



FACULTY OF ARTS AND LETTERS

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN RUŽOMBEROK

According to the ARRA (Academic Ranking and Rating Agency),
one of the best faculties of arts and letters in Slovakia.

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A WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear students; You are on the threshold of an important life decision which can influence not only your future in the next years but also the whole course of your life. It is not easy to choose well from the rich offers of university education gladly welcoming you not only in Slovakia but over the whole world.

Why the Faculty of Arts and Letters in little Ružomberok? Dear friends, let me present several reasons why you should try it here and now. Within Slovakia we are a medium size faculty in terms of the range and variety of study programmes. However, compared to other faculties of arts we offer something more. Yes, you can study philosophy, history, English, German, political science, journalism, psychology or Slovak in greater places than Ružomberok. But you cannot find a place in Slovakia or the Czech Republic with that immense cultural and civilisation wealth which is inwrought in the net of hundreds Catholic universities, in existence for centuries, all over the world. We proudly consider ourselves a young but integral and important part of this world academic community.

We do not pretend to be Harvard or Oxford, but we look into the world and build a healthy and confident relationship with it. Our students have an opportunity to achieve quality education in a homely, and I am not afraid to say, family environment. They can meet renowned scholars, they have access to a modern library, as well as having well-equipped laboratories and classrooms at their disposal. They also have an opportunity to spend a part of their studies at one of our many partner universities. But the greatest benefit is a personal and collegial approach. There are not many of us, teachers and students. But we know each other by name and, as in a family, we share not only knowledge but also emotions and experiences. That is our strength.

Marek Babic, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Catholic University in Ružomberok

RUŽOMBEROK AND ITS VICINITY

Ružomberok and its surroundings offer a wide range of possibilities for enjoyable leisure activities, as it provides many opportunities for relaxation and entertainment. The town and its area are full of historical and natural attractions.

Tourist-oriented visitors will be impressed by the scenic mountainous surroundings which are suitable for a variety of skilled hikers and climbers. Here are mountains like Nízke Tatry, Veľká Fatra and also Chočské vrchy where people can go for hikes of varying difficulty.

The conservation site Vlkolínec which is registered in the UNESCO world heritage list is the gem of folk architecture. The town is known also for Liptov Museum and the Ľudovít Fulla Gallery, where various cultural events are held throughout the year.

Ružomberok gives an opportunity for numerous sport activities. The Ski and Bike Family Park Malinô Brdo offers excellent services for winter sports fans, tourists and those interested in downhill mountain biking. Attractive thermal pools such as Bešeňová and Lúčky, which operate all year round are just a few kilometres away from Ružomberok.





UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY

The Catholic University in Ružomberok is a public university with a religious character that was founded in 2000 by the Conference of Slovak Bishops and the National Council of the Slovak Republic. In the spirit of Catholic moral, intellectual and academic traditions, the university provides a good quality education and scientific research that aims at the integral development of a human being and the welfare of the whole society.

The Faculty of Arts and Letters has been part of the university since its establishment. It offers attractive study programmes in the field of humanities, historical, social and behavioural sciences.

The faculty constantly attempts to improve the quality of education and science. The success of this effort has been repeatedly confirmed by the opinions of students and by the evaluation of the ranking and rating agency ARRA. According to the last published evaluation of all university faculties in Slovakia by the ARRA agency, it was confirmed that from among all the faculties of arts and letters our faculty is the second best and it has the lowest proportion of unemployed graduates.

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

Single-Major Study Programmes

- English and American Studies
- History
- Journalism
- Philosophy
- Philosophy in English
- Psychology
- Slovak Language and Literature

*Double-Major Study Programmes**

- English and American Studies
- History
- Philosophy
- Slovak Language and Literature

* Two subjects of choice

*Teacher-Training Programmes**

- Teaching of English Language and Literature
- Teaching of German Language and Literature
- Teaching of History
- Teaching of Philosophy
- Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature

* Two subjects of choice

*Teacher-Training Programmes**

- Teaching of Arts
- Teaching of Biology
- Teaching of Chemistry
- Teaching of Geography
- Teaching of Information Technologies
- Teaching of Italian Language and Literature
- Teaching of Mathematics
- Teaching of Musical Education
- Teaching of Russian Language and Literature

* Possibility to combine a subject with the Faculty of Education

MASTER PROGRAMMES

Single-Major Study Programmes

- History
- Journalism
- Philosophy
- Philosophy in English
- Psychology

*Double-Major Study Programmes**

- History
- Philosophy

* Two subjects of choice

*Teacher-Training Programmes**

- Teaching of English Language and Literature
- Teaching of German Language and Literature
- Teaching of History
- Teaching of Philosophy
- Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature

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PHD PROGRAMMES

- History
- Systematic Philosophy
- Theory and History of Journalism

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (BA)





ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES

What will I study?

The programme provides students with a basic knowledge concerning the English language, culture and society of Anglophone countries. The subjects cover a basic range of linguistic and literary disciplines together with theories of translation in an appropriate depth with a scope to prepare graduates who will be able to continuously familiarise themselves with the latest scientific research in the field of English linguistics and literary studies. To accomplish this, the programme also includes a wide range of elective subjects.

Where will I use this?

- Coordination of Projects
- Tourism
- Domestic and Foreign Mass Media
- Non-profit Organizations and Civic Associations
- Domestic and Foreign Cultural Institutions
- Public Relations





PHILOSOPHY

What will I study?

This course is mainly focused on the acquisition of knowledge, abilities and skills necessary for independent critical thinking. The student will obtain an overview of the basic philosophical disciplines (ethics, aesthetics, philosophy of law, philosophical anthropology, political philosophy, bioethics, logic, theory of knowledge, metaphysics etc.), whose findings he/she will learn to analyse, classify, evaluate critically and use. The students will also learn how to formulate solutions to diverse problems and how to correctly and persuasively argue in their favour.

Where will I use this?

- Governmental and Non-governmental Humanitarian Institutions
- Third Sector Organizations
- Cultural and Social Institutions Researching Society
- Foundations and Civic Associations
- Editors of Professional Journals
- Personnel in the State and Public Administration
- Mass Media
- Management

HISTORY

What will I study?

The programme provides a comprehensive overview of world and Slovak history, the basic methods and methodology for the study of history and the auxiliary sciences of history. Studying is also focused on the acquisition of basic skills needed for work as a historian and in historical research and historical documenting, as well as the skills necessary to explore, analyse and understand history.

Where will I use this?

- Cultural and Social Institutions
- Museums
- Galleries
- Historical and Contemporary Archives
- Libraries
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Preservation Institutes
- Scientific Institutions



PSYCHOLOGY

What will I study?

The programme focuses mainly on general psychological disciplines and the foundations of supportive psychology disciplines. The aim is to acquire basic psychological knowledge and skills. Students will gain a comprehensive education corresponding to the current situation of psychological sciences and the state of psychological practice. Moreover, they will also obtain skills and competencies linked to basic psychological practices and methods in all areas of psychological services.

Where will I use this?

- Business, Economic, Engineering and Technical Institutions
- Educational Institutions
- Psychological Research
- Health Services
- Culture
- Social Services



SLOVAK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

What will I study?

The study programme consists of two basic parts, which are focused on knowledge of Slovak language and Slovak literature in broader socio-cultural contexts. Students will learn about the patterns of the language structure, contemporary developmental trends and how the language works. In the literary section knowledge from the history of Slovak literature is expanded by knowledge of the theory of literature and the interpretation of a literary text.

Where will I use this?

- Continue in Master Studies
- Editorial and Publishing Activity
- Cultural and Educational Work
- Media and Mass Media Communication



JOURNALISM

What will I study?

The programme provides a theoretical basis for journalistic work in print, radio and television, as well as in press and marketing agencies. Students will learn about the development and functioning of domestic and world mass media in broader historical and political contexts. They will cultivate their oral and written performance in their mother tongue as well as in English language. Moreover, students will acquire practical skills for author and editorial work in all types of media.

Where will I use this?

- Publishing Houses
- Press, Radio, Television
- New Media
- Press and Marketing Agencies
- Press Departments of Different Institutions
- Professions Requiring Skills in Media Design and Technical Support in Media

DOUBLE-MAJOR STUDY PROGRAMMES

What will I study?

Double-major study programmes [according to §51, sec. (5) of Higher Education Act] allow students to study a combination of two majors (in 50:50 ratio). The candidate for study chooses any combination of 2 from the offered disciplines (see p. 6).

The programme is aimed at the acquisition of theoretical and practical knowledge and skills from both selected study fields. Furthermore, it supports the ability to respond to societal challenges and problems in a flexible and creative way so as to be prepared for the labour market.

Where will I use this?

- Graduates of double major study programmes have a wider range of theoretical knowledge, practical skills and professional readiness in a selected combination of two disciplines.
- The acquired knowledge and skills provide a significantly better position in the labour market.



TEACHER-TRAINING PROGRAMMES

What will I study?

In addition to the study of the two selected subject areas the programme aims at providing an overview of the broader contexts of education. Students acquire the basics of school pedagogy and psychology and gain understanding of the organizational conditions of institutional education. The specialized subjects of the chosen combination are an integral part of the study, and are in the following areas: English Language and Literature, German Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Slovak Language and Literature.

Where will I use this?

- Assistant Teacher
- Teacher for Children's Out-of-school Interest Activities
- State and Public Administration
- School Administrative and Methodological Institutions

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES(MA)





PHILOSOPHY

What will I study?

The study provides a deeper understanding of philosophical thinking. Students gain an extensive knowledge of ethics, aesthetics, philosophy of law, political philosophy, logic, metaphysics, theory of knowledge, philosophy of mind, etc. Through critical analysis and comparison they acquire a deeper conceptual and categorical apparatus of philosophy and related social sciences as well as more detailed insights into the main directions, characters and problems in the history of philosophy. The study also focuses on topics of contemporary philosophy.

Where will I use this?

- Socially Oriented Research and Education
- Governmental and Non-governmental Humanitarian Institutions
- Cultural and Social Institutions
- Foundations and Civic Associations
- Editors of Professional Journals
- Publishing of Professional Literature
- Political Institutions
- State and Public Administration
- Mass Media
- Management



HISTORY

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The study provides a comprehensive overview of world and Slovak history, the basic methods and methodology concerning the study of history and auxiliary historical sciences. Students are taught how to adapt to changes in the work of a historian and to comfortably acquire new knowledge and skills. The aim of the programme is to educate independent and open-minded historians prepared to work in the sphere of historical sciences and research as well as in the pedagogical process and in the cultural or social sphere.

Where will I use this?

- Institutions of Historical Research
- Scientific and Pedagogical Institutions
- Museums
- Archives
- Cultural and Social Institutions
- Publishers
- Specialized State Administration Bodies (e.g. protection of cultural heritage, etc.)

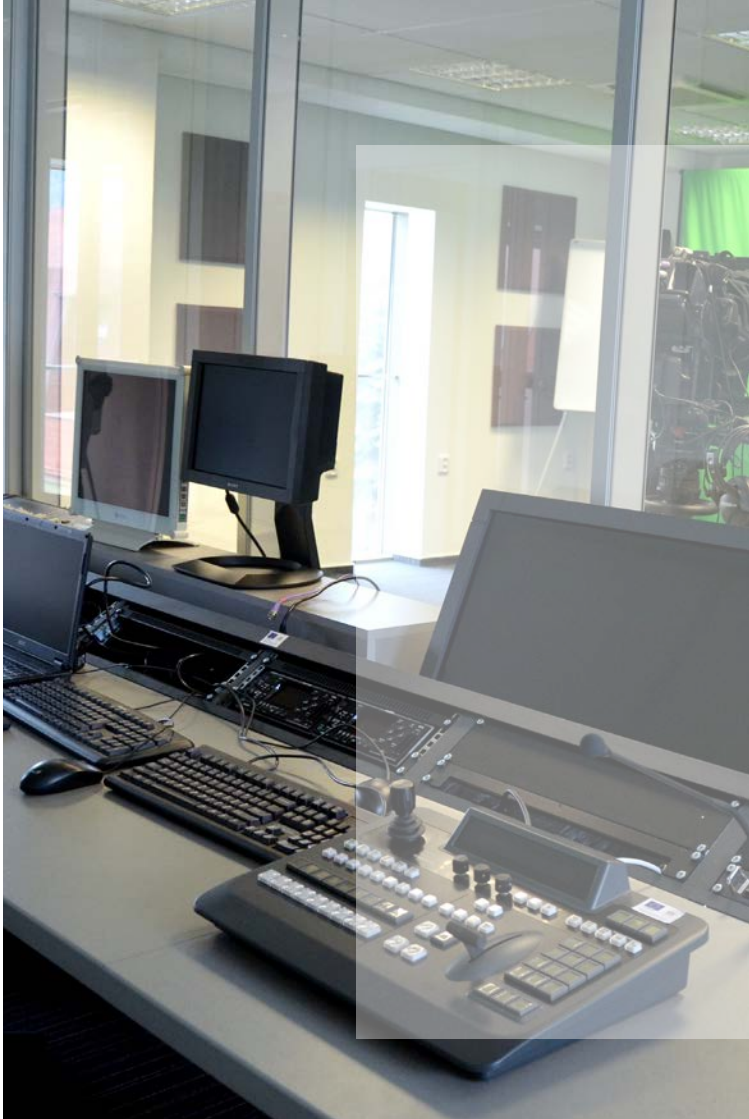
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The aim of the programme is to provide students with professional knowledge and skills so as to be able to work as psychologists at a high professional standard both as practitioners and (scientific) researchers. Students acquire the education and professional skills necessary for professional psychological work. They obtain the ability to quickly acquire new psychological information and skills. Students are encouraged to identify with the duty of a psychologist, who is a representative of a profession that helps people.

Where will I use this?

- Psychology in School Practice
- Psychology in Industry and Services
- Management / Human Resources
- Counselling and Therapy
- Psychological Research
- Health Care
- Culture and Sport
- Armed Forces, Army, Police, Judiciary, Detention Centres
- Political Sphere



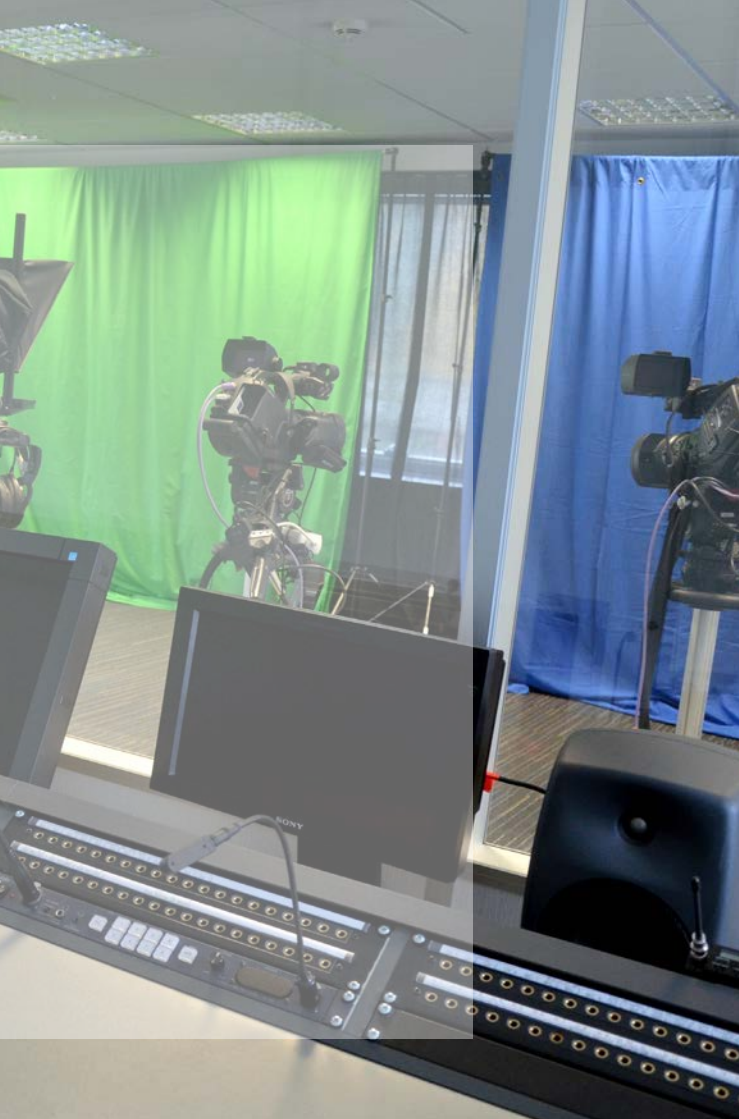
JOURNALISM

What will I study?

The programme enhances the knowledge, gained in the bachelor study programme, necessary for journalistic work in the press, radio and television, and also in press and marketing agencies. Students will also acquire knowledge from the field of media theory, cultivate their oral and written discourse and develop their rhetorical skills. The practical part of the course, along with the journalistic practice, is focused on the chosen type of media based on the student's preference.

Where will I use this?

- Publishers
- Editorial Work in Press, Radio and Television
- New Media
- Press and Marketing Agencies
- Press Departments of Various Institutions
- Professions Requiring Media Design and Skills in Technical Support in Media
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Photojournalism



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TEACHER-TRAINING PROGRAMMES

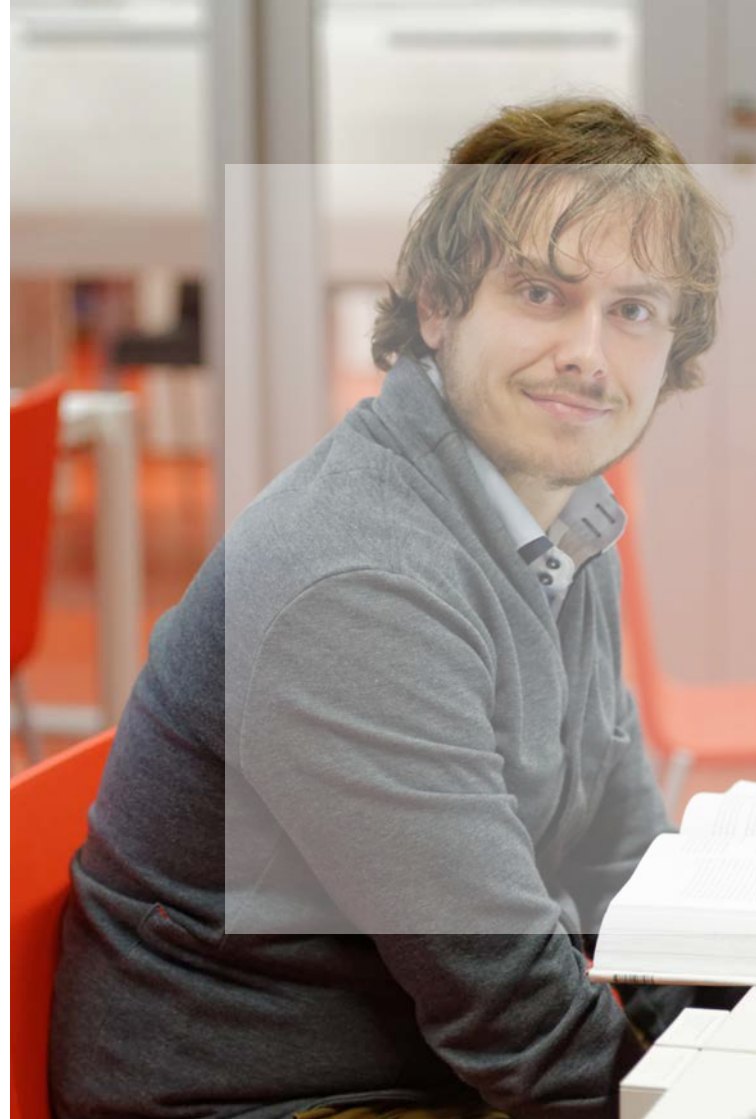
What will I study?

In addition to the comprehensive study of the two selected subject areas, the courses are aimed at familiarizing students with the methodology of teaching the selected subject areas. Students are shown how to handle the content of the subjects as a product of scientific activity and how to process it for didactic purposes. The specialized subjects of the chosen combination in the following areas – English Language and Literature, German Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Slovak Language and Literature – are an integral part of the study.

Where will I use this?

- Teacher of the subjects of the chosen specializations at the second level of primary schools and at secondary schools
- Expert in teaching of the subjects of the chosen specialization
- Specialist in state and public administration for education and training in regional education

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES (PhD)



HISTORY

What will I study?

The study focuses on developing the abilities needed for independent scientific research in the field of historical and related humanity sciences. Students are shown how to solve complex research problems and how to actively and creatively design, process and assess scientific research projects both at home and abroad. They will learn to master all the basic principles and methods of the scientific work of the historical sciences, specialising in Slovak historical research and the interpretation of social phenomena in the past. They will learn how to independently formulate a scientific problem that they can objectively, logically and clearly present on the basis of research in different forms of scientific synthesis. They will also participate in the theoretical development of the scientific field.

Where will I use this?

- Scientific Institutions (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Universities, etc.)
- Museums
- Archives
- Professional Advice in the State Sector
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Education
- Culture
- Monument Protection

SYSTEMATIC PHILOSOPHY

What will I study?

The study focuses on developing an ability to monitor, analyse, critically evaluate and scientifically develop new knowledge in the rapidly evolving disciplines of systematic philosophy. Students learn to control the scientific methods of research in philosophy, to monitor the current state of research in this field and to produce and present new results. Moreover, the course leads to understanding specialized literature in both Slovak and foreign languages and to an analysis of the main ideas in professional texts. Argumentation skills, the ability to think critically, to take one's own standpoint and to defend one's own opinions will be enhanced.

Where will I use this?

- Academia
- Scientific and Research Institutions
- Mass Media
- Publishing Houses
- Third Sector and Non-profit Organizations
- Expert Advice
- Government Management



THEORY AND HISTORY OF JOURNALISM

What will I study?

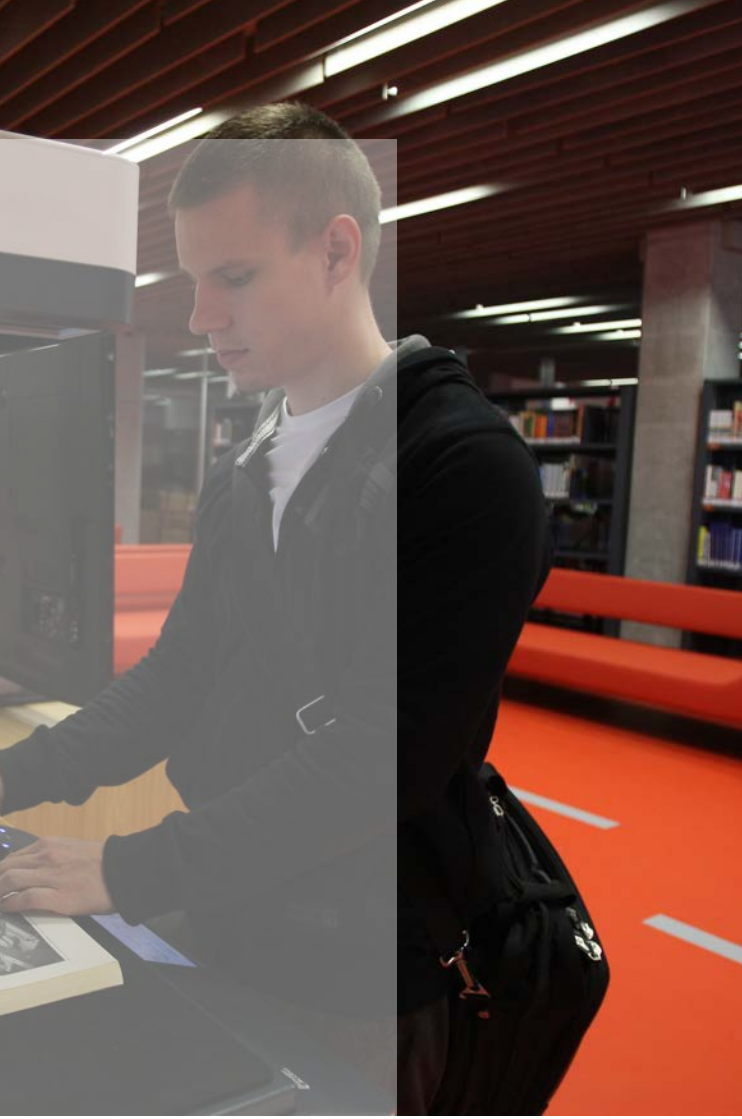
The study aims at mastering scientific methods in the research of journalism development and the ability to follow new findings in the rapidly evolving disciplines of the field. Students will acquire the theoretical and methodological basics of scientific work with an application in journalism, the characteristics of the “research – development – practice” sequence and the ability to scientifically formulate a problem. Furthermore, attention is paid to legal and ethical aspects of new media technologies and ethical and social aspects of scientific work. Students will learn how to present the results of their work in a journalistic and social working environment.

Where will I use this?

- Academia
- Scientific Research Activity in the Field of Journalism
- Diplomatic Services and International Media Organizations
- Managing Activities in Media, Press Agencies or Publishing Houses

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS





THE COUNSELLING CENTRE

The counselling centre provides:

- Career counselling
- Welfare and legal advice
- Psychological counselling
- Support for students with special educational needs
- Support for students – parents with children
- Assistance in studies and personal growth
- SOS line of psychological help 0917 224 662
- General distance counselling via the address poradna@ku.sk

JÁN VOJTAŠŠÁK'S UNIVERSITY PASTORAL CENTRE

Ján Vojtaššák's University Pastoral Centre offers a wide range of activities for students. In addition to spiritual care many fun, leisure and sport activities are organized. It is also a base for various student events, meetings and initiatives. The centre's favourite activities include trips around Slovakia and abroad.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- On-site use or borrowing of books
- Access to electronic databases and documents through modern computing technology
- Thousands of periodical and non-periodical documents
- Possibilities for documents scanning, computer work in the study room, printing and copying for students
- For disabled students, specially designed text-based learning tools are available (e.g. for students with a visual impairment)
- Inside the library there is also the CU Media Centre – a place for education and design of student media. Part of the centre is the multimedia lab (audio and video editing, graphic design) and studios with state of the art equipment (TV, radio and photo studio).

FREE AND FAST WIFI IN THE BUILDING

The entire building of the faculty has free access to a fast WiFi network. In case of queries pertaining to the use of this service the faculty PC helpdesk is available to students.





ACCOMMODATION

If required, accommodation is provided by several university dormitories in modern and refurbished premises. Most of them offer access to a computer and leisure and social activities.

FOOD

Meals are served in our own or contracted catering facilities. For a reasonable price students can choose from a very diverse menu of traditional or international cuisine, using their ISIC cards.

CAFÉ AND FAST FOOD

For students, teachers and visitors a café with hot and cold drinks and snacks is on the ground floor of the faculty.

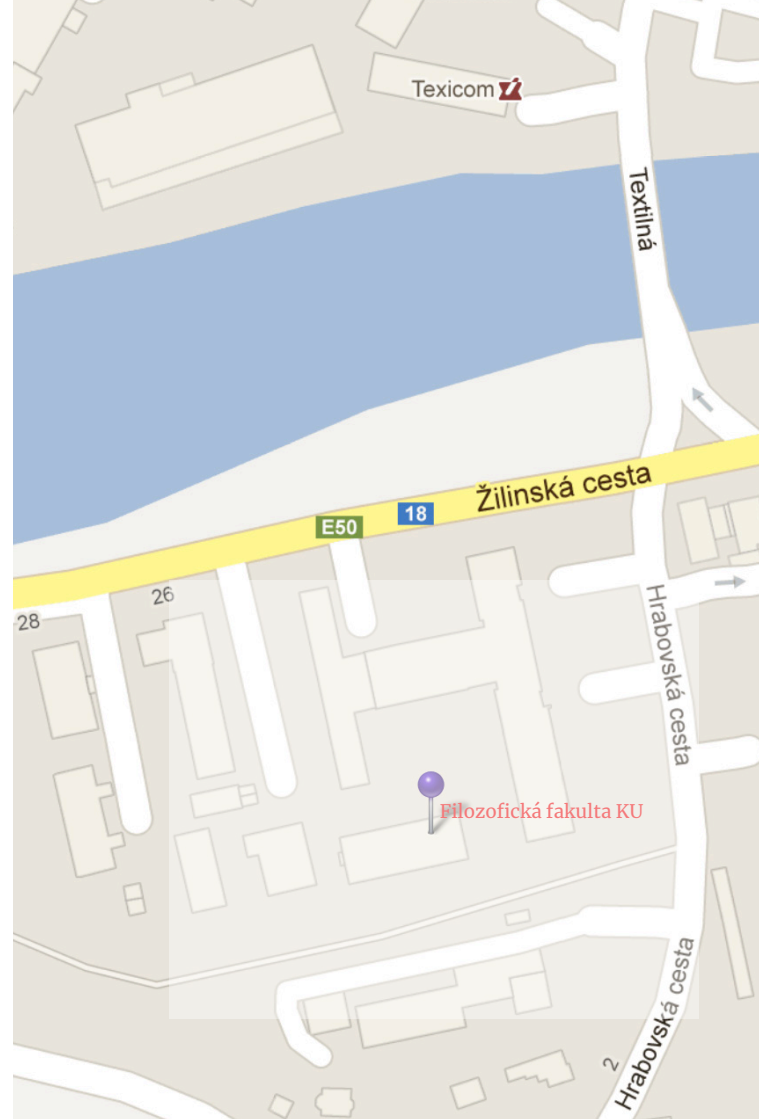
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES





- University of Notre Dame, IN, USA
- Heythrop College University of London, GB
- Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Pontificia Università Lateranense, Vatican City
- Università Catholica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy
- Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany
- Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II, Poland
- Masarykova univerzita v Brně, Czech Republic
- Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci, Filozofická fakulta, Czech Republic
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary
- Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Germany
- Universidad Catholica Santa Teresa de Jesus de Avila, Spain
- Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal
- Universität Passau, Germany
- Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Czech Republic
- Institute Catholique de Toulouse, France
- Yasar University, Turkey
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