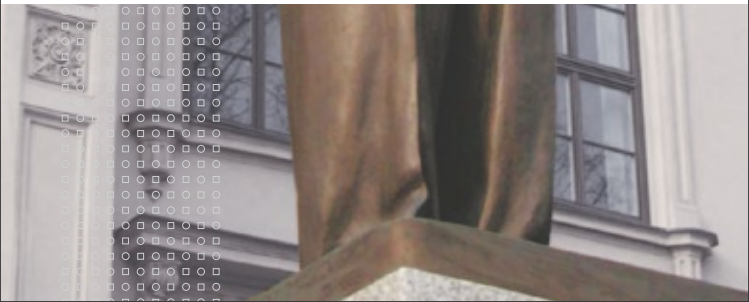


MASARYK UNIVERSITY IN BRNO

2005/2006





TRADITIONS

The university that bears the name of the first President of Czechoslovakia, Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, was established on 28 January 1919, just three months after the birth of the new state. Its founding was the culmination of nearly 40 years of efforts to establish a second Czech-language university. Masaryk University, with its originally four faculties – law, medicine, science and arts – soon became an internationally-

recognized academic institution, attracting the interest of students, teachers and researchers. The university's development was first interrupted by the Second World War, when the Nazis closed the Czech higher education institutions. The Communist takeover in 1948 also had a crippling effect. The Communist regime even took away the university's original name: from 1960 to the democratic revolution in 1989, as Jan Evangelista Purkyně

University, it bore the name of a renowned 19th-century Czech physiologist. In 1990 the university readopted its original name, one that to this day remains a symbol of freedom and independence.



Founded with the support of T. G. Masaryk, first President of the Czechoslovak Republic, the university takes great pride in its traditions.

THE PRESENT

Masaryk University consists of nine faculties with over 190 departments, institutes and clinics active within a broad spectrum of academic disciplines and research areas. It is the largest university in Moravia, and one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic.

Modern teaching

Structured fields of study allow the university to combine a large number of students in its Bachelor's degree programmes with an emphasis on research at the Master's and doctoral levels. MU has the greatest number of applications submitted in electronic form of any higher education institution in the Czech Republic.



Long-term research funding in 2005 – over 330 million CZK.

FACULTIES OF MASARYK UNIVERSITY IN BRNO

- law
- medicine
- science
- arts
- education
- economics and administration
- informatics
- social studies
- sports studies

Research and development

The great strength of the university lies in the strong link between first-class research activities, teaching and studies. The indirect benefits of research and development can be seen in the quality education, both general and specialized, enjoyed by students at all academic levels.

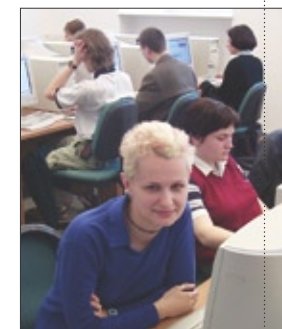
In the open competition for Ministry of Education funding of long-term research projects for the period 2005-2011, eighteen new research projects submitted by Masaryk University were selected, putting it in second place in the overall ranking of Czech higher education institutions.



Graduates in the labour market

MU educates top-quality students who are in great demand. The unemployment rate among MU graduates is very low, around 1.6% in recent years.

Masaryk University – second only in size



Studies abroad

After 1989 the number of MU students going for study stays abroad rose sharply, as did the interest of international students in studies at MU. The Office for International Studies (www.rect.muni.cz/ois) helps both outgoing and incoming students, arranging for their stays, providing them with information materials, maintaining a comprehensive website, organizing trips and sponsoring the activities of the International Student Club. Czech students, too, help international students get oriented, both academically and socially. Instruction for international students at MU is also provided in two English-language study programmes, the **Central European Studies Programme** and **TESOL TE**.



Handicapped students

The Support Centre for Students with Special Needs is a university-wide facility at Masaryk University. Its mission is to ensure accessibility to the university's degree programmes for students with a wide range of handicaps. Its particular concern is visually and hearing-impaired students, for whom it provides all the study materials necessary to enable them to achieve the same academic results as the other students at MU.

PRESTIGE

Masaryk University is the most selective university in the Czech Republic.

In 2004 Masaryk University received more admission applications than any other Czech higher education institution. The total number was 55,000; in the end 29,721 individuals actually sat the entrance exams, of whom 9,325 were accepted for studies at the university – only 31.4%, the lowest in the country. Some MU faculties were even more selective. At the Law Faculty, for example, of the 7,658 applicants, only 857 – 11.2% – were accepted.

Ranking of universities according to number of applicants taking entrance exams in 2004

Masaryk University, Brno	29,721
Charles University, Prague	23,635
Palacky University, Olomouc	13,956
University of West Bohemia, Pízen	11,280
Brno University of Technology	9,476
University of Economics, Prague	8,994
Technical University of Ostrava	8,543
Czech Technical University, Prague	8,424
University of Ostrava	8,300
Czech University of Agriculture, Prague	8,143

Source: Právo 13 Jan. 2005, based on IIE statistics

International programmes and partnerships with other universities

Masaryk University is heavily involved in the student mobility programmes and research programmes of the European Union and other countries. It is a member of two important international networks of universities, the **Utrecht Network** and the **Compostela Group**. It plays a significant role in activities of international organizations whose mission is to deepen mutual contacts between universities worldwide, especially **EAIE** and **NAFSA**.

The main programme in support of student mobility at Masaryk University is **SOCRATES/ERASMUS**, which includes over 230 universities in Europe. The university also sends abroad and hosts many students under the Central European Exchange Programme for University Students (**CEEPUS**) and the **AKTION** programme, as well as exchange programmes with partner universities in Europe, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and East Asia.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

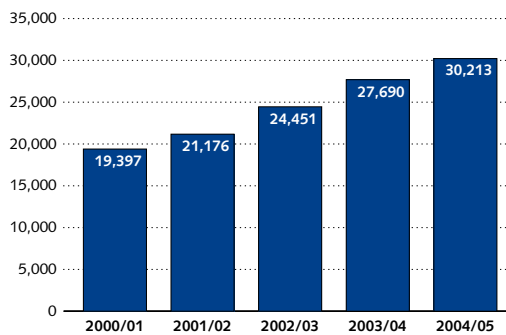
Current trends:

- ▣ **DYNAMIC GROWTH**
- ▣ **INCREASING PRESTIGE**
- ▣ **INNOVATION**
- ▣ **INTERNATIONALIZATION**

The ambition of the university in the near future is to achieve European standards in research and development across a broad range of disciplines, and to stake out leading positions in a number of key fields. At the same time it intends to maintain and develop its traditional function as an educational institution for the broader public, with increased emphasis on life-long education. Future development should focus on new research and new services.

The future role of the university must also lie in the generation and presentation of views that affect public opinion. The university aims to become a recognized authority in the eyes of the general public in such areas as university teaching and education, new directions in research, and the dissemination of independent liberal ideas needed to help us deal with today's complex world.

Total number of students at MU 2000/01–2004/05



THE BOHUNICE CAMPUS

Masaryk University is undergoing a period of rapid growth, and this is accompanied by the necessary development of its infrastructure. Its programme for "Infrastructure Development at Masaryk University in Brno" comprises not only the reconstruction of MU's historical buildings in the city centre, but also a project unique among Czech universities: a new, modern teaching and research campus in Brno-Bohunice. This complex, the future home of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Sports Studies and a large part of the Faculty of Science, will be built in five stages on an area of 20 ha.



Computer-generated views of the future MU campus in Brno-Bohunice

Vizualization: A PLUS BRNO, a.s.,
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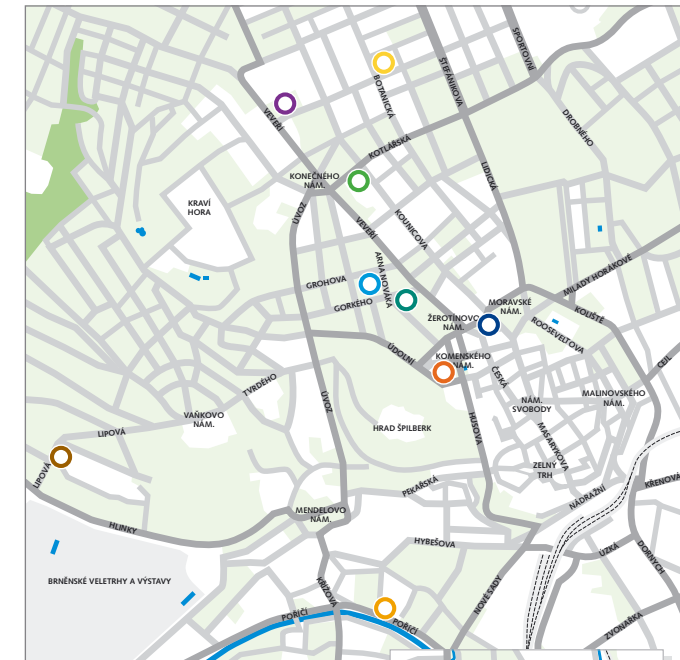
The cornerstone of the project

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