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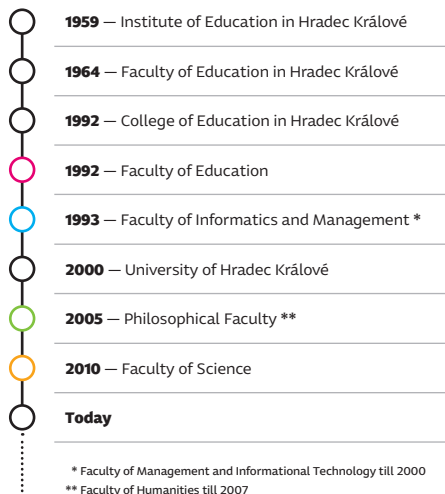




WE'RE THE UNIVERSITY OF HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ!

Shaping the future of higher education in the heart of Europe — where tradition meets innovation

At the **University of Hradec Králové** (UHK), we combine more than 65 years of tradition with a forward-looking focus on **global cooperation, research excellence**, and the **personal growth** of our students. UHK offers state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant campus life in the heart of a historic European city.



There are three pillars that guide our university forward: delivering high-quality education, driving scientific innovation that contributes to society, and building a strong reputation grounded in both. I'm proud that our employees, students, and partners work as one team — and, to borrow a phrase from the world of sports, we play to win.

Assoc. Prof. Jan Kříž,
UHK Rector



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The UHK in numbers



4

faculties



6,300+

students



600+

international
students annually



30+

study
programmes
in English



15

double-degree
programmes



300+

partner
institutions
globally



18

student volunteer
organizations





UHK RESEARCHERS' STORIES

Breaking barriers and balancing roles: The inspiring journey of Assoc. Prof. Hana Tomášková

UHK is committed to fostering gender equality in academia. With a 60:40 female-to-male ratio, the university actively promotes diversity and inclusivity across the academic community. Recognizing the impact of women in both professional and personal spheres, we proudly highlight the work of outstanding female scientists – like **Assoc. Prof. Hana Tomášková** of the [Faculty of Informatics and Management UHK](#) (Fakulta informatiky a managementu UHK, FIM UHK).



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My primary focus is on software design processes. I work not only with theoretical models but also with practical solutions that businesses can adopt – especially in custom software development. While my research involves a lot of data and time, the solutions we deliver are designed to save both. And in business, time is money.

*Assoc. Prof. Hana Tomášková,
Vice-Rector for Science, Research and Knowledge Transfer*



UHK RESEARCHERS' STORIES

The priest who plays offense: Prof. Tomáš Petrářek merges tradition with a vision for a better tomorrow

Professor Tomáš Petrářek, a Catholic theologian, historian, and academic from the [Faculty of Education UHK](#) (Pedagogická fakulta UHK, PdF UHK), critically reflects on the intersections of religion, modernity, and education. He advocates for the involvement of young people in shaping a more inclusive and humane society. In our interview, he spoke about science, social change, Education — and football.



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Secularization and modernity have deeply influenced our societies. Even in similar cultures like Poland and the Czech Republic, religious identity shaped national consciousness in distinct ways. Understanding how religion, culture, and history intersect — and how to communicate about them — is essential. Misconceptions are common; for example, contrary to popular belief, not every Muslim is a supporter of Wahhabism or religious fundamentalism.

*Prof. Tomáš Petrářek,
Head of the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies,
Faculty of Education UHK*



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

UHK Summer Schools attract students from across the globe

Participants experience immersive language courses, expert seminars, and creative workshops, along with excursions exploring Czech culture, history, and nature. These summer schools blend academic learning with international cooperation and — according to student feedback — unforgettable memories.



UHK was one of the best experiences of my life. I got to know multiple cultures from all over the world. Thanks to this program, I have friends I'll remember forever, along with excellent teachers and all the amazing places we explored.

*María,
student from Colombia*

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GLOBAL RANKINGS

University of Hradec Králové among the world's top institutions

UHK is proud to be featured in prestigious global rankings such as Times Higher Education, QS World University Rankings, and Shanghai Ranking. These achievements reflect the dedication of our academic community and confirm that our work is recognized far beyond Czech borders. They also motivate us to keep improving — in research, teaching, and international cooperation.



ShanghaiRanking:
Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences 2024
401—500th



QS World University Rankings 2026
1,001—1,200th



Times Higher Education WUR 2025
1,001—1,200th



UI Green Metric 2024
527th



Our international priorities are clear: strengthening UHK's strategic partnerships, supporting student and staff mobility, expanding study programmes in foreign languages, and increasing the number of self-paying students. We also focus on 'internationalization at home' — supporting international activities on campus.



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Dr. Leona Stašová,
Vice-Rector for International Affairs



SUSTAINABLE UHK

The Faculty of Science UHK joins international pollinator conservation projects

At the [Faculty of Science UHK](#) (Přírodovědecká fakulta UHK, PŘF UHK), specialists lead training programs focused on the conservation of bees and other pollinators. These sessions, open to both experts and enthusiasts from across Europe, deepen understanding of these vital species and address the alarming decline in their populations. Wild solitary bees and butterflies are particularly emphasized due to their critical ecological roles and vulnerability.

Pollinator protection is increasingly reflected in EU directives and agricultural policy—highlighting its importance for biodiversity and food security.



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OUR ENDEAVORS

Sustainable UHK

UHK is committed to environmental and social responsibility through the Sustainable UHK initiative. A dedicated working group — composed of academic staff, students, and university employees — coordinates sustainability efforts across all faculties. The group evaluates university practices, provides expert recommendations, and fosters a culture of sustainability on campus and in the broader region.



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Video UHK Guide Episode 11: Let's Get Sustainable

UHK Guide is a lighthearted video series that showcases university life for international students. One episode is dedicated to sustainability, with tips for eco- and socio-friendly living on campus and in dorms.



Sustainable UHK

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ADVANCED RESEARCH TOOLS

Archaeologists from the Philosophical Faculty UHK uncover the longest prehistoric barrow in Europe

A research team from the [Philosophical Faculty UHK](#) (Filozofická fakulta UHK, FF UHK) has discovered the longest known prehistoric barrow in Europe — nearly 190 meters long and dating back to the 4th millennium BC. The find, made during highway construction in Eastern Bohemia, offers valuable insight into ancient funerary practices and settlement patterns.

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These findings are further analyzed at UHK's Center for Field Archaeology (CETA), using cutting-edge methods and technologies.

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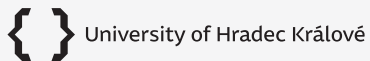
We're integrating trends and students' interests into education

In addition to archaeology labs at [FF UHK](#), students benefit from:

- Advanced chemical and bio labs at [PřF UHK](#);
- A digital graphics studio for fine arts at [PdF UHK](#);
- One of the first university esports classrooms in the Czech Republic at [FIM UHK](#).

Our goal is to combine academic excellence and reliable methods with modern tools and evolving student interests — ensuring that UHK remains a place where tradition meets innovation.





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