
Why study in Czechia?

Are you looking for high-quality, affordable, and internationally recognized university education in Europe? Czechia (the Czech Republic) offers a unique blend of academic excellence, cultural richness, safety, and outstanding value for money — and it's closer than you think.

For thousands of international students each year, studying in Czechia means gaining a globally recognized degree, high-quality university education, and affordable living costs — all in the heart of Europe.

Why choose Czechia for University Studies?

Czechia is home to some of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Central Europe, including **Charles University in Prague**, ranked among the **top 300 universities in the world** (QS World University Rankings). Czech universities offer a wide range of English-taught bachelor's and master's programmes in fields such as medicine, engineering, economics, humanities, IT, and natural sciences.

Even **medical studies** — often considered one of the most demanding academic paths — are accessible to international students in both English and Czech. If you have strong academic foundations and are ready to work hard, studying medicine in Czechia is a realistic and rewarding goal. For many international applicants, studying medicine in Czechia is an ideal balance of academic excellence, reasonable tuition fees, and internationally respected medical degrees.

And if you're willing to learn Czech, you can study **tuition-free** at public universities. Czech-taught degree programmes are open to international students who complete a Czech-language foundation course — a path proven by decades of successful graduates.

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Start with a foundation or jump right in

For many students who plan to study in Czechia, foundation programmes are the most reliable pathway to successful admission to Czech universities. Students can apply directly to degree programmes or begin their studies through a foundation course at the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies of Charles University (UJOP). These one-year programmes prepare students for admission not only to Charles University but to universities across the country.

Zeynep from Türkiye:

"At UJOP we studied all the topics we needed for the entrance exams for medical faculties... At my university admission exam, I answered questions without hesitation because we had already covered everything."

Victoria from Ukraine:

"I am now a student at the University of Economics (VŠE) thanks to UJOP foundation programmes, but a year ago, I didn't even know what VŠE stands for."

Foundation programmes include:

1. Academic subject preparation
2. General and academic language training
3. Cultural orientation and support with settling in
4. Assistance with diploma recognition (nostrification)
5. Individual guidance with university selection and applications
6. Visits to universities and meetings with professors and alumni
7. ...and at least 14 more services included in the course fee (see [What is included in the programme price?](#) in FAQ)

Affordable Living and Tuition Costs in Czechia

Studying in Czechia is not only academically rewarding — it's financially accessible. Affordable living costs in Czechia make it possible for students to focus on their studies without excessive financial pressure. The average student spends

around **€7,000 per year**, including accommodation, food, transportation, and leisure. Tuition fees for English-taught programmes remain significantly lower than in Western Europe, while the quality of education is high. And if you study in Czech, your university education at public institutions becomes **completely free** after completing a Czech-language foundation programme.

You'll also have access to numerous **Erasmus+ opportunities**, allowing you to study across Europe during your degree.

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A safe gateway to Europe

Located in the heart of Europe, Czechia ranks consistently in the top 15 safest countries in the world. Plus it offers easy travel to Germany, Austria, Poland, Slovakia, and beyond. Its vibrant cities, rich history, international student communities, and welcoming atmosphere make it an ideal place to live and study.

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Can International Students Work While Studying in Czechia?

International students enrolled in **full-time accredited bachelor's or master's programmes** have full access to a labor market in Czechia, as long as employment does not interfere with their studies.

Part-time jobs are widely available, especially in international companies looking for English-speaking talent — providing both income and valuable work experience.

A strong, stable job market

Czechia consistently ranks among EU countries with **the lowest unemployment rates**, making it an attractive place to begin your career after graduation. Its strong economic stability and high demand for skilled workers provide excellent prospects for international graduates.

Start your studies in Czechia with UJOP Foundation Programmes

If the benefits of studying in Czechia are convincing for you, you can take the first step today — apply for the preparatory programmes of Charles University at UJOP.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at studujop@ujop.cuni.cz, and we will be happy to help you.

Apply for Czech foundation programme

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Apply for English foundation programme

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