

STUDY AT VSTE



**Institute of Technology
and Business (VSTE)
in České Budějovice**







History

Institute of Technology and Business (VSTE) was founded in 2006, thus becoming the youngest public college in the Czech Republic.

From the very beginning, VSTE has profiled itself as a professionally-oriented technical and economic college, which offers study programmes based on the current requirements of the labour market not only in South Bohemian region. The institute therefore closely cooperates with more than 1600 companies from the Czech Republic and puts great emphasis on the students' work experience that is carried out in the partner organizations for one semester, in the extent of 520 hours.

VSTE students thus gain not only academic but also professional experience and contacts and after their graduation, they are very successful in terms of their employability in the labour market. In the area of graduates' employability, VSTE has been one of the most successful colleges and universities in the Czech Republic in the long run.

During the years of its existence, the school has undergone a major transformation that took decades at other schools. During this short period, VSTE received a number of regional, national, and international awards. This is largely due to its employees and students numbering about 4,500.

VSTE has thus become an important trans-regional academic institution, which, compared to other universities and colleges, shows a significantly faster growth, with a strong focus on students' practical skills and high graduates employability in the labour market. —



• • ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Institute of Technology and Business is a modern educational institution, which offers a large number of promising Bachelor's and Master's study programmes.

Students both in full-time and part-time form of study are highly interested in our study programmes in mechanical engineering, logistics, civil engineering or economics.



Our institute distinguish from other Czech universities and colleges by placing strong emphasis on students' practical skills. For this purpose, the institute has well-equipped laboratories and other modern technical facilities. Within their study, the students undergo a one-semester practical training in the extent of 520 hours. The school cooperates with many significant companies active mainly in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, business, and other fields, not only in the region.

In teaching, the emphasis is put on practical knowledge. The quality of instruction is improved by the active participation of top managers, technologists and other experts from practice in lectures.

During their studies, students can opt for a period of study abroad or work experience abroad. The students who take advantage of this possibility thus have an indisputable competitive advantage when finding a job in the Czech Republic or abroad.

The students can choose from a wide range of long-term and short-term stays abroad that last the whole semester or academic year. Choosing internship abroad enables students to complete the compulsory course **"Practical training"**.

In the case of a foreign study stay, the subjects and courses successfully passed at a foreign partner institution are recognized at our school as well.

Our school also financially supports study stays abroad. So why not to try and study in Belgium, Finland or Madeira and undergo the practical training in the companies in China, Germany or Malta?

Students from more distant locations can use the possibility of **accommodation** near the school. In the campus, there is also a **canteen**, where the students can have breakfast, lunch and dinner. Students, especially the students of the technical field of study, will appreciate the new LABORATORIES with modern equipment.

Studying at VSTE is not only about the study. You can energize yourself at many cultural, sport and social **events organized by the students** or try some sport on our recently opened sports grounds or become a member of our sports teams – ice-hockey team Black Dogs or girls' basketball team Black Cats – or a member of our Chess Club.

Institute of Technology and Business is a continuously and fast developing institution, and these are also the reasons why to study here. Come and see it on your own eyes! —

Faculty of Corporate Strategy

The Faculty of Corporate Strategy ensures teaching of economic disciplines related to the field of study – Business Economics. The Faculty also ensures teaching in educational programmes offered by the Lifelong Learning Centre and teaching economic courses offered within other study programmes.

Bachelor's Study Programme

Business Economics

- > Bachelor's study programme (Degree: Bc.)
- > Length of study: 3 years
- > Form of study: full-time / part-time

About the field

The study is focused on economics and management of the individual functions of a business. Students will acquire basic theoretical knowledge in economics, marketing, business economics, management, finance and accountancy. The knowledge is also further developed practically. In Business Economics, the proficiency is further enhanced by choosing a specialization, which is adapted to the current trends and market requirements, and by long-term practical training. During the studies, the students can also gain international experience from both short-term and long-term study abroad.



Economics

Employment

A graduate in the "Business Economics" field of study is a university educated expert, who can find employment in professions at the middle level of business management. They occupy qualified executive positions in industrial, commercial and transport organizations, services, consulting, NGOs, and public and state administration institutions, especially the following ones:

- > financial specialist
- > accounting specialist
- > marketing specialist
- > specialist in commercial and business activities
- > distribution specialist

Long-term practical experience at the end of the profession or occupation in the lower or middle management immediately after graduation. After completing studies, students can also continue in follow-up Master's study programmes not only at VSTE, which offers a follow-up study programme Business Administration, but also in other economic fields of study offered by Czech universities. —

Follow-up Master's Study Programme

Economics

Business Administration

- > **Master's study programme**
(Degree: Ing.)
- > **Length of study:** 2 years
- > **Form of study:** full-time / part-time
- > **Specialization: Production Economist**

About the field

In the professionally oriented study programme, knowledge of selected secondary functions and business processes is deepened, with a focus on production processes. Within this field of study, specialization of "Production Economist" is offered, where the students acquire knowledge and practical skills in the field of management of processes related to business management, planning and principles for effective realization of production processes. —



Employment

Graduates of the study programme have knowledge, skills and professional competence in industrial organization, show skills necessary for performance of the specializations such as:

- > production processes manager,
- > manager of production processes planning,
- > project manager of production operations,
- > manager of production operations preparation,
- > manager of material flow logistics,
- > manager of automated production processes,
- > production economist
- > manager of purchasing input materials in industrial organization.

Faculty of Technology

As the name already indicates, the faculty specializes in technical disciplines. It offers technical field of study, such as Transport Technology and Management, Mechanical Engineering, Building Construction and Logistics. The faculty also supervises the construction and technical equipment of the school laboratories serving for civil engineering, mechanical engineering, and logistics.

Bachelor's Study Programme

Transport Technology and Management

- > Bachelor's study programme (Degree: Bc.)
- > Length of study: 3 years
- > Form of study: full-time / part-time

About the field

The Transport Technology and Management field of study is professionally oriented, it prepares the students systematically for employment in entities specializing in transport and conveyance. Within the field, the students choose their specialization.



Employment

Graduates are trained for performing functions at a lower and middle management, such as:

- > transport organization specialist
- > transport specialist in public administration institutions
- > transport and transportation manager in specialized companies
- > transport technologies specialist in industrial and commercial companies
- > transportation and logistic technologies specialist
- > integrator of passenger and freight transport

The graduate profile also meets the requirements for entrepreneurship in all transport fields. There has been a long-term demand for this field in business and public institutions in the South Bohemian Region. The study in the field enables its graduates in both full-time and part-time form of study applicable technical knowledge, skills, and competence. An integral part of the study is a one-semester practical training, which allows flexible transition into future employment. —

Follow-up Master's Study Programme



Logistics

Logistics

- > **Master's study programme**
(Degree: Ing.)
- > **Length of study:** 2 years
- > **Form of study:** full-time / part-time

About the field

The follow-up Master's study programme field of study, "Logistics" reacts to lack of professionals in the field of logistics and logistic technologies. The graduates are technically educated specialists able to translate the ideas into practical solutions. This professionally oriented field reacts to the specific requirements of practice in the area of theoretical basics as well as the required practical skills. The aspects of the programme were discussed with university experts and business representatives that VSTE cooperates with within professional associations, of which the Department of Transport and Logistics is a member. These include e.g. the South Bohemian Chamber of Commerce, Czech Logistics Association, Association of forwarding and logistics of the Czech Republic and the Transport Union of the Czech Republic. Experts from practice also actively participate in teaching.

The objective of the professionally oriented field, "Logistics" is to educate the graduates that would be able to manage the whole supply chain: goods, cash, and information flow, ensure, manage and design logistic systems, warehouses, distribution systems, reverse flow of goods, optimize

technologies and systems and propose their optimization. The graduates are also able to realize complex projects. They acquire skills for successful study of doctoral study programmes in transport and logistics, and use their knowledge for research and development of technologies and management methods in the given field.

Employment

The graduates of this field of study are able to manage the whole supply chain at the positions of:

- > goods, cash and information flow specialist
- > logistic systems manager
- > warehouse manager
- > distribution systems manager
- > reverse flow specialist
- > specialist in technologies and systems optimization

After the successful completion, the graduates will have necessary knowledge and skills. The study plan strives for the universality of graduates and the possibility of their further specialization in specific logistics fields and its technologies within their own practical experience, specialization within the field of study or the follow-up doctoral study programme. The graduates will be prepared for the study in doctoral study programmes focused on transport and logistics and use their knowledge for research and development of the technologies and methods for transport systems and logistics management. —

Bachelor's Study Programme

Mechanical engineering

Mechanical Engineering

- > Bachelor's study programme (Degree: Bc.)
- > Length of study: 3 years
- > Form of study: full-time / part-time

About the field

The aim is to educate experts in the field of machine construction and production technologies. Graduates profile is designed to acquire competencies necessary for computer-aided design of constructions and mechanisms, and for working in the field of production technologies.

An important part of the study is long-term, one-semester practical experience, which enables the students to acquire practical skills and experience in the environment of industrial companies.

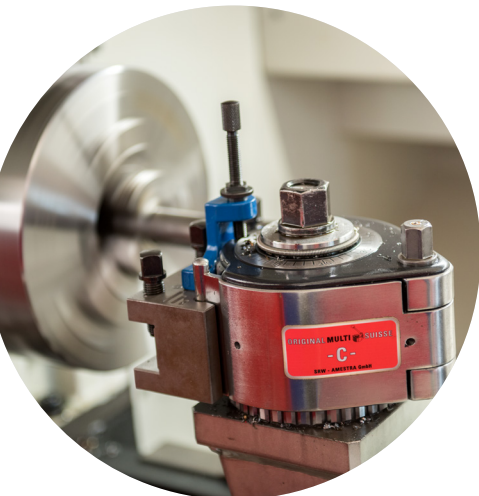
Besides the compulsory courses, there are required optional courses for the specialization of student and optional courses, which could be flexibly included in the programme depending on the needs of regional business practice.

Employment

The graduates in this field of study can find employment mainly in middle and higher level of technical-economic positions in mechanical engineering and related technical fields:

- > technology preparation specialist
- > constructor
- > project preparation specialist
- > operation and logistics specialist
- > commercial and technical services management

In the field of machinery, equipment and vehicles serviceability, the graduates can also find employment in companies operating in mechanical engineering and others. The graduates acquire necessary knowledge and skills to be able to study follow-up Master's study programmes, especially in machinery design, mechanical engineering technologies, or business management. —



School of Expertness and Valuation

School of Expertness and Valuation was established based on the decision of the Ministry of justice and is entered in Section I of the List of Expert Institutes for Economics, Civil Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering in accordance with Act No. 36/1967 Coll., on Experts and Interpretes as amended.

The School of Expertness and Valuation employs court experts, academics and scholars, as well as experts from practice.

The School can prepare **expert reports in the field of economics for financial assets**, business valuation, examining and assessing transformations of companies (mergers, transfers of assets to partners, splitting, change in legal form), assessing and examining relations, contracts, prices and outputs in accordance with the current legislation. Moreover, it can also perform keeping financial records, valuing intangible assets, non-monetary contributions, investment, wages, real estate and movable properties.

In the field of mechanical engineering, it refers to machine construction, technological equipment, transport and handling equipment, production and material engineering (systems and processes, production machines and equipment), assessing technical condition (quality, reliability, and safety) of production machines including assessment of machine and equipment failure causes.

In the field of civil engineering, the School prepares expert opinions with the extent

to residential, industrial and agricultural buildings, and assessment and supervising of contracts with requirements for creation of BIM documentation.



The School of Expertness and Valuation cooperates with the Faculty of Corporate Strategy in ensuring the instruction in the study programme Business Economics

The School also guarantees the study programme “**Master of Business Administration**” with a focus on financial management. Teaching in the study programme is ensured by experts from practice as well as academic workers. The MBA programme is offered within the Lifelong Learning Centre.

The School also participates in educating future experts, regularly organizing Expert minimum courses for future experts. —

• PRACTICAL TRAINING AT VSTE •

VSTE strives for improving the students' practical skills. For this reason, compulsory practical training is required within most fields of study. It is a one-semester practical training where the students can test and verify the theoretical knowledge acquired during the study. The school also offers students the possibility to do their practical training at many renowned companies and state administration authorities in the South Bohemian Region, which guarantees the quality conditions for practical training in accordance with the VSTE requirements.

There are more than 1600 companies and state organizations which enable students to get practical experience, including ČSOB, SOPHIA language service, Jihočeská hospodářská komora, TONSTAV-SERVICE, Robert Bosch, dm drogerie markt, Eurovia CS, Berger Bohemia, Statutární město České Budějovice and many others. —





Study and internship abroad

VSTE Division of Foreign Relations offers study periods abroad for students in Bachelor's and Master's study programmes within the **Erasmus+** programme or on the basis of bilateral agreements with partner universities. Students can choose from **more than 100 partner universities in Europe and outside the EU.**

Students can also choose an internship in a foreign company either themselves or with the help of a foreign relations specialist. Students can go abroad repeatedly, within the Bachelor's or Master's study cycle, for a period of up to 12 months. Students can also take advantage of one week study stays abroad, so-called International Business Weeks organized by partner universities, where they have an opportunity to deal with actual business problems or case studies in international teams.

If students decide for a stay abroad, the foreign relations specialist helps them from the very beginning, starting from preparation of CV, through contacting a partner university or selected agency or company to providing documentation and payments. The foreign relations specialist is in contact with the student even during their stay abroad. Such stays enable students to improve their language skills, acquire valuable experience and gain contacts that could be used in their professional life. They also have an opportunity to travel, explore other cultures, meet friends from all over the world and have a lot of fun. —



CANTEEN

Students in the Okružní campus can eat in the VSTE canteen, which prepares breakfast and lunch menus on weekdays. The students can choose from four main meals. It is also possible to buy short order dishes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the student can choose from five different meals. The canteen also sells drinks, sweets, fast food, pastry, etc. —

In the Nemanická campus, the students can have lunch in a small canteen, which offers meals from the menu presented also online.



DORMITORY

VSTE in České Budějovice offers its students suitable accommodation in the campus and in Hochtief accommodation facility opened from Monday to Sunday. The Hochtief building is a walking distance or one bus stop from the main campus. There is also a direct bus line (public transport) to the centre at regular intervals. —

Contacts:

Dormitory accommodation office: building D, reception
Phone number: 387 842 111 (Okružní)



STUDENT CLUB “CÉČKO”

In the campus, there is a newly established student club “Céčko”, where the students can spend their time between their lectures or seminars. They can also have some drink or coffee at student prices. In the later hours, they can meet their friends and enjoy their free time together. —



VSTE KINDERGARTEN

In the premises of the Institute of Technology and Business, there is a kindergarten for the children of university employees and students as well as for public. The kindergarten also offers babysitting for a shorter period of time, for example for part-time students when passing exams or in case they need some time for study.

The kindergarten meets all the requirements for kindergartens, including the lunchroom. Dispensation of food is ensured by the VSTE canteen, which is located in the building C in the main campus. The kindergarten has also a large garden, a playground with a sandpit and various wooden climbing frames and other playground equipment. —



Erasmus Students Network (ESN)

Student organisation ESN VSTE Budweis was established under the name “Buddy VSTE” in 2012 due to the increasing number of foreign students coming to České Budějovice. In 2014, the organisation officially became a part of the largest European student voluntary organization Erasmus Student Network, and its name was officially changed into the current name “ESN VSTE Budweis.”

Nowadays, ESN VSTE Budweis has more than 20 active members and helps several dozen foreign students in their everyday and student life in České Budějovice. ESN also closely cooperates with the VSTE Division of Foreign Relations, organizes cultural and social events, educational projects and participates in international projects under the auspices of the European Union, Erasmus Student Network and Erasmus+ programme. ESN VSTE Budweis was as the third best starting section in ESN International for the academic year 2013/14. —



Erasmus Student Network



Student Union

The VSTE Student Union is a student organization established in 2009. Its objective is to represent and gather the VSTE students. Thanks to the positive approach of the VSTE management, it was possible to organize several events immediately after its establishment. The best known is annually organized Barbecue, in which several hundreds of students participate regularly, making it a very popular and traditional school event. The Student Union is here for students and helps them create a pleasant and friendly environment at the school. —



LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE

... VSTE Lifelong learning centre has been intensively developing for 10 years. Every year, more than 2500 participants use its services to improve their education...

One of the most important pillars of the Institute of Technology and Business in České Budějovice is the Lifelong Learning Centre, which offers courses not only for employees and students, but also for wide public. The offer of the courses is based on the latest and newest trends in the labour market.

Within the lifelong learning, Bachelor's and Master's study programmes are organized. Centre also offers BBA and MBA study programmes or study of pedagogical sciences for teachers of vocational subjects, practical and vocational training. With those courses, teachers can improve their knowledge and prepare for acquiring qualifications for teaching at secondary school or provide vocational training. —



**Study room,
parking and other
necessary facilities
for the students are
also available at
VSTE campus.**



STUDY of

BBA



BBA is a Bachelor's study programme accredited by the European Council of Business Education. After successful completion, the student will obtain the BBA degree (Bachelor of Business Administration). Graduates of the study programme have better chances to get a job not only in the Czech Republic, but also abroad. The main advantage of the study is an individual approach to students focused on the application of knowledge in practice.

The study is for:

- 1) students with completed secondary education finished by school-leaving exam,
- 2) students of the study programme "Economics and Management" at the Institute of Technology and Business in České Budějovice in the field of study "Business Economics" (students can study a Bachelor's and BBA programme at the same time),
- 3) graduates with a bachelor's degree in economics.

Study of BBA is divided into 2 semesters for bachelor degree graduates / 6 semesters for secondary school graduates.
The price of BBA study per year is 84,700 CZK including VAT. —

Employment

Graduates in BBA programmes participate in creating the value of a company as:

- > members of management in management positions
- > managers of controlling
- > financial statements analysts
- > planning managers

Graduates are able to assess and evaluate the current situation of the company, define its economic goals and include them into partial planning of the company.

As BBA and MBA programmes are realized within the lifelong learning, its participants do not have a student statute within the meaning of the Higher Education Act.

STUDY of MBA

Master of Business Administration (MBA), with the specialization of Financial Management is offered as a part of the follow-up Master's study programme "Master of Business Administration" and is intended both for full-time and part-time students. The programme enables to extend students' knowledge of company operations and its finances.

For admission to study, the applicants have to submit a duly completed printed application form and meet one of the following requirements:

- a) to deliver an officially certified copy of the diploma from at least Bachelor's study programme
- b) to deliver an officially certified copy of the diploma from BBA study programme.

MBA study is divided into four semesters. The price of MBA study per year is 84,700 CZK including VAT. —



Employment

The knowledge acquired within the MBA study includes:

- > financing skills – the ability to raise funds and capital from various financial sources
- > investment competencies – allocation of money to various forms of non-monetary assets
- > dividend policy and distribution of profit in order to maximize the business value



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Within the VSTE activities, extensive project activities take place, with the main objective to fulfil the long-term plans of the school. Currently, the school focuses mostly on continuous and systematic improvement of quality, deepening the cooperation with the application sector and increasing the graduates' employability. The VSTE research teams are very successful in obtaining projects of the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR) and the projects administered by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The school strives for involving the students in its research activities, for example by means of SVOČ (Studentská vědecká odborná činnost – Student scientific and research activity), where the students can apply their creativity and improve their rhetorical skills. Students are also involved in internal grants and competitions, where they can present their innovative ideas, practical skills or unusual projects. The school also organizes professional meetings, seminars, and conferences, and its academic staff regularly publish in peer-reviewed journals. —

“Practice is the best teacher”

Marcus Tullius Cicero



SPORTS AND LEISURE AT VSTE

VSTE Ice-hockey team BLACK DOGS

VSTE ice-hockey team BLACK DOGS is the first university ice-hockey team in the region, whose members are the VSTE students. Its aim is to continue the tradition of ice-hockey in the South Bohemian region and play high-level ice-hockey. The first active season was the 2018/2019 season, which the team successfully completed in the EUHL (European University Hockey League) competition. The students played matches with other university teams from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. However, European league was not the only competition they participated in. One of the school activities is to organize annual prestigious ice-hockey duel of universities between the Institute of Technology and Business and the University of South Bohemia, which is very popular.



In the 2019/2020 season, the BLACK DOGS team, together with other seven university teams from Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Pilsen and Olomouc, participated in a newly established ULLH (University League of Ice-Hockey), a top university league combining top ice-hockey with university studies. University league has a large media coverage, including live broadcasts of individual matches, even on the sports channel of the Czech television, ČT 4 SPORT. The participation of the BLACK DOGS team in this top competition proves that it is possible to combine studies and sports activities at a top level. —



Basketball team BLACK CATS

In the 2019/2020 season, VSTE girls' basketball team BLACK CATS started its activities. The team participates in the regional women's basketball championship of the South Bohemian Region, where also a team from Austria participates. The members of the BLACK CATS team are the VSTE students and some other players. The team aims to move to a higher level of sports competition. —



VSTE Chess Club

On the initiative of the Institute of Technology and Business in České Budějovice, Chess Club was established on 1 July 2015 as a special-purpose VSTE facility for cultural and sports activities. The reasons for establishing the Chess Club were simple: VSTE is well aware of the benefits of playing chess for the intellectual development of the young generation. VSTE Chess Club thus creates conditions for further intellectual growth of talented chess players from the young generation, VSTE students and public under the guidance of experienced coaches with the aim to promote chess and active participation in chess competitions. —



10 + 1

reasons to study at VSTE

*If you are still not sure,
here are 10+1 reasons
why to study at VSTE:*

1

Quality study

A number of technical and economic fields of study applicable in practice – civil engineering, mechanical engineering, logistic technologies, economics.

2

Focus on knowledge applicable in practice

Long-term, one-semester practical training. Cooperation with many companies in the Czech Republic. A possibility to get practical experience or future job during the studies.

3

Affordable tuition fee

The price of the quality education is lower compared to the other European and western countries.

4

Fair evaluation system

Credit exams, course exams, and state final exams have a written form, which means a fair system of evaluation and the possibility of getting feedback.



5

High employability of graduates in the labour market

More than 97 % of the graduates find a job no later than two months after the successful completion of their studies.

6

Modern equipment

New building of laboratories with equipment for technical fields, modern classrooms.

7

Easily accessible foreign study stays

A possibility to study or work abroad. The school provides financial support to cover most of the costs of staying abroad.

8

Great team, many events organized for students

Many student events – lectures with experts, sports matches, barbecue, etc.

9

Scholarship

Scholarship up to thousands of crowns for the students with excellent study results, for the students not living in the region or students in difficult social situation.

10

Students can create their timetable from the first semester

From the first semester, the students can create their timetable themselves and adapt it to their needs and possibilities.

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Study without barriers

Information and consultancy centre provides support and help to all students with specific learning needs. All buildings in the campus have wheelchair accessible entrance.



- • Career Centre
and ALUMNI CLUB

*Within the Institute of Technology
and Business, also Career
Centre and Graduates Club
develop their activities.*

Career Centre is a place for informal meeting of students and alumni, experts from practice, HR managers, technical managers and other experts. Its aim is to enable to establish contacts, acquire more experience, and provide the students with another level of education by means of lectures and seminars focused on professional competencies and explicit requirements of practice. Here, the students get contacts and advice for practical training, part-time jobs and, above all, their future career.

The VSTE Alumni Club is intended for all VSTE graduates as a platform for maintaining and developing the relations with the “alma mater”, teachers and former classmates. The members of the Club have a number of benefits and contacts offered by the school and its partner organizations. They can also actively participate in school activities within the framework of external teaching in the form of lectures and seminars, cooperation in projects, supervising and opposing student theses. They can also supervise students’ practical training and can actively contribute to the activities of the Career Centre as lecturers and consultants. Thanks to the friendly and professional approach of the Alumni Club members, the current students have an opportunity to acquire experience, practical information and contacts for their studies and future employment. —



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