



Jihočeská univerzita
v Českých Budějovicích
University of South Bohemia
in České Budějovice



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The University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice is a public university with 8 different faculties and 9 000 students who fill the city with a vibrant spirit – during the year, the city comes alive through festivals, exhibitions and street art. The historical setting of České Budějovice provides a picturesque setting for our short-term as well as long-term students who pursue degrees and courses in many areas.

The royal city of České Budějovice was founded more than 750 years ago. It is centred on the confluence of two rivers and since its inception has been the natural centre of the region. It is safe, affordable and constitutes a great starting point for your exploration of central Europe.

If nature or outdoor sports are your thing, you are in luck because the region of South Bohemia is also known for delightful landscapes that include vast ponds, natural reserves and accessible mountain ranges ready for hiking, camping or summer swimming.





The choice
is yours!

→ Fields and courses

Education

Economics

Agriculture
and Technology

Humanities

Natural
and Environmental
Sciences

Health and Social
Sciences

Short term students may choose out of an exciting selection of courses in these areas such as:

Faculty of Agriculture and Technology

Agriculture
Trade and Business
Biology
Environment
Chemistry
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
Smart farming mechanization, automation, robotization, artificial intelligence
Food processing
Landscape management, real estate transfer and modification

Faculty of Arts

Archaeology
History
English Language and Literature
Teacher Training for Upper Secondary Schools
Archival Studies
Auxiliary Sciences of History
Czech Language and Literature
German Language and Literature
Czech-German Area Studies
Romance Studies
History of Art
Aesthetics
Cultural Studies
Translation

Faculty of Economics

Tourism
Languages
Management
Accounting and Finance
Mathematics and Informatics
Economics
Regional Management
Law

Faculty of Education

Education:
Education Science
Training for pre-school teachers
Teacher training without subject specialisation
Teacher training with subject specialisation

Arts:
Fine Arts
Music and Performing Arts
Languages (English, German, Czech, Russian)
Social and behavioural Sciences
Psychology
Biological and related Sciences
Earth Sciences
Physics
Mathematics
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
Sports

 Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters

Fishery/Aquaculture
Protection of Aquatic Ecosystems

 Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

Nursing
Physiotherapy
Ethics
Psychology
Social Work
Environmental Health
Civil Protection

 Faculty of Science

Biology
Botany
Zoology
Computer Science
Physics
Chemistry
Languages

 Faculty of Theology

Theology
Religious Studies
Philosophy
Ethics

Charity Work
Social Work
Sociology
Leisure Education
Outdoor Education
Psychology
Education
English Language

Regardless of what area of studies you select, the offered courses will include opportunities for practical training as this is one of the priorities of the University.

USB is committed to advancing research and diverse groups of students together in every season and that is why we organise regular summer schools, e.g.:

- Summer School of Slavonic Studies
- International Summer School of the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters
- Summer School for Czech-Austrian Language Tandem: Sommerkolleg České Budějovice

For more information on courses and summer schools → www.jcu.cz/en, section Study at USB.





Admission & formalities

→ Application

Would you like to join us as an Erasmus+ or exchange student? If so, please visit the international office at your home university to check if there is a partnership with the University of South Bohemia, the coordinator will help you with the nomination and application procedure.

→ Application process

After the reception of your nomination, you will receive an information email from the Erasmus+ coordinator of the USB faculty that will include a link for the online application. Follow the instructions of the USB Erasmus+ faculty coordinator carefully and send the requested application documents. If you come through the Erasmus+ programme, you will have to fill in your Learning Agreement (LA). After the application has been submitted and completed, your USB faculty coordinator will send you an acceptance letter.

→ Accommodation

Every exchange student who comes to study at USB can be provided with accommodation at the USB Dormitories. However, it is not possible to choose the concrete dormitory or room that you will stay in, the place will be assigned to you according to current room availability.

→ Credits (ECTS)

Incoming exchange students (Erasmus+ and other programmes) can study a wide range of courses in English and other foreign languages throughout the 8 faculties.

Nevertheless, students should choose at least 50% of their courses at the faculty where they are registered. You can choose courses marked green and with the note: 'The course is available to visiting students'. By clicking on the concrete course, you can read the detailed description of the course (course content, number of ECTS credits, methods, literature...).

→ Insurance

Students from EU countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland are entitled to necessary and urgent health care free of charge. It is necessary to have a European Health Insurance Card. It is highly recommended to have supplementary travel health insurance. It should be arranged by the student before leaving the country of origin.

More information for EU citizens → www.kancelarzp.cz/en/homepage

→ Language requirements

Language requirements depend on the specific contract with the University, usually B1 – B2.

→ Are students permitted to work alongside their studies?

International students are allowed to work while studying at USB.

→ Academic calendar

The academic year consists of two semesters:

Winter semester

Teaching period: late September – mid-December

Examination period: January – mid-February

Spring semester

Teaching period: mid-February – late May

Examination period: late May – late June

For more information → www.jcu.cz/en, section Study at USB/Exchange programmes.





Lively campus & **student club**

The extensive campus is full of greenery and life. Students sit on the benches outside, debate and drink coffee. Other than the dormitories, the campus includes academic buildings, the library, the refectory and the Kampa Student Club right by the enclosures for horses and sheep that are particularly popular with campus visitors.

The University is committed to making the student experience as good as it can be and so it has contributed to the creation of a special platform to keep students updated on what is going on around the city and on campus and help the establishment of new student clubs. Check it out at www.usblife.cz

→ **Dormitories**

The University offers student accommodation in dormitories right on campus and in the surrounding areas. All dormitories provide convenient accommodation at a good price, internet connection in all rooms, a kitchenette with standard fittings; a laundry room, an elevator and reception 24/7 during the academic year. The dormitories on campus are within walking distance of the city centre.

→ **Refectory**

The refectory of the University of South Bohemia offers quality meals at low prices since the University subsidises the student meals. You can choose from three ready meals and two short-order dishes. You can also pre-order your meals in person at the refectory or over the Internet. The refectory also sells drinks, pastries, baguettes and has its own pizzeria, so you will never starve!

→ Culture

Student life at the University is varied, full of experiences and legendary events. The campus is also home to a number of student societies and initiatives that organise a variety of activities like festivals, concerts, lectures or sporting events. The most attended events during the academic year are the Hockey Derby, Campus is Alive festival, Art Day festival, University Closer music festival, the Food Festival and the regular Welcome Semester parties. International days are organised every semester with students from all over the world who present their countries, cultures and traditions.

→ Sports and leisure

USB students are no strangers to sports and the campus includes a number of facilities. Apart from the traditional sports such as tennis, volleyball, basketball and swimming you can choose from courses such as climbing, spinning, yoga or martial arts on and off campus.

→ Library

The Academic Library on campus is one of the most modern libraries in the Czech Republic. It opened in 2010 and houses 450 000 books and journals and tens of thousands of electronic publications. It provides information resources of the highest quality in many areas. There are more than 500 study places and books can be returned 24/7.





Coming to university

→ Erasmus Student Network USB Budweis

ESN USB Budweis is a student association made up of local students at the University of South Bohemia. It organises the so-called buddy system for foreign students that connects current Czech students with incoming students to help them during their first days at USB. It has been part of the largest European non-profit student network Erasmus Student Network since 2019 and its members help international students enjoy their Erasmus to the fullest. As part of that activity, the association organises trips, cultural evenings, parties, sports events and other activities to better introduce international students to Czech culture and history.

→ Orientation Week

The International Relations Office and ESN USB Budweis organise the Orientation Week for exchange students one week before the official start of each semester. The goal is to help new students with the necessary administrative tasks as well as to help them settle in and acquaint them with the campus and the city. During the Orientation Week students also have the chance to get to know other students, enjoy leisure activities and get to know some basics of Czech culture and language. If you are a future exchange student, you will receive detailed information about orientation week directly by email a few weeks in advance.

→ Costs of living

The costs of living in Czechia are affordable. The average costs of living range from EUR 320 to EUR 700 per month including meals, accommodation, public transport and culture. Of course, prices may vary according to your location, accommodation choices, lifestyle and spending habits.

→ **Approximate prices**

Student dormitory (per month) 140 to 260 EUR

Public transport in České Budějovice (per month) 210 to 420 CZK / 9 to 18 EUR

Public transport (one ticket) 20 CZK / 0.85 EUR

Lunch at university canteen 70 CZK / 3 EUR

Pizza at a restaurant 180 CZK / 7.5 EUR

Beer at a pub 45 CZK / 1.90 EUR

Loaf of bread (500g) 31 CZK / 1.30 EUR

1 litre of milk 24 CZK / 1 EUR

1 kg of apples 35 CZK / 1.50 EUR

Cinema ticket 200 CZK / 8 EUR

Swimming pool (1 hour) 100 CZK / 4 EUR

Gym entry (1 hour) 140 CZK / 6 EUR

→ **Climate and weather**

The Czech Republic has a temperate climate and four seasons. The climate varies throughout the year. Summer weather is relatively hot with average temperatures around 27°C in July and August. During the winter, the weather is cold and snowy with the average temperature of 4°C. During Spring and Autumn, the weather is usually very pleasant and mild, but an umbrella may come in handy in case of the occasional rain.

USB and Erasmus:

**A perfect
match**





Ekonická
fakulta
Faculty
of Economics



Fakulta rybnářství
a ochrany vod
Faculty of Fisheries
and Protection
of Waters



Filozofická
fakulta
Faculty
of Arts



Teologická
fakulta
Faculty
of Theology



Pedagogická
fakulta
Faculty
of Education



Zdravotně
sociální fakulta
Faculty of Health
and Social Sciences



Přírodovědecká
fakulta
Faculty
of Science



Fakulta zemědělská
a technologická
Faculty of Agriculture
and Technology

An unforgettable Czech experience.