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Application deadlines:

First round:

by 28 February 2022

– for the following bachelor's degree programmes:
Teaching of Physical Education, Teaching of Physical Education (combination study), Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching

by 30 April 2022

– for other bachelor's degree programmes

by 30 April 2022

– for master's degree programmes

by 15 May 2022

– for doctoral programmes

by 30 September 2022

– for post-master's rigorosum examinations

Second Round:

1–31 May 2022

– for the following bachelor's degree programmes:
Teaching of Physical Education, Teaching of Physical Education (combination study), Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching

The faculty reserves the right to call for a third round of applications for individual bachelor's and master's programmes.

Entrance examination dates:

First round:

20–27 April 2022

– aptitude test (physical education)

6–10 June 2022

– written portion (bachelor's programmes)

6–10 June 2022

– written portion (doctoral programmes)

Second round:

28–29 June 2022

– aptitude test (physical education)

Open days:

November 2021

February 2022

Application fees:

€30.00 bachelor's studies/€20.00 via e-application

€20.00 master's studies/€15.00 via e-application

€50.00 doctoral studies/€45.00 via e-application

Payable to:**1. For payments originating in the EU:**

Account holder: Matej Bel University Banská Bystrica
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 SWIFT/BIC: **SPSRSKBA**
 Variable symbol: **3031** bachelor's studies
 3032 master's studies
 3033 doctoral studies
 Constant symbol: **0308**
 Specific symbol: applicants with Slovak citizenship – **birth number**
 foreign applicants – **birthdate in DDMMYY format**
 Note for beneficiary: **Applicant's full name**

2. For payments originating in third countries:

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 SWIFT/BIC: **SUBASKBXXXX**
 Variable symbol: **3031** bachelor's studies
 3032 master's studies
 3033 doctoral studies
 Constant symbol: **0308**
 Specific symbol: applicants of Slovak nationality – **birth number**
 foreign applicants – **birthdate in DDMMYY format**
 Note for beneficiary: **Applicant's full name**

Important note:

To allow us to keep a record of paid fees in our information system, we only accept wire transfers.

Accredited programmes offered by the Faculty of Arts in the 2022/2023 academic year:

Faculty	Programme/combination of programmes	Form of study	Degree earned	Duration of study	Place of study	Planned number of students
Field of study Teacher Training and Education Science						
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of French Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of German Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5

FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	15
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of Philosophy and Teaching of Psychology (**)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Philosophy and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of French Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of French Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of History and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of History and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of German Language and Literature and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of German Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of German Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Russian Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of French Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of German Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Biology (*)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	15
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Geography (*)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	25
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Informatics (*)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Mathematics (*)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5

FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Technology (*)	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	50
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Teacher Training and Education Science and field of study Sport Sciences						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	60
Field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
Field of study Philology						
FA	Slovak for the Linguistic and Cultural Competence of International Students	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
Translation Programmes						
FA	English for Translation in the Commercial Sector	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
FA	German Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	English Language and Culture – French Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	15
FA	English Language and Culture – German Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	15
FA	English Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
FA	French Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	German Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – English Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	20
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – French Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – German Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philology and field of study Philosophy						
FA	English Language and Culture – Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – Philosophy	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philology and field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	English Language and Culture – History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	5

Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philosophy and field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	Philosophy – History	Day	Bachelor	3	Banská Bystrica	10
Total number of applicants to be accepted for day bachelor's programmes						506
Field of study Teacher Training and Education Science						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education	External	Bachelor	4	Banská Bystrica	20
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Teacher Training and Education Science and field of study Sport Sciences						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching	External	Bachelor	4	Banská Bystrica	20
Field of study Philology						
FA	English Language and Culture	External	Bachelor	4	Banská Bystrica	20
Total number of applicants to be accepted for external bachelor's programmes						60
Field of study Teacher Training and Education Science						
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of French Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of German Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of English Language and Literature and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Philosophy and Teaching of Psychology (**)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Philosophy and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of History and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of History and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of German Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Russian Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2

FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Philosophy	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of French Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of German Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Russian Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature and Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Biology (*)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Geography (*)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Informatics (*)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Mathematics (*)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Teaching of Technology (*)	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Teaching of Physical Education	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	15
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Teacher Training and Education Science and field of study Sport Sciences						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	30
Field of study Philosophy						
FA	Philosophical Studies	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica, Ostrava, Katowice	5
Field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Central European Historical Studies	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica, Ostrava, Katowice	5
Field of study Philology						
FA	Slovak Language and Literature	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
Translation Programmes						
FA	German Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5

FA	English Language and Culture – French Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	English Language and Culture – German Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	English Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	10
FA	French Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	German Language and Culture – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – English Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	20
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – French Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – German Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
FA	Slovak Language and Literature – Russian Language and Culture	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philology and field of study Philosophy						
FA	English Language and Culture – Philosophy	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	3
FA	Slovak Language and Culture – Philosophy	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philology and field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	English Language and Culture – History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	5
FA	Slovak Language and Culture – History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Philosophy and field of study Historical Sciences						
FA	Philosophy – History	Day	Master	2	Banská Bystrica	2
Total number of applicants to be accepted for day master's programmes						225
Field of study Teacher Training and Education Science						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education	External	Master	3	Banská Bystrica	10
Interdisciplinary programmes combining field of study Teacher Training and Education Science and field of study Sport Sciences						
FA	Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching	External	Master	3	Banská Bystrica	15
Field of study Philology						
FA	English Language and Culture	External	Master	3	Banská Bystrica	10
Total number of applicants to be accepted for external master's programmes						35
TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED						826

Notes:

(*) Interfaculty study with the MBU Faculty of Natural Sciences

(**) Interfaculty study with the MBU Faculty of Education

In the event of a small number of applicants to a programme, the faculty reserves the right not to open a given programme and, as circumstances allow, offer applicants enrolment in a related programme.

If the number of accepted applicants in a programme is smaller than the planned number for admission, the faculty reserves the right to waive the entrance examination.

Doctoral studies

Faculty	Programme	Form of study	Degree earned	Duration of study	Place of study
Field of study Philosophy					
FA	Systematic Philosophy	Day	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
FA	Systematic Philosophy	External	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
Field of study Philology					
FA	Translatology	Day	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
FA	Translatology	External	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
FA	General Linguistics	Day	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
FA	General Linguistics	External	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
Field of study Historical Sciences					
FA	Slovak history	Day	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
FA	Slovak history	External	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
Field of study Sport Sciences					
FA	Sports Educology	Day	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
FA	Sports Educology	External	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica

ADMISSIONS**General information on the admissions process (bachelor's and master's degree programmes)**

For all applicants, the admissions process begins by submitting an **electronic or printed application**. Applicants may apply for multiple programmes, but they must submit a **separate application** for **each programme** they apply to. There is no limit on the number of submitted applications.

If applicants apply via electronic application, they are also obliged to send a printed application to the faculty. The printed application must be filled in, **personally signed** and include all required enclosures. **An electronic application without a printed counterpart** received by the admissions office is **invalid**.

The application must include:

- the applicant's CV

- a notarized copy of the applicant's secondary school leaving examination certificate (applies to applicants for bachelor's programmes who have completed secondary school)
- a notarized copy of the applicant's bachelor's-level state examination diploma (applies to applicants for master's programmes who have completed their bachelor's studies)
- a copy of the proof of payment for the application fee (paid via bank transfer)
- a certificate of fitness from a doctor (applies to physical education programmes)
- specifically required enclosures for the programmes Slovak for the Linguistic and Cultural Competence of International Students and Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching

Applicants for bachelor's programmes who are taking their secondary school leaving examination in the same year as they are applying and are applying for a programme with no entrance examination must deliver a **notarized copy of their secondary school leaving examination certificate** to the faculty's admissions office by **13 June 2022**.

Applicants for bachelor's studies who have been granted asylum, subsidiary protection or temporary protection may demonstrate their attainment of full secondary education or full secondary vocational education by providing a **declaration on their honour** with the requested information. The declaration of honour and official document confirming the granting of asylum, subsidiary protection or temporary protection must be delivered by hand or via post to the faculty's admissions office by **13 June 2022**. If an applicant demonstrates their attained education with a declaration of honour, they must also complete a **general academic prerequisite test** administered by the company **Scio**. The applicant does not need to provide evidence of the results of the general academic prerequisite test, but when filling out the application form for the test at <https://www.scio.sk/>, they must give consent to the provision of the test results to the faculty. The applicant must also fulfil the admission requirements of the particular study programme they choose.

Applicants for master's programmes must deliver, without written notice from the faculty, a **notarized copy of their diploma and bachelor's degree state examination certificate** to the faculty's admissions office by **15 July 2022**.

Applicants who do not present any evidence of meeting the basic admission requirements by the given deadline will be **accepted conditionally**. Applicants are obliged to present a notarized copy of a secondary school leaving examination certificate (applicants for bachelor's programmes)/a notarized copy of a diploma and bachelor's degree state examination certificate (applicants for master's programmes) **by the day of enrolment at the very latest**; otherwise they cannot begin their studies.

Applicants who have completed a previous level of education abroad are obliged to prove the recognition of any education certificate obtained outside the Slovak Republic. The admitted applicant is obliged to present proof of recognition for their education certificate no later than the day of enrolment.

The syllabi for entrance examinations, including the extent of the required knowledge, abilities and skills along with a recommended reading list, will be sent by the faculty's admissions office along with the entrance examination invitation.

The results of the entrance examination will be evaluated electronically unless stated otherwise for a specific programme. The results of the entrance examination will be announced on the faculty website.

If an applicant is absent from the entrance examination for serious medical reasons, half the admission fee will be refunded upon the delivery of a written refund request to the faculty's admissions office. The request must be postmarked before the date of the entrance examination (determined by the posting date of the post office). No other reasons for the admission fee

refund are considered valid; **therefore it is impossible to claim a refund for the remainder of the fee.**

Basic admission requirements for bachelor's studies:

- completed secondary-school education or secondary vocational education with a school-leaving certificate
- meeting the requirements of the admission proceedings
- for physical education programmes: a doctor's confirmation of the applicant's fitness for study

Basic admission requirements for master's studies:

- a university degree at the bachelor's or master's level
- meeting the requirements of the admission proceedings
- for physical education programmes: a doctor's confirmation of the applicant's fitness for study

Basic admission requirements for foreign applicants to bachelor's and master's programmes:

- successful passing of the entrance examination
- Slovak language proficiency at the **B2 level** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (this does not apply to applicants to the programme Slovak for the Linguistic and Cultural Competence of International Students)
- confirmation of acceptance of the applicant's certificate of education completed abroad at the required level of education (with the exception of certificates from the Czech Republic, for which a confirmation is not needed)

Admission requirements for bachelor's studies

Bachelor's Degree Teaching Programmes

Teaching of English Language and Literature

English language proficiency at the **B2 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a precondition for studying English language and literature in all teaching programmes. Written entrance examinations are administered for those programme combinations which receive more applicants than their planned enrolment number. The written entrance examination is focused on grammar, vocabulary and receptive skills (reading and listening comprehension). Applicants must earn at least a 60% mark on the examination to be accepted.

To earn the maximum score for English language proficiency in the admission proceedings (without taking the entrance examination), the applicants must present a certificate obtained by completing at least one of the following examinations:

- IELTS – International English Language Testing System – minimum level 6.5
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate in Advanced English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate of Proficiency in English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, First Certificate in English – result A
- secondary school leaving examination on the English language – level B2, external portion – minimum 85% mark + internal portion – result “excellent (A)”

Teaching of French Language and Literature – no entrance examination

French language proficiency at the **A2 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a precondition for studying French language and literature in all teaching programmes.

If the number of applicants exceeds the admission plan for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants who present a certificate (notarized copy) demonstrating successful completion of at least one of the following examinations:

- a DELF or DALF French language diploma
- secondary school leaving examination in the French language
- first-to-third place at the French Language Olympiad (either in the regional or national round)
- state examination in the French language issued by the State Language School

The faculty reserves the right to select applicants who do not submit the above credentials according to the average mark from their school-leaving examination.

Teaching of German Language and Literature – no entrance examination

German language proficiency at the **B1 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a precondition for studying the German language and literature in all teaching programmes.

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Teaching of Russian Language and Literature – no entrance examination

Russian language proficiency at the **A2 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a precondition for studying the Russian language and literature in all teaching programmes.

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Teaching of History – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Teaching of Philosophy – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Teaching of Physical Education – aptitude test

1. endurance – 1500 m run
2. dynamic strength – repeated turns around an overhead horizontal bar (men)
– repeated turns around a forehead-high horizontal bar (women)

3. athletics – 50 m run
4. aerobic gymnastics – compulsory acrobatic routine (handstand – forward roll, dive roll from place, backwards back extension roll, cartwheel)
5. team sport (choice between basketball and volleyball) – evaluation of in-game performance
6. swimming – 100 m either front crawl or breaststroke, starting jump (any other swimming style is evaluated according to the crawl performance charts)

Bonuses

- A bonus of **60%** of the number of points earned in the admission proceedings will only be assigned to students who have participated in the Olympic Games (demonstrated by a certificate from the Slovak Olympic Committee).
- A bonus of **30%** of the number of points earned in the admission proceedings will only be assigned to students who have participated in the World Championships or the European Championships (adults or juniors) in Olympic sports according to the categorization of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic, ranked at least tenth place and present a certificate from the authorized sports federation as proof. The certificate must accompany the printed application form or be presented in person at the entrance examination during registration.
- A bonus of **10%** of the number of points obtained in the admission proceedings will only be assigned to students who have participated in the World Championships or the European Championships (adults or juniors) in non-Olympic sports according to the categorization of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic, ranked at least third place and present a certificate from the authorized sports association as proof. The certificate must accompany the printed application form or be presented in person at the entrance examination during registration.

The bonus will be added to the applicant's overall score after completing the admission aptitude tests, but only up to a maximum total of 100 points.

Applicants who apply for two programmes at the Department of Physical Educations and Sports FA MBU can only undergo the aptitude test once; the results achieved will be taken into consideration in both programmes.

Bachelor's Degree Non-Teaching Programmes

Philosophy (only as part of interdisciplinary programmes) – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

History – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Slovak Language and Literature (as part of interdisciplinary programmes) – no entrance examination

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Slovak for the Linguistic and Cultural Competence of International Students – no entrance examination

The programme is aimed at studying Slovak language by foreign students. The basic requirement of admission for the bachelor's programme is a completed secondary school education or vocational education at the equivalent level of the Slovak secondary education system and its requirements. Applications for this programme must include a **letter of motivation** in English no longer than one standard page. If the applicant does not provide a letter of motivation by the application deadline, their application will be considered invalid. The admissions committee decides the order in which applicants are admitted based on an anonymous evaluation of their letters of motivation.

Bachelor's Degree Translation Programmes:

English Language and Culture

Entrance examinations for combination programmes that include English Language and Culture are administered for those programme combinations which receive more applicants than their planned enrolment number. The written entrance examination is focused on testing English language proficiency – grammar, vocabulary, the cultures and institutions of anglophone countries and basic knowledge of current cultural and sociopolitical events. The exam will also include a translation from English into Slovak, which will be evaluated in the usual manner.

Applicants must earn at least a 60% mark on the English-language entrance exam to be accepted.

To earn the maximum score for English language proficiency in the admission proceedings (without taking the entrance examination), the applicants must present a certificate obtained by completing at least one of the following examinations:

- IELTS – International English Language Testing System – minimum level 6.5
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate in Advanced English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate of Proficiency in English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, First Certificate in English – result A
- secondary school leaving examination on the English language – level B2, external portion – minimum 85% mark + internal portion – result “excellent (A)”

English for Translation in the Commercial Sector (only accredited at the bachelor's level)

For the programme English for Translation in the Commercial Sector, written entrance examinations are administered if more applicants apply than the planned enrolment number. The written entrance examination is focused on testing English language proficiency – grammar, vocabulary, the cultures and institutions of anglophone countries and basic knowledge of current cultural and sociopolitical events. The exam will also include a translation from English into Slovak, which will be evaluated in the usual manner. Applicants must earn at least a 60% mark on the English-language entrance exam to be accepted.

To earn the maximum score for English language proficiency in the admission proceedings (without taking the entrance examination), the applicants must present a certificate obtained by completing at least one of the following examinations:

- IELTS – International English Language Testing System – minimum level 6.5
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate in Advanced English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Certificate of Proficiency in English
- University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, First Certificate in English – result A

- secondary school leaving examination on the English language – level B2, external portion – minimum 85% mark + internal portion – result “excellent (A)”

French Language and Culture – no entrance examination

French language proficiency at the **A2 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a requirement for all translation programmes in French Language and Culture.

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants who present a certificate (notarized copy) demonstrating successful completion of at least one of the following examinations:

- a DELF or DALF French language diploma
- secondary school leaving examination in the French language
- first-to-third place at the French Language Olympiad (either in the regional or national round)
- state examination in the French language issued by the State Language School

The faculty reserves the right to select applicants who do not submit the above credentials according to the average mark from their school-leaving examination.

German Language and Culture – no entrance examination

German language proficiency at the **B1 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a requirement for all translation programmes in German Language and Culture.

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Russian Language and Culture – no entrance examination

Russian language proficiency at the **A2 level** or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a precondition for all translation programmes in Russian Language and Culture.

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned enrolment for the programme, the faculty reserves the right to select applicants according to their averaged results from the secondary school leaving examination.

Interdisciplinary programme:

Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching – aptitude test (subject to the conditions stated for the programme **Teaching of Physical Education**).

Applicants will be accepted according to the results of the aptitude test and after meeting the selection criteria for individual specializations.

The applicant must state their selected sport specialization in the application form and attach a document confirming that they meet the selection criteria for the given specialization.

Selection criteria for individual sport specializations:

Athletics

- registered membership in the Slovak Athletic Federation (SAZ)
- active competitive activity (past or present), ranking at least third place at the Regional Championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Basketball

- registered membership in the Slovak Basketball Association (SBA)

- an active player (past or present) at the regional championships level or higher, or a holder of second-level coaching qualifications

Biathlon

- registered membership in the Slovak Biathlon Association
- a member of the national team of the Slovak Republic, or a holder of first-level coaching qualifications or higher

Football – only at the bachelor's level

- registered membership in the Slovak Football Association (SFZ)
- active player (past or present) at the district level or higher (attach a screenshot from <https://sportnet.sme.sk/futbalnet/clenovia/>)

Students specializing in football will receive a UEFA Grassroots C licence (after completing sport specialization 1 and 2) and a UEFA B licence (after successfully defending their bachelor's thesis), in keeping with the SFZ's Coach Education Regulations (article 8, clauses 8 and 9).

Judo

- registered membership in the Slovak Judo Federation
- an active competitor (past or present), a participant in the Slovak Championships, or a holder of first-level coaching qualifications

Karate

- registered membership in the Slovak Karate Union (SZK)
- participation in national competitions (past or present) and the third Kyu level of technical expertise in karate or first-level coaching qualifications

Kickboxing

- registered membership in the Slovak Kickboxing Union (SZKB)
- participation in national competitions (past or present) and ranking in a medal position in the Slovak Championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Fitness Coach

- an active sportsperson (past or present), level of performance demonstrated at least by participation in Slovak Individual Sports Championships or the national team-sports competition, in a sport other than those offered as specializations (included in this list), or a holder of first-level fitness-coach qualifications

Ice Hockey

- registered membership in the Slovak Ice Hockey Association (SZLH)
- an active player (past or present) in at least the first youth league, the first junior league or the second adult league, or a holder of first-level coaching qualifications (a D-category trainer's licence according to the SZLH)

Swimming

- registered membership in the Slovak Swimming Federation (SPF)
- active competitive participation (past or present) in at least the district-level championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Snowboarding

- registered membership in a national association that includes snowboarding
- a member of the national team of the Slovak Republic or a holder of at least second-level coaching qualifications

Aerobic Gymnastics

- registered membership in the Slovak Gymnastics Federation (SGF)
- active competitive participation (past or present) at the district level or higher, or first-level coaching qualifications

Taekwondo

- registered membership in the Slovak Taekwondo Association (WT SAT KD)

- competitive activity (past or present) at the national level and ranking in a medal position in the Slovak Championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Hiking

- registered membership in the Slovak Hiking Club
- a minimum of two years of active participation in a legitimate organisation or first-level instructor qualifications

Volleyball

- registered membership in the Slovak Volleyball Federation
- an active player (past or present) at the district level at least, or a holder of first-level coaching qualifications

Weightlifting

- registered membership in the Slovak Weightlifting Federation
- active competitive activity (past or present), participation in the Slovak Championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Wrestling

- registered membership in the Slovak Wrestling Federation (SZZ)
- active competitive activity (past or present), participation in the Slovak Championships, or first-level coaching qualifications

Alpine Skiing

- registered membership in a national association that includes alpine skiing
- a member of the national team of the Slovak Republic or a holder of at least second-level coaching qualifications

For foreign students, membership in a legitimate national association and adequate performance at the national level are accepted.

Applicants must fulfil the stated criteria to be accepted for study. Along with their application, applicants must include a completed **Confirmation of Fulfilling the Selection Criteria for Sport Specialization in the Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching Programme at the Department of Physical Education and Sports, FA MBU** (except for those specializing in Football). After meeting the criteria, the applicant can also apply for another specialization offered above.

- 1) Applicants who submit the required confirmation **for a sport specialization not offered above** will be automatically redirected to the **Fitness Coach** specialization (see above).
- 2) If an applicant **does not fulfil the stated criteria**, their application will be automatically redirected to the **Teaching of Physical Education** field of study.
- 3) If an applicant **does not meet the above requirements by the application deadline**, their application will be automatically redirected to the **Teaching of Physical Education** field of study.

Bonuses – the preconditions of the Teaching of Physical Education programme also apply to this programme. The external form of study in the Physical Education and Coaching or Physical Education programmes may be offered to applicants who are not admitted to the day programmes due to lack of space.)

Admission requirements for master's degree study

Applicants will be accepted to all master's degree programmes **without an entrance examination**.

If there is a large number of applicants for master's study, they will be selected based on the results of their bachelor's degree state exams and in keeping with the projected number of accepted applicants.

Applicants to non-teaching programmes must hold a bachelor's degree in a field of study in the humanities or social sciences to be accepted.

Applicants to master's programmes in teaching must have completed a bachelor's programme in the field of study Teacher Training and Education Science (before 1 September 2019 – Teaching of Academic Subjects, Teaching of Arts Education and Non-Academic Subjects, or Teaching of Vocational Subjects and Practical Training) or in an interdisciplinary programme that includes such a field of study.

Applicants to the programme **Teaching of Physical Education** (day and external form) must hold a bachelor's degree in a programme in the Teaching and Pedagogical Sciences field of study, including the core pedagogical/psychological and social-science curriculum, or a programme from the Sport Sciences field of study with a successfully completed bachelor's state exam in physical education.

The following sport specializations will be available under the **Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching** programme: Aerobic Gymnastics, Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Basketball, Biathlon (external form), Fitness Coaching, Hiking, Ice Hockey, Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Swimming, Snowboarding, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling. The Faculty of Arts is not currently offering the specialization Football at the master's level.

Applicants to the multidisciplinary programme Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching must:

- have passed the bachelor's degree state examination in the programme that includes physical education courses and a core curriculum in pedagogy and psychology
- have completed the same specialization at the bachelor's level as they intend to choose at the master's level
- have valid fourth-degree qualifications in their chosen sport specialization

Master's programmes in the field of study Philology

For master's programmes in translation (philology), students will be admitted who hold a bachelor's degree in the same field of study or combination thereof and meet the following language proficiency requirements:

English Language and Culture – level C1 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

French Language and Culture – level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

German Language and Culture – level C1 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Russian Language and Culture – level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Applicants to the master's programme Russian Language and Culture must hold a bachelor's degree in the Russian language in the same or a related field of study or combination thereof.

Applicants to all study programmes at the bachelor's and master's levels (except for the programme Slovak for the Linguistic and Cultural Competence of International Students) who have attended secondary school in a foreign country must have a command of the Slovak language at at least the B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Admission requirements for doctoral studies

According to Section 56 (3) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll., completion of a master's degree programme or a programme regulated by Section 53 (3) is a basic requirement for admission. Further admission requirements are specified individually for every programme pursuant to Section 57 (1) (see www.ff.umb.sk/en – Admission and study – Postgradual degree).

Applicants must register for one of the doctoral dissertation topics listed under individual programmes.

The entrance examination takes place before the committee appointed by the Dean of the MBU Faculty of Arts. During the entrance examination, the applicant must demonstrate the ability to engage in independent creative activity in the specific field of study and in relation to the doctoral dissertation topic they wish to register for.

Requirements for post-master's rigorosum examinations

Master's degree holders may take a post-master's "rigorosum" examination, which includes a dissertation defence in the field of their university studies or a related field. To successfully complete the rigorosum exam and dissertation defence, the candidate must demonstrate, by means of an original work of scholarship, a deep understanding of and broad grounding in their field of study, an ability to independently assimilate new findings from research and practice, and an ability to put their acquired knowledge into practice in a creative manner.

Post-master's "rigorosum" examinations are available in accredited master's degree programmes in the following fields of study:

Teacher Training and Education Science in the programmes:

- Teaching of English Language and Literature
- Teaching of History
- Teaching of Philosophy
- Teaching of French Language and Literature
- Teaching of German Language and Literature
- Teaching of Russian Language and Literature
- Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature
- Teaching of Physical Education

Teacher Training, Education Science and Sport Sciences in the programme:

- Teaching of Physical Education and Coaching

Philosophy in the programmes:

- Philosophy

Historical Sciences in the programme:

- History

Philology in the programmes:

- English Language and Culture
- French Language and Culture

- German Language and Culture
- Russian Language and Culture
- Slovak Language and Literature

Upon successful completion of both their rigorous dissertation defence and the oral examination, the candidate will receive:

- a) the academic title “doctor of pedagogy” (abbreviated as “PaedDr.”) in a programme from one of the following fields of study: Teacher Training and Education Science and Sport Sciences,
or
- b) the academic title “doctor of philosophy” (abbreviated as “PhDr.”) in a programme from one of the following fields of study: Philology, Philosophy and Historical Sciences.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

For accommodation, university residence halls are available to students of the Faculty of Arts of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. Meals are offered by student canteens.

OUR GRADUATES ON THE LABOUR MARKET

Graduates of **bachelor’s-level teaching programmes** are primarily prepared to successfully continue their studies in a corresponding or related master’s programme.

Graduates of **master’s-level teaching programmes** are qualified to teach at the second level of primary school (as well as the first primary level for graduates of the programme Teaching of Physical Education) and at all types of secondary schools and eight-year grammar schools, as well as language and art schools. Their theoretical knowledge can also be utilised in social, cultural, public-awareness and physical-education institutions as well as on editorial boards, in advertising companies, in research institutions and in the commercial sector.

Students of **bachelor’s-level non-teaching programmes** can work in the state, public or private sector as experts in the area of their programme of study, or continue their studies in a corresponding or related master’s programme.

Graduates of **master’s-level non-teaching programmes** are prepared to work in management positions in spheres such as social institutions, diplomacy, foreign trade, tourism, culture, educational institutions and EU institutions.

The Faculty of Arts of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica has one of the highest employment rates for graduates in humanities and philosophy among Slovak university faculties.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Pursuant to Section 100 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and the Amendment of Certain Laws, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica is a **universally accessible academic environment** with corresponding admission requirements for applicants and students with special needs, but **with equally high expectations of their academic performance**. In accordance with the above-mentioned law, special-needs students are considered to be those with:

- a) a sensory or physical disability, or multiple disabilities
- b) a chronic illness

- c) impaired health
- d) a mental illness
- e) autism or another pervasive developmental disorder
- f) a learning disability

Before applying for university study, applicants with special needs should:

1. Consider whether they meet the demands of university study in terms of:
 - a) knowledge
 - b) technological and personal preparedness and motivation
 - c) the demands of the content, extent and form of study chosen
 - d) the requirements stated by the faculty
 - e) limitations resulting from a disability
2. Contact the faculty coordinator for students with special needs.
3. Submit a report from an expert, e.g. doctor, psychologist, speech therapist, school psychology, school speech therapist or special-needs educator (more information can be found
4. Fill out the **Application for prospective students with special needs on the alteration of the form and manner of the admission examination** with the appropriate professional documentation demonstrating the applicant's specific needs (if the admission proceedings include an examination).

The final decision to enrol in the chosen programme is made by the applicant. By making this decision, the applicant assumes responsibility for the potential risk that they may not be able to continue in their studies.

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