



FRESHERS' GUIDE 2025/2026







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Introduction

Welcome to the First Faculty of Medicine at Charles University.

You are about to begin a world-class education in medicine or dentistry at the First Faculty of Medicine — a faculty with a proud legacy as the oldest medical school in Central Europe. We are delighted that you have chosen Charles University as your new alma mater.

We understand that the transition from high school to university can be challenging. That's why we've prepared this guide to support you during your first steps at our Faculty.

Inside, you'll find answers to many of the questions you might have about studying at the Faculty — also known as Jednička, 1. LF UK, or LF1. This guide is designed to help you navigate your first few weeks, but if there's anything you can't find here, don't hesitate to reach out to our team. We're here to help you make the most of your potential and to support you through any challenges along the way.

Studying at our Faculty, in the heart of the historic city of Prague, opens up a wide range of academic, cultural, and personal opportunities. We hope that your experience here will not only prepare you for a successful medical career, but also become a meaningful and unforgettable chapter in your life.

We wish you patience, perseverance, passion — and above all, happiness and success in the years ahead.

*The First Faculty of Medicine
Charles University*



Structure of the Faculty

The First Faculty of Medicine is one of the seventeen faculties of Charles University. Charles University is led by the Rector, prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, Ph.D. The University was founded in 1348 by the Emperor Charles IV and it is the oldest university east of the Rhine River and north of the Alps and our faculty is one of the original faculties.

The faculty is led by the Dean, prof. MUDr. Martin Vokurka, CSc., with the assistance of the Vice-Dean's, the Dean's Board and the Academic Senate. You may find the university's and faculty's management on the respective websites.



Dean

prof. MUDr. Martin Vokurka, CSc.

"Let me welcome you on board! I wish you the best in studying at the First Faculty of Medicine of Charles University in Prague."



Vice Dean for International Studies

prof. MUDr. Michal Vrablík, Ph.D.

"Student life at our Faculty offers diverse opportunities. These formative years can set you on a successful path, both professionally and personally. We hope you will look back on these days with fondness."



Vice Dean for Dentistry
prof. MUDr. René Foltán, Ph.D.

“Dentistry studies at our faculty combine medical knowledge and practical skills – this is a good way to great contemporary stomatology.”



Vice Dean of Clinical Education and General Medicine
prof. MUDr. Andrea Burgetová, Ph.D.

“At our faculty, you will meet professionals, top doctors and excellent scientists who will share their knowledge and experience with you.”

The other members of the Dean’s Board can be found [here](#)





Academic Senate

The Academic Senate is an elected faculty body composed of professors and students, which approves all faculty rules and amendments in cooperation with the Dean.

The Senate has 30 members: one half is elected by students and the other half is elected by academic employees. The list of all the members of the Academic Senate is available [online](#).

The Academic Senate meets once per month. The meetings are open for all faculty members and students, so you are welcome to come and observe.

Elections for the Senate are carried out every three years. They are preceded by several weeks of lively campaigning, so it's hard to miss them.

As a student, you also have a chance to become one of the selected members. Knowledge of the Czech language is strongly recommended, yet international students are also represented.





International Office

The International Office is located on the ground floor of the Dean's Building at Kateřinská 32, Prague 2.

The office is here to make your studies successful and help you understand the university system and manage everything concerning your studies such as enrollment and cancellation of subjects, confirmation of studies, summer clerkships, support for students with special needs or medical check-up. You may submit your requests concerning your studies, ask about services and life in Prague or get information about study opportunities abroad.

You may always visit us during the office hours. Check the current office hours of the International Office [here](#) or contact us to schedule an individual appointment.

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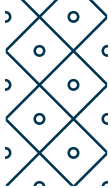


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Studies and Regulations

Charles University consists of seventeen independent and self-governing faculties in Prague, Pilsen, and Hradec Králové. The faculties educate around 50,000 students including over 10,000 international students.

The First Faculty of Medicine has been part of the University since its establishment. Nowadays, we educate more than 4,000 undergraduate students and are the largest medical faculty in the Czech Republic. Among those students, **we also welcome around 800 international students.**

The Faculty's buildings are located in the historical centre of Prague. **Theoretical institutes** of the First Faculty of Medicine have been undergoing a thorough renovation to ensure that their historical nature goes hand in hand with modern functionality. **Clinical education** takes place mainly in the General University Hospital, but some subjects are taught in other hospitals in Prague. You may find the map of the departments at the end of this guide. The General Medicine programme lasts 6 years, Dentistry lasts 5 years, and the Faculty also offers various other study programmes related to medicine and health sciences (mainly in Czech language).

At enrollment, **you'll be divided into small study groups, each supported by a team of senior students.**

They'll guide you through the challenges of studying, help you adapt to university life, and share their valuable know-how to make your journey smoother and more enjoyable. You will get to know your classmates during Induction Course and Fresher's week organised by the Faculty and our student organisation [MEDSOC](#). You are also welcome to contact the International Office or Vice-Dean for International Studies for serious matters.

Before classes start, you will have to get a Student Card and obtain a username and password to access the Student Information System (SIS). During your first year, you will also have to pass a medical check-up.

The first three years of the study at the First Faculty of Medicine are mostly theoretical with a lot of time spent in lecture halls and laboratories.

The studies consist of:

- lectures (same schedule for all students in your year)
- practical lessons (seminars, microscopy lessons, and laboratory work)
- clinical subjects (from the fourth year, mainly spending time in a hospital and having some lectures)

The first three years include winter and summer exam periods. For every completed course you receive a certain number of credits. **Always check the course requirements** (including the attendance) at the beginning of the semester, so you know what to expect during the year.

The course can be completed by a credit, classified credit, or a final exam. You usually need to obtain a credit to be eligible for the final examination. There are a number of places to take each exam. However, **it is your responsibility to plan your exams accordingly and register for them in the Student Information System. Each student has three attempts to pass each exam.** The exam period is usually 4 weeks long. Many of the final exams are oral, but occasionally there is a written test before the oral exam.

Clinical teaching (years 4–6) is organized into internships, which means that you will spend a certain number of weeks in one clinical department (for example orthopedics, gynecology, or ophthalmology). After you obtain your credit, you will have the rest of the year to pass the exams. The earlier you pass them, the better.

The Dentistry programme already starts the clinical aspects of the programme in the second year.

The studies are completed by passing all state examinations and all your family and friends are welcome to congratulate you during the graduation ceremony at the historical Carolinum.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

- 15. 9. 2025
intensive Czech Course for 2. year Dentistry
and 3. year General Medicine
- 25. 9. 2025
education starts for the 5th year,
Dentistry
- 29. 9. 2025
education starts for winter period
- 29. 9. 2025 – 19. 12. 2025
winter term (12 weeks)
- 1. 10. 2025
official start of the academic
year 2025/2026
- 20. 12. 2025 – 3. 1. 2026
Christmas vacation
- 5. 1. 2026 – 23. 1. 2026
continuation of winter term
(3 weeks)
- 24. 1. 2026 – 22. 2. 2026
examination period (4 weeks)
- 23. 2. 2026 – 5. 6. 2026
summer term (15 weeks)
- 12. 4. 2026
Dean's day
- 13. 5. 2026
Rector's day
- 6. 6. 2026 – 3. 7. 2026
examination period (4 weeks)
- 4. 7. 2026 – 30. 8. 2026
summer vacation
- 31. 8. 2026 – 11. 9. 2026
prolonged examination period,
exams correction
- 30. 9. 2026
official end of academic year 2025/2026

ENROLLMENT OF SUBJECTS:

Winter semester:

from 16. 7. 2025 /9 AM/ – 15. 9. 2025
/24.00/ eligible subjects for 1. LF students
with completed studies responsibilities /
priority enrollment of eligible subjects/
from 16. 9. – 30. 9. 2025 compulsory and
compulsory optional subjects according
to the study plan for the whole academic
year for 1. LF students
from 16. 9. – 6. 10. 2025 eligible subjects
for the winter semester for all students

from 23. 9. 2025 /11 A.M./ – 30. 9. 2025
/24.00/ eligible subjects for students
from other faculties

Summer semester:

9. 2. 2026 /9.30 AM/ – 23. 2. 2026 / 24:00/
registration of eligible subjects for
summer semester (students from other
faculties from 9. 2. 2026 /11 AM.
till 15. 2. 2026 /24:00/)

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

SIS is your electronic credit book.

You will be using the SIS system on a regular basis to check your study requirements and credits. It will calculate the number of received credits as well as the number of credits you need to obtain at the end of the academic year.

SIS is also used to sign up for exams and enrollment into compulsory and elective subjects.

To sign up into SIS, visit the [website](#).

With your student ID card, you will also obtain a login and password to create your personal profile in the SIS (your login is the 8 digit number on your student card).

Don't forget! If your provided information changes during your studies, you need to update your SIS profile or inform the International Office if you are unable to proceed with changes yourself. Your account will have an inbox that you should check regularly for messages from the faculty.



COMPULSORY AND ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

Your study plan is determined by the faculty, and your timetable depends on your study group, but all groups have to pass the same number of the subjects and hours.

In your timetable (available on SIS) you will find all assigned compulsory subjects. You need to pass all subjects in your study plan for each given year. After completing the course, the result will be published on SIS and you receive a certain number of credits.

Additionally, you also need to enroll for some elective subject to have enough credits to complete the year and your studies.

You have a variety of subjects to choose from. It is necessary to gain at least 3 credits from eligible subjects per academic year, maximum is 9 credits. Credits above the maximum do not count for the current academic year.

Find detailed information about the elective subjects on the website.

There is a detailed description of electives on the [website](#).

As a student of Charles University you may sign up for courses at other faculties, too (depending on the faculty's criteria and number of places).

Please check the offer of courses every year, it is your responsibility to choose the elective courses, check the compulsory courses and make sure that you fulfilled all requirements to continue in your studies.



CREDITS AND EXAMS

CREDITS

Obtaining a credit is one of the possible ways of completing a subject or clerkship. It is usually compulsory to obtain the credit in order to be allowed to take the exam, if an exam is required.

You will obtain a credit for a subject after completing a certain number of school hours or seminars, practical lessons, writing an essay or passing a test, depending on the course requirements.

EXAMS

Exams are mostly oral, and sometimes are preceded by a written test.

There is a list of exam questions on the official website of the institute or department which teaches the subject, as well as on SIS, under subject information.

You sign up for the exam using SIS. There is enough terms for all students taking a subject to register for the exam.

Registration for exam terms will open at a given time, and remain open for a given amount of time, which is posted on SIS next to the exam terms. Some exam terms are very sought after and will be booked only seconds after registration opens, so **be aware and plan accordingly**.

Exams are evaluated with the marking system – excellent (1), very good (2), good (3). If you fail, you will have to repeat the exam and the professor will simply write the date without a grade.

You will have up to three attempts for each exam, however, **if you do not plan your examination period carefully, you may run out of time to use all three of your attempts for each exam**. It is up to you to plan to take your exams in time, so that you have enough time to use all three of your attempts if necessary. Various institutes may also have their own special rules for exams terms (such as September terms are only for repeated attempts).

If you do not pass an exam after the first three attempts, **you will have to repeat the subject**. In order to repeat a subject you also need to have enough credits to pass the year without that subject (more information in the Individual Study Plan section). Each subject can be repeated just once. You will have three new attempts for passing the exam if you repeat a subject.

If you sign up for an exam term, but you do not take the exam, you must excuse yourself. If you don't excuse yourself, you will lose the attempt for the exam.

As mentioned in the [Academic Calendar](#), the summer semester examination period primarily takes place in June (approximately four to five weeks). Then, in the first two weeks of September, additional spots will be used for the last terms before the next academic year. Please note that departments are not required to offer any examination slots between these two periods. Any exam opportunities provided during this interim are at the discretion of the departments.

Plan your exam terms carefully! There will be no additional terms besides the ones posted on SIS.

If you already studied at a university and you want to request a recognition of some subjects, please follow the faculty's regulations or do not hesitate to reach the International Office for [help](#).



CREDIT SYSTEM AND INDIVIDUAL STUDY PLAN (ISP)

Credit points are points which you will earn by fulfilling the individual courses. You will find an overview in the SIS. Check your credits regularly as there is normal number of credits (see the table below) that you should receive every year to complete your studies smoothly.

If you don't pass some of the main subjects of the particular year and you have minimum number of credits (for example in the first year 50 effective credits, i.e. number of credits from eligible subjects is not higher than 9), you can ask for retake of subjects within the Individual Study Plan if necessary. Please always consult your situation in advance with the International Office.

In order to complete your studies, General Medicine students need 360 credit points; Dentistry students need 300 credits.

	Normal number of credits	Minimum number of credits
Year 1	60	50
Year 2	120	110
Year 3	180	170
Year 4	240	230
Year 5	300	300
Year 6	360	360 without exception

INDIVIDUAL STUDY PLAN

Individual Study Plan is a measure to help you to complete your studies if you failed during the exams. Your academic year will be extended and divided into two academic years. To apply for the Individual Study Plan, you need the minimum number of credits for the given year (e.g. min 50 credits in the first year). Find the application on the website or visit the International Office to get a guidance.

You can repeat compulsory subjects only once during your studies and it must be done immediately in the next year.

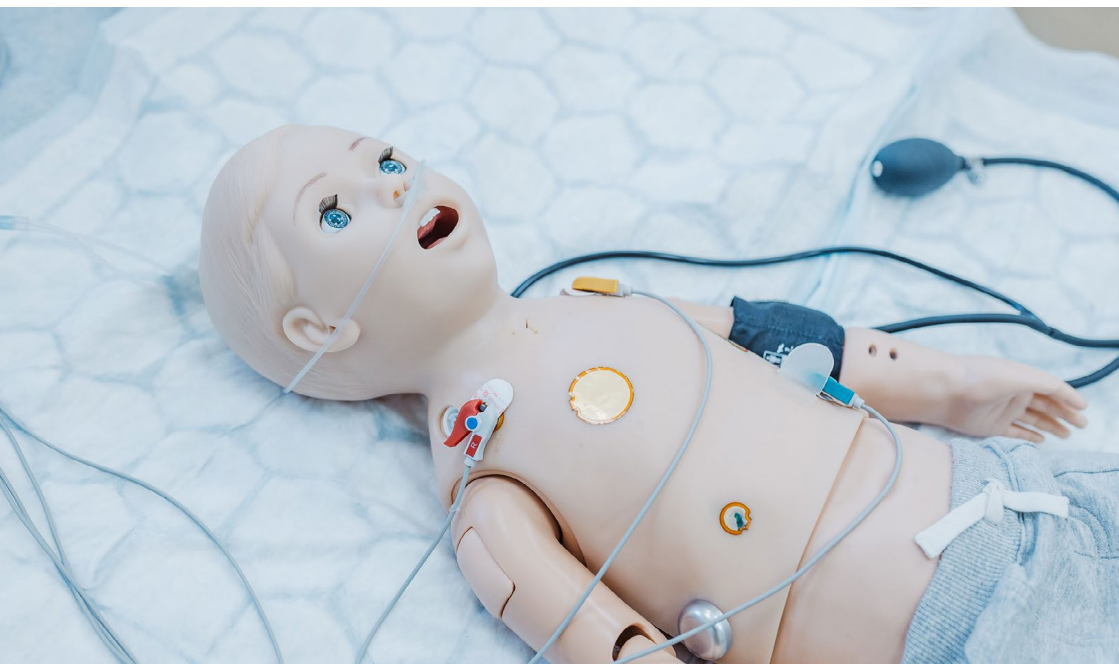
At the end of ISP you need to have normal number of credit points and fulfill all subjects registered in ISP. By repeating the subject, you get three new attempts for examination. Get in touch with your teacher if you are repeating the subject to agree on more details.

If you do not fulfill all conditions of the individual study plan, your studies will be terminated.

You may also apply for ISP in case of parenthood, Erasmus stay abroad or representation of the Czech Republic in sports.

All applications are assessed by the Dean or a designated Vice Dean.

Application can be found on the faculty [website](#).



EVALUATION OF TEACHING

On SIS you will find a section where you can evaluate the quality of education at your faculty. You can evaluate individual subjects after you complete them.

Evaluations consist of questionnaires which include several questions about your satisfaction with the content of the seminars and lectures, questions about the attitude of the teachers. The second part allows you to write comments about the subject in your own words.

You can also evaluate individual teachers. Teachers who receive poor evaluations are required to meet with the dean and students to discuss what lead to their poor performance and how they can improve their teaching. The best teachers receive a financial reward.

Evaluation is anonymous, although you will have to log into SIS to access the evaluation questionnaires. Teachers will be able to read comments written about them, but they will not know who the authors are. You may choose to sign your comments if you wish.

It is important to evaluate carefully. If your comments are meaningful and clear, teaching will improve. Evaluations are becoming more and more popular in recent years. All members of the academic community appreciate a good feedback to improve their educational methods.

COUNSELLING AND MEDIATOR

Everybody sometimes needs a helping hand or someone to talk to. The faculty also offers [counselling](#) to all its students and you may also use other services offered for CU students free of charge.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach the International Office or have a look at the support offered by the faculty and the university.

Find contact
information [here](#).



If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions about your studies or faculty life, you can contact your Year Representative.

Year Representatives act as the main link between students, professors, and the faculty. They communicate student concerns, share important information, and help ensure smooth cooperation. Their primary role is to represent student interests in academic matters, but they also address other aspects of student life at the faculty.

You can find their contact details on the faculty [website](#).

The faculty also established a position of a mediator who is here to help in creating a safe, respectful and fair environment. Dr. Arientová ensures that the ethics of the faculty are upheld and that a fair education environment is available for everyone.



You may use the contact mediatorka@lf1.cuni.cz. You will get a response from MUDr. Simona Arientová, Ph.D., MBA., she works at the Department of Infectious Diseases, First Faculty of Medicine.

Find more information [here](#).



Student Card/ISIC

After enrollment, you will be requested to get a university student card. The card is free of charge. You may also purchase a combined card with an ISIC licence to get even more students discounts around the globe.

To get your student card (with the [ISIC](#) licence or not), you will need to visit the card service centre and bring your ID or passport (a study confirmation is also recommended, but they should be able to identify you after the enrollment). They will take your photo and issue the card immediately.

When receiving your ISIC card, you'll also receive a paper-slip that contains the information needed to reset your password for your account in the Charles University Authentication Service (CAS) of the faculty. This system will allow you to connect your Microsoft account of the university to other applications and services online, such as Moodle, Student Information System (SIS), Amboss, and many more.

The password you will receive is temporary and must be changed on the PC (or laptop) within the next 5 days including the day of issuing, otherwise it expires. It is recommended to use web browsers such as Google Chrome, Opera, Microsoft Edge or Firefox. Web browser Safari, mobiles and tablets are not recommended for password resetting.

In case of any problems of resetting your CAS password, return to the same office to receive help.

There are two offices that issue Student ID cards:

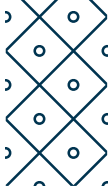
UK Point

Celetná 13, Prague 1

Faculty of Law

Nám. Curieových 7, Prague 1

Always check up-to-date opening hours of the centres on the [website](#). You will need the student card to enter buildings, use a library or you may even pay for your meals in the canteens or use the printers.

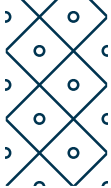


Induction Course

Now in its second year, the Induction Course offers a dynamic and engaging start to your academic journey. Taking place from September 15 to 21 in Prague, Czechia, the course provides a perfect introduction to life at the First Faculty of Medicine and your new home city. Organised in close cooperation with Medsoc, our largest student organisation running the invaluable student support system, the course also connects you with other student societies and Czech parallel students, reflecting our commitment to a united student community.

Throughout the week, you will get oriented with the Faculty, learn about the academic year structure and key first-year subjects, take part in crash courses in Czech language and medical terminology, meet your classmates and faculty staff, and discover useful academic resources. You will also explore Prague, participate in workshops on student life, and join social activities, helping you settle in, make friends, and feel at home. By completing the course, you will earn 3 credits towards your first-year studies, making the experience both rewarding and enjoyable.





Matriculation Ceremony

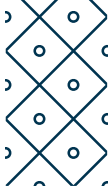
The matriculation ceremony is a celebratory event during which you will be officially welcomed at the faculty and the university.

The event is formal and compulsory for all new students, do not forget to dress accordingly. It takes place in the main building of Charles University, Carolinum. The Address is Ovocný trh 3/5 and the event is only intended for the students (not their families and friends).

The ceremony is completed by listening to the matriculation oath read aloud by the promotor and your confirmation to follow and respect student duties by symbolically touching the scepter with your hand.

You will receive detailed instruction by the International Office and if you are unable to participate you will be requested to sign the matriculation oath.





Medical Check-Up

As students will be working with patients during their studies, all 1st-year students must undergo a compulsory medical check-up to evaluate their health status. You need provide a proof of vaccination of Hepatitis B and further tests and your medical history (find more below).

Vaccination – Hepatitis B

The vaccination process begins at the Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute, where your level of antibodies will be tested:

If you have sufficient antibodies – The Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute will complete and stamp your vaccination form.

If you require vaccination – The Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute will either schedule your vaccination (depending on availability) or recommend where you can receive it.

Important: The vaccination form must always be signed and stamped by the Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute

Address: Studničkova 7, Praha 2

Medical Check-up

Students can undergo the check-up in their own country, however, the form must be signed and stamped by a Czech physician. The medical history form is for your general practitioner and should stay with them.

Required tests are: Medical history / Physical examination / Urine test, AST / HIV / ALT / BWR / Full blood count – all tests not older than 3 months.

Chest X-ray (not older than 2 years), HbsAG (not older than 1 year), Anti HBs.

Both medical check-up and vaccination must be done and submitted to the International Office by 30th March of the academic year (when you start the first year).

Forms can be found on our [website](#).

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Dormitories and Canteens

DORMITORIES

Staying in university dormitories is highly recommended. If you would like to book a room in a dormitory, please contact the International Office.

Some of the preferred dorms are Jižní Město, 17. listopadu and Kajetánka. Accommodation is also possible in other University dorms.

The price of the accommodation varies depending on the choice of dorm, room size, and length of stay. You may always find detailed prices on the website of the dormitories.

Click [here](#) or contact the dormitories at accommodation@kam.cuni.cz.



Each dormitory also has a housing assistant – a local student to assist international students with their orientation and housing in the dorms. Find more [here](#).

CANTEENS

As a student of Charles University, you can enjoy a variety of canteens where you can dine and spend time with your classmates.

You may often choose from four main courses (including vegetarian or vegan options) for an affordable price. The payment is easy via your student card, but do not forget to charge it during your first visit (usually at the cash desk). For some canteens, you may also need to reserve your meals in advance.

Find the list of the canteens and opening hours [here](#).



Our student mentors will also recommend you many other places where to get something quick to eat or relax with a cup of coffee and tea.

The recommended places are marked on the map at the end of this guide.



Textbooks, Library, Resources and the Institute of Scientific Information

Official recommended literature is listed on the webpages of the individual institutes or in the Student Information System.

We always suggest to seek recommendation from your teachers or ask your student mentors and older students to give their own recommendations. You may borrow most of the books in the libraries or even use many online resources. [MEDSOC](#) also organises a sale of books at beginning of each year.

If you are looking for a place to study, the university offers a number of libraries all around Prague. The Faculty library closest to your lecture halls and seminars is the building located at U Nemocnice 4. You can borrow books or use the study rooms in the first-floor (please use a cloakroom to safely store your belongings). After enrollment, do not forget to sign-up. You can do it online and the access is valid to all university libraries. To use the library services you will always need your student card.

To avoid finding the doors closed, always check the opening hours on the website. Remember that the services are more limited over summer holidays. You may also use computers in the faculty network to connect to electronic sources and find other multifunctional devices for printing and copying in the study rooms and the library.

Find all the information [here](#) or use the online registration on this [website](#). For the book reservation and online sources, you may also use the portal UKAŽ which is available [here](#).

Please keep in mind that you must follow the library regulations. If you return a book past the due date, you will be required to pay a fine.

Throughout your studies, you will also find other comfortable places where to study and get some rest between your classes and practicals. Do not forget to share them with us on social media!



Sports

You will have compulsory Physical Education (PE) during your first two years, usually held at the SCUK building in Hostivař, Bruslařská 10.

Athletes training at state or international level can be excused from PE upon submitting proof of their activities. Students with health restrictions must provide a doctor's note at the beginning of the semester; in such cases, PE will be replaced with theoretical lessons and rehabilitation.

PE can also be taken as an elective in later years. The faculty offers various sports such as beach volleyball, floorball, golf, climbing, swimming, and more. You can join summer and winter sports courses, massage training, or trips abroad (Austria, France, Italy).





Internet Connection and Social Media

You may always connect to the [EDUROAM](#) network in all faculty facilities and buildings. To set a password, you need to log in to CAS.

The wifi network EDUROAM also works at other universities and higher-education institutions in Czechia and around the globe.

Several computer rooms are also available around the campus and you can freely access them.

During your studies, you will also use various platform such as Moodle or MS Teams. As a student of Charles University you get an access to Microsoft Office licence and you will also have a chance to access Amboss and other platforms to improve your studies and career possibilities.

All official information and regulations are always published on the website of the faculty en.lf1.cuni.cz. Please check it regularly if you are looking for answers to your questions.

Also, do not forget about our social media.

@lf1uk on Facebook

@1lf_charlesuni on Instagram

@LF1UK on Youtube

#firstfacultyofmedicine



SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Are you studying, researching, programming, or just need a stable and fast internet connection? No problem, CESNET can help you with all this.

We'll connect you to the network, store and protect your data, and enable you to share materials or collaborate on projects efficiently remotely.

Make the most of the services CESNET has to offer. They're secure, backedup, ad-free, and with unlimited speed.



Secure storage,
sharing and
synchronize
up to 100 GB



owncloud.cesnet.cz



Fast sharing
and short term
data storage
(up to 500 GB)



filesender.cesnet.cz



Free wifi
at school
in 106 countries
in the world



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For more information please visit
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Student Life

Studying in a different country is also about enjoying student life.

Prague offers many options for spending your free time and getting to know people, and you should not forget to explore other parts of our beautiful country – Czechia.

If you are looking for events organised by the faculty, you should not miss the Faculty's ball in January, a picnic in our gardens or Rector's Sports Day in May. In October you may look forward to the event "Jednička na startu" that welcomes the new academic year and all new students. Further events are also organised by the students associations and the university.

We cannot forget the Academic Club in Faust House (Karlovo náměstí 40), entered from the right corner of the courtyard. A variety of concerts, exhibits, and discussions are organized here during the year. Find the programme of the Academic Club [here](#).

You are also welcome to visit the club during the opening hours or book the premises for a student event.



MEDSOCIETY

MEDSOCIETY is a society of international students at the First Faculty of Medicine. Their office is located on the second floor of the Faust House.

Their mission is to help international students adjust to life at the First Faculty of Medicine and support their success by recommending the right study resources and strategies, organising social events and extracurricular activities, and serving as a reliable support network.

They organise very popular seminars about jobs abroad and how to prepare for foreign licensing exams, as well as social events such as the Halloween Costume Party, an International Food Fair, a Christmas Party, and many others.

MEDSOCIETY organizes competitive football and basketball teams that have several

exciting games each year; students can also join any of the MEDSOC club sports, depending on their interests.

In addition to providing opportunities for students to relax and interact, MEDSOC also provides a Mentor System for first year students: each first year study group is assigned several experienced students, usually from second and third year, who provide advice and help to the incoming students during their first year at the faculty.

MEDSOC is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization. There is no membership. All students are welcome to attend MEDSOC events and get involved in the organization. Elections for board positions take place at the end of the summer semester. Applications for non-board positions open shortly after the elections. The faculty has a number of student clubs and initiatives that not only help you spend your free time actively, but also help you improve your medical skills. You can find out more on our website.



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First Faculty of Medicine





Calendar of Faculty's Events for Students

MEDSOC organizes a number of social, educational and sports events throughout the year:

- » **Second-Hand Book Sale** – in the second week of the winter semester
A great possibility to buy or sell textbooks and other study materials.
- » **Freshers' Week** – in the last week of September
The aim of this event is to welcome all freshers'. The event culminates in an interfaculty Welcome Bash at Lavka on the riverfront.
- » **The Spring Ball – in the beginning of the spring** – It is a formal event taking place each spring, where students and professors can mingle and celebrate the year's successes.

OTHER EVENTS

Welcome Party – October, February

One of the biggest social events at the faculty, held twice a year at the beginning of each semester. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow students from different years and study programs – and enjoy a fun night out on the dance floor at one of Prague's popular clubs.

A Drop of Blood – November, March/April

The charity blood drive in cooperation with the Transfusion Department of General University Hospital (VFN).

6 + 1 Medic Party – December

A non-traditional welcome and farewell party with participation of the Dean. During this event first and sixth year students meet but all students are welcome to attend.

The Medical Ball – January

A traditional ball that has been around for more than one hundred years, which is held in the Žofín palace.

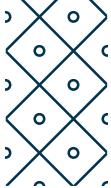
The Picnic – May

A relaxed afternoon event in the garden of the Psychiatry and Neurology Departments of the First Faculty of Medicine and VFN with plenty of music, lemonade, tasty food, and friends.

The Rector's Sports Day – May

A great opportunity to meet other students from other faculties of Charles University.





Practical tips for the new students

Before the start of classes, do not forget to get a labcoat. It is recommended to buy at least two because you will need one for dissections and one for other seminars. You can buy a coat [here](#).

You also need a pair of indoor shoes for lessons in laboratories. Also you should buy dissection tools – one pair of anatomical forceps and a scalpel with changeable razors. However, do not worry, the student mentor will tell you what to get and what they recommend.

You should wear your ISIC card with your white coat so that teachers and other hospital employees know that you are a student.

You should definitely buy a short-term or a long-term public transportation ticket if you use public transportation. Believe us, you do not want to get a fine. You can buy it near the Dean's building or in many metro stations or even [online](#) or using a app on your phone. It is simple, and the public transportation in Prague is really affordable and easy to use.

If you require a visa to study in the Czechia. Check the requirements for extending the visa in advance.

If you have any questions related to studies or life in Czechia do not hesitate to contact the International Office and always please try to solve any obstacles as soon as possible.

We wish you the best of luck with your studies and welcome you to the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University.

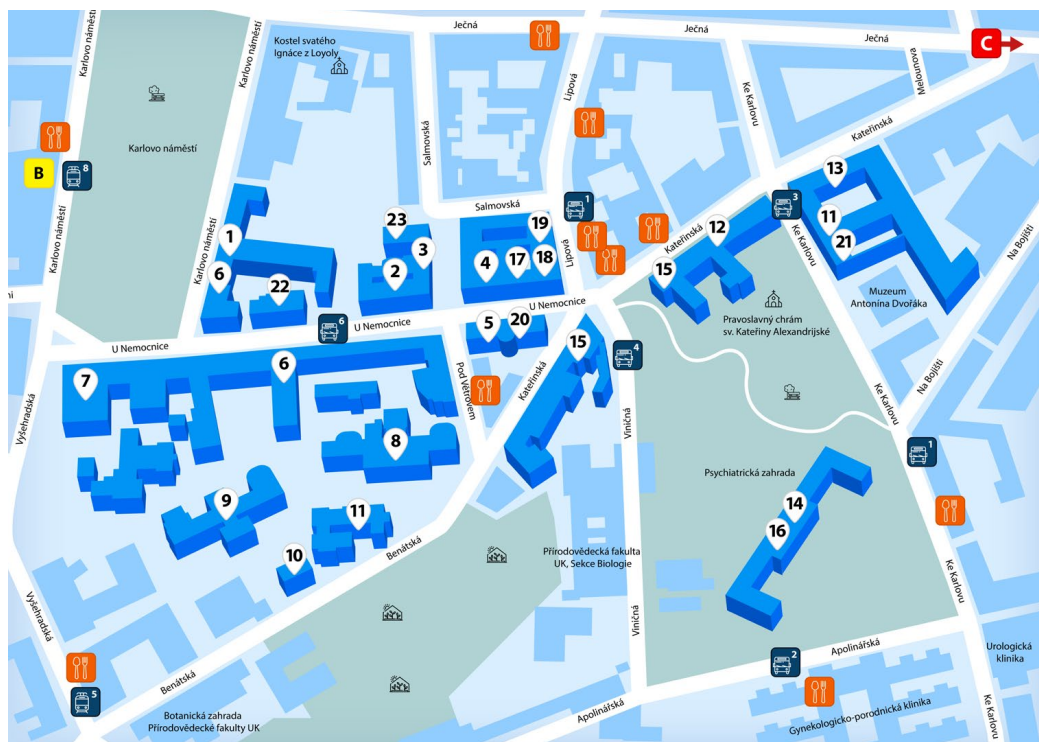
ALBERTOV



- 1 Purkinje Institute (Institute of Histology and Embryology; Institute of Pharmacology; Institute of Biology and Medical Genetics)
- 2 Institute of Physiology
- 3 Classrooms of the Institute of Nursing Theory and Practice
- 4 Institute of Pathology
- 5 Institute of Clinical Immunology and Allergology
- 6 Institute of Medical Microbiology
- 7 Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology
- 8 Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology
- 9 Rheumatology Institute
- 10 Institute of Nursing Theory and Practice
- 11 Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

- B** Direction to the metro station Karlovo náměstí
- C1** Direction to the metro station I. P. Pavlova
- C2** Direction to the metro station Výšehrad
-  Restaurant, café, canteen
-  Canteen Albertov

-  1 Tram stop Albertov (14, 18, 24, 93, 95)
-  2 Tram stop Albertov (1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 93, 95, XC)
-  3 Tram stop Na Slupi (1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 93, 95, XC)
-  Folimanka playground
-  Fitness workout park Folimanka
-  Stairs
-  Tennis courts
-  Genetic Garden, Faculty of Science CU
-  Church
-  Park



1 3rd Department of Internal Medicine

2 Institute of Anatomy

3 Institute of Sports Medicine

4 Institute of Biochemistry
and Experimental Oncology

5 Institute of Scientific Information
(library, study rooms, computer room)

6 General University Hospital in Prague

7 Faust House (Institute for Medical
Humanities; Institute for History
of Medicine and Foreign Languages;
Institute of Public Health and Medical Law;
MEDSOC; SMČ; IFMSA; Academic Club)

8 1st Department of Surgery

9 4th Department of Internal Medicine

10 Department of Otorhinolaryngology

11 Institute of Medical Biochemistry and
Laboratory Diagnostics

12 Movement Disorders Centre

13 Dean's Building - 1. LF UK

14 Institute of Sexuology

15 Department of Neurology

16 Department of Psychiatry

17 Institute of Pathological
Physiology

18 Institute of Biophysics
and Informatics

19 Institute of Nuclear Medicine

20 Institute for History of Medicine
and Foreign Languages

21 Department of Dental Medicine

22 Institute of Hematology
and Blood Transfusion

23 Institute of Physical

B Metro station Karlovo náměstí

C Direction to the metro station
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 Restaurant, café, canteen

 Na Bojišti (148)

 Apolinářská (148)

 Kateřinská (148)

 Větrov (148)

 Botanická zahrada
(14, 18, 24, 93, 95)

 U Nemocnice (148)

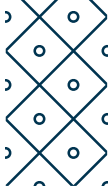
 Větrov (148)

 Na Moráni (2, 3, 4, 10, 14, 16,
18, 21, 24, 92, 93, 94, 95)

 Botanical Garden, Faculty
of Science CU

 Church

 Park



Important Adresses for the First Year Students:



Dean's Building,
Kateřinská 32, Praha 2



Institute of Anatomy,
U Nemocnice 3, Praha 2



Institute of Histology and Embryology,
Albertov 4, Praha 2



Library and Study Room,
U Nemocnice 4, Praha 2



Faust House,
Karlovo náměstí 40, Praha 2

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