

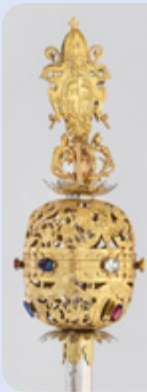


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# UP Through the Centuries



## The Jesuit Academy and University in Olomouc

The first members of the Jesuit Order, with the permission of Pope Pius V, established a college in Olomouc and began missionary, preaching, and teaching activities. Olomouc became a university town. Emperor Maximilian I granted the Olomouc College of the Society of Jesus graduation rights, making it a fully fledged university with two faculties - philosophical and theological.

1573–1773

1773–1782

## Imperial-Royal Lyceum in Olomouc

The university is again transferred from Brno to Olomouc, but only as a lyceum, with limited graduation rights. As part of the state reform, Emperor Joseph I allows universities only in Vienna, Prague, and Lvov. The school is expanded to include medical-surgical studies (with German as the language of instruction). In 1806, the teaching of midwifery began to be taught in the Czech Lands. Three years later, the Institute of Medicine-Surgery is founded at the Forensic Medical Institute. In 1816, institutes of obstetrics, specialised therapies, and veterinary medicine are established in Olomouc.



## Imperial–Royal University in Olomouc (and Brno)

Olomouc is gradually transformed into a border citadel due to the long-term conflict between the Habsburg Empire and Prussia. The number of soldiers in the city increases dramatically and the reorganised state university, the rector's residence, and the students' dormitory is moved to Brno, which was more conveniently located.



1782–1827

1827–1860

## Independent Faculty of Theology

Shortly after the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic, during a time of tense relations between the new state establishment and the Vatican, the name of the faculty is changed to the Cyril and Methodius Theological Faculty. In 1939, the faculty is closed by the Nazis.



1939–1945

## Imperial-Royal Franz University Olomouc

Emperor Franz I of Austria promotes the Olomouc Lyceum again to a full university. The restored university has three faculties: philosophy, law, and theology. In 1834, an academic senate is elected for the first time. Gradually all faculties are abolished and the priceless university insignia are transferred to the Moravian Governorate in Brno and subsequently to the University of Innsbruck.



1860–1939

## World War II

Czech universities are closed by the German Nazi occupation authorities.



### Post-war Re-establishment

The Czechoslovak Parliament enacts a law to re-establish the University of Olomouc under a new name - Palacký University. The University of Education merges with Palacký University. This included the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Natural Sciences, which were renamed the following year as the Philosophical Faculty and the Faculty of Science.

1945–1989

1990–2022

### The Post-Velvet Revolution Boom

The Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Law are restored, and the Faculty of Physical Culture and the Faculty of Health Sciences are opened. The university is thriving and expanding. New facilities are built and academics and research advance to the international level. Palacký University is for the first time ranked among the 500 best universities in the world. The Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine and the CATRIN Scientific Institute are established.



2023

UP celebrates 450 years.

# Alumni of Palacký University



## Gregor Johann Mendel

Biologist from a German-speaking family, founder of genetics and discoverer of the basic laws of heredity; mathematician, botanist and meteorologist.



## Josef Jařab

Internationally renowned literary scholar, Americanist, and translator who focused on the history of American literature with special attention to Black writing and its place in the North American cultural context.



## Bohdan Pomahač

Czech plastic surgeon who led the team that performed the first full face transplant in the United States. In 2017, he was appointed professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School.



## Helena Suková

One of the most successful tennis players in Czechoslovakia, a women's doubles world number one, winner of fourteen Grand Slam titles, and a champion of the Doubles Championships. She secured 10 singles titles and 69 doubles titles on the WTA circuit. In women's doubles, alongside Jana Novotná, they won two silver medals at the Summer Olympic Games in 1988 and 1996. In 2010, she obtained the PhDr. degree after completing her studies in psychology at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts.

# Palacký University

23 000 students 8 faculties

3 500 employees

4 000 foreign students from 106 countries

408 foreign academic and scientific staff

215 accredited study programmes in a foreign language

1500 foreign alumni in the last 4 years



**Palacký University Olomouc**  
*genius loci*

**The second oldest university  
in the Czech Republic.**

Historic buildings concentrated  
in the city centre, combined with modern  
and cutting-edge fields of study.



Palacký University is a research university:  
its primary goals are teaching, research,  
development and innovation.



# 8 Faculties of Palacký University



Sts Cyril and Methodius  
Faculty of Theology



Faculty of Medicine  
and Dentistry



Faculty of Arts



Faculty of Science



Faculty of Education



Faculty of Physical Culture



Faculty of Law



Faculty of Health Sciences





Selection of **Study Programmes**  
in English

**Dentistry** English Language for Education  
**English Philology**  
General Medicine Geoinformatics and Cartography  
Petroleum Engineering **Physiotherapy**  
**Special Education** Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering  
Development Studies and Foresight - specialisation in Foresight  
**Global Development Policy**  
Global Development Policy International and European Law  
Nanomaterial Chemistry **Nanotechnology**  
**Plant Biology** Research and Development in Educational Studies  
**Kinanthropology** Development Studies and Foresight -  
specialisation in International Development Studies



List of all study programmes in English and practical details  
available at [www.international.upol.cz](http://www.international.upol.cz)

Palacký University offers **comprehensive services** in the following areas:



**University Library**  
Accommodation and Dining  
**Science and Technology Park**  
Support Centre for Students  
with Special Needs  
**Welcome Office**  
**Summer Schools**  
Exchange programmes  
**Academic Sports Centre**  
U-Point Sustainable University







## A True University City

Enjoy the local culture or just have fun at any time of the year.



## May Student Celebrations

May is traditionally associated with the student festival Majáles Olomouc, which offers a variety of concerts, theatre, pub quizzes, workshops, and much more.



## Researcher's Night

Researchers' Night is an event that, for one evening, allows visitors to enter buildings, laboratories, and spaces where they would otherwise not have the opportunity to go.



Academia Film Olomouc is one of the biggest international film festivals in the Czech Republic and each year it presents science themed documentaries from all over the world.



Olomouc has **100,000 inhabitants** and **21,000 students**, making it truly a university town.



The **climate** here is **mild**, without extremes. Enjoy the city during **all 4 seasons**.



Sustainable mobility – **60 km of cycling paths**. Olomouc is accessible for everyone, cyclists, scooterists, and pedestrians.



Olomouc **parks** cover almost **50 hectares** of land, including a botanical garden and much more.



Olomouc is a city to **see, hear, experience, and taste**.



You can get almost anywhere with **8 tram** and **28 bus lines** operating day and night.



Over **300,000 cups of punch** are sold every year during the Olomouc Christmas market.



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