewery is world-renowned.

České Budějovice offers all that is needed for an active lifestyle and sports activities. Cyclists and in-line skaters can make use of an extensive network of cycle paths, others may jog or relax

in the extensive Stromovka town park, nature lovers can take advantage of the close proximity of the Šumava National Park and the Novohradské hory mountains, and the river Vltava is a favourite canoeing destination. České Budějovice has a long and strong tradition of ice hockey and volleyball, however, a new tradition of yearly half-marathons has been established. If you are looking for a city with a friendly atmosphere, České Budějovice is bound to be a good fit.



History of the University

Our University is a relatively young institution. It was established only in 1991. However, if we look further back into history, it had what to build on. There had been the decades-long tradition of training teachers and higher education specialists for a variety of branches of agricultural production but also for theological and philosophical studies in České Budějovice, or the tradition of pond management and fish farming, which go back even further into the past.

The core of the University was originally formed by two faculties. The oldest, the Faculty of Education, was established in 1948 as a branch of the Faculty of Education of Charles University and became an independent faculty in 1964. From 1960, the Faculty of Economics was part of the Czech University of Agriculture in Prague and was gradually transformed into the Faculty of Agronomy and then into the present Faculty of Agriculture and Technology. In 1991, these two cornerstones of the new University were joined by three newly formed faculties: the Faculties of Biological Sciences, Theology, and Health and Social Sciences.



In 2006, on the basis of the Institute of History, the Faculty of Arts was established, and a year later, the Faculty of Economics also joined the University as a separate entity after splitting away from the then Faculty of Agriculture. In 2007, the Faculty of Biological Sciences was replaced by the Faculty of Science. At present, the youngest faculty is the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters, which was created in 2009 by transforming the Research Institute of Fish Culture and Hydrobiology in Vodňany. The Faculty of Agriculture changed its name to the Faculty of Agriculture and Technology in 2022.

The University has been led by seven Rectors so far – six men and one woman. The first, elected in 1991, was Associate Professor Jiří Divíšek, a mathematician and then Dean of the Faculty of Education. The first female Rector, elected in 2011, was Professor Magdalena Hrabánková.

The present and beyond



Today the University consists of eight faculties and, as a research institution, it is focused on natural and social sciences and humanities. Close cooperation with institutes of social sciences and natural sciences of the Czech Academy of Sciences is characteristic of us. Given the almost two thousand employees, we are among important employers in the South Bohemian Region and we cooperate with important strategic partners in the region.

Nine facilities active University-wide are also part of the University of South Bohemia – USB Academic Library, USB British Centre, USB Goethe Centre, Centre of Information Technologies, Support Centre for Students with Special Needs, USB Dormitories & Refectories, USB Publishing House, USB Career Centre and Kvítek Children’s Group.

The University has undergone dynamic development in recent years not only in connection with the establishment of new faculties and fields of study but also owing to extensive building works. New pavilions are being built and student dormitories are being renovated. Even the University campus has undergone extensive park modifica-

tion. The grand reveal of the Václav Havel Bench on campus and the planting of the Olga Havlová Tree were important social events. The Kampa Student Club and a University kindergarten also emerged on the grounds in 2016.

In addition to building and modernising new buildings, innovation of laboratory equipment, machines and technologies, support for young talented scientific staff and establishment of new post-doctoral positions are also necessary parts of the development. The completion of the CENAQUA centre focusing on fisheries and protection of waters in Vodňany, which is unique on the European scale, was an important success in recent years. One of the most modern facilities in Europe required an investment of CZK 253 million. The Microbrewery for Research and Instruction of the USB Faculty of Agriculture offering the student beer called Čtyrák was founded in 2016. In 2022, as the faculty changed its name, it was renamed the Research and Instruction Microbrewery of the Faculty of Agriculture and Technology of the University of South Bohemia.

The European Commission awarded the prestigious HR Award (HR Excellence in Research Award) to the University of South Bohemia in 2019. The award represents a guarantee of achieving the European standard in employee care, openness and transparency of selection procedures as well as the quality of the work environment.



Studies



There are currently almost nine thousand students studying at the University in more than 230 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes and fields of study. Full-time and part-time forms of studies are on offer. The University of South Bohemia also offers joint degree programmes or double degree programmes in cooperation with partner universities. Owing to the Support Centre for Students with Special Needs, we provide fully-fledged education to students with health or other handicaps. Students may expand their language skills at our language centres – the British Centre and the Goethe Centre.

Over the past twenty years, a whole series of study fields have built up significant reputations and the work of certain departments has placed us among the foremost centres of science in the country and abroad. Our students have the chance to work with the foremost experts and benefit from cooperation with the Czech Academy of Sciences and other cooperating institutions. Great emphasis is placed on practical training, involvement in science and research projects and cooperation with the world of entrepreneurship.

Our aim is to educate a modern generation of teachers, agricultural specialists, experts in economics and business, natural sciences and their application, health and social services, and human and social sciences. The quality of the education is to be such that the overwhelming majority of graduates of the University can find employment without difficulties. We wish to stay in touch with our former students through the USB Alumni Club that is being developed.



We offer not only higher education but also professional and leisure courses for the general public under lifelong learning. Those in the post-productive age who are interested attend the University of the Third Age. Our summer schools and popularisation lectures such as Academic Half-hours or the Researchers' Night also generate great interest.



Faculty of Economics

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The Faculty of Economics was established in 2007 and builds on the tradition of economic higher education in České Budějovice that began to develop in the 1960s. Since its establishment, the faculty has seen a number of successes in science and research. It offers students all levels of higher education in full-time and part-time forms, with a focus on economic and IT fields. According to long-term statistics, its graduates have a high chance of employment in the labour market.

Every year, the faculty organises a University-wide Invest Day competition in which students present their business ideas and plans to real investors. The faculty supports entrepreneurship and the establishment of start-ups by setting up a coworking centre.





In 2021, a state-of-the-art Virtual Reality classroom was opened at the Faculty of Economics, which will allow students to approach the course topics realistically and with maximum emphasis on clarity, including the programming instruction in VR.



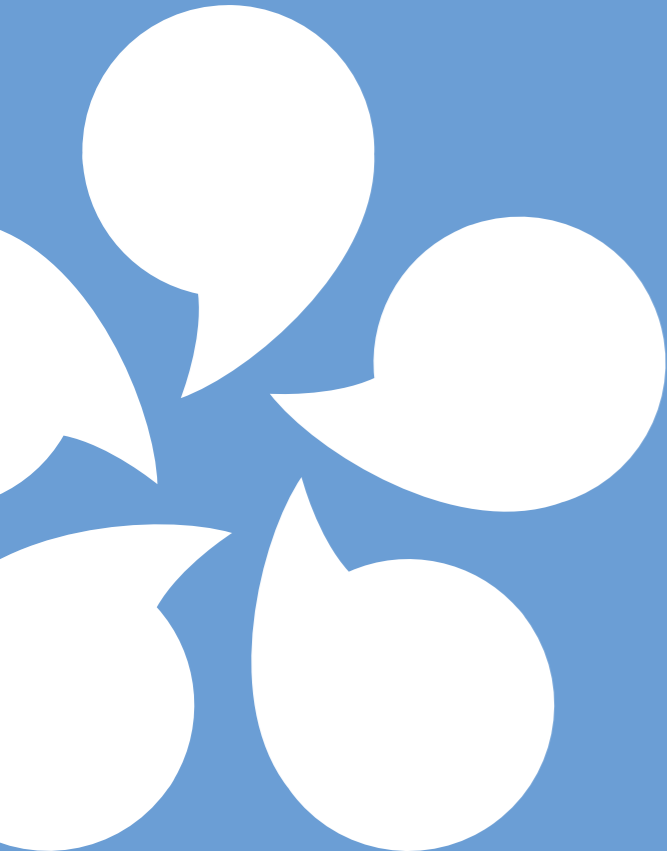
The faculty emphasises the development of modern forms of education bolstering practical skills of graduates such as programme or project instruction, connection with IT in the form of robotisation, artificial intelligence or virtual reality as well as the engagement of students in science and research or work on practical orders for cities and regions. Active students have the option of shadowing managers or pursuing internships in important companies. The faculty also develops intensive cooperation with businesses and institutions of the local as well as supranational nature in industries and services. International cooperation is key for the faculty. It actively takes place in the framework of the joint degree programme Regional and European Project Management. At the level of inter-university agreements, the faculty cooperates with the foremost universities on all continents.

Science and research mainly focus on topics related to the economics and management of enterprises and the socioeconomic factors of regional



development and the use of information technology in business or institutional applications. Issues of sustainability, circular economics and economy – or bioeconomy – are newly being developed as important directions of innovation processes in countries of the European Union. The Faculty of Economics is the first higher education institution in the Czech Republic that has obtained the Fair-trade faculty status. It disseminates ideas of fair trade and social responsibility and thus it has been aiding in raising future generations towards considerate consumption behaviour since 2013 already.

Faculty of Arts



www.ff.jcu.cz

The Faculty of Arts was established in 2006. The USB Institute of History operating since 2003 as an independent scientific and educational faculty within the University became the core of the new faculty. The Department of Czech Studies of the USB Faculty of Education joined the Institute of History in the first phase and today the faculty institutes also include the Institute of Archaeology, Institute of English Studies, Institute of Archival Studies and Auxiliary Sciences of History, Institute of Czech Studies, Institute of Czech-German Area Studies and German Studies, Institutes of Romance Studies, and the Institute of Art and Culture Studies.



The Faculty of Arts offers 6 double degree programmes in total and studies abroad in more than 20 countries in the world (Erasmus+, EEA and Norwegian Grants, Aktion Austria–Czech Republic, DAAD, etc.) The mobility covering the most distance took place more than 12 000km from the faculty in Latin America.



The Faculty of Arts offers education in the fields of history and philology and fields of aesthetics and art history in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes. A high standard of education is guaranteed by high-quality research facilities and the extensive publishing activity of educators.

There are three research centres of excellent scientific teams at the faculty. In literary fields, it is the Centre for newer Czech literature and literary theo-

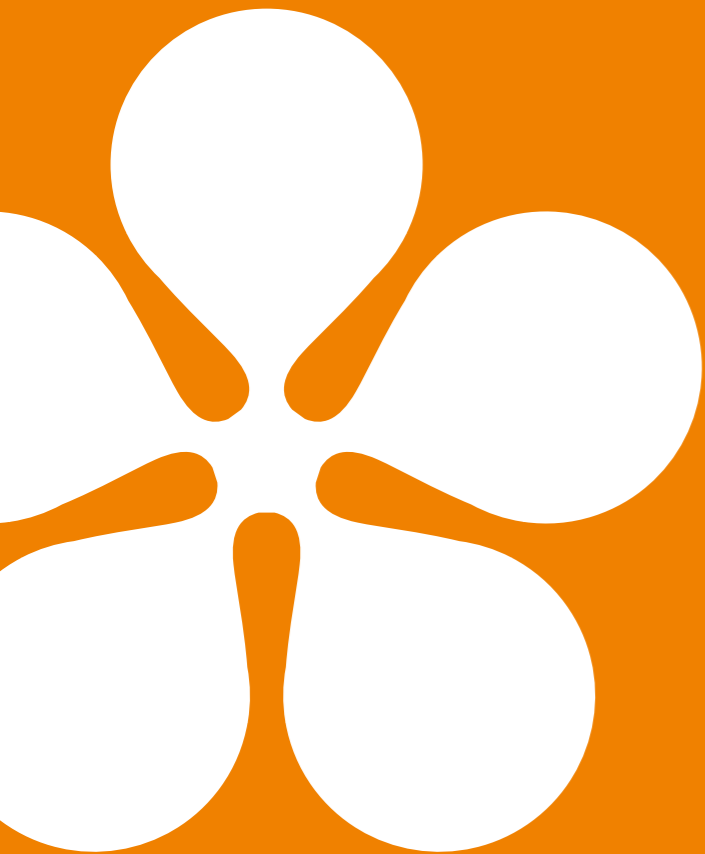


ry research, in history, it is Habsburgs in the history of Czech lands in early modern times, and in linguistics, it is Theory, methods and models in contemporary linguistic research. The faculty staff regularly publish their studies in prestigious domestic and international journals and collections and author a number of monographs. For instance, the prestigious publication Habsburgs 1526–1740 and History of New Modernism 1 and 2.



The second Magnesia Litera award arrived at the Faculty of Arts in 2020. It was received by Associate Professor Ladislav Nagy for the translation of the novel *Patrick Melrose I* by Edward St. Aubyn. The translation by Associate Professor Nagy accurately captures all nuances of St. Aubyn's novel. It has managed to find the right words for various expressions of strange love as well as desperate hatred, the detached view as well as the dry irony of the narrative.

Faculty of Education



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Teacher training has had a long tradition in České Budějovice – the Faculty of Education is the oldest faculty of the University of South Bohemia. It was founded as a branch of the Faculty of Education of Charles University in 1948 and became an independent faculty in 1964. At the same time, it is the largest faculty in terms of the number of students. It is housed in several buildings in the town centre in Jeronýmova St. and Dukelská St., only the Department of Sports Studies is located in the sports complex in Čtyři Dvory near the University campus.

The preparation of future teachers is the faculty's priority. There are currently 18 departments covering a wide range of fields at the faculty. Students may pursue teacher training for the second level of primary schools and several fields of study for teacher training for secondary schools in two-specialisation combinations in bachelor's and consecutive master's cycles. Teacher training for the first level of primary schools is organised in the form of 5-year master's studies. The faculty also offers single-specialisation bachelor's fields as well as consecutive master's degree programmes and doctoral degree programmes are also on offer.





The Department of Informatics guaranteed a strategic project of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports that focused on support for the development of informatic thinking (PRIM) in which all faculties of education in the Czech Republic took part. The goal of the project was to prepare conditions for innovation of instruction of informatics at primary and secondary schools – e.g. 14 new textbooks of informatics were created that innovatively include programming and robotics even for pupils at the first level of primary schools.



The basic condition for high-quality teacher training is its connection to the practice and particularly the cooperation with the education facilities in the region. Therefore, the faculty recently substantially expanded the range of degree programmes under lifelong learning. For instance, practising teachers have the opportunity to supplement or expand their qualifications within the system of further education of teachers. The faculty is also engaged in a number of international educational programmes such as Erasmus+ or innovative projects such as Teacher Pro Futuro, the goal of which is a high-quality preparation of teachers for the 21st century – i.e. empathetic, motivated, inspiring teachers.



In order to bolster and support incentives but also to increase the prestige of scientific performance at the faculty, the Miroslav Papáček Award has been awarded since 2020. The award is intended for students, starting scientists and academic staff of the faculty for their extraordinarily successful scientific achievements in fields that are being developed at the faculty. Professor Miroslav Papáček was a long-time head of the Department of Biology, Vice-Dean and Dean of the USB Faculty of Education as well as Vice-Rector of the University of South Bohemia.

Faculty of Science



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The Faculty of Science was founded in 2007 by extending the original Faculty of Biological Sciences, which was one of the founding bodies of the University. Students can choose between various branches of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programmes. The faculty also offers multi-field studies for future secondary school teachers and professionally oriented studies.



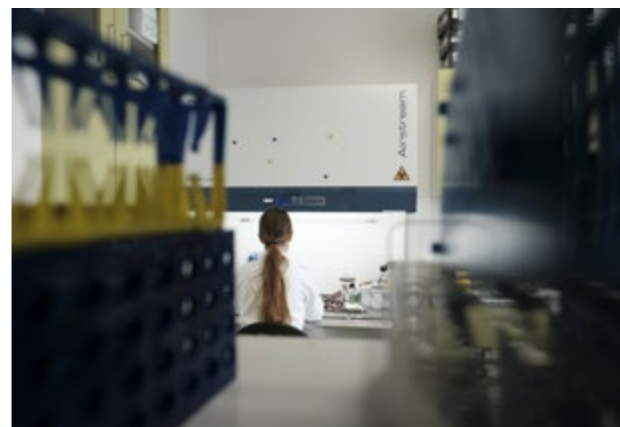
The awards for its staff are proof of the top-class quality of the faculty as well. Professor Tomáš Polívka was appointed to the position of the coordinator of evaluation of science and research by the Government of the Czech Republic in 2021.

The advantage of studying at the Faculty of Science is the individual approach. From the very first year of study, students have the opportunity to join one of the research teams or even participate in international research projects often allowing them to experience their first research achievements. The faculty operates a research base in Papua New Guinea and a polar station on Svalbard, which students visit under the Polar Ecology course. The studies also feature a large number of both domestic and foreign study trips as well as interdisciplinary trips through which students may visit a European country each year.

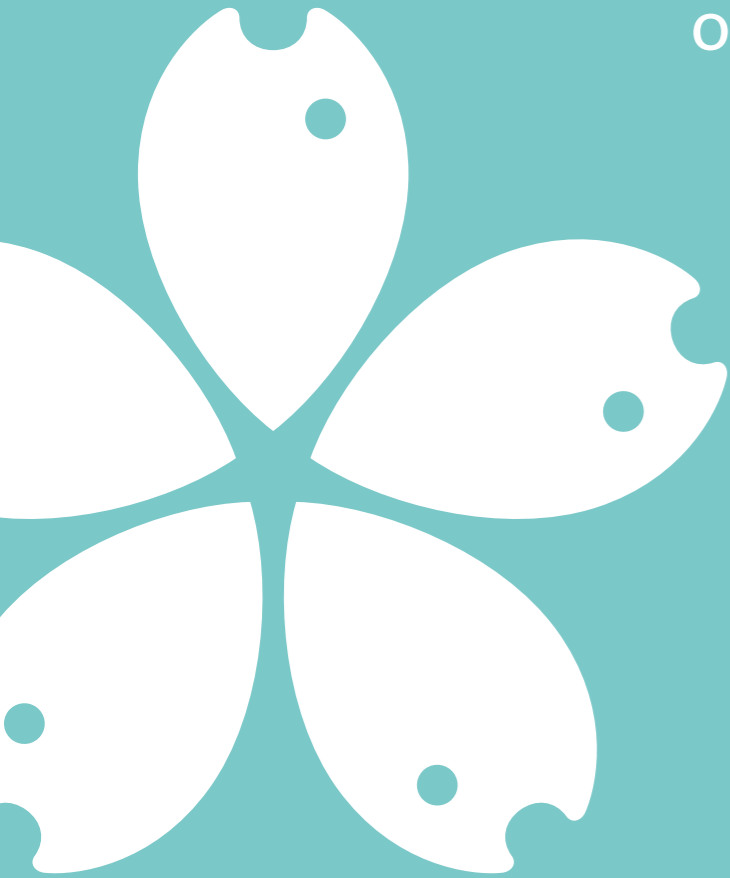


The long-term goal of the Faculty of Science is to support students' stays at foreign specialised facilities and universities. The aim is to facilitate the latest findings, different scientific approaches and improve the language skills of students. The Biological Chemistry and Bioinformatics degree programmes designed as joint programmes with the Johannes Kepler Universität Linz provide exceptional opportunities for gaining international experience.

In the garden of the Faculty of Science, you can find the Jára Cimrman Memorial. It is located at the place where the greatest Czech genius threw away a bite of an apple, thus giving rise to the foundations of ecological composting and the faculty as such. The memorial takes the form of a bronze cast of an apple bite on a granite base.



Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters



www.frov.jcu.cz



The Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters was founded in 2009 and it is the only one of its kind in central Europe. It continues the long tradition of fish farming in South Bohemia. It is the smallest in terms of the number of students and it is also the newest faculty of the University of South Bohemia, but it also builds on a long tradition of fishery research in Vodňany. However, the activities of the faculty extend well beyond the South Bohemian region, with young people and scientists coming here from all over the world for education and research. It is perceived by colleagues abroad as a prestigious research and educational institution with a focus on freshwater fisheries, aquaculture and the protection of water and aquatic ecosystems.

Fish farming that is ecological and sustainable in the long term is one of the priorities of not only European research. Scientists of the faculty take part in the development of circular technologies in aquaculture. They have built an aquaponic greenhouse for this purpose. It is a system of food production that joins fish farming and growing plants without soil. Its potential is great and it may contribute to solving global issues that humanity is facing.





The faculty is housed simultaneously in three South Bohemian towns. The Institute of Aquaculture and Protection of Waters is located in České Budějovice, the Dean of the Faculty and the Research Institute of Fish Culture and Hydrobiology is in Vodňany, and the Institute of Complex Systems is in Nové Hradky. Research at all these institutes is linked through the South Bohemian Research Centre of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses (CENAKVA), which is among the most important institutions in Europe.

Prospective students are offered bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programmes. A top-class

scientific institute with habilitation and professorship rights in fisheries provides its students with education in the fields of (i) fisheries and (ii) the protection of water and aquatic ecosystems, which are mutually intertwined and complementary. In all three levels of education, emphasis is placed on enhancing the student's practical and analytical skills and language training. The faculty is also dedicated to lifelong learning and popularisation of science, especially at the MEVPIS centre in Vodňany, where the faculty organises educational seminars, courses for the general public, summer schools, day camps, etc.

Micropollutants are a group of substances, the impact of which on the aquatic environment has not been very well researched in many cases. Drugs are among such substances. They make their way into nature through waste-water treatment plants. Scientists based at Vodňany have found that these substances may negatively affect the behaviour of aquatic organisms. They participated in a study that revealed that trout may be addicted to methamphetamines and suffer withdrawal symptoms.



Faculty of Theology



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The Faculty of Theology was founded in 1991 as part of the newly established University. It builds on the cultural and educational tradition of higher theological and philosophical studies in the city that has roots in the beginning of the 19th century. It is a modern and open institution educating people of all generations and motivating them towards personal and professional development on the basis of Christian values. The faculty currently focuses on areas of theology, philosophy, social work, pedagogy, and religious studies in its scientific and educational activities.

Reading the most read book in the world in sign language? It is possible now. The project The Bible for the Deaf that the staff of the faculty actively participate in allows introducing the deaf to the content of one of the cornerstones of the heritage of humanity. These are fully-fledged translations from Hebrew and Greek.





The faculty is located directly in the centre of České Budějovice. The building is equipped with all needed facilities for students: classrooms equipped in a modern manner that are suitable for classic instruction as well as the training of practical skills, the student club, a computer classroom, the refectory and the J. P. Ondok Library that offers 40 000 specialised books. The Faculty of Theology has received the Faculty of the Year award several times in its field and it has, therefore, received the highest recognition for the quality of instruction from students and graduates. Our graduates find employment in public, non-profit and state institu-



tions, in the education system and in church organisations.

Prospective students may choose from an offer of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programmes. Under lifelong learning, the faculty offers a broad range of courses and educational events for the public. For example, a unique programme of the University of the Third Age focusing mainly on instruction in the area of humanities, theology and language proficiency is on offer. We are newly also offering online courses that may be attended whenever and wherever.

The faculty is also an important scientific and research facility in areas of studies of church history and the history of theology, diaconal and ecumenical theology, post-medieval scholastics, ethics or philosophy for children. It pursues projects supported by prestigious grant agencies and projects of applied research. Apart from cooperation with organisations in the area of leisure education and social work, international cooperation with partners from the sphere of application is also important.

Can virtual reality be used in the lives of seniors? What would seniors like to experience in virtual reality? Dr. Věra Suchomelová from the Department of Education of the Faculty of Theology is inquiring into the use of virtual reality with the goal of improving the quality of life of seniors living in residential facilities or their home environments under the project Virtual reality and its use in care homes.



Faculty of Health and Social Sciences



www.zsf.jcu.cz

The Faculty of Health and Social Sciences celebrated 30 years of its existence in 2021. Since its establishment, it has held a unique position in the Czech Republic, mainly due to the linking of health and social issues. Students are taught to understand and apply the so-called holistic approach to people to be able to help the body as well as the soul. The faculty prepares students for professions designated as helping professions – that is why it is trying to raise experts who take their work as a mission. That is the faculty's great advantage in the current world: the work of people whom it educates will always be needed.



In total, the faculty offers eleven bachelor's degree programmes and 2 master's programmes. It also offers doctoral studies, habilitation procedures, and procedures to appoint professors. The range of combinations of specialisations is broad and the training is closely linked to practice – the faculty cooperates with more than 80 clinical facilities across the country. The University of the Third Age of the faculty was among the first in the Czech Republic, and it offered a unique focus at the time. While similar courses and schools elsewhere focused on computers and technology, a system of studies in humanities was established and continues to function in České Budějovice.

The development of medicine has increased the demands on the education of nurses, who must be equal members of the medical team. The faculty was the first in the Czech Republic to offer a Master's degree programme in Nursing and brought it to the possibility of obtaining the title of professor.

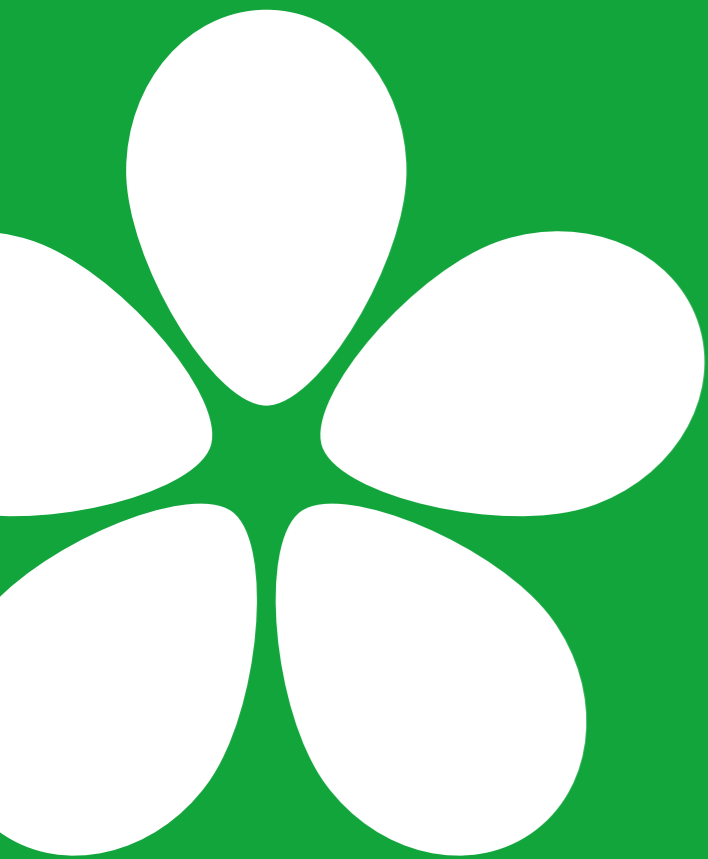


The faculty also offers services to the public: the Centre for Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases, which is well equipped with various measuring devices and provides nutritional and physical counselling, as well as the Physiotherapy Centre and the Centre for Seniors. The prevention of health and social issues and the protection of public health are the main source of topics of the research activities. Another great asset of the faculty is its dense network of international contacts that enable students and educators to depart for study stays in many countries.

The Faculty of Health and Social Sciences of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice opened a new simulation centre in 2020. It is the very first educational facility that focuses on non-medical fields in the country. It is equipped with the most modern mannequins that speak, sweat or even cry.



Faculty of Agriculture and Technology



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The Faculty of Agriculture and Technology was founded in 1960 as an independent institution. It was one of the two very first founding faculties of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice in 1991. The original name (Faculty of Agriculture) was changed to the Faculty of Agriculture and Technology in 2022. It combines the agricultural tradition of the region with modern research on an international scale. Since its establishment, the faculty has raised thousands of successful

experts in agricultural practices, state administration or the academic sphere. The faculty uses several buildings on campus for its instruction as well as research activity. It has had a new pavilion for the Department of Plant Production, Department of Genetics and Biotechnologies and the Department of Technology and Cybernetics at its disposal since 2014. A new pavilion for the Departments of Agroecosystems and Applied Chemistry is in construction. Other pavilions have undergone a gen-





The faculty can be proud of a number of its own original products such as the honey produced by the faculty bee colony or the University beer Čtyrák produced by the faculty Microbrewery.

eral renovation and now offer employees and students an above-standard work environment.

There are currently 10 departments at the faculty. Apart from traditional agricultural fields of study such as livestock rearing and plant production, it also focuses on production and food technologies, biotechnology, and applied natural sciences. Approximately 500 students begin their studies at the faculty every year. Practical training at businesses where students obtain the needed skills and habits is an important part of studies. Among the new specialist workplaces that students can use for their educational activities are, for example, the International Training and Development Centre of DeLaval, the Best Available Techniques Centre (BAT Centre of USB) or the Agriculture 4.0 laboratory, where they can learn about the use of artificial intelligence methods in agriculture. Graduates are in high demand on the market, and most of them find employment during their studies.

Applied research is particularly characteristic of the faculty. The research is supported by grant

agencies NAZV and TA CR. The faculty has repeatedly been successful in difficult competitions of the programme TA CR TREND – ‘Leaders in Technology’, which proves its professional erudition. International projects addressed in cooperation with universities as well as important businesses abroad are also interesting. Students in doctoral studies can take part in all projects and obtain valuable experiences in the area of science.

The Faculty of Agriculture and Technology has been using unmanned aircraft, so-called drones, for science and research but also for volunteer work since 2015 – our employees save wild animals from reapers using drones when mowing meadows and fields.





Science & research

The discovery of new mysteries of photosynthesis, the building of a robot carer to watch over our health, the monitoring of toxic substances in wastewater, new insights into the life of early new-age man, and the introduction of the cultivation of alternative crops in sub-mountainous regions, these are just a few examples of the wide range of our research activities. Our research is focused largely on issues within the natural, social, and human spheres. A specific feature of the University of South Bohemia is our close cooperation with the institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Over the years, we have become a respected centre of university science and research not only within the Czech Republic but in certain areas also on European and world levels. The international prestige of the University is based, for example, on the activities of research teams in a variety of parts of the world such as the Arctic and Papua New Guinea, where we have our own research stations, but also the South Bohemian Research Centre of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses (CENAKVA) offering its research capacities to domestic and international scientists.

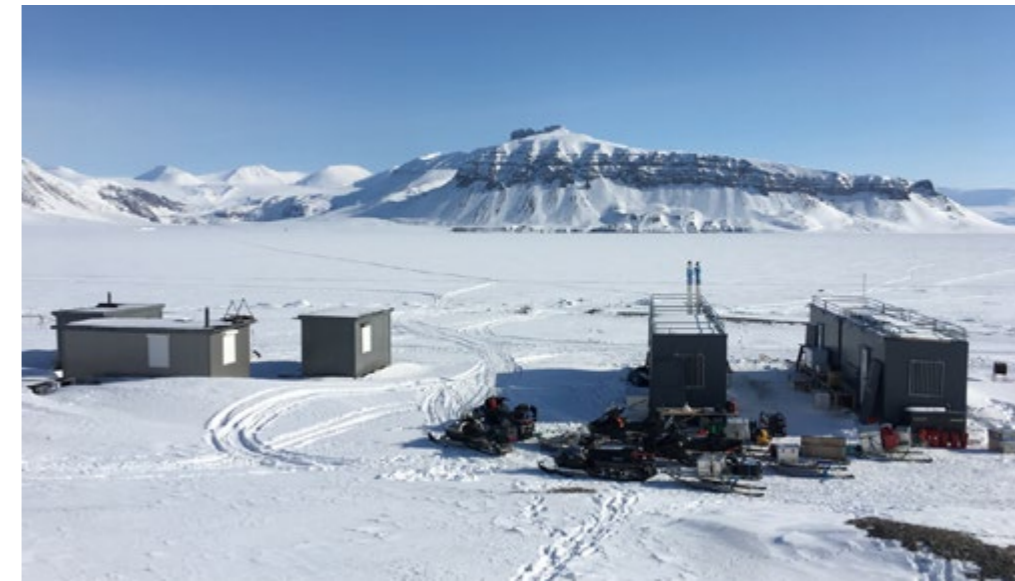
Since its establishment, the University has granted 36 honorary doctorate degrees. To name one, this award was granted to Professor Antonín Holý, the world-renowned chemist and discoverer of a whole series of anti-viral drugs.



We involve our students in science and research projects, and we attempt to ensure that the most modern equipment and technical support is available to them.

Top-class publications and interesting projects leading to significant discoveries may thus come into existence in České Budějovice. Scientists from the University of South Bohemia publish the results of their research in prestigious international scientific journals such as Nature, Science, and PNAS. We are also able to put our discoveries into

practice. This is, for example, confirmed by the interest of investors in the revolutionary method of caviar harvesting from sturgeon without the need to kill the fish, which was devised by scientists at the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters in Vodňany, or the newly signed licence for the production of equipment for remote control of potentiometers of electronic devices that was developed at the Faculty of Science.



International cooperation



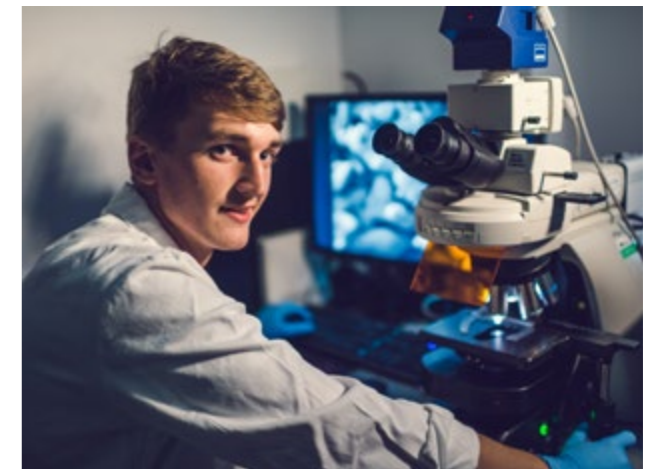
The Erasmus Student Network USB Budweis, which brings Czech and international students together, is active at the University of South Bohemia. ESN mentors help foreign students with their arrival and the initial paperwork. In return, they encounter new cultures, practice a foreign language, make new friends, and gain new experiences.

Our University offers study stays abroad in more than seventy countries and is itself a sought-after destination by students from abroad. Cooperation with more than 450 universities around the world allows us to support the study and research stays of our students and academic staff as much as possible. Our students and academic staff annually take part in study stays as part of exchange programmes and research expeditions around the world, travel as part of voluntary stays to countries in the third world and study in cross-border fields of study.

Under cross-border partnerships, we cooperate most intensively with the Johannes Kepler University in Linz and the University of Passau in Bavaria. We actively seek new opportunities for our students to travel, particularly to countries in Europe, Asia and Latin America. Thanks to mutual agreements and promotion at international fairs and conferences, the numbers of students and University employees we send abroad are on the rise as well as the number of foreign students, teachers, and other employees arriving to study and work at the University.



We are the holders of a number of international certificates. The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education permits us to participate in the Erasmus+ programme. We are licensed to provide our graduates with the prestigious DS Label (attached to their degree certificates), which is issued by the European Commission and confirms the quality and standardisation of the issuing of the documents concerning the qualification obtained. We offer the option of obtaining double/joint degrees, i.e. a diploma from our University as well as a partner university abroad, in 11 degree programmes at selected universities.



Lively campus

The extensive campus, full of greenery, is to be found on the edge of a quiet part of České Budějovice. Even so, especially in the summer semester, it is full of life. Students sit on the benches outside, debate, and drink coffee. The academic buildings, dormitories, library, and cafeteria, as well as seeming trivialities, such as an ATM or the 24/7 book-return facility, are all near each other. The city centre is though only a few minutes away by bus. In the meadow behind the dormitories, concerts for the students and public are held annually, for example, Welcoming the First Years, Univerzitní Zavírák (University Closer), and the raising of the maypole.

Even just a walk through the campus is worth it. To be found there are resting places, sports courts, and benches, including the unique Havel's Bench by the architect Bořek Šípek. One can even play outdoor chess. A park in the English style has gradually been created there, so even just an everyday walk from one building to the next may become a pleasant experience. Right next to the dormitories is the beginning of an educational path with enclosures for horses and sheep, making it a favourite destination for families with children.

The campus is evolving constantly. In 2014, the joint building of the Faculty of Agriculture and



The campus also includes one of the most modern libraries in the Czech Republic. The USB Academic Library opened in 2010 and it houses 450 000 books and journals and tens of thousands of publications in electronic form. It provides information resources of the highest quality in many areas.



the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters was finished, a modern Science and Technology Park was opened, in which, in easy reach of the dormitories, was built a large-capacity car park. The University kindergarten and the new Kampa Student Club, which provides facilities for student clubs and the Support Centre for Students with Special Needs as well as space for organising lectures and concerts, were added to the campus. Even you might be surprised by something new on your next visit.



Student life

Student life is not only about attaining knowledge in lecture halls or the library. At the University, we have many real enthusiasts among students who are constantly thinking about ways of livening up the leisure time of those around them. Owing to this, they may become the mentors of foreign students, radio presenters, magazine editors, musicians in the University orchestra, or actors in the student theatre group. The SUD theatre is the only theatre in the Czech Republic run by students themselves.



Our students have been associating in the Student Union, which holds the annual and popular 'Seznamovák' for first-years since 2014. The popularity of the event has risen so much that two runs of the event had to be organised in 2021. The Erasmus Student Network USB Budweis (ESN USB Budweis) is among other student organisations that have had their base at the student club since 2016. ESN Budweis has already made the study stay in the Czech Republic more pleasant for hundreds of international students.

Whether our students are welcoming the new semester, raising a maypole outside the dormitories, or organising a volleyball tournament, we strive to support them in their activities as much as possible. Our students may also actively participate in academic life by running as candidates for the academic and faculty senates or by becoming members of the Student Chamber of the Council of Higher Education Institutions. Everyone can find a way to spend their leisure time fruitfully at the University of South Bohemia.

The Kampa Student Club is certainly the centre of campus as well as student life. It is a place where you can go to get good coffee, attend a lecture or go to a concert in the evening or only come to taste the University beer Čtyrák.



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