



**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS IN TRNAVA**





Ladies and gentlemen,

The Faculty of Social Sciences was created as the fourth faculty of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius on 1 December 2011. Its establishment was associated with many expectations of its future performance and results as well as with the fears about finding its place within the existing university structure.

I assume that after five years the Faculty of Social Sciences has become an integral part of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius and that its achievements in teaching, science and research helped the university rank among successful universities increasingly recognized not only in the Slovak Republic.

We have achieved a lot of very good results. The best evidence of the quality of our faculty is a set of accredited study programs on all the three levels in the field of public administration, public policy, political science, European studies, social services and counselling and applied management as well. An important evaluation of the scientific activity of the faculty is the authorization to hold habilitation and inauguration acts in the study program public policy and public administration which our faculty has achieved as the first faculty in the Slovak Republic.

The success of our faculty is based on responsible work of our academic workers who have participated in many important national and international projects, published many articles in prestigious scientific journals and written many important monographs. Thanks to our teachers and students we have revived the ancient idea of kalokaghatia which promotes the connection of traditional school with sport and cultural activities.

Of course, not all our plans and intentions have been successfully completed. Therefore we are ready not only to continue in our way but to develop it as well. The completion of the faculty building at Bucianska Street and mainly a new complex accreditation to which we have been already preparing belong among our greatest impulses.

I would like to thank all teachers, administrative workers and students for their contribution to the successful project called the Faculty of Social Sciences.

doc. PhDr. Peter Horvath, PhD.
Dean



ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava is one of the largest educational providers of study programmes in Slovakia, offering a wide range of courses in the field of social sciences focused on the development of scientific knowledge and practical skills of students and employees working in national and global environment.

The faculty offers full-time and part-time bachelor courses in: public administration, European studies, political science, social services and counselling, management in social services, management in public administration and master courses in public administration, European Studies, political science, social services and counselling and PhD courses in European studies, public policy and public administration, social policy. The faculty is also accredited to hold habilitation and inauguration acts in public policy and public administration.

The faculty comprises specialized scientific-research departments which actively assist students and representatives of Slovak municipalities to overcome difficulties in administering public affairs.

TRNAVA

Trnava, known for its unique cultural and historical sights, is one of the most attractive towns in Slovakia.

In 1238 Trnava was given the privileges of a free royal town by the Hungarian king Belo IV and thus it became the first royal town on the territory of present Slovakia. The town had been gradually developed and its importance increased mainly in the 17 century when in 1635 Trnava University was established. Its four faculties; Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Medicine had existed until the year 1777 when the university was moved to Buda. Despite this loss the town had remained the centre of social and cultural life.

In the year 1792 Anton Bernolak established the Slovak Learned Association, in 1831 the town theatre was built and in 1870 the Association of St. Adalbert helped develop national consciousness in Slovakia. Many secondary schools had been founded and today there are also three universities with more than 20,000 students here.

Nowadays the regional town Trnava lives a rich economic, cultural, social and sports life.

In 2015 a new football stadium was built whose architecture joining medieval fortifications and a modern shopping centre represents a symbiosis of sports, history and present of the town Trnava.



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES OF UCM IN TRNAVA IS OFFERING



1. COURSES AT ALL LEVELS

2. LECTURES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

3. GRADUATES' EMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG TOP4

4. LINK BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE

5. VARIETY OF INTERNSHIP AND WORKSHOPS

6. WORLD-KNOWN FOREIGN LECTURERS

7. MODERN TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

Bc.

Mgr.

PhDr.

PhD.

EQUIPMENT OF THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Social Sciences of UCM in Trnava is fully equipped with modern technology providing students with comfort while studying at the faculty. A library, multi-media room, congress centre, students' halls are available. Each classroom is equipped with a data-projector and other technology. Meeting rooms serve as meeting points on various occasions.











DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES

The Faculty of Social Sciences UCM in Trnava comprises three departments and four centres. Both departments and centres work on national and international projects and cooperate with other scientific and professional institutions.

Department of public policy and public administration

The department offers bachelor, master and doctoral courses in public policy and public administration. Tutors at the department aim at teaching and training students so that they can find jobs in central government, self-government and public policy. The department edits also a peer-reviewed scientific journal the Slovak Journal of Public Policy and Public Administration.

Department of political science and European studies

Students can sign up for bachelor, master and in the programme European studies also doctoral courses offered by the department. The department aims at research in politics, political system, international relations and European issues. The department is responsible for editing and issuing the peer-reviewed scientific journal "Slovak Journal of Political Sciences".

Department of social services and counselling

The department offers bachelor, master and doctoral courses. The aim of the department is to prepare specialists qualified for professions focused on knowledge and skills in order to improve the quality of social life of citizens.



Centre for research projects

The centre coordinates activities of scientific workers and teachers so that the content of the projects is in accordance with study programmes and their development.

Sports Centre

The centre focuses on theoretical and practical skills improvement in the field of recreology and sport educology focused on healthy life style. It promotes active living, healthy diet and the benefits of recreation.

Centre of the European Studies

The interdisciplinary nature of the centre enables the faculty to cooperate with national and international academic and research institutions and specialists in the field of politics, legislation, economics, history, culture, philosophy, international relations, international law, social services and public administration.

Centre for research in regional and community policy

Its activities are aimed at research carried out in regional and community policy. It prepares professional statements and different activities for self-governments in many areas.



STUDY PROGRAMMES AT FSS UCM IN TRNAVA

Students who completed their secondary education can opt for one of the accredited full-time and part-time programmes. Bachelor courses are offered in Public administration, European studies, political science, social services and counselling, management in social services, management in public administration. Master courses are held in public administration, European studies, political science, social services and counselling. PhD students can opt for a course in European studies, public policy and public administration and social policy. The faculty is accredited to hold habilitation and inauguration acts in public policy and public administration.

Bc.

BACHELOR DEGREE

Mgr.

MASTER DEGREE

PhDr.

RIGOROUS PROCEDURE

PhD.

DOCTORAL DEGREE

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HABILITATION AND INAUGURATION ACT



Public administration

Students are able to orientate in public administration on the basis of theoretical knowledge achieved in the field of political science, sociology, law and economics. Graduates are aware of the role and importance of public policy and public administration in a democratic state and are able to apply their practical skills concerning the position of Slovakia in the political and administrative area of the EU. Graduates will be able to realize the performance of different bodies in public administration.

Public Administration Management

The programme offers students a large variety of lectures and workshops preparing them for managing public institutions, non-governmental organisations, for corporate communication in institutions operating in public administration. Graduates are prepared for setting the agenda in national and international projects and for managing personnel agenda. Furthermore, they are prepared for communication with clients, for launching innovation technology in public administration, and for promoting quality management in institutions in central and regional self-government.

Public Policy

The programme offers students lectures and workshops on theory and public policy methodology including social research methodology. Graduates are able to manage analytical methods in the governmental agenda, to do research and implement cross-sectional political decisions. They can reflect the notions, facts and theories applied in the field of public policy, in designing it and benchmarking policies in an international context, especially in EU countries.

Political Science

Students are trained in political science disciplines in order to achieve theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of research, election management, political communication and political marketing. They are able to work independently and in team as well. They have appropriate language skills and can find a job in different sectors, e.g. in political management and counselling, in local, regional, national and European politics, in state and self-administration, in EU structures, media, education, science and research.

European Studies

Students are offered a programme aimed at political science, economics, international and European law, international relations, European integration and Slovak internal and foreign affairs in the EU. They achieve appropriate language competence to be able to communicate on an international level.

Social Services and Counselling

The programme prepares students for practice in order to be able to employ their knowledge in institutions administered by regional and local governments, legal entities and persons and non-governmental organisations.

Social Policy

The programme offers students a profound theory and information, which is applicable in practice. Students are trained to think critically and evaluate situations in the fields of social and employment policy, labour law, and health care policy. They learn how to evaluate situations in the field of social work, European social systems, quality of life, methodology of designing projects and regional policy. Graduates can work in social and health insurance, in public institutions and in central and self-government.

Social Services Management

The programme offers training in activities coordinating social services, social aid, social counselling and prevention. Students are trained to be able to work in managerial positions of social institutions.

LIFE AT THE FACULTY

Students have the opportunity to develop their skills that lead to a positive and fulfilling life appropriate to their skills and interests. Students can participate in the following specialised, cultural or sports events:

Faculty Day

Sports Day

Drop of Blood

Students' Ball

Students' Inauguration Ceremony

Students' Inauguration Party

Field Trips

Film Club "Watch and Think"

Debate Club FSV

European Union Programme Erasmus +

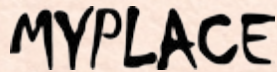
Santa Claus is coming to nursing homes

Fund-raising



SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The faculty participates in Slovak national and international research projects and projects funded by the European Commission.

The logo for the MYPLACE project, featuring the word "MYPLACE" in a bold, black, hand-drawn font.

My Place - the European Commission project MY PLACE “Democracy and the shadows of totalitarianism and populism: the European experience” was financed by FP7 within the call for Social sciences and humanities and realized in 2011 – 2015.



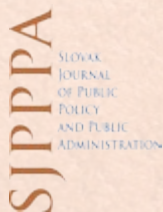
My Web - The project is a successor of MY PLACE. The main aim of the project is the completion and evaluation of existing and new data on the main priorities in the field of youth and children policy within the context of “well-being” realized in 2013 -2016.



Jean Monnet Chair is a unique centralized EU grant project focused on training and as the only one directly supports and promotes the idea of the European Commission in the field of education. The project will be realized through formal and informal education in the years 2016-2019 within the theme “Migration: the challenge of European countries”.



The scientific peer-reviewed journal Slovak Journal of Political Science published in the English language contains papers and contributions written by scientists discussing the Slovak national and international political issues. The journal offers also sociological studies written on social, economic, political and cultural themes.



The scientific peer-reviewed journal Slovak Revue for Public Policy and Public Administration publishes scientific studies, specialised articles, reviews and information on Slovak situation. The journal has an ambition to create space where polemic is published and opinions and information on current trends in scientific research in public policy are exchanged.

DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

The scientific board of UCM in Trnava awarded the degree “doctor honoris causa” to his Excellence former President of Poland Mr. Alexander Kwasniewski on December 1st, 2014. The degree was awarded “for the contribution to the development of Slovak-Polish relations, for an active assistance in the process of the European Union and NATO Accession of the Slovak Republic and for the development of cooperation in the Central European Region”.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

This project started in 2013. It is a unique project which provides life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities as a form of life-long learning for retired or semi-retired people at the age over 45 who are interested in the achievement of further knowledge and practical skills. Students participate in lectures, seminars, workshops, field trips and share their skills and life experience.

The University of the Third Age provides the students opportunities for spending free time meaningfully in order to be positively socially included and physically and psychically balanced.





THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The Children's University organised at UCM is inspired by the existence of several European children's universities. The project of this type is the first project launched in Trnava Self-governing Region and presents an excellent opportunity for UCM Trnava to share the excitement of knowledge created through its pioneering research activities and teaching and learning practices with wider community, particularly primary schools.

The project started in 2013 and has become very popular which is proved by the increasing number of the participants.

Every year the Faculty of Social Sciences UCM and other UCM faculties provide children with a possibility to become real university students during their summer vacation.

Children at the university get their students' books, take active part in lectures, workshops, seminars and make field trips. Every child student enjoys and shares the knowledge and expertise, makes new friends. At the end of the programme children students participate in a graduation ceremony at which they get a diploma with the degree „FRIEND“.



PARTNERS

The Faculty of Social Sciences has signed several agreements on cooperation and students and teachers exchange. The faculty also cooperates with international institutions such as ESN, AISEC, etc.

Partner Universities:

Charles University, Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences, Czech Republic

Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

University of Tomas Bata, Zlin, Czech Republic

University of J. E. Purkyne, Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic

University of Jan Kochanowski, Kielce, Poland

Krakow University of Gdansk, Poland

University of Debrecen, Debrecin, Hungary

Andrasy University, Budapest, Hungary

Sveuciliste, Zadar, Croatia

Faculty of Organization Studies in Novo Mesto, Slovenia

University of Bremen, Germany

Katholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany

University of Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

Catholic University, Lisbon, Portugal

Novi Sad University, Subotica, Serbia

University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Riga Stradins University, Riga, Latvia

University of Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia

University of F.M. Dostojevsky, Omsk, Russia

State University of L.N. Gumilyov, Astana, Kazakhstan

Itä-Suomen Yliopisto - University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland

Linnaeus University, Vaxjo, Sweden

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Yalova University, Yalova, Turkey

Turgut Ozal University, Ankara, Turkey

FUTURE VISION

„Success comes gradually, step by step, every day; it is the ability to turn ideas to acts and to do so with love to what we do“.

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava has had the ambition to strengthen and develop its dominant position among the scientific and educational institutions of the Trnava region. During a relatively short period of its five years' existence the faculty has fulfilled many socially accepted objectives in the wide range of accredited study programs, realized national and European projects, relevant partner relationships with entrepreneurs and the representatives of local administrative and achieved outstanding results in the quality of provided education as well as in the interest of foreign institutions in its activities.

The increasing interest in the study at the faculty indicates a certain perspective and therefore it is natural that the faculty fosters and develops its meaningful activities designed to increase the quality of education and research activities of individual organizational units of the faculty relying on the basic pillars in terms of the mission of universities, namely education, science and research.

Having big goals is essential to the success. The faculty publicly presents its bold ambition to become a leader in the field in order to highlight the opportunities and prospects for improvement not only in favor of its own activities, but also of the development of the region itself and the increase of the knowledge standard as well as of the scientific-technical progress.

In accordance with its declared mission the faculty wants to extent the spectrum of interdisciplinary activities of the Sports centre, European studies centre, Research projects centre and the Centre for the research of regional policy with the aim to increase the attractiveness of its own activities with the widest possible impact on the target market.



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