

Information for applicants from Belarus about studies at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (USB)

General information for applicants to degree studies in accredited programmes at USB

The faculties of the University of South Bohemia are interested in admitting Belarusian students to accredited study programmes, under the condition that the applicant fulfils the requirements of the admission procedure for the concrete study programme. Information about the study programmes at USB faculties, about the admission procedure, and how to apply at the different faculties, are available on USB webpages:

In Czech: <https://www.jcu.cz/uchazec-o-studium>

In English: <https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/degree-students>

Contacts

Any applicant may contact directly the contact person of the faculty, where the chosen study programme is run.

In case of interest in a study programme in Czech language, it is necessary to address the **study department of the faculty**:

- Faculty of Economics: studijni-ef@ef.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Arts: studijni@ff.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Education: studijni@pf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Science: studijni@prf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Theology: studijni@tf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Agriculture: jurasek@zf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Health and Social Sciences: polenova@zsf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Fishery and Protection of Waters: studijni@frov.jcu.cz

In case of interest in a study programme in a foreign language, it is necessary to address the **international office of the faculty**:

- Faculty of Economics: international@ef.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Arts: international@ff.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Education: international@pf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Science: international@prf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Theology: international@tf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Agriculture: international@zf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Health and Social Sciences: international@zsf.jcu.cz
- Faculty of Fishery and Protection of Waters: international@frov.jcu.cz

Other practical information about studies at USB can be provided by the Welcome officer of the Rectorate International Office: Caroline Zoubek (czoubek@jcu.cz) or at international@jcu.cz

Welcome office of the Rectorate International Office, Faculty international offices and [student organisation ESN USB Budweis](#) are prepared to help and support Belarusian students before and during their arrival at USB, so that they can easily and quickly adapt to the life in Czechia and to the studies at USB.

Students can be accommodated at USB dormitories and take their meals at the USB canteens.

Conditions for admission to studies

The conditions and criteria for admission to studies are set by the faculties, that realise the study programmes. The contact person of the faculty (from the study department or the international office) can provide to the applicant concrete information about admission process and conditions for admission. For Belarusian applicants, the faculties are allowing the online entrance interview (video call).

The admission procedure for the academic year 2021/22 is announced at the different faculties from 1st December 2020 till 31st March 2021 (the deadline can be postponed). The entrance interviews and entrance examinations are planned to take place in May and June 2021. The applicant will get to know the decision if he/she is admitted to studies in June / July. Winter semester of the academic year 2021/22 then begins in the end of September / beginning of October 2021.

Information about studies and overview of study programmes at the different faculties are available under the following links:

- For studies in Czech language: https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/degree-students/copy_of_study-programmes/study-programmes
- For studies in foreign languages: <https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/degree-students/study-programmes-in-foreign-languages-1/study-programmes-in-foreign-languages-1>

Study programmes in Czech language are without tuition fee. There are tuition fees for study programmes in foreign languages, but the different faculties can award the student an extraordinary scholarship to help him/her to finance the fees (according to individual cases).

Czech language course for foreigners

USB Faculty of Arts organises a one-year Czech language preparatory course for foreigners. This course prepares student to the Czech Language Certificate Exam (CCE) at B1 or B2 level (<http://ujop.cuni.cz/en/exam/czech-language-certificate-exam>). After completion, the student can continue his/her studies in study programmes in Czech language. Study programmes in Czech language are exempted of tuition fees.

Information about the Czech language course for foreigners in English:
<http://www.ff.jcu.cz/ustavy/ubo/cestina-pro-cizince/intensive-czech-language-course-for-foreigners>

Information about the Czech language course for foreigners in Russian:
<http://www.ff.jcu.cz/ustavy/ubo/cestina-pro-cizince/intensive-czech-language-course-for-foreigners>

Recognition of previous education

For the purpose of the admission to studies an official recognition of the foreign diploma is not compulsory.

The applicant provides certificates and diplomas to the chosen faculty, if needed transcripts of records or any other document proving the achieved education abroad (secondary or higher education). USB faculties then assess if the achieved education complies with the conditions of admission to the chosen study programme.

Scholarships and financial support

USB students are entitled to receive different scholarships during their studies according to the scholarship regulations, that are available on the following links:

- In Czech: https://www.jcu.cz/o-univerzite/dokumenty/internal_doc/stipendijni-rad-jihoceske-univerzity-v-ceskych-budejovicich
- In English: <https://www.jcu.cz/photos/scholarship-regulations.pdf>

Also Belarusian students may receive a financial support directly from the faculty where they have been admitted, according to the assessment of their personal situation:

- From the scholarship fund of the faculty where the student is enrolled.
- From the contribution of the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, that is provided to the University of South Bohemia. The amount of the scholarship covers the costs of accommodation at USB dormitories, boarding at USB canteen and necessities for studies.

Visas

Before arrival to the Czech Republic, Belarusian students must apply for a long term visa for the purpose of studies at the Czech consulate in Minsk. General information about the visa procedure are available at: <https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/practical-info/visa/visa-application-procedure>

Concrete information are available on the webpage of the Czech Embassy in Minsk in Russian language: <https://www.mzv.cz/minsk/ru/index.html>

It is necessary to take into account that the visa process is very long (delay is maximum 60 days from the date of the application at the consulate).

In order to facilitate the visa procedure, the University of South Bohemia can benefit from the program "student mode", that allows chosen students to get a quicker appointment date at the Czech consulate. This is the responsibility of the university to decide about the inclusion of a student in the "student mode", if all conditions are respected. In case a student has a difficulty to obtain an appointment date at the consulate, he/she has to inform the student department of his/her faculty. The study officer will then get in touch with the "student mode" contact person at USB (Caroline Zoubek – Rectorate International Office – czoubek@jcu.cz / 389 036 027).

Short-term study stays at USB

Apart from the One-year Czech language course, faculties organise different courses in the frame of the Life-long learning programme. Currently some faculties are considering the organisation of short-term courses or summer schools for Belarusian students. Information about the opening of these courses would be available on USB website.

Other practical information

Other practical information about studies at USB are available on our webpages <https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/practical-info> and also in the Welcome guide for international students (in English) to be downloaded at: https://www.jcu.cz/study-at-usb/practical-info/welcome-guide-for-international-students_final.pdf/view

In case of any other question, please address to international@jcu.cz