
Top 10 Questions to Ask Before Choosing a Foundation Programme in Czechia

Choosing a foundation programme (also called a preparatory course) is one of the most important decisions you will make before starting university in the Czech Republic. A high-quality programme will help you not only learn the language but also master academic subjects, understand the education system, apply for your university programme, and prepare for the admission process. A low-quality programme, on the other hand, may waste your time and money.

To help you make a smart choice, here are **10 essential questions** to ask any provider. These questions will show you what really matters — and how UJOP, the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies at Charles University, meets the highest standards as a leading institution in this field.

1. What is the reputation of the institution?

A good programme should have a strong history, experience, and trust from universities.

Ask:

- Which official associations do you cooperate with?
- Which universities recognise your certificates?

UJOP Charles University has more than 50 years of experience and represents Czechia in ALTE, a major European language testing association. Over 80 faculties across the country recognise UJOP certificates, so successful graduates often **skip Czech language entrance exams**. UJOP **mathematics exam certificates are accepted** by the University of Hradec Králové, the School of Business at the University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, Metropolitan University Prague, and the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University.

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2. How much does one academic lesson cost?

The total price of the course does not always reflect real value. More lessons usually mean better preparation.

Ask:

- How many academic lessons are included?
- What is the cost per lesson?

UJOP Charles University clearly states the total number of lessons. The average price per academic lesson is **€5.94**. You can easily compare this with any other provider.

3. What exactly is included in the course fee?

Some providers offer low prices but add hidden fees later.

Ask:

- Where can I see a full list of services included?
- Are textbooks, support, and administration included?

UJOP Charles University has no hidden fees — everything is clearly listed. You can check the services, payment terms, and sample contract before paying.

LEARN MORE: [FAQ How is the price of a Czech language foundation programme calculated?](#)

4. Is consultant support included?

Moving to a new country is challenging. Good support can save time, stress, and money.

Ask:

- Do you help with visas, arrival, documents, and university applications?

UJOP Charles University includes personal consultant support. UJOP guides students from the first consultation to the university admission stage — **including visa support, documents, nostrification, and more.**

5. What does a regular lesson look like?

Quality teaching is not only about the number of hours but also about the method.

Ask:

- How do you teach?
- Do you train and supervise teachers?

Teachers at UJOP follow a modern methodology, continuously developed and updated by the UJOP Methodological Centre. Lessons train all skills: speaking, listening, reading, writing — plus **phonetics**. Students work with **several teachers**, so they get used to different accents and speaking styles.

6. Are specialised academic subjects included?

A real foundation programme includes subjects related to your future field — not just language training.

Ask:

- Which subjects are included?
- In which language are they taught?
- Are they the correct subjects for my field?

UJOP Charles University includes all required academic subjects in the course price. These subjects are taught in Czech for Czech foundation programmes and in English for English foundation programmes. **Each field has its own set of academic subjects.**

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7. What methodology does the school use?

Modern programmes should be based on research, not old textbooks or improvisation.

Ask:

- Who develops the curriculum?
- How often is it updated?

The UJOP Methodological Centre conducts comprehensive research to understand what students truly need, updates teaching materials, and continuously develops teachers' professional skills. Teaching and learning at UJOP **combine long-standing experience with a modern, evidence-based approach.**

8. What are the refund and payment conditions?

You should always know what happens if you need to cancel.

Ask:

- How much money can I get back and what are the conditions?
- What documents do I need for a refund?

UJOP Charles University clearly publishes the [cancellation and refund rules on the website](#) . In many cases, **we refund 95% of the course fee.**

9. How will the programme help me adapt to life in Czechia?

Studying abroad is not only about classrooms. Culture and daily life also matter.

Ask:

- Do you offer an adaptation course or cultural activities?

UJOP Charles University offers an adaptation course at the beginning of the programme. It covers culture, communication, daily life, and the Czech education system. Students can join **excursions, events, and cultural activities to help them feel at home.**

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10. How does the programme fit university deadlines and visa rules?

Timing is important. Programmes that start late may not prepare you well enough for the admission process and entrance exams.

Ask:

- Does the programme support nostrification and applications on time?
- Is the programme long enough for smooth visa extension?

UJOP Charles University programmes are designed to match university deadlines. We help with **nostrification, applications, exam preparation, and support with your legal stay in Czechia.**

A Foundation Should Be Solid

A foundation programme is the base for your future university success. Low prices or unclear services can be risky: they usually indicate weak preparation, missing subjects, or extra payments after arrival.

UJOP combines experience, transparency, modern teaching, and university trust. As part of Charles University, we offer high quality in all areas — from teaching and support to infrastructure.

If you ask these 10 questions, you will better recognise the quality of the programmes offered and choose the one that best suits your needs.

[Apply for the UJOP Charles University foundation programme](#)

Step-by-step instructions and useful information