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In 2022, the University of Presov celebrated the 25th anniversary of its establishment and 355th anniversary of the beginning of higher education in Presov. The accreditation procedure of 2015 reaffirmed the status of the University of Presov, and thus legally approved its inclusion in the highest category of tertiary education institutions – universities. The University of Presov ranks among well-established educational institutions in Eastern Slovakia and in the Presov region, and it is an institution that cannot be ignored.

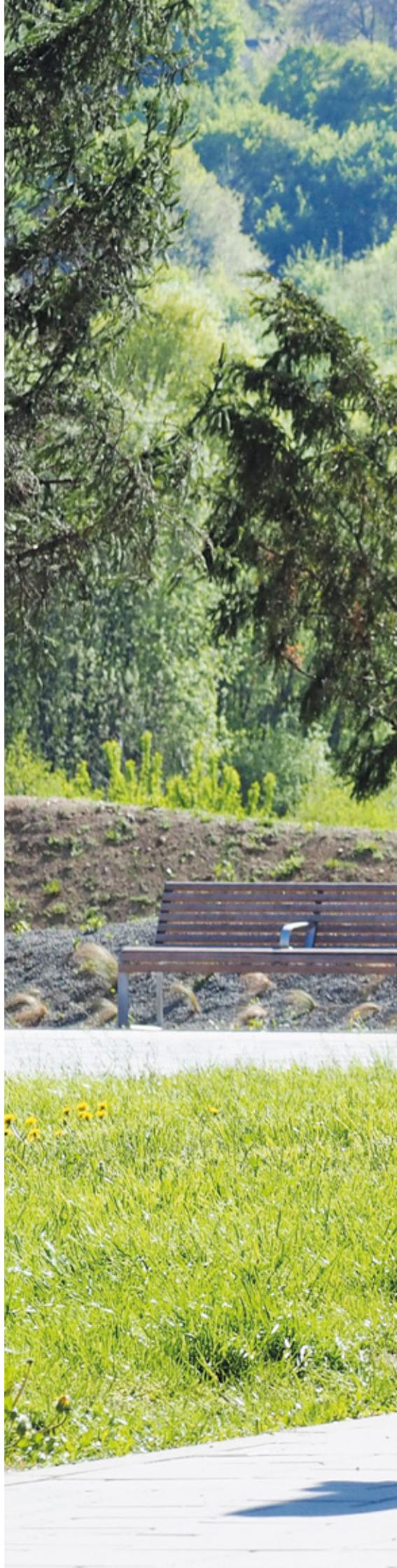
Education is provided by eight Faculties (Faculty of Arts, Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty, Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences, Faculty of Management, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Faculty of Sports, and Faculty of Health Care) and by several University Centres. The university runs a wide range of study programmes, many of which are distinctive in Slovakia. The study fields and study programmes are related to a variety of scholarly fields, such as pedagogical sciences, humanities, social and behavioural sciences, mass media communication, economics and management, physical sciences, life sciences, non-medical healthcare sciences, and environmental sciences. The university caters for training highly qualified professionals, while developing creative and critical thinking, learning, understanding, and stimulating personal involvement. Particular attention is paid to the students with special needs and likewise to the talented students who are supported through the system of incentive scholarships.

In addition to traditional classroom teaching, innovative teaching and learning techniques are used. By linking theory and practice, simulation of real-life situations and student's practice, the students are trained for their future professions. Student's practice or undergraduate practice can also be performed within the Erasmus+ programme at foreign institutions.

Students can spend their study time in a university library that offers a wide range of publications. Accommodation is provided in student housing facilities with 2-4 bedrooms in a housing unit. Food is provided to students by the university canteen and snack bars, situated on the campus.

The campus also caters for students' leisure time activities carried out at indoor swimming pool, in gymnasiums or stadiums. Some students become members of university sports clubs, such as Slávia PU, football mini-league, or the UNIPO Warriors hockey team. Cultural activities are traditionally performed by ensembles, such as the Torysa folk ensemble, choirs, or student theatres. Students can further develop their talents as members of the editorial board of the Na PULze (On the PULse) university newsletter, the UNIPO PRESS online student journal, the PaF student radio, and the Mediálka student TV. Special festivals such as Akademický Prešov festival, University Opening Night, UNIPODAY, UNIPOFEST, and others are of special significance.









Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts of University of Presov is the largest Faculty of humanities and social sciences in Eastern Slovakia; regarding the number of applicants, it ranks among the first ten faculties in Slovakia. The accreditation procedure of 2015 confirmed its stable position among the top Slovak higher education institutions. In the field of humanities, it has achieved the best rating among all the Faculties of Slovak universities. It provides university education in the field of teacher education of academic and educational subjects in both single-honour and joint-honour schemes as well as in a number of other than teacher education study programmes in the humanities. The Faculty provides training for a variety of professions, such as teachers, translators, interpreters, psychologists, media professionals, archivists and historians. It currently comprises 15 departments.

During their studies, students can also engage in research in a number of disciplines and they can participate in Student Research Conferences. Research is conducted within national and international research project schemes, and two research centres of excellence – the Linguo-cultural and Translation-Interpreting Centre of Excellence and the Centre of Excellence of Sociohistorical and Cultural-Historical Research. The faculty houses the UNESCO Department of Bioethics (UNESCO Chair of Bioethics).

An important part of education is the implementation of student's practice that enhances the training of students. They can apply their theoretical knowledge to practice under the guidance of experienced professionals. The student's practice and traineeship can also be carried out abroad through the Erasmus+ programme at universities and colleges with which the Faculty has signed bilateral agreements, thus allowing for student mobility and traineeship. The Faculty also encourages the students' participation in several ensembles, such as Student Theatre of the Faculty of Arts, the IUVENTUS PEDAGOGICA female choir, the Torysa university folk ensemble, the Camerata Academica chamber orchestra, and the NOSTRO CANTO choir. The faculty also houses the TV Mediálka student TV, the UnipoPress School News, the Debate Club, the Historical Fencing Club, and other cultural and sports clubs.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF ARTS MEAN TO Bc. PAVOL KUŠNÍR, AMEDIA STUDIES STUDENT?

„The Faculty of Arts epitomizes progress in thought. Not only does it provide students with educational facilities, but also it offers them psychological space for free and critical thinking, which supports generations and generations in their activities and development. The Faculty of Arts is a driving force of cultural awareness, social life, and creative intelligence.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Other than Teacher Education Study Programmes: Language and Communication Studies, Cultural Heritage, Social Work

Teacher Education Study Programme: Social Work

Bc./Mgr.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.),* Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.): Other than Teacher Education Study Programme: English Language and Anglophone Cultures, Archival Science, Aesthetics, Ethics, Ethics and Social work, Philosophy, History, Media Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Russian Studies, Social Work, Central European Studies, joint-scheme programmes in Translating and Interpreting (English Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Russian



Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, Ukrainian Language and Culture, and Slovak Language and Culture.

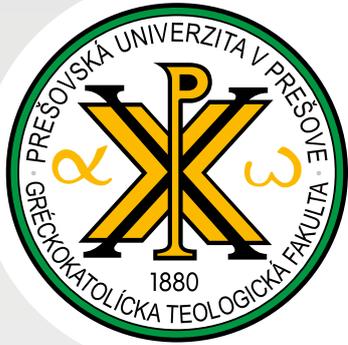
Teacher Education Study Programmes: Single Honour Scheme: English Language and Literature, Slovak Language and Literature, Joint Honour Scheme: English Language and Literature, History, Aesthetics, Ethical Education, Philosophy, German Language and Literature, Russian Language and Literature, Slovak Language and Literature, Ukrainian Language and Literature and Music Arts.

PhD.: Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.): Systematic Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Ethics, Aesthetics, General History, Slovak History, Theory and History of Slovak Literature, Slovak Language, Slavonic Studies, General Linguistics, Translation Studies and Interpreting, Political Science, General Psychology, Social Work, Media Studies, and English Language and Anglophone Cultures.

Other than Teacher Education programmes:

Programme in translating and interpreting/Joint Honour Scheme: Graduate of such a programme has achieved a Magister degree in translation studies and interpreting specializing in the English language and another language. They have acquired theoretical knowledge of particular translation and interpreting disciplines and can compare the two linguistic, cultural and social systems in question; they can communicate in all styles, i.e. professional, journalistic, or advertising, whether in written or oral form. In addition, they have mastered the procedures, skills and strategies of professional and artistic translation, of consecutive and simultaneous interpreting, as well as legal and economic aspects of translation, and translation and interpreting practice.

Teacher Education Study Programme: Graduates of such a programme have mastered the basics of educational and psychological disciplines, didactics and methodology of teaching, and can plan, analyse, and update the teaching process. The graduate has mastered the core courses of the study programme and has become familiar with the methodological and didactic issues of their specialization, and can use them in order to set and achieve their didactic objectives. The graduate of this study programme may become a teacher at a primary school, a secondary grammar school, an eight-year-grammar school, a secondary technical and a secondary vocational school.



Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty

Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Presov is a continuator of the Theological Academy with 140-year history. Its chief mission is to provide professional and theological training for the students who want to pursue priesthood or various Church related and social services. The Faculty of Greek-Catholic Theology has been proclaimed an ecclesiastic faculty by the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome. The education at the Faculty is based on creative-philosophical and scholarly knowledge, which is reflected in the courses taught and school practice carried out. In the accreditation procedure, regarding its scholarly achievements, the Faculty has been ranked as the best of all theological faculties in Slovakia. The education is provided in the lecture rooms, in the newly refurbished premises of the faculty library with its numerous and valuable historical book collections. The Faculty also provides an agreeable academic environment in which students can draw inspiration and spiritual experience, for example in the Chapel dedicated to Blessed Pavol Gojdič. The outcomes of the staff's scholarly activities are presented at international conferences organized by the Faculty as well as by foreign institutions. Scholarly activities also include extensive editorial work and numerous publications. The Faculty publishes 'Theologos', a theological journal, and 'Acta Theologica et Religionistica', a doctoral students' journal, as well as a number of monographs, textbooks, and collections of scholarly papers. The Faculty closely collaborates with the seminary bearing the name of the blessed Bishop Gojdič. The cooperation with many similar foreign institutions is an important part of the Faculty activities. Within Central Europe, the Faculty is conducting its mission through adding fresh hints to higher education based on the premise that the development of humanity cannot be based merely on advances in science and technology, it can be guaranteed by moral values and by the ability of critical and independent thinking within cultural pluralism and diversity. It thus helps to develop higher motives, spirituality, emotional intelligence, and contributes to the formation of noble values.

WHAT DOES THE GREEK-CATHOLIC FACULTY MEAN FOR Bc. BARBORA SAKALIKOVÁ, A LEISURE-TIME ANIMATION STUDENT?

„This faculty does not only offer a wide range of study fields, it also provides students with a variety of interests that can be pursued either in the youth pastoral centre or through spiritual renewal. The study at this Faculty is closely related to the Church, not only in the theological programme, but also in other programmes. The Church helps inculcate moral principles in us through Evangelization, which is necessary not only for our future professional but also personal life. Thanks to the Church, the Faculty combines a professional approach with the educational approach, which is many times observable in mutual cooperation, togetherness, and of our teachers' tolerance towards us, the students.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* European Studies, Animation of leisure time activities, and Religious Studies

Mgr.: *Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.):* Religious Studies, Catholic Theology, Probation and Mediation Work, European Studies

PhD.: *Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.):* Catholic Theology, Religious Studies



European Studies (Bc.)

A holder of the degree can work as a scholar in state administration and self-government institutions, in political parties, in international institutions, in the EU bodies, in the third sector, in cultural-social and educational institutions, or in editorial offices.

Animation of leisure time activities (Bc.)

A holder of the degree can work as a professional leisure-time animator and a social worker, and as a worker in lower level state administration and self-government.

Religious Studies (Bc.)

A holder of the degree can work in cultural and religious institutions, in the administration dealing with church affairs and religious associations, in museums, archives, and in specialized state administration.

Probation and Mediation Work (Mgr.)

The graduate, as a probation officer, can work as a professional who can supervise the offenders and the sentenced to non-custodial sanctions. As a mediator, the graduate can assist in extrajudicial dispute resolution between the aggrieved party and the offender. The graduate can work as a probation and mediation officer, as a counselor in state or private institutions, or in the Church.

Religious Studies (Mgr.)

The graduate can work as a manager in cultural-religious institutions, in specialized state and public administration, and in museums; as well as a professional counselor for government, political and social institutions dealing with global religious systems.

Catholic Theology (Mgr.)

The graduate has mastered the theory and practice to pursue a profession of a priest or a teacher of Catholic religious education. He is qualified for reverential activity in catechesis and preaching, the liturgical cult, and the celebration of the sacraments; he has the ability to creatively use the acquired knowledge in priesthood and teaching.

European Studies (Mgr.)

The elementary goal of the master study is to prepare highly qualified experts on European history, European integration and international relations politics, European Law and administration. Study focuses mostly on complex analysis and research of theories of international relations; development and changes of European integration processes, foreign and safety politics of the Slovak Republic and other relevant players of the international environment; theories of European integration, European politics; interested groups and other political players within the EU.



Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences

The Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences of the University of Presov is an academic institution with specific educational and scholarly objectives. Its activities have a solid scholarly and educational foundation, and are carried out on modern premises and utilize top-notch equipment infrastructure. The Faculty conducts basic and applied research in highly prospective fields related to the significant areas of global economy. Successful Faculty graduates can use their potential in the labour market or in their own businesses. Novel educational study programmes in biology, ecology, physics, geography, mathematics, pedagogy, and technology combined with other fields of study that are run by other departments and institutes at the University of Presov that allow the graduates of teacher education programmes to find employment also in fields other than education. The graduates have acquired brilliant communication and presentation skills and skills in organizing teamwork (soft skills) that are highly sought after and valued in the labour market and business. The Faculty traditionally focuses on training future teachers. It has an institutionalized system of selected schools and school facilities that provide for the teaching practice of our students. The research infrastructure is another of the Faculty assets. The Faculty possesses modern laboratories, Centre of Excellence of Animal and Human Ecology, Competence Centre of Knowledge Technologies for Innovation of Productive Systems in Industry and Services (in collaboration with the Technical University in Kosice and the University of Zilina), the Technicom University Science Park (in collaboration with the Technical University in Kosice and the Safarik University in Kosice). They are equipped with cutting-edge technology for molecular genetics and biomedicine, extraction and analysis of biologically active substances, physical measurements of magnetic, thermal, and electrical properties of solid substances at low temperatures, geographic information systems, remote Earth exploration, 3D landscape modelling, and the principles of chip machining. The Faculty has developed intensive international co-operation through student and teacher mobility programmes (ERASMUS, CEEPUS).

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND NATURAL SCIENCES MEAN TO Bc. NATÁLIA DENCIOVÁ, AN EDUCATION AND SLOVAK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE STUDENT?

„Studying at the Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences is a genuine benefit. Teachers' professional approach is coupled with friendliness, thanks to which the students are happy to attend seminars and lectures and acquire a lot of knowledge. Another positive feature of the Faculty is the chance to work in well-equipped laboratories, which is a superb introduction to the real world of practice.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Other than Teacher Education Study Programmes: Andragogy (adult education), Education (part-time study programme)

Bc./Mgr.: *Bachelor's Degree and Master's Programmes (academic titles of Bc. and Mgr. respectively):* Other than Teacher Education Study Programmes: Biology, Ecology, Geography and Applied Geo-informatics, Social Education (part-time Mgr. study programme)

Bc./Ing.: *Bachelor's Degree and Engineer Degree Programmes (academic titles of Bc. and Ing. respectively):* Teacher Education Study Programmes/Joint Honour Scheme: Biology, Ecology, Physics, Geography, Mathematics, Pedagogy, Technology, Physical Engineering of Progressive Materials



PhD.: Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.): Anthropology, Environmental Ecology, Regional Geography and Regional Development

Teacher Education Study Programmes: The graduate of the teacher education study programme has acquired the knowledge of the field related to his/her specialization and has achieved pedagogical, psychological, and IT communication competencies. S/he is qualified for a teaching profession.

Other than Teacher Education Study Programmes:

The graduates in Biology, Ecology, Geography and Applied Geo-informatics are qualified for conducting research in research teams at the Slovak Academy of Sciences, at the universities, in healthcare institutions, in agriculture, forestry, food industry, environmental institutions, government, self-government, etc. The graduate can also be involved in working on environmental issues and in private businesses.

A graduate of physical engineering of progressive materials can work in manufacturing, in testing product reliability and in the management of production processes; in the non-production sphere, s/he finds employment in development divisions, diagnostic and testing centres, technological operations, biological, biomedical, and environmental institutions, in space research and in its applications, and as a technician in experimental facilities.

Graduates of the study programme in Education can work as professional educators, leisure time teachers; they can also provide preparatory work for applied educational research, and they can work in the state administration and in social services.

Graduates of Geography and Applied geo-informatics can work in state administration, local and regional self-governments, EU institutions, especially in departments engaged in local and regional development, urban and territorial planning, tourism, marketing and promotion, human resources, protection of environment, private expertise and design, non-profit organizations, in developmental, marketing, real estate and travel agencies and offices, agencies investigating public opinion, in institutionalized clusters, and in the media.



Faculty of Management

Motto of the Faculty: "Talent – Education – Success"

The Faculty of Management, the University of Presov, is currently the only faculty of an economic type at a public university in the Prešov region offering unique higher education in the field of management, environmental management as well as tourism, hotel and spa industry. The faculty is developing successfully and dynamically and has a unique and irreplaceable position and mission in the structure of the University of Presov as well as in the labour market especially at a regional level. Some original master's specialisations provided by the Faculty of Management boast of over 21-year tradition in Prešov, since the change of social conditions in the 1989/1990 academic year. Thanks to dynamic development focused primarily on scientific research and achievement of high academic standards, the faculty has been granted the accreditation of all degrees of study as well as accreditation of rights for professor and associate professor appointment procedures.

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Management, Environmental Management, Tourism management, Hotel and Spa Management

Mgr.: *Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.):* Management, Environmental Management

PhD.: *Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.):* Management

Based on accreditation, the faculty has rights to provide Bachelor's study programme Management and study programme Tourism, Hotel and Spa Industry (three-year study programmes in a full-time and part-time mode of study) in the field of study Economics and Management and study programme Environmental Management (a three-year study programme, in a full-time and part-time mode of study) in the field of study Ecological and Environmental Sciences. The graduates of the Bachelor's study programmes are awarded the academic degree of "Bc").

Based on accreditation, the faculty has rights to provide Master's study programme Management (a two-year study programme, in a full-time and part-time form of study) in the field of study Economics and Management with specialisations in Human resource management, Digital marketing, Trade, marketing and psychology of trading, Managerial informatics, Management of tourism and hotel industry and Master's study programme Environmental Management (a two-year study programme in a full-time and part-time form of study) in the field of study Ecological and Environmental Sciences. Graduates of the Master's study programmes are awarded the academic degree of "Mgr." Based on the rigorous procedure in the economic study programme Management in the field of study Economics and Management, the graduates are awarded the academic degree of „PhDr.“ or "RNDr." in the economic and natural science study programme Environmental Management in the field of study Ecological and Environmental Sciences.

The faculty provides doctoral study programme Management (four-year in a full-time and five-year in a part-time mode of study) in the field of study Economics and Management; the graduates are awarded the academic degree of "PhD." and doctoral study programme Environmental Management (four-year in a full-time and five-year in a part-time mode of study) in the field of study Ecological and Environmental Sciences; the graduates are awarded the academic degree of "PhD." All study programmes are also accredited in the English language. Quality of education and research are the key determinants at the Faculty. The profile of graduates of all study programmes is also significant concerning the local environment, society, and practice. The study creates academic prerequisites that in case of personal



abilities of graduates lead to opportunities for employment in various economic and managerial areas. The faculty's aim and ambition is to contribute to the increasing competitiveness of enterprises, and subsequent growth of the GDP in the country. Thus contributing to enlarging resources of the areas of the public sector such as the social sphere, public education, health care and the like, as well as to increasing welfare of the society and the quality of life of its inhabitants. With regard to the graduates in Tourism, hotel and spa industry, there is an effort to develop graduates' prerequisites for their contributions to the development of regions as well as to the full development of other tourism-related services in a broader context creating new jobs and contributing to the decrease of the unemployment with positive implications for the growth of regional GDP, and the use of the regional potential. Environmental management programme aims at developing the students' capabilities to establish and manage business entities in different areas of eco-business. The graduates are profiled for being environmental managers skilled in decision-making, coordination and control of resources, processes and relationships in organizations responsible for solving environmental issues. Graduates of the Faculty of Management of the University of Prešov can apply for job positions as employees of enterprises, organisations including organisations in the public sector and non-governmental organisations. They have qualification for the professional establishment of successful enterprises, management and expansion of existing enterprises which are basic conditions for the creation of new job positions and a real decrease in unemployment in the Prešov region and the whole Slovakia.

Students of the faculty are offered to carry out student's placement in national and foreign institutions. The faculty has a rich international net of foreign partner universities and organizations where students can study one or more semesters abroad (using the Erasmus+ programme, SAIA, Ceepus and other grant schemes). The Faculty closely cooperates with leading companies and special courses are taught by prominent experts in the fields in question. In addition, the Board of Experts and Entrepreneurial Council consisting of successful entrepreneurs and prominent regional figures are also involved in the faculty activities. The faculty publishes its own scholarly journal entitled "Journal of Management and Business: Research and Practice". Under the Faculty auspices, international conference is held every two years. The employees of the faculty have successfully completed 35 research projects so far, out of which 21 were research grants provided by external grant agencies and 7 were international and take active part in scientific domestic and international conferences. The faculty opens and expands study opportunities for all prospective students to the extent allowed by resources of the faculty while the quality of education is maintained and raised. It depends on academic staff as well as students themselves how the unique community of students and scientific-pedagogical employees, the community whose members mentally, humanly, intellectually, and professionally enrich one another will be formed. In competition of ideas which is an accelerator of positive development in the sense of freedom of thought, creative approaches, tolerance, fair profit, and application of knowledge.



Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education of the University of Presov addresses the new trends and challenges of contemporary education and directs its development activities accordingly. It is currently the only higher education institution in Slovakia exclusively specialising in the education of kindergarten teachers, primary school teachers, and special education teachers. The Faculty trains teachers for pre-school facilities, school clubs and leisure centres; prepares experts in the area of compensatory pre-primary and primary education of children from socially and culturally disadvantaged backgrounds; educators for special educational facilities, educators for health care facilities, for social care facilities, for juvenile correctional facilities (detention centres), and trains prospective teachers for teaching students with special educational needs. The Faculty of Education creates favourable conditions regarding its personnel, material basis, technical equipment and financial resources in striving to meet its objectives. Some innovative methods have been introduced into teaching to reduce the number of contact sessions and to enhance self-study, project work, term papers, yearly projects, and participation in a Student Research Conference. The research and artistic activities in the Faculty are on the increase. The faculty offers a variety of interest activities, social events from which the following ones are worth mentioning: the P.A.D.A.K student theatre, Students' Science Circle, the Students' Council of the Faculty of Education, the Artuš Students and Teachers' Faculty journal, Moyzesiana International Music Contest and many others. The Faculty also provides materials and documentation for Presov Children's University, which is a part of the international network of children's universities. The Faculty has established itself internationally through bilateral agreements with foreign institutions, implementing the Erasmus+ programme, and supporting university teachers' and students' mobility, scholarships, and internships in other programmes. The Faculty is responsible for both conceptual and organisational management of foreign students' study stays; it maintains contacts with the representatives of foreign departments at partner universities abroad in order to increase the quality of the educational and research activities of its staff.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION MEAN FOR Bc. MÁRIA ONDRUŠOVÁ, A PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION STUDENT?

„The Faculty of Education offers us a lot of interesting events during the academic year. There are various events such as the Day of Primary and Secondary Schools, Daycares Day, Christmas Markets, and the Day of the Faculty of Education. We have a lot of fun here and a lot of nice experiences. The Faculty also prepares us for real life and provides us with the knowledge that is passed on to us through our teachers. At our faculty, our dreams have come true because with our teachers we are like one big family.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Pre-School and Elementary Education (PSEE), PSEE of Socially Disadvantaged Groups, Pre-School and Elementary Education and Education of Psychosocially Disabled, and, Special Education.

Mgr.: *Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.):* Teaching in Primary Education, (TPE), Teaching in Primary Education and Education of Psychosocially Disabled, Pre-School Education (PSE), Special Education (SE).

PhD.: *Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.):* Pre-School and Elementary Education, Special Education



Pre-School and Elementary Education

The degree in Pre-School and Elementary Education qualifies its holder to work as a teacher in kindergarten, a teacher in a children's home kindergarten, a teacher assistant; a joint honour programme in PSEE and English qualifies its holder to teach English in kindergartens, school clubs and leisure centres. Its holder is also qualified to work as a kindergarten teacher with managerial and organisational responsibilities, as a regional mentor for pre-school teaching, an inspector, and a researcher.

Pre-school and Elementary Education of Socially Disadvantaged Groups

The degree in this programme provides qualification to work in the field of compensatory pre-primary and primary education of children from a socially disadvantaged background, mainly focusing on specific groups of Roma children. Its holder can work as a kindergarten teacher, a teacher in the facilities for pre-school children and junior school-aged children (especially in school clubs, leisure centres and full-day school facilities).

Pre-School and Elementary Education and Education of Psychosocially Disabled

The degree in this programme qualifies its holder to work as a teacher in kindergartens, school clubs, leisure centres, or in special education facilities for children and pupils with special educational needs.

Special Education

The degree in this programme qualifies its holder to work as a teacher in special kindergartens, special school clubs, special boarding schools, children's homes, special education centres (behavioural treatment centres), healthcare facilities (psychiatric hospitals, drug treatment facilities, etc.), social care facilities, or juvenile detention facilities, and, as a counsellor for inclusive education of pupils with special educational needs placed in mainstream schools.

Teaching in Primary Education

The graduate is qualified to pursue a career of a teacher in the primary stage of education, (a graduate of a joint honour programme in TPE and English is qualified to teach English in Grades 1-4 of a primary school), a regional mentor for teaching in the primary stage of education, a state administration employee specialising in young learners' education.

Teaching in Primary Education and Education of Psychosocially Disabled

The graduate is qualified to pursue a career of a teacher in the primary stage of education, a regional mentor for teaching in the primary stage of education, a state administration employee specialising in young learners' education, as a teacher in a school run by the diagnostic centre, by the behaviour treatment centre, by the medical and educational sanatorium, in the facilities for treating psychosocially disabled children, or as a school based special education teacher (for working with pupils with behavioural disorders, learning disorders, ADHD/ADD conditions).



Faculty of Orthodox Theology

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology, the University of Presov, founded in 1950, is one of the oldest colleges in Presov. It was established in 1950 as an autonomous college of theology of the then Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. Currently, it is the only college of orthodox theology in Central Europe.

The faculty conducts research in two branches of study: Orthodox Theology, Social work activities. In both research areas, the achievements of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology are excellent. This is demonstrated by ongoing research grant project activities and by a high proportion of the total number of published units per scholar. In 2012, the Institute of Greek Language and Culture was established. It is the only one of its kind in Slovakia, and it is involved in the teaching of Greek language and culture, getting a deeper understanding of Greek history, philosophy, theology, and culture from the Ancient times to the present.

Up to now, the graduates of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology include hundreds of clergymen, theologians, church workers, and social workers who promote their alma mater at home and abroad. Since its founding, the Faculty has paid considerable attention to research activities. The faculty issues a collection of scholarly papers contributed by the teachers and PhD students 'A Collection of Papers on Orthodox Theology'. A variety of scholarly journals are issued by the departments: the 'Orthodox Biblical Collection of Papers' by the Department of Biblical Studies, 'Acta Patristica' by the Department of Practical and Systematic Theology, 'Social and Spiritual Revue on Current Social and Spiritual Issues for Education, Theory and Practice in Social Work' by the Department of Christian Anthropology and Social Work. Themed monographs are published within the Patristic Library series. The most important recognition of the faculty's research and theological work has been the Prize of the International Fund of the Orthodox Nations Unity. Among modern Faculty facilities are patristic-philological and socio-psychological laboratories. Through intense cooperation with leading foreign theological schools and research centres, students can spend a part of their studies at foreign theological schools. The Faculty organizes conferences, both at home and abroad; they tackle current issues of theological, ecclesiastical, social, and cultural life.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF ORTHODOX THEOLOGY MEAN TO MARIA KNAPIKOVA, AN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY STUDENT

„Orthodox theology has reinforced my faith. I have gained knowledge of the history of the Church, and the liturgical language (Church-Slavic) has become comprehensible and very close to me. Theology is a very demanding and wide-ranging area of knowledge – it is a journey of lifelong learning.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Charitable Service and Social Counseling

Mgr.: *Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.):* Charitable Service and Social Counseling, Orthodox Theology

PhD.: *Doctoral Degree Programmes (academic title of PhD.):* Charitable and Social Work, Orthodox Theology



Charitable Service and Social Counseling (Bc.)

The graduate is able to evaluate problems and opportunities present in different areas of the social sphere, and s/he can propose ways and specific systems of social assistance. S/He knows how to work with managers, with system users, and with experts in other professions. S/He has the necessary knowledge of theology, sociology, law, and management, of forms and methods of charitable and social work, of state and church social policy, of the developmental trends, of the theory of social work and its spiritual dimensions, as well as of its application to social problems. S/He can independently design, develop, implement, expand, adapt, and identify forms and methods of social work.

Charitable Service and Social Counseling (Mgr.)

The graduate knows quantitative and qualitative methods of social research, possesses knowledge in specific areas as necessary for Charitable Service and Social Counseling when working with a client within a family, an organization, or an institution; knowledge of family life, personality and social group characteristics, and social assistance facilities. S/He has the necessary knowledge of the forms and methods of Charitable and Social Work, of state and church social policy, of the developmental trends, of the theory of social work and its spiritual dimensions, as well as of its application to social problems. S/He can independently design, develop, implement, expand, adapt, and identify forms and methods of Social Work.

Orthodox Theology (1st and 2nd levels merged—academic title of Mgr.)

The graduate is qualified to perform clerical, catechizing, counselling, organizational, social, and missionary service in the Orthodox Church. In the field of practical ecclesiastical life, he meets the spiritual needs of believers in the field of liturgical, sacral and prayer life. He works in the school sector and assists in the educational and teaching process.



Faculty of Sports

Teacher training in physical education has long history in Prešov. The Faculty of Sports of University of Prešov is one of the two centers in Slovakia that provide university education for future physical and sports teachers, sports coaches, regional sports education mentors, and experts in physical education and sports. The faculty's goal has always been to release graduates whose professional competence meets the challenges posed by the labour market. The Faculty boasts with the amount of basic and applied research in the field of sports science, as evidenced by the number of approved grants and its financial support of research. The research activities of the Faculty focus on the issues of the diagnostics of the young athletes' performance, issues of methodology of teaching sports, re-education methods for the treatment of hyperkinetic disorders in children, seniors' physical activity, sports psychology and sociology, etc. The Faculty has a Diagnostic Center with state-of-the-art equipment. Regarding cooperation, the Faculty has established contact with home and foreign institutions, including eleven bilateral agreements with institutions in Portugal, Croatia, Poland, the Czech Republic; under contractual conditions, it cooperates with five foreign partners. The Faculty of Sports cooperates with the Olympic, Paralympic and other Sports Movements at various social levels, with international and national sports associations, sports unions, the Slovak Association of University Sports, the Slovak Olympic Committee, or the National Sports Center. It provides professional instruction to future specialists in a variety of sports. The Faculty of Sports issues 'Acta Facultatis Exercitationis Corporis Universitatis Presoviensis', a collection of scholarly papers, publishes monographs and university textbooks. The Faculty has a tradition of organizing international conferences 'Diagnostics in Sports' and 'Anthropometrics', at which the current state of research in the sports field in Slovakia and abroad is presented.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF SPORTS MEAN TO JARKA VITVIČOVÁ, PHYSICAL AND SPORTS TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENT?

„The Faculty of Sports is a way of life; it is not a faculty like others. It is special because we all love one thing – sport; it helps people stay close, makes them more resistant to external problems, and most importantly, it creates a strong bond among people. Things that one learns at our Faculty, s/he will never see, experience, or try anywhere else. By having many practice-oriented courses and playing different games, contests, a lot of endorphins are released, so that is why we, Faculty of Sports students, are so joyful and happy.“

Study programs:

Bc.: Bachelor's Degree programs (academic title of Bc.): Teacher training in physical education, Teacher training in physical education in combination, Sport and Health, Special physical training in security forces

Mgr.: Master's Degree Programs (academic title of Mgr.): Teacher training in physical education, Teacher training in physical education in combination, Sport and Health

PhD.: Doctoral's Degree Programs (academic title of PhD.): Sports Educology

Physical and Sports Teacher Education (Bc.)

A holder of a bachelor's degree in this program can apply the acquired sports-related, pedagogical, and psychological knowledge and skills to plan and provide physical and sports education in schools and as a part of extracurricular (leisure) activities. S/He is able of self-managing the course of sports education in line with the pupils' age, gender, performance at school and in out-of-school activities. By completing the sport specialization requirements,



compliant with the Sports Act, s/he is qualified to pursue a sports coaching profession at the relevant qualification level in the chosen sports specialization.

Physical and Sports Teacher Education (Mgr.)

The graduate is qualified to be a teacher of physical and sports education in primary schools, Grades 5 to 9, and in secondary schools. A holder of the degree has acquired sports- related, pedagogical, and psychological knowledge and skills to plan, organize, and provide physical and sports education in all its forms. By completing the sport specialization requirements, compliant with the Sports Act, s/he is qualified to pursue a sports coaching profession at the relevant qualification level in the chosen sports specialization.

Sports and Health (Bc.)

A bachelor's degree in this program qualifies a holder to pursue a sports coaching profession at qualification level IV in sports for all with competencies to organize, manage and implement physical education and sports activities for a wide range public. The graduate is qualified to be a trainer in fitness centers, an expert in fitness and compensatory training as well as an animator of leisure physical activities in tourism, children's sport camps, leisure centers, etc.

Sports and Health (Mgr.)

A magister's degree in this program qualifies a holder to pursue a sports coaching profession at qualification level V in sports for all. The graduate is a specialized expert in the field of sport for all and is eligible to plan, organize and conduct physical education and sports activities in sport for all; compile and implement exercise programs for different ages, health, and social groups of the population in the role of instructor, trainer, or a group trainer in the fitness center; develop dietary strategies for health and work in the physical education movement as an expert in the field of health physical education.

Special physical training in security forces (Bc.)

A bachelor's degree in this program qualifies a holder to be a training instructor in a wide range of security forces and in the protection of airports and railways and in private security services for the protection of property and persons. The graduate is physically prepared to apply for recruitment of members of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic and the state professional service soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. S/He can deal with situations associated with various forms of aggression up to defense against physical violence. The graduate is also competent to prepare and implement movement programs focusing on combat sports and self - defense for various populations groups and can be a karate trainer or fitness trainer of the relevant qualification degree in accordance with the Sports Act.



Faculty of Health Care

The Faculty of Health Care, the University of Presov, continuously develops and widens the range of education in non-medical study programmes based on the needs and demands of the labour market in the healthcare industry. It provides higher education in accredited study programmes that are fully compatible with the requirements of the European Union for the recognition of diplomas. Its priority is to contribute to the development of education, science, culture, and health for the welfare of a society as a whole. It feels responsible for the advancement of scholarship in the spirit of national, humanitarian, Christian, democratic, and ethical traditions and values. The Faculty has also been active in research, in publishing academic textbooks and monographs. Its research activities correspond to the trends in the relevant study fields, including issues of health promotion, disease prevention, and quality of life. The Faculty closely cooperates with research institutions and universities – Faculty of Medicine, PJS University in Kosice, and the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of Technical University in Kosice. The Faculty has rich international co-operation, which is evidenced by the implementation of international projects in the field of education in TEMPUS, ERASMUS, Leonardo da Vinci schemes. The Faculty has established contacts with several educational institutions providing training in non-medical healthcare professions and has developed cooperation with foreign partners on the basis of bilateral agreements – 24 universities and colleges in nine EU countries within ERASMUS+ scheme. The infrastructure of the Faculty is also being developed by building new laboratories, by implementing modern didactic devices and information technologies. The Faculty owns a dental-hygiene laboratory in which working with dental-hygiene instruments can be practiced on models simulating natural anatomical positions; a pregnancy simulator on which maternal sounds can be heard and external obstetrical grips can be demonstrated, full-body resuscitation model with PC accessories and up-to-date laboratories for physiotherapy diagnostics and providing physiotherapeutic procedures.

WHAT DOES THE FACULTY OF HEALTHCARE-INDUSTRY BRANCHES MEAN TO MIROSLAVA KUSINOVÁ, A HEALTHCARE STUDENT?

„One of the most beautiful professions is to be part of a team of medical staff. To me, studying at the Faculty of Healthcare-industry Branches means acquiring a lot of knowledge about diagnostic and therapeutic methods in the course of treatment, as well as helping people who need it most. A sweet smile and sincere thanks pleases a healthcare professional most.“

Study programmes:

Bc.: *Bachelor's Degree Programmes (academic title of Bc.):* Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Dental Hygiene, Emergency Healthcare, Methods of Laboratory Testing and Physical Assessment in Healthcare Industry, Radiology Technology

Mgr.: *Master's Degree Programmes (academic title of Mgr.):* Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Nursing (part-time study)

Nursing

The graduate is qualified to help patients, clients, families and communities to tell, recover and consolidate their state of health on a high professional level and with a caring attitude.



Midwifery

The degree qualifies a holder to work self-sufficiently and take responsibility for taking care of a woman during pregnancy and labour, to be part of taking care of a woman with pathological pregnancy and labour, to communicate with the client and her family, to take responsibility for the client and her family, as well as to work in state-owned and private healthcare facilities.

Physiotherapy

The degree qualifies a holder to help prevent and diagnose predominantly movement disorders or conditions, and to provide therapy to patients with these health issues, using specific means that this branch of healthcare offers, namely movement and physical stimuli.

Dental Hygiene

The dental hygienist is a qualified healthcare professional who is able to work autonomously or under the supervision of a dentist, and in accord with the dentist's instructions to carry out preventive and curative treatment, and follow-up care of patients' dental hygiene in the areas of prevention, dental stomatology, parodontology, orthodontics, or implantology.

Emergency Healthcare

A holder of the degree is able to think and react preparedly, purposefully, quickly, judiciously, and assertively in life-and-health-saving situations. S/He is able to make changes, take risks, bear responsibility, and improvise. In critical and life-threatening situations, s/he is qualified to act as a paramedic and provide pre-hospital first aid, including selected special services.

Laboratory Clinical Methods in Health Care

The medical laboratory assistant is able to perform laboratory tests according to standard analytical methods for clinical biochemistry, hematology, transfusiology, microbiology, pathological anatomy, histology, immunology, toxicology, genetics and public health.

Radiology Technology

The radiological technician is able independently perform radiological imaging examinations and the application of ionizing radiation in radiotherapeutic procedures according to the specialist physician.







University Centers

Centre for Lifelong and Competence Education

It prepares, organizes, and performs activities concerning further and lifelong learning. It focuses on the perfecting, expanding, and deepening of the acquired education through appropriately chosen methods, organizational forms, and didactic principles, mainly from the humanities and natural sciences.

Centre of Languages and Cultures of National Minorities

It was formed by the merging of three university departments: The Institute of Ruthenian Language and Culture, the Institute of Roma Studies, and the Institute of Hungarian Language and Culture. The Centre has a specific mission on regional, national, and transnational levels. It derives from the ethnic and social distinctiveness of the East Slovak region; this distinctiveness is an incentive for research and its subsequent presentation on national and international occasions. The Institutes of Ruthenian Language and Culture and the Hungarian Language and Culture, both run a joint honour scheme of Bachelor and Master degree programmes, namely Ruthenian Language and Literature Teacher Education and Hungarian Language and Literature Teacher Education. The Institute of Hungarian Language and Culture also runs a joint honour scheme of Bachelor and Master degree programmes in Translation and Interpreting.

Computer Technology Centre

It serves as a university consulting, information, service, and management centre in the field of information systems, computer networks, and computer technology. It is a university-based centre, so the service is provided in accord with the university needs. If the resources allow for it, it also operates locally, providing technical support to other university units.

University of Presov Library (PUL)

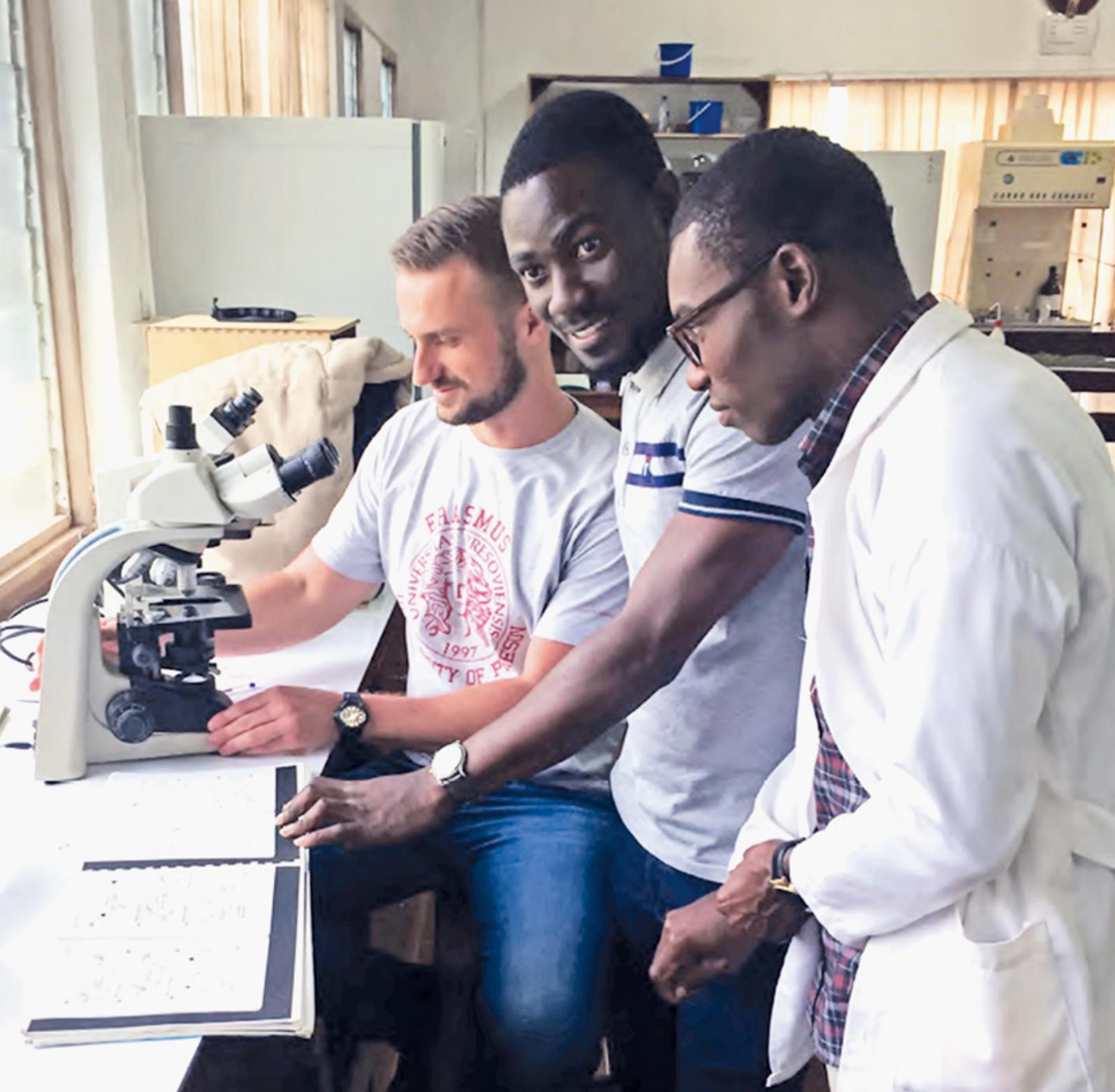
The tradition of the University of Presov Library builds upon the historical achievements of the Collegiate Library and the Eparchial Library in the development of scholarship and library culture. Currently, it provides both common and specific library and IT services: loans, bibliographic information, consultancy, reprographic, and others. The library collection contains more than 300.000 publications. In PUL premises, specialized seminars, artwork openings, exhibitions, book presentations, and various other events are organized to make the library activity more attractive.

University of Presov Publishing House

It prints and disseminates the results of university staff's research in a book form or in the form of periodical scholarly publications within individual disciplines. The editorial activity focuses on publishing scholarly journals, monographs, university textbooks, and monothematic collections of scholarly papers.

Greek Catholic Seminary of Blessed Bishop Paul Peter Gojdič

An important task of this priestly seminary is to educate future priests. The life of the seminary is to reflect the life of the Church so that seminarians can learn to participate in the life of the whole Church. Since 1992, the priestly seminary has been publishing 'Prameň' (The Source), Greek-Catholic theologians' journal. Tradition, liturgy, and ceremonies are represented by the Choir of Saint Romanos the Melodist. 'Anastasis', the theological band, plays modern music and is engaged in the evangelization of the youth. Theologians devote themselves to the spiritual life of children with hearing loss, the sick, and the elderly.



Orthodox Priestly Seminary

Its role lies in providing the spiritual and practical education to theologians so they can pursue a profession of priests, in church, in social and charity fields. The practical courses include those on liturgy, homiletics (the art of preaching), the Typikon, Church Slavonic, Church singing, orthodox spirituality, and priesthood. The educational process makes students enrich knowledge and progress on a spiritual level, get to like prayers, church, and acquire natural human values that are the right starting point for any work with people. Students engage in work in the Orthodox Youth Brotherhood in Slovakia, volunteer associations, charity and cultural activities in children's homes, retirement homes, hospitals, and social service homes. In the centre of the seminary complex is St. John the Baptist Church.



Research

The global strategic objective of the University of Presov is to form the university as a research and educational institution on a high level, with international reputation, whose focal fields of study are educational sciences, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. In research, it primarily focuses on fields corresponding with study programmes on the first (Bc.), second (Mgr./Ing.) and third (PhD) levels of tertiary education. The University conducts research within projects of national schemes (research grants provided by the Ministry of Education or the National research agency), international schemes, European structural and investment fund, Seventh Framework programme, institutional projects, and projects funded by foundations. After 2007, attention has been directed towards the intensification of research activities mainly by introducing incentive measures to increase performance, namely the volume and composition of research and publishing activity. Even though individual Faculties operate their own infrastructure, most of it is university based and can be used by all university staff. Our University boasts three Centres of Excellence, which is considered a huge success, if compared to other Slovak universities; out of them, two are intended for the humanities fields.

Centres of Excellence

One of its long-term priorities for the University of Presov is the establishing and maintaining of centres of excellence. These are taken to represent not only top quality research institutes, but also tools of improving the education process by actively involving students in the activities of the centres. There are currently three centres of excellence at the University of Presov:

Centre of Excellence of Socio-Historical and Cultural-Historical Research

It is a university research and development department for selected historical sciences. It performs excellent research and development in selected historical sciences, church history, and related humanities disciplines. It includes, for example, the Laboratory of Historical Analysis and Object Digitization (including a video conference room), a study with a videoconference room; the latter is used to study archival sources collected from domestic and foreign archives and libraries. The centre includes a multimedia archive with modern microfilm browsers, 3D printers with 3D scanners, and a letterpress printer; they are used for printing scholarly journals and books (monographs, collections of papers, etc.) and they are published under the auspices of the Centre of Excellence. A special part of the Centre of Excellence equipment is a server room operated by the IT Centre; it also houses a top notch data centre supported by high-quality IT technologies.

Centre of Excellence of Animal and Human Ecology

It is a leading research institute established at the Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences, aiming to increase the quality and synergy of the University potential in the field of excellent ecological research on animals and humans. Nine laboratories have been built within the centre: Human Molecular Ecology Laboratory, Sequence Analysis Laboratories I and II, Environmental Biotechnology Laboratories I and II, Animal and Plant Ecophysiology Laboratory, Animal Molecular Ecology and Biodiversity Laboratory, Animal Biodiversity Laboratory, and Information and Communication Technologies Laboratory.



Linguo-Cultural and Translation-Interpreting Centre of Excellence

It is a cutting-edge research base affiliated at the Faculty of Arts that aims at modernizing and streamlining research activities and improving the University of Presov infrastructure in the fields of language studies and tourism studies. Linguo-cultural and translation interpreting centre of excellence focuses on research in the field of phonetics and phonology, mass media language, language and culture studies, translation and interpreting, and child language. Within the centre of excellence, research is conducted within the following laboratories: a mass media laboratory, a linguo-cultural and translation interpreting laboratory, a child language laboratory, and a phonetics lab. A phonetics lab also has a form of a research facility. Moreover, it represents the best off of R&D potential currently available at philological departments of the Faculty of Arts and the university. In collaboration with other similar academic institutions, the centre performs research on an internationally recognized level. A phonetics laboratory is one of Slovak highly specialized and internationally recognized facilities intended for exploring and modelling the speech process. The lab with unique laboratory equipment is also used to carry out research projects within doctoral studies in the fields of general linguistics, Slovak language, and mass media studies.



Arts-related activities at University of Prešov

Music, Dance, Drama, Fine Arts

The performances of the University of Prešov ensembles held at and outside the university have significantly contributed to PU being ranked as one of the top universities in Slovakia. The ensemble's activities enhance the quality of teaching in humanities study programmes, such as Music Teacher Education, Fine Arts Teacher Education, Aesthetics, or Pre-school and elementary education, Media studies, and other study programmes. Many arts-related activities bring about the positive perception of university arts-related activities; especially academic festivals and contests on a national level in which University of Prešov ensembles participate. At academic festivals and contests, our university ensembles have become laureates in the field of amateur arts-related activities, of academic folk ensembles and of academic choirs. They continuously excel internationally, which enhances the prestige of our university in this area at national and international levels. The greatest responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the activities as well as for the ensembles' achievements lie on the shoulders of the artistic directors and conductors who guarantee the quality of work. Regarding the arts-related activities, the alumni of the University of Prešov include several notable arts-related professionals: directors, musicians, singers, actors, fiction authors, or TV newscasters. Since the establishment of the University of Prešov, its ensembles have been considered a part of cultural and social heritage. They represent an asset in organizing academic events and ceremonies, such as the official opening of the academic year, the ceremonial inauguration of the Rector, the ceremonial awarding of the „Doctor Honoris Causa“ honorary title, Scientific Board's sessions, university balls, or academic advent concerts.





The important activities of the University of Presov include also activities in the fields of fine arts and art education, as proved by dozens of single-author and hundreds of multi-author exhibitions staged in Slovak and foreign galleries and museums. At competitions, almost regularly, the University of Presov participants are awarded prizes. The University of Presov artists keep up-to-date in the field of children's visual expression and of non-professional fine arts, act as jurors in non-professional artistic competitions, and apply this experience in their teaching. It is worth mentioning that they are invited to and they participate in plein-air painting and sculpting events and symposia, conferences and workshops at various levels, as well as they cooperate with museums and galleries. The most valued, apparently, is recent intensive cooperation with the Slovak National Gallery branch in Strážky and with the Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art in Medzilaborce. The latter, during its over 20-year existence, has presented the Department of Music and Fine Arts with the Andy Warhol Award two times, thus acknowledging its active cooperation with the museum. Come what may, fine arts, arts-based education, and education oriented towards the arts, creativity, innovative solutions and the idea of school as a form of play should not lose the importance in the lives of future generations.



Ensembles

Študentské divadlo Prešovskej univerzity v Prešove (University of Presov Student Theatre)

The ensemble is one of the leading bodies of alternative theatre in Slovakia. It was founded as a poetry theatre (in the 1960s); later, drama and short-form comedies were preferred. Gradually, a distinctive style with elements of physical theatre was developed.

Vysokoškolský folklórny súbor Torysa (Torysa – a University Folk Ensemble)

The core of Torysa's dramaturgy and choreography is mainly inspired by the traditional folklore culture of Eastern Slovakia, its musical, vocal and dance expressions and customs.

Komorný orchester Camerata Academica (Camerata Academica Chamber Orchestra)

The Camerata Academica String Orchestra performs Renaissance and Baroque chamber music. Within the orchestra, smaller chamber ensembles have been active: the brass trio, the guitar trio, and the piano trio.

Ženský spevácky zbor Iuventus Paedagogica (Iuventus Paedagogica Women's Choir)

The choir's repertoire comprises Renaissance, Romantic and 20th-century compositions; it interprets music pieces of all styles as well as works of Slovak composers.

Miešaný spevácky zbor Prešovskej univerzity Nostro Canto (Nostro Canto PU Choir)

The choir's repertoire features a genre variety, including compositions of Renaissance, Baroque and Romanticism periods, works of contemporary authors, folk songs from all over the world, spirituals, jazz and musical evergreens.

Spevácky zbor Canto Vero (Canto Vero Choir)

The choir guarantor is the Centre for Education and Research of the Elderly, which is a unique research centre focusing on senior studies in Slovakia. The activities include Christmas, educational, and annual concerts.

Spevácke zoskupenie Piano Vocal ('Piano Vocal' – a Cappella Group)

The arts-related activities of the ensemble are aimed at developing the vocal skills of talented students. The repertoire of the chamber vocal ensemble includes compositions by leading Slovak and foreign composers.

Zbor Pravoslávnej bohosloveckej fakulty (Faculty of Orthodox Theology Choir)

The choir vocally presents the production of various interpretation and style periods, the compositions of Russian, Ukrainian, and Greek authors, as well as the adaptations of Prešov chants, emphasizing the spiritual dimension of this music.

Spevácky zbor sv. Romana Sladkopevca (Romanus the Melodist Choir)

The repertoire of the choir comprises liturgical compositions of distinguished composers, songs to the blessed Mother of God, Christmas carols, Greek chants, and songs by anonymous authors.

Akordeónové kvarteto (Accordion Quartet)

The ensemble presents compositions of various genres: musical transcriptions of works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude, but mainly the original accordion material for the quartet, namely musical compositions by Michael Ganian, as well as by Astor Piazzolla.

Študentské divadlo P.A.D.A.K (P.A.D.A.K Student Theatre)

The theatre brings together young people who are inclined towards theatre, culture and want an alternative for spending their leisure time. The theatre is based at the Faculty of Education and consists mainly of its students, as well as students from other Faculties.



Akademický Prešov (Academic Presov)

It is a national festival of university student creativity in the dramatic arts. It ranks among exceptional events of this kind in Slovakia (former Czechoslovakia).

History of the festival in a nutshell

The first Akademický Prešov festival was held in 1966, and till 1989, the arts-related activities of university students were part of alternative art. After 1989, the organizing of the festival was taken over by students, hoping for a promising future. In 1993, to mark the chances of the festival going to an end, the teachers of the Aesthetics Department of the Faculty of Arts at University of Presov became involved. Throughout its more than a half century history, it has become a confrontational forum, in which young Slovak intelligentsia has taken shape. In the 1970s and 1980s, it represented an opposing tone in relation to the official contemporary arts. This art form still carries a message, has a purpose and significance despite the liberalization process of the society between 1960 and 1990; thus it is mere misunderstanding to claim that after 1989, its function and justification has been lost. As the festival director of the festival prof. Mgr. Karol Horak, CSc. noted: „I have always known that university students must naturally keep doing what makes them interesting in our eyes. They want to reflect the world in a distinctive way. They are not satisfied with some official version, they are always non-conformist.“

Present at a glance

The Akademický Prešov festival has always primarily been the platform for presenting arts-related activities and ambitions of Slovak university students. At the festival, hundreds of participants have an opportunity to present their work in three main categories: student theatre, artistic recitations, authors' own poetry and fiction, as well as improvisational theatre (occasionally also artistic translation and a rhetorical performance). The most important part of the festival is a series of workshops, artistic seminars, lectures held in theatres or other premises under the auspices of guest lecturers and experts from Slovakia and abroad (actors, writers, editors, scholars). The festival thus offers a platform for a diversity of opinions. It is a meeting point of students' and experts' views. It provides a forum for discussing the present, the past, and the responsibility for „enhancing the world.“



Sports

Students can spend their leisure time in PU sports facilities, in particular a swimming pool, a sports hall, a gymnastics gymnasium (on and outside the campus), regular gyms, fitness area, an athletic stadium, outdoor facilities outside the student halls of residence, multi-sports synthetic pitch. The part of the Faculty's infrastructure is also recording studio, virtual reality laboratory and diagnostics centre. The Diagnostics Centre of Faculty of Sports is used for educational purposes and scientific activities of the faculty's staff members. The scientific activities are focused on different population groups: non-sporting individuals, recreational sportsmen and elite sportsmen. Diagnostics Centre offers functional diagnostics, spirometry, biomechanical analyses, and testing of motor abilities.

University sports clubs include:

Prešov Region Olympic Club

Prešov Region Olympic Club is one of 24 Olympic clubs in Slovakia. It is based at Faculty of Sports, University of Prešov. Olympic Club organizes sport, educational, cultural, and environmental activities with the aim to promote Olympic values and ideas. One-time events or long-running activities are focused on children, adults, and elderly. The main event is annual Olympic day, organized to celebrate the revival of the Olympic Games and creation of International Olympic Committee in 1896. Another very popular mass event is Children's Olympics with more than 20 kindergartens from city of Prešov and surrounding villages participating. Olympic Pentathlon and Step out for health are events, focused on elderly. The main educational activity of Olympic Club is organization of regular knowledge competitions in Olympism for grammar schools and university students.

Telovýchovná jednota Slávia PU Prešov (Slávia PU Sports Clubs Association Presov)

The oldest sport organisation at the University of Prešov is TJ Slávia PU Prešov, established in 1953. At present, it has 340 members in 13 clubs and divisions: Athletic Club, Futsal Division, Judo Division, Gymnastics Club, Swimming Club, Speed Badminton Division, Chess Division, Taekwondo Division, Tennis Division, Water Polo Division, Volleyball Division, Women's Handball Division, and Water Sports Division.

Basketbalový klub BK Akademik PU Prešov (BK Akademik PU Presov Basketball Club)

It is the first major league university men's basketball team in Slovakia. It was founded at University of Presov at the beginning from the very beginning, BK Akademik PU Presov started working by building a „pyramid“ based on the age groups – ranging from the preparation section (now comprising about 110 children), older pupils (today about 26 children), and the men's division (25 players) that also includes PU students. g of the academic year of 2012 – 2013. The establishment of the club is directly linked with the name of Jaroslav Hrabčák. It all started in 2009, when he founded Akademik Presov, the Youth Sports Club.

Klub technických športov PU (PU Technical Sports Club)

The club provides conditions so that all club divisions can achieve top sporting results, organize academic competitions and other contests for both public and professional athletes. In this way, the club strives to contribute to the advancement of technical and sporting activities so that its members can pursue their interests; it does so in the forms of appropriate financial, material, personnel, methodological, and promotional support. During its 27-year existence, the club has raised a whole bunch of outstanding athletes – university students. At present, there are 70 members working in five divisions – biathlon, competitive shooting, diving, paragliding, and parachuting.

Volejbalový klub VK MIRAD PU Prešov (VK MIRAD PU Presov Volleyball Club)

The beginnings of men's volleyball in Presov date back to the 1930s, when first volleyball teams were founded. Volleyball players were associated in TJ Sokol (Sokol Sports Associated) and



in secondary schools. Regular sports competitions were introduced in 1949, in which Presov volleyball teams competed under different names: Sokol, Sparta, Dukla Presov, KNV Presov, TJ Slávia Presov, TJ ZVL Presov, TJ Tatran Presov. Upon the opening of the 1997 – 1998 season, MŠK VTJ Sokol Presov signed an agreement on transferring the club under the administration of University of Presov, and thus gained the status of an academic sports team. In 2010, a new partner, MIRAD company, joined Presov volleyball. The men's team and youth teams changed their name first to Slávia VK PU MIRAD Presov; it was modified to VK MIRAD PU Presov.

Football Minileague PU

The history of the Football Minileague PU started in summer term 2012/2013, when 4 students of Faculty of Sports, sitting in their dormitory room, started to play with idea to start league in minifootball. Dormitory rooms are places of many good ideas but not all of them are necessarily successful. In this case, the idea became reality by 16 teams joining the Minileague in its 1st year (what became average number of teams since). As the only one university league in Slovakia, it became member of Slovak Minifootball Association.

University Volleyball League PU

Students' volleyball has strong tradition at University of Prešov since its establishment in 1997. There were regularly organised so-called students' volleyball Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thanks to Faculty of Sports staff members and students, the 1st year of University Volleyball League PU started in summer term 2014/2015 with 7 teams joining the league. Since then, 10 editions were successfully completed. New tradition started in 2019 by joining the Football Minileague PU final evening and presenting both leagues result together.

Sports Club

Sports Club is civic association based at Faculty of Sports. Its aim is to enhance quality of life and health of citizens of all ages mainly by increasing physical literacy, creating environment a condition for various physical activities by organizing regular and irregular exercise sessions. The most successful project of the association is sport and educational daily camp for children called Športáčik, realized by Faculty of Sports staff members since 2012. In cooperation with students, they prepare and implement sport and educational program for children aged 6 – 11 years during few weeks of summer holiday.



International Relations

The internationalization of the university is an important strategy for improving its quality, and it contributes knowledge and innovative learning processes. University of Presov is fully aware that international mobility of students and staff plays an important role in internationalization, which is why it is to be supported and developed. The most important mobility programme is the Erasmus+ programme, which was launched in 2013. It represents a combination of all to-date EU's programmes for education, training, youth, and sports, such as Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus and others. Erasmus+ enables students and employees of University of Presov to travel abroad with EU financial support. Students have the opportunity to study at a foreign partner university or to acquire professional skills within traineeship. Study stays and traineeships help students better adapt to the demands of the European labour market and better understand the economic and social conditions of the host country in the context of acquiring work experience. Erasmus+ traineeships can be attended not only by students, but also by fresh graduates of University of Presov, for whom it is an excellent opportunity to get the most desirable practice for future employment. The most popular countries for Erasmus+ mobilities among PU students and staff are the Czech Republic and Poland. However, other EU countries such as Portugal, Spain, Cyprus, Germany, and the Scandinavian countries are increasingly becoming popular. Under the Erasmus+ programme, University of Presov has contracts with over 552 university departments in 36 countries of the world. In addition to Erasmus+, at faculty and university levels, 195 international bilateral agreements in 27 countries have been signed.





Regarding Erasmus+, University of Presov is both the sending and the receiving institution. The number of admitted foreign students has increased to more than 550; thanks to its geographical location, University of Presov is attractive especially for students from Ukraine. With the Erasmus+ mobility programme, we receive on average 40 foreign students per year. The majority of admitted foreign students come from Turkey, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. The greatest interest is in studying at the Institute of British and American Studies at the Faculty of Arts, but also in the study programmes of the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Management. In order to ensure the integration of students into our everyday life, University of Presov cooperates with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), which takes care of the incoming students, e.g. through organizing various excursions, outings, cultural and entertainment events. We have introduced a „buddy system“, i.e. each student is assigned a PU student who assists him/her during his/her stay. In 2017, it was the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus programme in Europe, so festive events took place. Their purpose was to present the programme achievements and the possibilities of its future role and function. Since its inception in 1987, the programme has grown; during the 30 years, more than 9 million people have been involved. The first Slovak student travelled abroad within this programme in 1998. Since then, University of Presov has enabled over 3000 students, teachers and administrative staff to travel abroad through various international mobility schemes. Erasmus was launched in Europe thirty years ago as a project to support student mobility. However, it has grown enormously and has brought up a whole generation of Europeans – the “Erasmus Generation”. Within the European Union, it is considered to be the most successful programme, an example of the European integration and international impact.



Student Halls of Residence and Canteen

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It is a special purpose facility of the University of Presov. It is a part of the University without legal personality. Student Halls of Residence is subject to the provisions of academic rights. Its role is to provide accommodation and boarding to full-time students of all degrees, including foreign students and lecturers. It provides suitable conditions for studying and relaxation of accommodated students, for their cultural, social and sports life and leisure time activities.

Student housing and canteen comprise the following facilities:

Students Hall of Residence - 17 November 11 Street	(873 vacancies)
Students Hall of Residence - 17 November 13 Street	(685 vacancies)
Students Hall of Residence - Námestie mládeže 2	(183 vacancies)
Students Hall of Residence - Exnárova 36 Street	(177 vacancies)

The oldest students' hall of residence is 17 November St. 13 building. Its construction began in 1956 and was completed throughout 1960. It also included a kitchen and a canteen. Between 1968 and 1969, another student hall of residence – 17. November St. 11 building – was built. On this occasion, the kitchen and canteen were expanded to a capacity of 2000 portions of food; also the capacity of the boiler room was increased to heat both buildings. After the establishment of the University of Presov, two more buildings were purchased for the purpose of accommodating students: in 1998, the Námestie mládeže 2 building; in 2000, the Exnárova Street building. At present, the vacancies in these facilities, exclusive of priestly seminaries, amount to 1918.

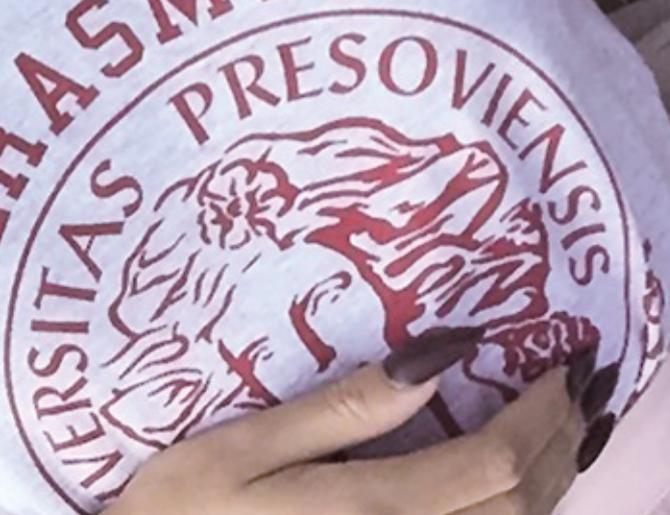




Students Halls of Residence provide accommodation in student flats consisting of two two-bedded, three-bedded, or four-bedded rooms. Each flat is equipped with a bathroom (shower cabinet, toilet and wash-basin). Students are provided with a TV room, a laundry, and computer rooms with internet access; on each floor are kitchenettes. All rooms are equipped with internet access. Students can rent irons and vacuum cleaners at the reception desk. The 17 November St. building houses the Radio PaF studio, as well as the Student Council, a students' self-government office. The students' self-government represents all accommodated students of the University of Presov. Student canteen is run by Magister – Presov, s.r.o. Company that provides catering to students and employees of University of Presov. The Company operates the Fast-food bar in the Canteen building, and three snack-bars, in the Faculty buildings, offering a selection of snack food, light meals, and desserts. In the canteen are two lounges in which various festive lunches are organized. Annually, a number of conference lunches, social and family events, or student balls take place.



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