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# Art and Architecture Foundation Program at UJOP

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## Enrollment in the best universities with UJOP

Czech universities are among the world's top universities. Charles University in general and its **Art faculties in particular are highly rated by rankings** such as [U.S. News college rankings](#) , [QS Ranking](#)

## Lecturer's view of the Art Foundation Course

How do Czech art schools differ from those in other countries? **The artist Nonna Lorenz**, who teaches at the [Foundation program Art and Architecture](#) , explains: "*Art schools in Europe, especially in the Czech Republic, are very different from the schools you find in your own country. Really European art [as a major] is something different, and not everyone knows how to approach it, what to show, what the entrance exams look like.*

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*European schools and especially in the Czech Republic are different because 80% of the time students have to do everything themselves. The school, as paradoxical as it may sound, is not supposed to teach you and you have to go to that school prepared. That's actually the interesting thing and a lot of students who apply to university, they don't know about that, and they think they have time to choose, they have time to prepare, but they don't. You have to not only know where you want to apply, but you have to be good in what you are doing, because undergraduate college is about trying new techniques, trying new things with different approaches to the art, but you have to have a solid foundation.*

*You have to know exactly what you want from the art, why you're doing it, have your own style. So, you can't just copy from Pinterest, take inspiration from Instagram, but you have to have something unique, something of your own".*

In the interview with Nonna you will find answers to the following questions:

- Art school graduates are always high quality professionals. What is the reason for this?
- What are the difficulties an applicant faces during the entrance exam to an art college?
- What are the benefits of the Portfolio subject?
- Why is it important to know the history of modern art for college admission?

Nonna studied at UJOP herself, and here is how she recalls her [foundation year](#) :

*"I often think back to UJOP, to my time at Krystal. The very decision to go to study in the Czech Republic overwhelmed me in a way. It was extremely difficult to find my way around, but then I had a great Czech teacher and I thought I was lucky. Then I found out that only good teachers work at Crystal and therefore every student here is very lucky. With the distance of time, I can judge that of course UJOP first of all gives great language training. I can compare it to other schools as well, because I just don't see that level from other students. And that will be your advantage, because the earlier you learn to speak, the faster you will get involved in the society and in your studies. "*

## Life of students on the Art and Architecture course

### Art and Architecture: UJOP students visit to the Ladislav Sutnar Faculty of Design and Art

UJOP students' year is not limited to the classroom. As part of the training programme, students go on open days to various universities. Every year we take our future artist students to an open day at the Ladislav Sutnar Faculty of Design and Art, where they can have an interview with the teachers, show their portfolios and hear comments on what they need to improve in order to be successful in the program. Take a look at the photos from the trip

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## Artistic Atelier

One special subject is Portfolio preparation, in which students prepare their portfolios for entrance exams.

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## Excursions to museums

Museum excursions are an integral part of the studies. Lectures by experts bring the world of art closer, during such activities students get acquainted with examples of the world cultural heritage, which includes a Czech component. In such lessons students increase their awareness and depth of knowledge of art history, which are important not so much for entrance exams as for professional backgrounds

### Excursion to National Technical Museum in Prague, Santini and his World of Architecture

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### Modern Art Exhibition at Kunsthalles

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## You can choose from the following programmes

Foundation programmes in Czech developed by UJOP Charles University are high quality preparation for your studies. Our students have **90 % plus success rate** and most of them are accepted to more than one university.

The course provides comprehensive support:

1. Securing a residence permit if you need a visa to the Czech Republic
2. Intensive academic course: preparation in History of Art, Socio-cultural seminar, Portfolio preparation, Verbal thinking
3. Language course: intensive Czech.
4. Individual support and feedback: personal consultation and feedback from tutors.
5. Opportunity to stay in our dormitories

More on the course page. Sign up for the 2025/26 course:

## Step-by-step instructions, visa, accomodation