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Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University (CPU) in Nitra is a leading educational and research institution amongst Slovak universities and faculties. Its mission is to develop education, science, moral behavior, art and culture promoting national, universal, human and democratic traditions. The Faculty provides job-oriented programmes to train professionals in specific areas of expertise, science, culture, media, art, government, and teachers for primary and secondary schools. The Faculty cooperates with other Slovak universities, research and cultural institutions, as well as with other legal and natural entities in Slovakia and abroad.

The study at the Faculty of Arts goes hand in hand with the scientific, research and artistic activities carried out by the departments and other specialized units/centers. Students select their study programmes based on their own interests and expectations regarding their future professional career. In this respect, one of the basic missions of the Faculty is to provide quality university education in a broad range of humanities and social sciences.

The study at the Faculty of Arts is based on the selection of a study programme/ course. This selection can be made by any Slovak citizen with a completed secondary school education. The Faculty is also open to foreign students who need to certify their completed secondary school education with a valid document/certificate. The applicants can select from Bachelor's or Master's study programmes, or they can pick a combination of two majors within the study field of Teaching of Academic Subjects. The standard length of a Bachelor's program is six semesters - the graduates are awarded a Bachelor's degree. Master's programs take four semesters and they are completed with a Master's degree. All types of study must be completed with a state exam, which also includes the defense of Bachelor's or Master's thesis.

In the accredited Doctoral study programmes, students are awarded the Philosophiae Doctor (Ph.D.) title. Fulltime (internal) doctoral study takes three years, part time (external) doctoral study takes five years. The applicants must meet the criteria set forth in the admission process. Their scope, focus and execution is determined by individual departments after being consulted with the Faculty management. The Dean is the ultimate authority to accept or reject the applicants. The students can choose from internal (fulltime) or external (part time) study. Within the life-long education programme the Faculty also provides specialized, tailor made courses for existing university graduates from all kinds of Slovak universities. The Faculty of Arts has created all necessary prerequisites for a flexible choice of study fields, study programmes and subjects/disciplines (core/mandatory, mandatory selective, optional). The introduction of ECTS, a modern and internationally acclaimed credit system, allows our students to individually organize their study plans and professional profiles while participating in international study programmes and exchange stays at foreign universities.

The University Library is available both to students and members of staff, it includes a modern multifunction study room with free access to books and magazines, and a number of rooms equipped with computers and Internet access.

The scientific and research activities at the Faculty go hand in hand with its educational goals. Apart from internal, team and individual research programmes, the Faculty cooperates with a number of foreign institutions, such as the universities in Kassel, Freiburg, Passau (Germany), Bari (Italy), Oviedo, Granada, Madrid (Spain), the institute of Slavic Studies in Vienna and at Humboldt University in Berlin, Middlesex University in London, Sheffield Hallam University in Sheffield, Marc Bloch University in Strasbourg and Charles-de-Gaulle University in Lille (France), Oswego University (USA), Peter Pázmány University in Budapest, universities in Opole, Cieszyn and Lodz (Poland), Masaryk University in Brno, Palacký University in Olomouc and other higher education and research institutions in Europe and in the U.S. The Faculty also cooperates with local scientific and research centers and universities (Jazykovedný ústav Ľudovíta Štúra SAV, Slavistický ústav SAV, Ústav slovenskej literatúry SAV, Ústav svetovej literatúry SAV, Historický ústav SAV, Archeologický ústav SAV, Politologický kabinet SAV, Ústav etnológie SAV and others) as well as with other educational and cultural establishments.

In the social sciences, research is focused on the presentation of modern philosophical and political tendencies and the status of contemporary mass media, the role and focus of civics in a contemporary open society, ethnic and cultural research of the Slovak regions and research focused on history of philosophy. The above research endeavors are richly documented in publications.

In the area of linguistics and literary research, the activities of the Center for Coordinating the Research on Children's Literature can be mentioned alongside the sociolinguistic research of national languages and literary sources, grants dedicated to the research of reception and interpretation of literary works of art, modern and postmodern elements in art, research in methodology of teaching and theory of translation.

**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY**



## **DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

The department provides Bachelor's and Master's study programmes in prehistoric and protohistoric archaeology. Its professional focus is closely connected with the geographical location of Slovakia and it is focused on exploring the prehistory, early history, character and hierarchy of the cultural influences and interactions among the civilizations in the area of Central Europe.

## **DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL STUDIES**

The department offers study programmes in all three cycles of university studies. It is focused on teaching the theory and history of culture and cultural processes. The study is focused on history, ethics, aesthetics, religious studies, technology, sociology, editing, psychology of creative work, art in all its contextual links and ethnic cultures. It is the seat of the Culturological Society at the Department of Cultural Studies.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES**

The department endeavors to prepare the students of English for their future teaching career. Within its Bachelor's and Master's study programmes, the department provides the possibility to study the English language and literature as a single-major subject or in a combination with another major. Its scientific activities are focused on research in linguistics, literature, theory of education and translatology. The department also includes the Interpreting Institute which provides education and certification services for court interpreters and translators in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY**

The department focuses on the basics of cultural and social anthropology with emphasis on standard/traditional culture, socio-cultural background in different regions in Slovakia and their development and the culture of ethnical minorities and regions in Slovak verbal, musical and dance culture and crafts/art. The study course also contains a wide range of elective subjects which help to illustrate the development of contemporary culture, as well as courses focused on practical mastery of folk dance, musical instruments and traditional art techniques.

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**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL AND APPLIED ETHICS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM**

## **DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL AND APPLIED ETHICS**

The department trains teachers of ethics for primary and secondary schools. One of the main criteria for the qualification of teachers of ethics is the acquisition of appropriate skills to teach ethics based on human principles. The department offers the following study programmes: ethics, applied ethics, ethical expertise. The graduates, being professionals in ethics, can pursue their professional career with a long-term focus on applied ethics and consulting/counseling. They are eligible to participate in the creation of professional ethical codes for variety of professions, carry out ethical audits and ethical expertise and work in expert teams, and manage the bodies and committees to evaluate ethical decision-making in various aspects of life.

## **DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN STUDIES**

The department focused on training of German teachers for all types of schools and on training of translators and interpreters. The general orientation in research is based on the research interests of its members - in linguistics, it is focused on contrastive linguistics, semantics, phraseology and the research of German resources in Slovakia. In literature and literary science, the department focuses on the reception of contemporary German literature, theoretical and practical aspects of interpreting the literary works of art, as well as on the translation of literature. In methodology and teaching, the department members carry the research in the field of the use of modern information technologies in education.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

The Department of History is engaged in teaching Slovak history from the Dark Ages until the 20th century alongside other similar study disciplines and methodology. The study courses they offer can be either internal or external, single-major or double-major as a combination with other academic subjects. The study programmes are prepared in such a way that the graduates can pursue their professional career not only in teaching but also in scientific and national history institutions, as well as in the government.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM**

The department guarantees journalism as a study programme in the Bachelor's and Master's cycle. In the Bachelor's cycle, the department puts the emphasis on the mutual interconnection of traditional disciplines of journalism and linguistics with theoretical and practical studies of media communication. The students are instructed to understand the dynamic developments in contemporary electronic media and multimedia and to apply their theoretical knowledge in practice. In the Master's cycle, the students acquire complex professional prerequisites to work in print media, publishing houses, TV broadcasting studio and radio broadcasting corporation, to work as public relations managers, and as secretaries of press, spokesmen etc.

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MASS MEDIA COMMUNICATION**  
**AND ADVERTISEMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MUSEOLOGY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**





## **DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**

Its teaching activities are focused on professional training of managers for cultural institutions, tourism and diplomacy. The study programmes contain cultural, historical, geographical, economic and legal disciplines. It also focuses on teaching history, culture and the specific diplomatic protocol in the Middle East countries. Special emphasis is placed on foreign languages, mainly English, German and Arabic, and on technical vocabulary and terminology from the field. The department also offers the possibility to obtain the tourist guide certificate.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MASS MEDIA COMMUNICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT**

The department addresses the new conditions in people's lives manifested through altered forms of communication, behaviour and formation of public opinion in commercial and noncommercial areas. In all three cycles, the studies have a multidisciplinary focus and they cover a wide range of philosophical, psychological, sociological, economic, marketing, legal, artistic and media oriented subjects.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MUSEOLOGY**

The department trains qualified professionals for public services (museums, galleries) and professionals in charge of cultural/historical sites and monuments. The graduates can pursue their future careers in a wide range of public, cultural and scientific institutions in charge of sites and monuments, tourist organizations and also organizations in the NGO sector (civic associations and foundations focused on the protection of cultural monuments and natural beauties). Museology, a modern interdisciplinary discipline, helps to create human relationship to the world.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The department trains professionals in a single-major study programme of philosophy and the study of civics as an academic subject. The department prepares the teachers of civics for primary and secondary schools. A key criterion for the graduates' qualification is the mastery of major philosophical disciplines, the ability to analyze contemporary social and political problems and apply and introduce them in education.



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
AND EUROPEAN STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE**

## **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND EUROPEAN STUDIES**

This department provides Bachelor's and Master's study programmes in political science and European studies. The graduates can pursue their professional career in governmental bodies (district offices, regional offices, ministries and other centralized government or bodies as well as in the parliament), public government and self-government. The graduates have also been employed as professional advisors to political parties and NGOs focused on international cooperation, as journalists in media, teachers and researchers in basic and applied research.

## **DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The department prepares qualified teachers of religious studies for primary and secondary schools from the viewpoint of their personal development and knowledge. The students are provided with education that reflects the contemporary challenges presented in a catechist context; it also provides opportunities for personal growth in spiritual matters. The study program implements philosophical, theological, biblical, ecumenical and didactic dimensions. In the professional fields of expertise, the department focuses on the research of interreligious dialog and specific religious problems in philosophical, theological and educational dimensions.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES**

The department trains teachers of French, Italian and Spanish languages for primary and secondary schools and it also offers non-teaching qualifications. The teachers at the department, including the foreign lecturers, actively implement the study programmes which are focused not only on linguistics but also on French, Italian, Spanish and Latino-American culture. The department also takes the advantage of the European exchange programmes and projects.

## **DEPARTMENT OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE**

Both on Bachelor's and Master's level, the department provides the Russian language and literature in teacher training programmes for primary and secondary schools and Russian language and culture in translation and interpreting. The department acts as a guarantor of the Slavic language - Russian language doctoral studies. These days, the study at the department is also focused on preparation of students for business, trade and society-oriented activities.



**DEPARTMENT OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE  
DEPARTMENT OF SLOVAK LITERATURE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATOLOGY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE**

In its Bachelor's and Master's programmes, it focuses on training of teachers of Slovak for primary and secondary schools. It also provides classes in rhetorics and cultivation of speech for those students who do not have the Slovak language as one of their majors. The department also participates in the preparation of interpreters and translators and it also runs a non-teaching Slovak Language and Literature study programme. In co-operation with the Department of Slovak Literature, the department launched other study programmes such as Marketing Strategies in Journalism and Applied Textology – Editing and Publishing.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SLOVAK LITERATURE**

The primary interest of the department is focused on literary science and didactics of literature. In cooperation with the Department of Slovak language, it provides the study of the Slovak language and literature (Bachelor's and Master's) in teaching and non-teaching specializations. Within the Preschool and Elementary Education study programme (teachers for the pre-school institutions and primary schools), which is offered by the Faculty of Education, the department gives lectures and seminars on children's literature and methodology of literary education.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

The preparation of students corresponds with the theoretical and empirical framework of sociology, it also develops students' ability to get oriented in the social processes and events, to critically analyze social problems and to be able to understand the socio-cultural diversity in everyday life. Each graduate of the sociology study course should be able to master the basic quantitative and qualitative research methods, to process them statistically and interpret them. Ever since its establishment, the department has been known as the scientific and research center focused on the research of family and family changes.

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATOLOGY**

Department of Translation studies guarantees the study field of Translation and Interpreting, which encompasses English language and culture, German language and culture and Russian language and culture in all three cycles of university studies, i.e. Bachelor's (Bc.), Master's (MA) and Doctoral (PhD.). Students acquire theoretical and practical knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their future job duties as translators and interpreters in their language specializations.

**INSTITUTE OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC COMMUNICATION  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE  
OF CONSTANTINE AND METHODIUS  
LANGUAGE CENTER**



### **INSTITUTE OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC COMMUNICATION**

The institute extends the tradition in literary research. Being an independent scientific and research center, the institute carries out scientific activities focused on the interpretation of literature and art from the viewpoint of receptive poetics and pragmatic aesthetics, interpretation of modernism, postmodernism and its reception and the reception of intertextual issues, as well as nontraditional types of artistic communication in contemporary culture. The institute also provides study programmes in aesthetics and aesthetic education (within the field of study of Teaching the School Subjects). Preparing the study programmes, the emphasis is placed on pragmatic aspects of aesthetics and artistic creation and the reception and interpretation of works of art.

### **RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE OF CONSTANTINE AND METHODIUS**

The research center activities are aimed at systematic collection and professional processing of all available information and documents related to the history and mission of Constantine and Methodius, participation in the interdisciplinary scientific research in this particular area, cooperation with other research centers with a similar focus at home and abroad, organization of scientific events, publishing scientific information and presentation of the information to professionals and general public with the aim to promote the importance of Constantine and Methodius' mission and spiritual and cultural message and their contribution to European cultural traditions.

### **LANGUAGE CENTER**

It provides mandatory elective languages such as English, German, French, Russian, Spanish, Italian and Arabic for CPU students. It also organizes and provides language education for adults, including the state exams. The Language Centre also operates as a national testing centre for European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages (ECL). It is authorized to test and issue ECL certificates in Slovak as a foreign language.



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