



Medical Degree Programmes

taught entirely in English
IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Teaching since 1348

Which Course?

Direct Entry appropriate for:

1. Students who have achieved grades at 'A' level or equivalent which are higher than three grade 'C's or equivalent, including Chemistry.
2. Those students who have trained in a similar field at a higher level (e.g. MSc or PhD).
3. Transfer Students (from U.K. and other universities).

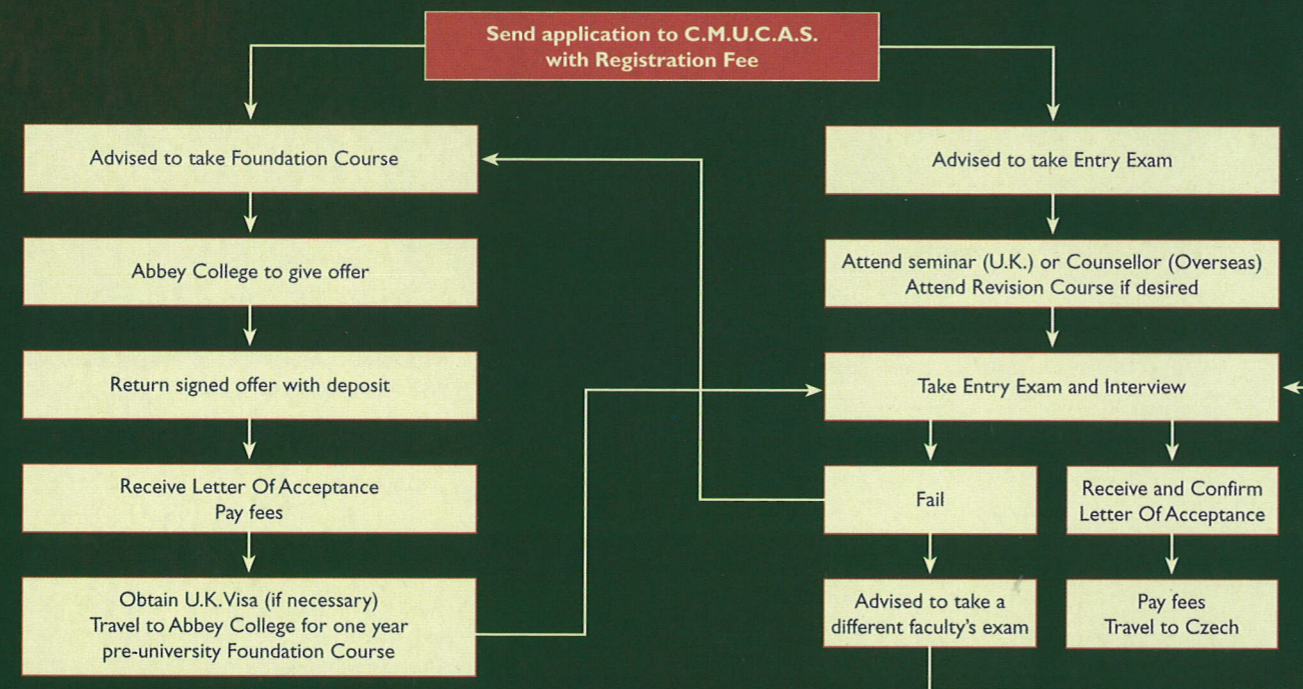
Foundation Course appropriate for:

1. Those students who have sat 'A' level examinations or equivalent and obtained 3 'C's or below (1 year required).
2. Students who have completed appropriate GCSE's or equivalent (2 years required).
3. Those students who have trained at 'A' level or equivalent in a non-scientific background (we can advise on receipt of a C.V.).
4. Those who have completed the first year of A or AS levels or equivalent in the area of science (1 year required).
5. Mature Students (each case is considered on its merits).

The Options

Course	Length Of Course	Start Date
1. Direct Entry, Exam Only	1 Day	June and late August/early September
2. Direct Entry with Revision Course	2 Weeks	Mid-to-late August
3. Foundation Course	1 Year	September
4. Foundation Course alongside A-levels	2 Years	September

Methods of Application



Charles University at Prague

The First Faculty of Medicine of the world-famous Charles University, Prague, is the oldest and best known faculty. Prague is a large, beautiful city which offers all the things one would expect from a European Union capital city. Indeed, for 200 years Prague itself was considered to be the capital of Europe.

Architecturally, the city is amongst the very best in the world. The mix of old and new in the city is part of the reason why nearly ten million tourists visit the city every year. There is an international airport with direct flights to many major airports, including Heathrow, Stanstead, Manchester and Dublin.

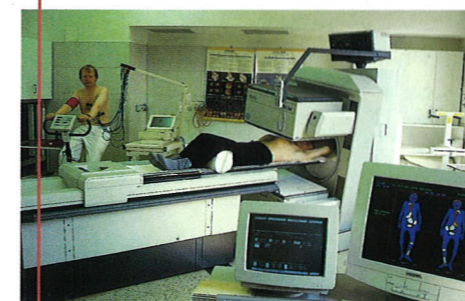
Charles itself has been prominent in the history of the Republic since its creation in 1348. During the repression of the 16th and 17th centuries its existence acted as a stimulus for the Czech national conscious, as it was to do later during the Nazi occupation – when graduation ceremonies had to be held at Oxford University – and, to a lesser extent, the communist putsch. Many of the leading lights of the Czech Republic have studied at the university. Previous students include Franz Kafka and Jan Hus.

The First Faculty consists of around 80 institutions and departments and a teaching hospital with more than 3,000 beds. The teaching Staff consists of over 500 people, including over 50 professors, over 120 associate professors and more than 400 assistant professors and instructors.

The faculty offers two medical degree courses, each lasting six years, or 12 semesters. The courses lead to either a degree in General Medicine or Dentistry. At present, the number of students enrolled on the courses taught in English is over 180. The total number of medical students is over 2,500 including over 300 foreign students.



A First Faculty building



A Faculty facility



Riverside at the world-famous Charles Bridge



Charles University at Hradec Králové

Hradec is a very attractive city within relatively easy reach of Prague and its airport – a journey by car takes 1 1/2 hours. The cost of living is less than in the capital, as is the cost of actual tuition. It is known as the 'Green Town', due to its many beautiful parks, and is the centre of Eastern Bohemia. Various theatre and music festivals take place throughout the year. The history of the city goes back over 1,000 years and it boasts centuries-old famous landmarks such as the White Tower and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. It was a residence for royals and noblemen from the 11th century.

Sport is also important in the city. The local football, basketball and ice hockey teams all compete in top leagues and trips to the nearby ski slopes are very popular.

The medical faculty of Hradec Kralove was founded in 1945 as the first faculty of the revered Charles University outside Prague. It has developed a reputation as a centre of excellence in its own right whilst retaining the history and prestige that the name of Charles University carries. It is the oldest institution of higher education in East Bohemia.

The total number of students in the medical faculty is about 1,200, of which around 200 are foreign. Students are comfortably housed, with accommodation guaranteed to be available for the duration of the course. There is an academic staff of roughly 250. Clinical instruction takes place in the impressive Faculty Hospital which has over 1,750 beds and over 430 doctors.

The university offers undergraduate studies in General Medicine and Dentistry. General Medicine is a six-year course whilst Dentistry lasts for five years.

The scientific and research activities of the medical school, an integral part of activities at the faculty, are aimed at the following areas: Cardiology and cardiac surgery, geriatrics and metabolism, gerontology, organ transplants, central nervous system, clinical immunology, hormonal proteins and peptides, experimental oncology and the application of computers.

Palacký University at Olomouc

Palacký is in a university town in an attractive region in the East of the Republic, less than three hours from both Prague and Vienna in Austria by car or by train. The cost of both tuition fees and living is the lowest of the CMUCAS-approved universities, with excellent housing conditions for students. Being a smaller faculty Palacký also provides more personal attention, equipment per student and hospital time.

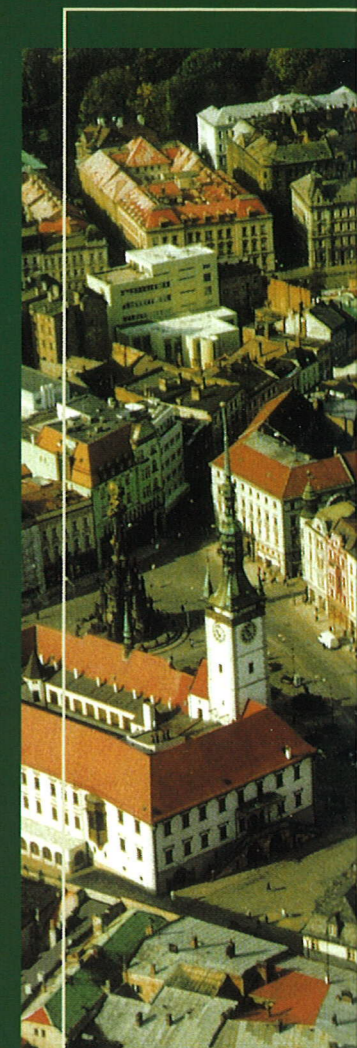
Olomouc, which is the former capital of Moravia, is, historically, the second most 'valuable' town in the Czech lands, with almost 1,000 years of history. The town has a population of 110,000 and its own philharmonic orchestra, opera house, theatres and museums. Figures such as Mozart and Mahler have found inspiration in the town, and for a long time it was a mighty Habsburg stronghold. The town is the cultural centre of Northern Moravia, with ski slopes to the North and Vienna to the South.

The university was founded in 1573 by Pope Gregory XIII and Emperor Maximilian II. From the beginning it was attracting students from Austria, Germany, Poland and Scandinavian countries, and over the years produced a number of famous graduates. The university is now proudly named after Frantisek Palacký, the 'father of the Czech nation'. The first Czechoslovak honorary degree was awarded by Palacký to President Havel in May, 1990.

There are now seven faculties with more than 1,000 teachers and research fellows and more than 10,000 undergraduate students, of which well over 100 are on the English medical course. As well as several other courses, the faculty offers full-time degree courses in General Medicine and Dentistry.

The well-equipped medical library stocks over 140,000 items and currently subscribes to over 450 medical journals. Palacký also guarantees the availability of accommodation for the duration of the course.

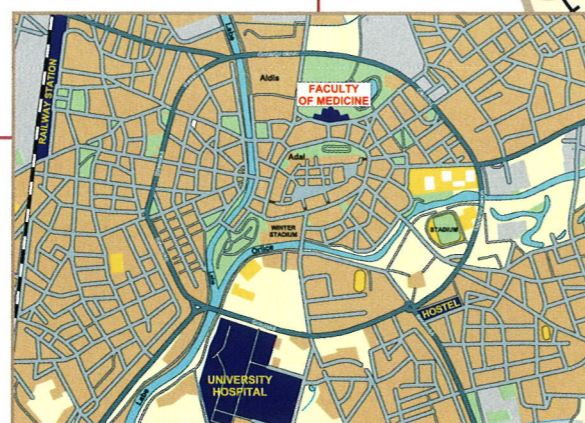
Approximately two years of study in General Medicine is devoted to pre-clinical subjects, such as Pathology, Microbiology, Physiology, Pharmacology and Medical Psychology. Instruction in specific subjects begins in the fourth year of study. The final two years are spent concentrating on education in clinical subjects.



Olomouc's Old Town Square



Hradec Králové – by the river



Hradec Králové town centre. Hostel is within walking distance of the University, Hospital and the Faculty building.

Train to Berlin

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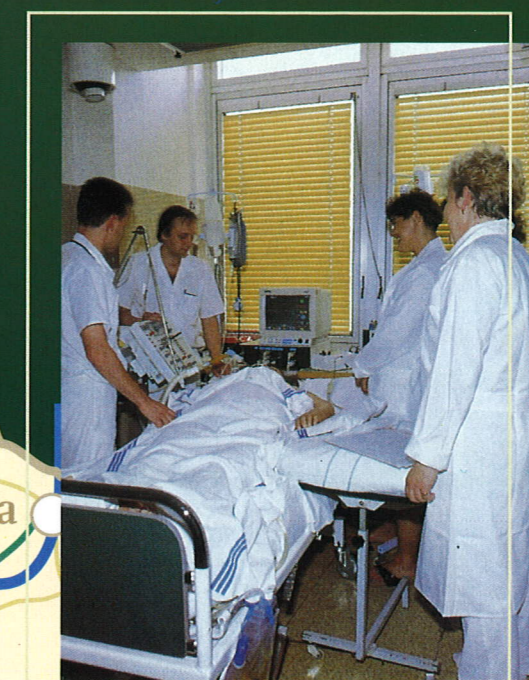
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OLOMOUC

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Train to Vienna



Third year students in the wards



Main faculty building, Hradec Králové



Department of Surgery

The Foundation Course in the U.K.

The one year Foundation Course takes place at a fully residential college in Malvern in central England, 50 minutes south of Birmingham and around two hours from London and Manchester by car or by train. The site of the college has been a seat of learning since 1874. It is an approved centre for examination boards of the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, London, the Northern Universities (J.M.B.), the A.E.B. and the main G.C.S.E. boards. The College is regularly inspected by a number of organisations such as The British Council, European Schools Services, B.A.C. and OFSTED. The Abbey is also a member of professional associations such as A.R.E.L.S. and its efficiency is recognised by the British Accreditation Council for Further and Higher Education.

The Abbey College has been exclusively chosen by the C.M.U.C.A.S. for both its excellent record in producing high-quality medical students and for its convenient central England location for 'Direct Entry' students. C.M.U.C.A.S. works very closely with The Abbey, having its head office on the college site.

The College ensures that students in its care receive personal attention from the members of staff who live on the campus. All the facilities one would expect to find in a school of such quality are present. The College, which specialises in medical foundation and 'A' level courses, provides an ideal residential campus, preparing students for university life. It provides an ideal stepping stone between home and university, with students from many countries around the world. The College's all-inclusive fees cover all the student's needs, such as accommodation, all meals, sports facilities, laundry, and so forth.

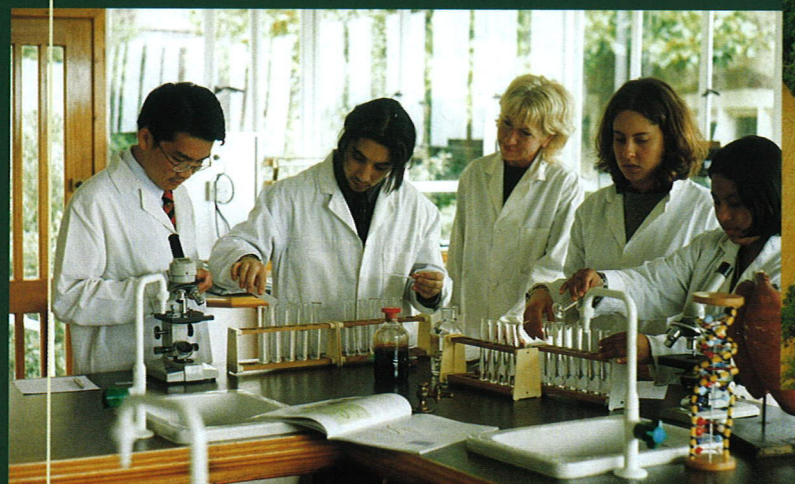
The Foundation Course includes tuition in Mathematics, Computer Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English (if necessary). Optional lessons are usually offered in Latin and the Czech language, and optional trips are organised annually to the Czech Republic to view the faculties at a cost of approximately £300. The Course has had a 100% pass rate in recent years (98% since the initiative began in 1992). Class sizes are small – 10 per class on average – maximising the attention that each student receives in a tutorial system.

The best way to perceive the Foundation Course is as the first year of the course itself. The pass rate is higher than most institutions' pass rate for students going from the first to the second year.

It is possible to use this foundation year to sit 'A' or 'AS' level examinations in parallel with the Foundation Course. The staff at The Abbey College are trained to deal with students seeking entry to British and American universities and will always be available to help and advise.

For more information about The Abbey College, please visit its web site at: www.abbeycollege.co.uk

Foundation Course Application Forms are available online and through the C.M.U.C.A.S. Registrar.



Tuition in one of the dedicated laboratories of the Abbey College



The Abbey College's seventy acre campus



Czechs and Slovaks woo the A-level

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

ONE of Europe's most ancient universities, the Charles University in Prague, is courting student victims of this summer's squeeze on higher education places.

The historic university, alma mater of Franz Kafka and Jan Hus, is offering places as part of a recruitment drive by institutions in the new Czech and Slovak republics.

Candidates who narrowly missed the A-level grades

needed for courses at British redbricks are leaping at the chance to study at the distinguished university, founded by the Czech king Charles IV in 1348. The consortium of Czech and Slovak universities, which is co-ordinating recruitment, has had more than 300 enquiries from applicants with disappointing A-level results ten days ago.

Many achieved grade A but narrowly missed their choice of place because they slipped up in one subject. This year's record pass rate

has forced admissions tutors to reject many candidates who failed to meet their target grades precisely.

American and Canadian colleges are also seeking British students, particularly for arts and social sciences courses where competition is acute after funding cuts. Tennessee Wesleyan College is scouting the North East with an eye to sporting talent.

The Charles University is offering the bulk of 200 places in medicine and dentistry, with the rest at the University

of Bratislava, the Slovak capital. Overseas students are seen as a lucrative source of foreign currency, says Kaveh, co-ordinator of the consortium, said Malvern College in Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, though they would pay £5,000 annual costs would be shared. "The cost of living is £1,000 — half of the cost on a British student. Lectures are in English. British students go to Czech because t

ASIAN AGE

Czech medical schools seek British students

BY SEEMA CHOPRA

With the medical field becoming increasingly popular, many students in Britain are unable to gain entry into medical school. Many students often decide to pursue a different career, but have they considered studying abroad? With the Czech Republic offering thousands of places in their medical schools, any candidates who narrowly



INDEPENDENT

Czechs woo medical students by degree

The University of Charles in Prague has one of the most reputable faculties of medicine in the world. These courses are now being taught entirely in English at the faculty whose courses are recognised world-wide. With

INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

Aspiring doctors have no option but to head East

By Roger Dobson

BRITISH students desperate to be doctors — such as the Scot Brian MacKinnon, who re-invented his youth — are paying Eastern

work there. The British system is very strict and there should be more medical colleges."

Malvern's Abbey College acts as an agent for some Eastern universities. It also offers a year-long, £10,000 foundation

The European

Czechs pass their medical

MEDICAL degree courses have always been among the most oversubscribed, and as borders fall, students have been opting to study in

Robert Nurden on courses for doctors

Sweden, Britain, the US, Nigeria, Japan, India, Nepal

fails to gain admission she can take Abbey College's own medical foundation course, lasting a year. Passing that gives automatic admission to one of



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