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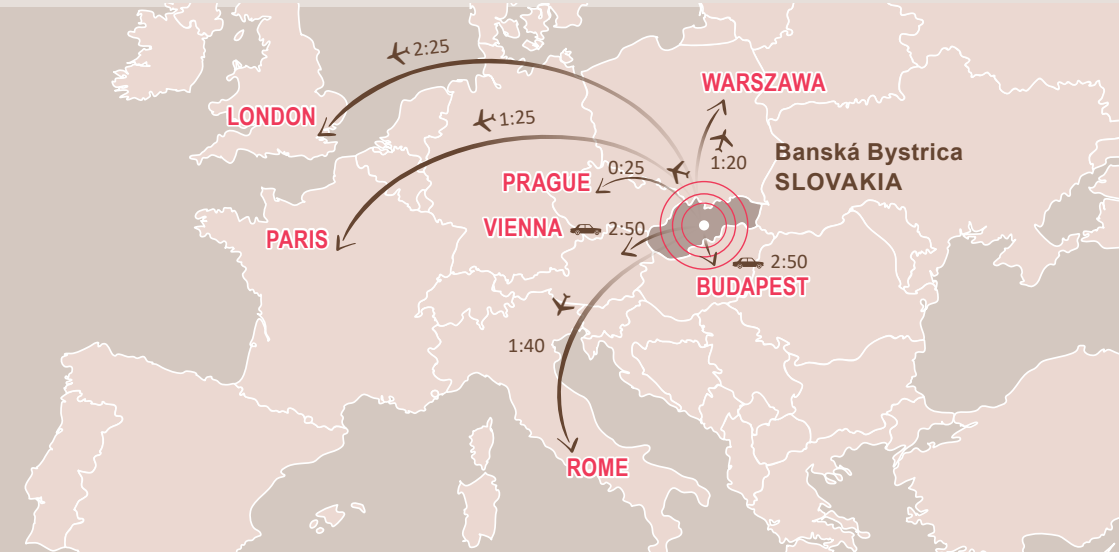
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# MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

Matej Bel University (MBU) offers high-quality university education at all three levels of higher education and in all forms of study in the pedagogical, social, economic and legal sciences, in the humanities and foreign languages, in political science and international relations, and in the natural sciences, including IT and mathematics. The university offers study programmes accredited by the CFA Institute University Recognition Program, study programmes taught partially or completely in English.

The university creates opportunities for connecting both study and practice through innovative mentoring, volunteering, informal education and community work. The university is the leader in developing the globally recognized service-learning educational strategy in Central Europe and the first university in the Slovak Republic whose study programmes are part of the international CFA Institute University Recognition Programme. MBU is also home to a Globsec Academy Centre – an incubator for young leaders supported by the globally recognized think-tank of the same name – as well as the Talent and Research Centre. MBU is successful in research projects within the framework of EU programmes (FP5-FP7, H2020), especially in the fields of socio-economic and human sciences. Our goal is to be Slovakia's leading university in international scholarly cooperation within these scientific fields.

In addition to pedagogical, scholarly and artistic activities, a significant part of creative activity at MBU consists of basic and applied research carried out in cooperation with domestic and foreign universities. The university is a member of the European Association of Universities, and it was listed as one of Slovakia's significant research institutions by SCIMAGO Institutions Rankings in 2016. We are Slovakia's first university to join the more than 420 universities and colleges around the world that are part of the global environmental campaign Race to Zero. MBU is also a coordinator or partner in a number of international projects focused on environmental issues.

In December 2018, MBU became Slovakia's first university to receive the "HR Excellence in Research" award, which is bestowed by the European Commission to institutions committed to implementing and adhering to the 40 principles of the "European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers", based on the Human Resources Strategy for Research. Also, the Gender Equality Plan at MBU is based on the Action Plan of the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) and HR Excellence in Research.

In addition to our long-standing intensive cooperation with partner universities in Central Europe, the MBU strategy focuses on the entire



European Union, as well as on the wider dimension of developed countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), including countries overseas. The university has a special position in providing courses and language support for Slovaks living abroad.

MBU also supports its student community through a network of accommodation facilities (student dormitories), dining facilities and leisure centres. During the academic year, many university and faculty events of various kinds take place. Activities in sport clubs and the university folk ensemble, choir and chamber orchestra are especially popular. MBU combines studies and sports, which is evident from the participation of many students in various MBU sport clubs. The UMB Hockey Team plays in and is a multiple champion of the European University Hockey League (EUHL); the ŠK UMB Basketball Club represents the university at the highest competitive level. There is also the UMB Biathlon Team and the UMB Sports Club, which includes a number of other sports disciplines.

Student associations operating at MBU offer opportunities to participate in events organised in Slovakia, as well as abroad – in cooperation with the EU or other foreign partners.

Matej Bel University has prepared more than 80,975 graduates for the labour market, including excellent diplomats, executives, teachers, interpreters, researchers, artists, athletes (including Olympic medallists) and many experts working in various areas. MBU is a strong Central European university known worldwide.



## SLOVAKIA

### BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

Population: 5.4 million inhabitants

Capital city: Bratislava

Language: Slovak

Member of the European  
Union and NATO

Historical secrets and sightseeing

Unique places in nature, national parks, caves,  
natural jewels: mineral springs, canyons and  
waterfalls

Great location and accessibility

Unique history

Traditions and crafts

Sport and leisure

Rest and relax

Nightlife

Beautiful surroundings



## QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- 2009 — The first comprehensive accreditation
- 2013 — The certification according to ISO 9001 quality standard
- 2014 — The second comprehensive accreditation
- 2018 — The first Slovak university with a brand
- 2020 — The implementation of new accreditation standards in accordance with ESG 2015
- 2021 — first university in Slovakia to join Race to Zero
- 2022 — The optimising the number of study programmes from 354 to 182 and the number of habilitation and inauguration courses from 22 to 8.

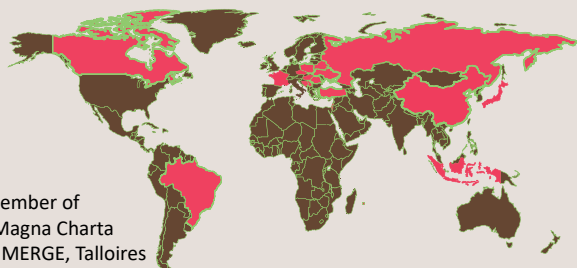
We are an open university reflecting the principles of diversity, equality and inclusiveness, respecting the freedom of scientific research in the the principles of academic ethics.

## BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

**2017** Award for the largest number of teachers and staff recruited under the Erasmus+ programme.

**2022** Memorandum of Understanding between OECD and MBU

Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica is a member of the: EUA - European University Association, Magna Charta Observatory, European University Alliance - EMERGE, Talloires network, AUF - Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie.



BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



Information for  
incoming students





# Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.

Matej Bel University has been a part of the international exchange programme within the Erasmus framework since 1998, with almost 400 active inter-institutional agreements. International students can choose from seven faculties and various study programmes. Over the last five years, we have sent more than 1,200 students on mobility and accepted more than 600 incoming students.

Our International Cooperation Office offers support for international students throughout the entire application process and is available to answer all questions related to your stay at our university.

MBU is proud to closely cooperate with the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) to offer international students additional support with integration during their study stay in Banská Bystrica by organizing regular cultural and social events specifically aimed towards Erasmus students.

For more opportunities and scholarships, contact SAIA, CEEPUS, Freemover or your National Mobility Agency.

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## UMB is a member of the EMERGE



UMB is a member of the European University Alliance EMERGE. A student can complete part of his/her studies at one of these universities in the form of a semester or short mobility:

- University of Limerick (Ireland)
- University of Rennes 2 (France)
- University of South Brittany (France)
- Europa-Universität Flensburg (Germany)
- Inland Norway University (Norway)
- University of A Coruña (Spain)
- Democritus University of Thrace (Greece)
- Neapolis University Paphos (Cyprus)

In addition to student mobility, EMERGE Alliance offers you the following during your studies:

- non-traditional electives on European geography, history, culture and values,
- new teaching methods (collaborative international online learning, challenge-based learning, working in the local community, etc.),
- 1-2 month internship abroad or at home under the guidance of an experienced mentor,
- teaching practice in a primary or secondary school abroad for teaching students,
- mastery of English or another world language at an advanced level,
- a basic knowledge of a second foreign language of your choice.

EMERGE will make your studies more interesting. You will experience more than other students. You will not only have the opportunity to travel, but also to gain valuable experience for your future career in the job market.

You can find out more about the EMERGE Alliance at <http://euemerge.eu> or on the UMB website.

# STUDY IN ENGLISH

## BACHELOR

- BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

## MASTER

- BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES\*
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – Joint programme

## DOCTORAL - POSTGRADUATE DEGREE (PhD.)

- TOURISM
- BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
  - PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY
  - FINANCE
- MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS

\* new offer - in the accreditation process



## Faculty of Economics UMB in Banská Bystrica

### BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT



#### Bachelor's degree

The graduate of the study programme Business Economics and Management at the bachelor's level has acquired essential theoretical knowledge, practical skills and professional competencies in key areas of corporate economics, finance, financial and economic analysis of business, accounting, management, marketing, trade and human resources management, supplemented by essential knowledge in the fields of macro-

economics, microeconomics, mathematics, statistics, computer science and law. The graduate understands the fundamental economic phenomena and processes at the macro and micro level and their impact on society in the broader national and international context. They can identify, classify, analyse and interpret economic data, using mathematical and statistical methods, the latest information, digital technologies and software tools. They have ability to comprehensively solve problems, use creativity and apply the principles of critical thinking in evaluating economic data. They can make competent, ethical and socially responsible management decisions at lower and middle levels of corporate governance. They possess developed emotional intelligence and intercultural competencies as well as personal and social maturity. They are independent, responsible and able to work in teams.



#### Doctoral degree

The graduate of the study programme Business Economics and Management at the doctoral level shows a deep systematic understanding of various fields of business economics and management (business management systems, managerial finance, marketing management of business, leadership and sustainable business), which serves as the basis for conducting research and development, formulating solutions to economic and managerial problems, as well as generating new scientific knowledge.

The graduate has mastered and is able to select suitable methods of basic and applied scientific research in the core areas of the study programme. Based on targeted, varied and critical research, the graduate can formulate challenges for scientific inquiry, identify scientific problems, formulate scientific questions and derive a suitable research design. The graduate has mastered the essential approaches to scholarly and scientific work, is able to identify sources of information, and in using them, can properly apply the available information systems. Depending on the character of the research problem and scientific field, the graduate can formulate and evaluate research theses, and formulate and verify research hypotheses, while applying both qualitative and quantitative research methods appropriately. Based on the findings of conducted research, the graduate proposes, verifies, and implements innovative research approaches, while reflecting the current trends in the targeted fields, the demands of business practice and the latest knowledge regarding social responsibility, sustainability, ethics and environmentally sound conduct.

## **BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES**

### **Master's degree**

A graduate of the second degree of university studies in the study programme Business economics and Management of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises will acquire extensive professional and methodological knowledge in the field of economic and managerial theory and practice with an emphasis on specific economic and managerial concepts, procedures, categories and connections between them. Regarding the acquired knowledge, practical experience and current knowledge, he/she can propose and apply suitable, original solutions to identified problems and draw adequate conclusions in various areas of economics and financing, management and marketing of enterprises, primarily small and medium-sized enterprises. The graduate is able to analyse complex economic relationships in business processes, propose and implement economic and managerial decisions related to the functioning of these processes and evaluate the impacts of these decisions. He thinks strategically and analytically, approaches problem solving holistically, critically evaluates the investigated phenomena and creatively synthesizes new solutions in connection with the specific requirements of practice and the labour market. He/she masters the principles of planning, implementation and evaluation of economic research with the

application of mathematical-statistical methods and modern computing and communication technology, and creatively applies its original results in business practice. The study programme prepares its graduates for employment in various managerial positions at the middle and higher level of management in companies of various specializations and in various industries. The orientation towards small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) provides a wide range of opportunities for employment in the labour market due to the dominance of this type of enterprises in our domestic conditions, as well as in all developed countries. Although the graduate of the study programme is primarily prepared for employment in the corporate sphere, the acquired knowledge, skills and competencies create space for a successful career in large enterprises, in multinational corporations at home and abroad, in state and local government bodies, in consulting and project organizations, or they can continue in further education at the third level of higher education. Finally, a graduate of the study programme can set up their own business as a self-employed activity based on the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired during their studies.

new offer - in the accreditation process

### **TOURISM**



### **Doctoral degree**

The graduate has a cross-sectional knowledge of tourism with an interdisciplinary nature, which allows them to analyse the tourism sector, conduct research, formulate solutions to economic and managerial problems with an emphasis on sustainable, responsible and smart tourism development, to apply innovative tools and business models in tourism as part of the international management of tourism and to generate new scientific knowledge. The graduate is an independent, responsible individual, able to find solutions innovatively and sustainably, thus contributing to the solution of the social challenges of the 21st century. The graduate can identify scientific problems of tourism, formulate research questions and compose a research design. The graduate has mastered the procedures of scientific work and is able to identify research gaps and appropriately apply innovative procedures. The graduate can formulate and verify research hypotheses and apply appropriate qualitative and quantitative research methods in solving scientific problems of tourism. Based on their findings, the graduate is able to design, verify and implement appropriate research

procedures in an international environment. The graduate has the ability to think independently, critically, analytically and conceptually, which they are able to apply to tourism research in changing conditions. They are also able to present research results to the professional community at home and abroad.

## PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY



### Doctoral degree

The graduate is proficient in the current state of knowledge in the field of economics and management with an emphasis on public economics and policy theory in an international context. The graduate has the ability to systematically understand the interrelationships and contexts of the functioning of the public, private and non-profit sectors of the economy. They understand the rationale for government intervention, i.e. the content of public sector industries (the “what”). They know the methods of implementing state interventions, i.e. the economics and management of public sector industries (the “how”). And they understand the distributional contexts of state interventions (the “for whom”), and the principles of decision-making about the implementation of state interventions. The graduate addresses these fundamental questions of public economics scientifically, in accordance with the current state of knowledge, by applying their mastery of the skills and methods of scientific research and interdisciplinary contexts to the functioning of the public economy, public policy making and implementation and the public finance system at all levels of public administration. The graduate has in-depth knowledge, an understanding of broader relationships and a sophisticated knowledge of scientific and research methods and procedures that meet international criteria. The graduate demonstrates the ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a large-scale research process with academic integrity, while being able to develop and offer their own solutions to problems in the field of public sector economics and public policy based on a theoretical understanding of the problem.

## FINANCE



### Doctoral degree

The graduate is able to design and implement research processes in the field of finance independently, innovatively and with academic integrity, focusing on various areas of finance. Depending on the character of the re-

search problem and the research area, the graduate is able to formulate research theses and hypotheses, evaluate them and verify them scientifically, applying appropriately corresponding research methods. They have the prerequisites for solving and verifying complex theoretical and practical problems and conducting extensive research in finance at various levels of the national economy as well as at the multinational level. Based on their findings, the graduate is able to propose, verify, and implement research approaches in an innovative way. They are able to apply a range of quantitative methods in theoretical or applied finance at the micro as well as macro levels. The graduate has acquired specific methods of scientific work and the ability to apply specialised knowledge in theory and practice alike. They are able to apply complex and new strategic approaches when solving a research task, using the specialized skills and techniques of theirs that are relevant to the selected topic and their ability to expand on new ideas, making novel contributions and thus further developing the field of economics and management.



## Faculty of Natural Sciences, UMB in Banská Bystrica

## MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS



### Doctoral degree

The graduate of the doctoral study programme Mathematical Analysis has broad theoretical and general knowledge of mathematical disciplines. They are able to independently read demanding publications and grasp them theoretically and practically, and efficiently

use their findings in solving theoretical and practical problems. They are able to present their own findings to the scientific community together with other research. They also have university teaching experience.

The graduate has broad general knowledge of mathematical disciplines in the field of mathematical analysis and deep theoretical knowledge in a more specific field of mathematical analysis depending on the focus of their dissertation (dynamic systems, real analysis, differential equations etc.). The graduate has the ability to independently extend theoretical knowledge to a broader spectrum of mathematical disciplines and the ability to independently conduct research in various fields of mathematical analysis.



## Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of UMB in Banská Bystrica

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### Master's degree

General information about the admission process to the Joint Master Program "International Relations: Europe from Visegrad Perspective"

Four partner universities implement the joint master's programme in four Visegrad countries: Jagiellonian University in Kraków (Poland), the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (Czechia), the University of Pécs (Hungary), and Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica (Slovakia).

A unique feature of the Joint Programme is its mobility character, as students spend each semester at one of

the partner universities. Thus, The programme allows students to live in four countries and gain experience from four different academic institutions.

Programme duration: 2 years, full-time. The programme, including courses and classes, starts in Poland at Jagiellonian University on October 1.

Min. requirements BA degree, English Upper-intermediate, Tuition fees are subject to change.

Course offers:

The program provides an interdisciplinary approach to international relations. The subjects offered within the joint programme can be divided into two groups. The first consists of subjects focused on specific developments in the Visegrad countries, from their transformation experiences through the functioning of political systems and security policy to economic ties and interests. The second group consists of subjects generally focused on international relations, such as theories of international relations, current economic processes, integration processes, the influence of culture and identity on the behaviour of states, and issues of global security.

In this way students gain an insight into the development of Visegrad countries, their perspectives on issues of foreign and security policy and at the same time they will acquire knowledge related to the international relations and the most recent discourse within the scientific community.

All the information related to admission is very clearly explained at the following link:  
<https://v4.uj.edu.pl/admission> →



As the admission process is running through Jagiellonian University's online system, in case of any inquiries related to the online system and procedure, do not hesitate to get in touch with our colleagues at Jagiellonian University: [v4@uj.edu.pl](mailto:v4@uj.edu.pl) or [rekrutacja@uj.edu.pl](mailto:rekrutacja@uj.edu.pl)

In general, the admission process runs in several rounds from January to July of the year when you intend to start your studies.

All necessary information and documents which you need to provide are stated there, but in general, you are expected to submit:

CV; Transcript of records; Diploma or information when the diploma will be received; English language certificate; Motivation - please write your motivation in Application form Q.2.

The graduates from all over the world work in various fields and sectors, from the private sector through state administration bodies in their home countries to bodies of international institutions, both intergovernmental and non-governmental.

## FACULTIES



FACULTY  
OF ECONOMICS  
MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY

Management, finance,  
banking and investments,  
tourism, public economics  
and policy

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FACULTY OF POLITICAL  
SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS  
MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY

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security studies

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FACULTY  
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subjects, forensic and criminal  
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mathematics, environmental  
biology, geology

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OF SPORTS SCIENCE  
AND HEALTH  
MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY

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degree, Teaching of Physical  
Education as a single-subject  
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with another subject

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coaching

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theology, education and training  
of children, youth and adults

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