

**INFORMÁCIE O FILOZOFICKEJ FAKULTE
V CUDZÍCH JAZYKOCH**

THE FACULTY OF ARTS

The Faculty of Arts of the University of Prešov, the second oldest Faculty of Arts in Slovakia, was founded half a century ago, following the transformation of the Philological Faculty of the University of Education in Bratislava, originally located in Košice, and later moving to Prešov. It formed the core of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice in 1959, in association with the Faculty of Medicine in Košice. The Faculty remained a part of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University until 1 January 1997, when the Prešov-based faculties of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice founded the University of Prešov in Prešov.

The Faculty, despite its regional character, has established itself as a successful and developing body of research and teacher training activities and as a significant part of the Slovak and international community of education in the area of humanities. Over the fifty years of its existence, the Faculty has prepared generations of specialists, teachers, renowned scientists as well as social workers. Many of them now work as top specialists in positions of importance both at home and abroad.

Study

The Faculty of Arts provides university education in both academic and vocational fields in various combinations in addition to providing both full time and part time study programmes in non-teacher training areas of humanities. It enhances the range of accredited study fields and programmes each year, many of them being unique in Slovakia. The Faculty provides university education at three levels: the study leading to the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor's degree. It can also bestow the degree of PhD following the successful completion of *examina rigorosa* in various fields, and can undertake habilitation procedure and procedure for the appointment of professor. The Faculty has created numerous possibilities for inter-disciplinary study. The general public is offered various forms of education, for example, the extension study for university graduates, supplementary teacher training and various

other specialized courses, such as courses for interpreters and translators, which include professional qualification certification.

Instruction of students is carried out by the university teaching staff working at various scientific-pedagogic centres of the Faculty, its institutes and departments:

Institute of English and American Studies

- *Department of English Language and Didactics*
- *Department of Anglophonic Literatures and Cultures*

Institute of Educology and Social Work

- *Department of Social Work*
- *Department of Andragogy*

Institute of Aesthetics, Art Sciences and Cultural Studies

- *Department of Aesthetics*
- *Department of Cultural Studies*

Institute of Philosophy and Ethics

- *Department of Philosophy*
- *Department of Ethics*

Institute of German Studies

- *Department of German and Translatology*
- *Department of German Culture*

Institute of History

- *Department of Prehistoric, Ancient and Ecclesiastical History*
- *Department of Record Keeping and History Auxiliary Sciences*
- *Department of Medieval, Early Slovak and General History*
- *Department of Modern and Latest General History*
- *Department of Modern and Latest Slovak History*

Institute of Political Sciences

- *Department of Political Theory*

Institute of Psychology

- *Department of Elementary Psychological Sciences and the Methodology of Psychology*
- *Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychology of Health*
- *Department of School Psychology, Counselling Psychology and Psychology of Work*

Institute of Romance and Classical Philology

- *Department of French Language and Literature*
- *Department of Spanish Language and Literature*

- *Department of Latin Language and Literature*
Institute of Russian, Ukrainian and Slavonic Studies

- *Department of Russian Studies*
- *Department of Ukrainian Studies*
- *Department of Slavonic Studies*

Institute of Slovak Studies, General Linguistics and Media Studies

- *Department of Slovak Language*
- *Department of Slovak Literature and Literary Theory*
- *Department of General Linguistics, Phonetics and Media Studies*

Three institutes have an all-faculty sphere of activity:

- Institute of Interpreting
- Institute of Translation and Interpreting
- IT Laboratory

Science and research

Members of the Faculty academic staff are involved in projects of both applied and basic research, mainly through various grant projects. Scientific research of the creative members of the staff is carried out on a team-work basis, having a multi-discipline character, with its primary objective being the humanities, mainly literary science, Slovak language, literature and culture, general linguistics and children's speech, the language and culture of Slavonic languages (Russian, Ukrainian, and others), language, literature and culture of non-Slavonic languages (English, German, French, Spanish), language and culture of classical languages, linguistic and literary contacts, theory and practice of translation and interpreting, philosophy, ethics, social work, cultural studies, aesthetics, political science, history, psychology, etc. In addition to particular departments and institutes participating in research, there are also specialized structures, such as Phonetic Laboratory within the Institute of Slovak Studies, General Linguistics and Media Studies, PC laboratory at the Institute of Psychology, and several others. Scientific monographs, studies and articles published yearly at home and abroad prove the creative potential of our staff members, who present their results at various scientific events both in Slovakia and abroad, as well as at conferences organised

by the Faculty of Arts. The results of research activities are implemented in the teaching process as well as in social practice (working as legal experts, professional consultants, interpreters, translators and others).

External relations

The Faculty research and pedagogic centres co-operate with Slovak universities, especially with centres of a similar field of interest. There is a very intense cooperation with various institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and with other research institutes, such as the Research Institute of Children's Psychology and Pathopsychology, Museum of Education and Pedagogy, Research Institute of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Bratislava, Museum of Ukrainian-Ruthenian Culture in Svidník. The Faculty also cooperates with secondary schools and with various bodies of state administration, civic associations, NGOs, business entities, with the Slovak Television Studio in Košice, Slovak Radio Studio in Košice, Jonáš Záborský Theatre in Prešov, DAD Prešov, National Theatre in Košice, Language School in Prešov, *SLON* Orphanage in Šarišské Michaľany, the Centre for Social Services, with homes for elderly people, Regional Pedagogic-psychological Counselling Centre in Prešov, the Academy of Education, and with many others. Some of these centres provide our students with opportunities for work and professional experience.

International cooperation

The Faculty has developed various forms of international pedagogic and scientific cooperation with a number of renowned partners, not only in the neighbouring countries, but also with famous universities in Europe and on other continents. To name but a few – Masaryk University in Brno, Charles' University in Prague, South-Bohemian University in České Budějovice, Palacký University in Olomouc, Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Piliscsaba, Szeged University in Szeged, F. Schiller University in Jena, E. Karls University in Tübingen, K. Franzens University in Graz, Blais Pascal University in Cler-

mont-Ferrand, Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée University in Paris, University in Poitiers, North-French University in Arras, University in Alcal, University in Zaragoza, University of Bolton (United Kingdom), University in Oulu (Finland), Dalarna University (Sweden), Linköping University (Sweden), Ankara University in Ankara (Turkey), University in Sakaryi, universities in Poland, Bulgaria, Russian Federation, Belarus and Ukraine (Uzhgorod National University, M. Drahomanov National Pedagogical University in Kyiv, Lviv State Ivan Franko University).

Faculty bodies and individuals participate in various international projects and grants within the framework of international programmes. Faculty staff are awarded individual foreign grants, they publish abroad, give presentations at international scientific conferences and at professional seminars in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Bulgaria, as well as in Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, France, Germany, Norway, Austria, Greece, India, Canada, China, Turkey and elsewhere, not to mention other events at the invitations of Slovak embassies and other foreign bodies. Many faculty staff are members of various international organisations, professional boards abroad and editorial boards of foreign periodicals.

Based on bilateral agreements with partner institutions and within the framework of diverse international programmes, the Faculty carries out study stays for instructors and students abroad. The number of students sent for a period of one semester to foreign universities every year is continually increasing, as is the number of foreign students coming for short-term and long-term stays to the Faculty.

A number of foreign guest lecturers stay and work at the Faculty. They come from various countries, such as Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Austria, Spain, Ukraine, USA and the United Kingdom.

The Faculty keeps strong contacts with institutions active in the field of international cooperation, such as the Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation, SAIA, Fulbright Commission, Civic Education Project, Open Society Fund, Jan Hus Education Foundation, the British Council, DAAD, USIS. The Faculty also cooperates with a number of foreign embassies and fore-

ign cultural institutions, such as the French Institute at the French Embassy, French Alliance, Association of Jan Hus-France, Pro Helvetia and others.