

Student life

• Student activities in the university associations and clubs

The Student Parliament of UKF is the most significant civic association of students that is preparing free time activities. The Parliament consists of elected student representatives in the academic senates of the university and separate faculties. It is also accessible to the other students of the university. The biggest student project – the Student Days of Nitra Universities, is held on the occasion of the Day of Students (November 17). Student Parliament also organises other activities, such as the Octoberfest UKF (sports and musical event at the beginning of the academic year), the Football League of Student Dormitories (students competition in indoor football), and publishes the „Občas Nečas“ magazine.

The Club of Christian Students – LUMEN, works at the Department of Catechetics, Faculty of Arts. It deals with the spiritual development of the university students, organises meetings and church services at the Student dormitories Zobor and Nitra.

The Student Radio Zobor (IRŠ) is the preferred broadcasting radio at the Student dormitory Zobor. In 2006 it started to broadcast also via the internet. During the academic year the student radio offers university students regular programmes as well as film projections of different concerts.



The Association of Hungarian Students – JUGYIK, is the association of students from Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. It was established on the initiative of the students in 1965 as a literary-artistic club at the Faculty of Education.

The Civic Association STORM at UKF in Nitra was registered at the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic in May 2002 by the students of the Department of Social Work and Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care, UKF in Nitra. Its main project from 2003 is „One step forward“. The project deals with the secondary prevention of drug addiction and HIV/AIDS prevention. It offers students of social work the yearlong practice.

University library

The University library (UK) is an academic library that offers university staff and students book and information services.

The library is scientific and information, bibliographical, coordination and advisory workplace. It provides bibliographical registration of works published by pedagogues, researchers and doctoral students. It offers bibliographical-information services and creates an electronic on-line catalogue. It provides on-line access to the electronic collection of interactive fully-textual reference books and Knovel databases for the Consortium of Slovak libraries, access to the SCOPUS database as well as the access to the electronic collection of databases Pro-Quest 5000 International. The library also uses new automated book system DAWINCI. Incorporated in the library is the recently established British centre which not only offers books and publications but also organises reading clubs, workshops, exhibitions and presentations.

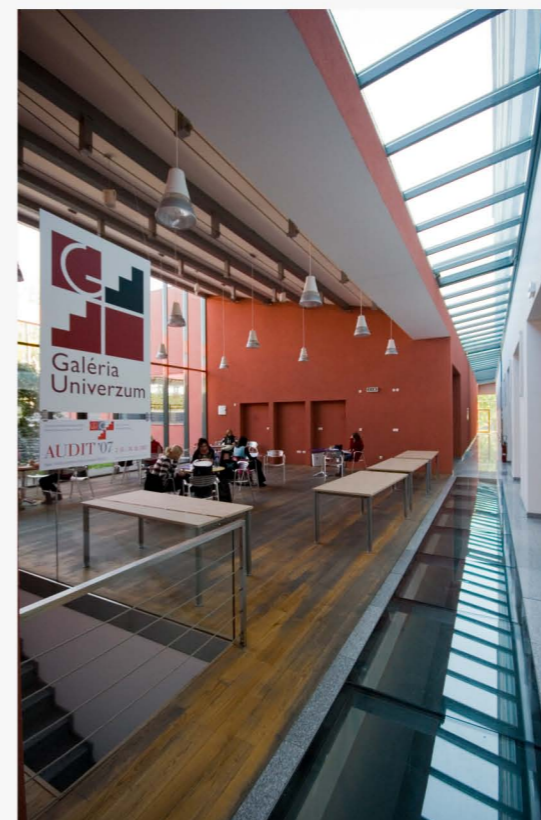


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CONSTANTINE
THE PHILOSOPHER
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A short history of the university

(1996 – 2006)

The founding charter of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra was ratified by the National Assembly of the Slovak Republic on October 23, 1996. The inauguration ceremony was held on February 13, 1997 with the participation of representatives of the Slovak Ministry of Education, the Government of the Slovak Republic, university rectors, church representatives, members of the cultural society of the Slovak Republic, Nitra region and town. Historic retrospective of the university consists of almost semicentennial university education phases: from the four year existence of the Pedagogical Institute (1959 – 1963), twenty-eight year existence of the Faculty of Education (1964 – 1992), a short time period covering the incorporation into the union of Nitra University (July 1 – December 11, 1992), to the establishment of the University of Education (1992 – 1996) consisting of three faculties (Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Education and Faculty of Natural Sciences). The name Constantine the Philosopher University has been used since October 23, 1996.

The University has more than 45-year tradition in education of the Hungarian minority. University education of social and missionary workers for Romany ethnic group has a 13-year tradition at UKF.



In 1959 the Pedagogical Institute in Nitra had 30 pedagogues and 316 students. In the academic year 2006/2007 Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra had over 14000 full-time and part-time students and more than 560 pedagogues.

Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra has conferred the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to twelve Slovak and foreign personalities:

Ján Chryzostom Korec, Cardinal (Slovakia), **Ladislav E. Roth** (USA), **Zdeněk Mathauser** (Czech Republic), **Fernando Henrique Cardoso** (Brasil), **Štefan Luby** (Slovakia), **Ján Kopál** (Slovakia), **Robert J. Sternberg** (USA), **Ladislav Ťažký** (Slovakia), **Rudolf Schuster** (Slovakia), **Imre Békési** (Hungary), **Ladislav Burlas** (Slovakia), **Ján Vilikovský** (Slovakia).

The present

Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra is an educational, scientific and artistic institution and is named after Constantine the Philosopher (Cyril, 827 – 869) the important personality in the history of Nitra and Slovakia. It spreads education, humanism, democracy and tolerance in line with the Cyril – Methodian tradition. UKF is a modern European university where science, professionalism, pedagogical mastery, communicativeness with the world, a wide range of study programmes (Bachelor´s, Master´s and Doctoral Degree study programmes), flexibility, innovativeness and diversity of study programmes are dominant. The university prepares and trains teachers for primary and secondary schools, future social workers in the field of non-teacher training study programmes, professionals for cultural institutions, political scientists, teachers of religion, journalists, archeologists, historians, museologists, biologists, environmental scientists, mathematicians, physicists, computer scientists, psychologists, gemologists and other professionals.



At present the University consists of five faculties:

The Faculty of Natural Sciences (FPV)

The Faculty offers its study programmes to students who are interested in the improvement of the knowledge in mathematics, physics, computer science, geography, biology, gemology, ecology or environmental studies, for those who are fascinated by the world of chemical laboratories, or those who want to become teachers of natural sciences.

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care (FSVaZ)

The Faculty and its study programmes are oriented to psychology, sociology, social work, social and missionary work in Romany community, nursing, health care, rescue work and physiotherapy. Graduates can work in state and public administrations, science and research, health and social services.

The Faculty of Central European Studies (FSŠ)

The Faculty is oriented to the problems of minorities, teacher training for schools with Hungarian language, cultural and social anthropology. The Faculty is aimed at people interested in the history and culture of Central European nations.

The Faculty of Arts (FF)

The Faculty is oriented to the philological, humane and social sciences. It offers professional preparation of teachers for the second primary education stage of primary schools, for secondary schools as well as the education of the non-teacher training study programmes – preparation of the professionals in specific fields of science, culture, media, art, state administration and the social sphere. Graduates can work as journalists, professionals in the field of mass media or human sciences teachers.

The Faculty of Education (PF)

The Faculty and its study programmes are oriented to the teacher training study programmes that can be combined with the teacher training study programmes of other university faculties. It also offers single subject study programmes. Graduates can be employed in the field of education, counselling, health protection, as well as in the technical and technological services.

Research institutes and specialized laboratories

FPV:

Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Genetic-Physiological Laboratory, Multifunctional Laboratory of Embryotechnologies, Thermophysical Laboratory, Laboratory of Geographical Information Systems, Integrated Laboratory of Environment

FSVaZ:

Institute of Applied Psychology, Psycholaboratory, Institute of Romology Studies

FSŠ:

Institute of Quality of Education in Central and East European Countries, Institute of National and Ethnic Cultures

FF:

Institute of Literary and Art Communication, Institute for the Research of the Cultural Heritage of Constantine and Method, Interpreting Laboratory

PF:

Center for Lifelong Learning, Laboratory of Distant Form of Education, Laboratory of Virtual Communication, Department of UNESCO IRIE, Centre of Lifelong Education of Teachers, Atelier of Crafts

Student life

• Accommodation and board

Student dormitories Zobor and Nitra offer accommodation for full-time students, foreign students, lecturers, guests of UKF as well as for Erasmus and CEEPUS students. The main factors taken into account in the accommodation selection process for the student dormitory is the distance of student´s permanent residence from UKF, social criteria as well as student´s marks. Students can take their meals at the university buildings and in the student dormitories. They may order their meals on offer by using the internet board system.

• Sports activities of students

There is a multitude of opportunities for sports activities at the university, individually or in teams. The Sports Club Association of UKF consists of eight separate units. The most successful sports clubs of UKF are: Basketball Club INPEK UKF Nitra, Table Tennis Club UKF and Volleyball Club UKF.



• Artistic and cultural student activities

Academic groups are a dominant part of the artistic and cultural life of students at our university. They represent the university at national and international levels. UKF performs:



Folk Group PONITRAN – offers traditional Slovak folklore with the accent on the area of Ponitrie
Academic Dancing Group ATIKUS – dedicated to American folk dances

University Theatre VYDI – consists of UKF students as well as of students from other universities

Academic Chorus (at the Faculty of Education, UKF) – interprets works of well-known Slovak as well as world authors

Academic Chamber Group (at the Faculty of Education, UKF) – interprets works of older musical eras as well as of well-known Slovak composers

Carmina Musicantica (Department of Music, Faculty of Education, UKF) – belongs to the youngest teams at the university

Hungarian Chorus (at the Faculty of Central European Studies, UKF)

Theatre NYEKK (Nyitrai Egyetemisták Kínjátászó Köre) – has arisen from the Association of Hungarian Students in Nitra – Jugyik

