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Deadlines for submission of applications:

- for first level (Bachelor), second level (Master) and PhD. Programs: 31 March 2021

Based on the implementation of the rules of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education, the Dean's Board of PF UMB adopted a resolution on 1 February 2021 on the adjustment of the offer of study programs for studies in academical year 2021/2022.

Based on the decision of the faculty management, the 2nd phase for submitting applications for selected study bachelor and master Programs may be announced.

Dates of entrance examination

- for Bachelor study Programs: practical (talent/aptitude) exam: 12th-16th April 2021
- for Bachelor and Master study Programs: written exam: 7th – 11th June 2021
- for PhD Programs: 1st – 2nd July 2021

The 2nd round of the admission exam in selected study Programs: 13 - 14 July 2021

Open days:

November 2020 and February 2021 (the specific date will be specified on the website of the faculty and the UMB)

Fee for the admission procedure:

- 35 € in case of sending only **printed application** form for Bc, M.A., PhD.
- 32 € in case of **online application** for both full-time and part-time studies. After first registering the application in the electronic system of PF UMB at <https://e-prihlaska.umb.sk/ais/start.dosending>, the applicant is obliged to also print this application out and send it to the address: Faculty of Education UMB, Ružová 13, 974 11 Banská Bystrica, Slovakia.

Payment of the fee for the admission procedure must be made by the applicant for study or a person authorized by him / her by bank transfer no later than on the last day when it is possible to send the application for study. An application form without a paid fee in the specified amount for the admission procedure will not be accepted.

Information about payment for admission procedure (also on: www.platby.umb.sk):

1. For applicants from EU countries

Name of the account: Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici
Name & address of the bank: Štátna pokladnica, Radlinského 32, 810 05 Bratislava 15
Account number / IBAN: SK75 8180 0000 0070 0009 5590
SWIFT / BIC: SPSRSKBA
VS (variable symbol): 7031 (for applicants into Bachelor Program)

7032 (for applicants into Master Program)
7033 (for applicants into PhD Program)
 KS (constant symbol): **0308 – cashless payments**
 ŠS (specific symbol): **identification number** (applicants from Slovakia)
date of birth DDMYY (foreign applicants)
 Message for recipient: **name and surname of the applicant**

2. For Applicants from the “third” countries, paying via intermediary bank:

Name of the account: Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici
 Name & address of the bank: **Všeobecná úverová banka, a. s., Mlynské Nivy 1,
 829 90 Bratislava**
 Account number / IBAN: **SK75 8180 0000 0070 0009 5590**
 SWIFT / BIC: **SUBASKBXXXX**
 VS (variable symbol): **7031** (for applicants into Bachelor Program)
7032 (for applicants into Master Program)
7033 (for applicants into PhD Program)
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date of birth DDMYY (foreign applicants)
 Message for recipient: **name and surname of the applicant**

Payment by postal money order is not accepted due to the impossibility of identifying the payer in the university information system.

In the academic year 2021/2022, the Faculty of Education UMB offers the following accredited study programs:

Accredited Study Programs

Faculty	Study Program	Form of study (full/part time)	Level of study	Length of study	Place of Study	Planned number 2021/2022
PF UMB	Andragogy (*)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	12
PF UMB	Pedagogy – Leisure Education (*)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Social work	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Psychology	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	50
PF UMB	Evangelical theology and mission	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Pre-primary and Primary Teacher Education	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	100
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Music Art (**)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature (***)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of English Language and Literature (***)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Physical Education (*)**	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of History (***)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Music Art and Teaching of Physical Education (**, ***)	FT	Bc.	3	Banská Bystrica	5
Total (full-time students of bachelor courses):						237
PF UMB	Andragogy (*)	PT	Bc.	4	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Pedagogy - Leisure Education (*)	PT	Bc.	4	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Social work	PT	Bc.	4	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Pre-primary and Primary Teacher Education	PT	Bc.	4	Banská Bystrica	30

Total (part-time students of bachelor courses):						60
PF UMB	Andragogy (*)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	12
PF UMB	Social Pedagogy (*)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Social work	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Psychology	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Primary Teacher Education	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	40
PF UMB	Evangelical Theology	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	15
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Slovak Language and Literature (***)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Physical Education(***)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of History (***)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of English language and Literature (***)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Biology (****)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Geography (****)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
PF UMB	Teaching of Psychology and Teaching of Informatics (****)	FT	M	2	Banská Bystrica	5
Total (full-time students of master courses):						142
PF UMB	Andragogy (*)	PT	M	3	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Social Pedagogy (*)	PT	M	3	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Social work	PT	M	3	Banská Bystrica	10
PF UMB	Primary Teacher Education	PT	M	3	Banská Bystrica	20
Total (part-time students of master courses):						50
TOTAL (all students):						489

Notes:

(*) transformation of the study program in the accreditation process (smooth transition to the newly accredited study program)

(**)study combinations with Teaching of Music Art are accredited only for the Bachelor's degree

(***) Inter-faculty study (Faculty of Education and Faculty of Arts UMB)

(****) Inter-faculty study (Faculty of Education and Faculty of Sciences UMB)

Accredited doctoral study Programs

Faculty	Study Program	Form of study	Level of study	Length of study	Place of Study
PF UMB	Andragogy	FT	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Andragogy	PT	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Pedagogy	FT	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Pedagogy	PT	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Pre-primary and Primary Pedagogy	FT	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Pre-primary and Primary Pedagogy	PT	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Theology	FT	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Theology	PT	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Social Work	FT	PhD.	3	Banská Bystrica
PF UMB	Social Work	PT	PhD.	4	Banská Bystrica

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

General information about admission procedure

The condition for participation in the admission procedure is a completed lower level of education: for admission to Bachelor study programs - completed secondary education with the secondary school leaving examination; for admission to Master study programs - completed Bachelor degree of university education with state examination.

In the programs in which the talent test takes place, its successful completion is a condition for progressing to the written part of the entrance exams. Success in the first round will be decided by the Dean on the basis of the recommendation of the commission for entrance examinations. Talent exams for applicants to study fine arts and music arts will take the form of practical exams.

The content of entrance examinations in both rounds is specified in individual fields (including the scope of talent exams) in the theses that each applicant will receive and will be published at www.pdf.umb.sk.

Talent entrance exams are not held for the bachelor's study program of preschool and elementary pedagogy.

In the case of interfaculty teacher study programs, the conditions of admission for the part of the study that is not carried out by PF UMB are formulated and published by the relevant faculty.

If the applicant wants to apply for more fields of study, respectively, study programs at the Faculty of Education, he/she must submit a separate application for each study program separately and pay a fee for each application.

An applicant cannot apply for the same field of study and study program for both full-time and part-time study.

Applications must contain all the annexes listed in the application instructions on p. 3 and confirmation of payment of the fee. The fee is non-refundable. Incomplete applications will be returned. Transfers of applications within study fields and study programs are not possible after 31 March 2021. The Dean decides on alternative or additional dates of the entrance examinations on the basis of the current situation.

Foreign applicants who apply at all levels of study for teachers' study programs must prove their mastery of the Slovak language at the B2 level by means of a certificate. Proof of medical fitness is not required.

Bachelor study programs

The evidence of successful completion of the Matura examination (secondary school leaving exam) for admission to bachelor's study programs must be delivered to the study department of PF UMB immediately after its completion. The admission is based on the result of the entrance exam.

Master study programs

Evidence of successful completion of the bachelor's study, including a statement of the weighted study average achieved during the bachelor's study (confirmed by the study department of the faculty where the applicant completed the bachelor's study), must be delivered to the study department of PF UMB. The admission is based on the weighted study average achieved in Bc. study of the specific study program.

- The principles of conducting entrance examinations apply to full-time and part-time study. The Dean of PF UMB has the right, based on the current situation in the number of applicants for the relevant program, to decide not to take the entrance exams or any part of them.

- The Dean of PF UMB has the right, based on the current status (mostly according to the number of registered applications), to decide not to open a certain study program in the given academic year.
- The basic condition for admission to study is the successful completion of entrance examinations, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- In the case of a lower number of applicants than the planned number of accepted students, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance examination
- In the case of a higher number of applicants than the planned number of accepted students in the absence of admission interviews, the criteria for admission to the Bc program will be the secondary school average (taking into account the results of the school-leaving examination) and to the Master study program the weighted study average from Bc. study (taking into account the results of the state bachelor's exam).
- Within 30 days after the end of the entrance examinations, applicants will receive a notification of admission or non-admission to the study. In accordance with the Statute of PF UMB, applicants may appeal against the Dean's decision not to admit to study within 8 days of receiving the notice.
- In special cases, the decision on admission may be conditional, which, after the completion of a defined condition, will take effect within a specified period.
- When admitting foreign students, the procedure is the same as for students from the Slovak Republic and the Dean of the faculty decides based on the recommendations of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Slovak Republic, respectively, proceeds individually in accordance with the Act on Higher Education Institutions.
- The Dean decides on the alternate or additional dates of entrance examinations based of the current situation.

Applicants for studies who have completed the previous level of education abroad are required by Act no. 422/2015 Coll. on the Recognition of Evidence of Education and on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and on Amendments to Certain Acts to submit recognition of evidence of education obtained outside the territory of the Slovak Republic. The decision on the recognition of diplomas must be submitted by the admitted applicant no later than on the day of enrollment.

The content and criteria of entrance exams are the same for full-time and part-time forms of study at PF UMB. They are updated and approved annually in AS PF UMB. They are published on the faculty's website.

The entrance examination for individual Bachelor and Master study programs

Andragogy (Bachelor's degree)* - Successful completion of secondary school graduation examinations and of entrance exams is the prerequisite for admission into this study. The contents of entrance examinations is approved by the Department of Andragogy PF UMB under the guidance of the study guarantor. The admission criteria are approved by the management of the Faculty. The admission procedure and admission requirements are approved by the Faculty and University bodies being annually upgraded. By passing the entrance examination the candidate demonstrates: acquired secondary school level of knowledge in the field of Pedagogy, Sociology, Philosophy, Social studies, insight about current educational issues and adult education in the Slovak Republic.

Andragogy (Master's degree)* - Successful completion of Bachelor's study Andragogy or of a related study Program (Pedagogy, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Culturology etc.) and successful completion of entrance examinations. Based on the current state of the number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams.

Pedagogy - Leisure Education (Bachelor's degree)* – Knowledge in the area of pedagogy and psychology (the extent of secondary/high school curriculum), a general overview of current

social and cultural issues in Slovakia. The contents of entrance examinations is set by the department team under the guidance of the study guarantor. According to the current status of applicants, the Dean may decide on the omission of entrance examinations.

Social Pedagogy (Master's degree)* - the prerequisites for admission are: a) the successful completion of bachelor studies in the fields of Pedagogy, Social Pedagogy, Social Work (eventually Social-missionary Work), Pedagogy – Leisure Education, Andragogy, Special Pedagogy, Sociology, Teaching of Practical Subjects, Teaching of Pedagogy in combination, Teaching of Psychology in combination, Pre-primary and Primary Education and other related subjects; and b) successful completion of entrance exams.

Entrance examinations are focused on issues of social pedagogy, social pathology, pedagogy, leisure education and relevant legislative standards. According to the current status of applicants, the Dean may decide on the omission of entrance examinations.

** In connection with the ongoing processes of accreditation of study programs at universities, also our Faculty is preparing a transformation of several existing study programs in education for non-teaching careers (Bachelor degrees in Pedagogy - Leisure education and Andragogy, Master degrees in Social pedagogy and Andragogy, PhD. in Pedagogy and Andragogy). These changes respond to new needs of practice and offer students wider opportunities for employment (animation, prevention, counseling, management in the education of children, youth and adults).*

Pre-primary and Elementary Teacher Education (Bachelor's degree) - the basic condition for admission to study is to obtain a complete secondary education completed by a school-leaving examination. Applicants who meet the defined criteria in the following areas will be admitted: (1) the result of a written test to determine the candidate's intellectual abilities as well as their general knowledge; (2) the average of marks from the year-end evaluation for the 1st - 3rd year of secondary school in the subjects Slovak language and literature, mathematics and foreign language; (3) results of graduation exams. Furthermore, the applicant's activities will be taken into account, which must be documented by certificates, certificates, diplomas, or confirmations from the organization where the activity was performed. The following activities will be evaluated: basic art school, secondary school professional activity (SOČ), participation in competitions in artistic, sports, creative and other activities, volunteering in the field of work with children of preschool and early school age, study abroad. Based on the current number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams or reduce the criteria. Applicants from abroad must prove their command of the Slovak language at the B2 level through a certificate. Proof of medical fitness is not required. Please note, however, that the compulsory composition of the subjects of study also includes those in which the student demonstrates sports fitness.

Primary Teacher Education (Master's degree): The basic condition for admission is the completion of a bachelor's degree program in the study field Teaching and Pedagogical Sciences. Graduates of the study program of pre-school and elementary pedagogy, for whom this study is primarily intended, will be admitted on the basis of the weighted study average of their bachelor's study. For acceptance according to this criterion, a critical weighted average limit will be determined. Graduates of other programs in the field of teaching and pedagogical sciences and graduates of preschool and elementary pedagogy with a weighted average above the critical threshold will be admitted on the basis of the results of the entrance exam, which will verify their prerequisites for studying Primary Teacher Education. In the case of a lower number of applicants than the admission plan, the Dean of the Faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams. Applicants from abroad must prove their command of the Slovak language at the B2 level (by a certificate).

Social Work (Bachelor's degree) – The basic condition for admission to study is the completion of the secondary education by the Matura (secondary school leaving) examination. The content and criteria of entrance examinations are determined by the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education, UMB and its study guarantor. The selection of candidates is made on the basis of the results of the oral interview. The content of the oral interview will be the following thematic areas: (1) demonstration of the necessary personal prerequisites and abilities

for university studies, (2) motivation to study, (3) solving the social situation and (4) current socio-political overview.

Social Work (Master's degree) – The prerequisite for admission into this study is the successful completion of a Bachelor's study in the field of social work or in another (related) field of study after assessment by the guarantor of the social work studies at the Matej Bel University Faculty of Education. The entrance exam has a form of a written test of the contents of the main subjects of Social Work Bachelor's study Program: historical, societal and philosophical bases of Social Work, Theory of Social Work, Methods of Social Work, Social Policy, and Social Security. Based on the current state of the number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams.

Psychology (Bachelor's degree) – The conditions for this study program are set as follows: the method of selection of candidates is based on a written test of knowledge orientation (from the subject of psychology and biology) in the scope of secondary school curriculum, assessment of knowledge of English text at B1 level, assessment of general intellectual abilities (solving verbal, numerical, logical and abstract assignments) and analysis of personality profile assumptions. The standard form of entrance exams are written tests. The content of the entrance tests respects fair access to education and in the content and scope of the written tests do not go beyond the scope of secondary education. The method of conducting written tests, as well as their evaluation and publication of results, is ensured consistently anonymously using the candidates' code and secrecy of their names. Only after assessment, by means of a computer program and the creation of an independent and objective order, will the names of the candidates be assigned to the codes.

The requirements placed on candidates and the method of their selection are a guarantee of the selectivity of candidates with the necessary skills and prerequisites. The Dean of the faculty decides on the admission of an applicant.

At the same time, based on the current number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams or reduce the admission criteria.

In the event of the state of emergency, it is possible to accept as an alternative form of admission the study results of the study achievements during the whole secondary school attendance and the results from the study achievements in the profile subjects during the last winter term of secondary study (Slovak language, mathematics, English, psychology and biology). These would be parts of a written knowledge test.

Based on the Amendment to the Act on Higher Education Institutions, during an emergency situation, or state of emergency declared in connection with COVID-19, the Ministry of Education determines the method of admission to study, method of evaluation and method of completion of university study in the Slovak Republic - in accordance with the measures of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic.

Psychology (Master's degree) – Admission to this study program is carried out on the basis of the study results achieved in the bachelor's degree and the relevant activities of the applicant for the field of study. The basic condition for admission is completed study at the bachelor's degree of university study in accordance with § 56 par. 2 of Act no. 131/2002 on universities. The candidate may receive a maximum of 100 points in the admission procedure. Based on the points obtained, the admissions committee will compile the ordered list of candidates. Applicants with the highest number of points obtained are going to be accepted. Three criteria are assessed: (1) total study achievement during the bachelor's degree expressed by a weighted study average - 50 points; (2) achievement from the defense of the bachelor's thesis - 30 points; (3) completed relevant activities to the field of study - 20 points. Another condition for admission to study is the relationship of the field of study of the completed bachelor's study to the study of psychology. The applicant is required to complete a previous bachelor's degree in psychology or a master's degree in psychology teaching (in combination). The criteria used in the assessment and selection of applicants for study ensure the evaluation of study prerequisites for university studies characterized by long-term academic performance. The criterion of

activity expresses the degree of motivation and commitment of the applicant beyond the scope of study obligations and at the same time allows to estimate the interest orientation of the applicant for study. The applicant can obtain points for activities such as: active participation in a scientific professional psychological event (such as a conference), participation in an educational activity accredited by MŠVVaŠ SR, MZ SR, MPSVaR SR, active participation in the SVOUČ competition on departmental level, active student participation in foreign mobility within the field of study of psychology. The conditions of the admission procedure are reviewed and updated annually.

Based on the current number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams or reduce the criteria.

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Evangelical Theology and Mission (Bachelor's degree) – The condition for admission is successful completion of secondary school graduation examinations, applicant's basic knowledge of the Bible and Church History (according to prescribed references) and communication skills. Applicants are ranked according to the results of the admission procedure, applicants with highest level of abilities are accepted. In case the Dean decides to waive the entrance examination, the best graduates of secondary schools will be admitted.

Evangelical Theology (Master's degree) – The applicant has to provide evidence about successful completion of Bachelor's Program of Evangelical theology and mission or a related theological study program. The entrance examination committee assesses the results of bachelor studies using a point scale. The quality of knowledge related to evangelical theology and mission is assessed. The candidates with the highest number of points and knowledge level will be admitted to this study. Based on the current number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams or reduce the criteria.

Teaching of Music Art (Bachelor's degree) – The condition for admission to study is passing a talent test: from playing a musical instrument and solo singing at level II of ZUŠ – elementary art and music schools (a graduate of solo singing at ZUŠ has to master playing a musical instrument at the level of the 5th year of ZUŠ), knowledge of the content of music education is required at the level of a graduate of the 1st cycle of ZUŠ. The candidate must have a healthy voice with a potential to develop, also appropriately developed musical abilities (rhythmic feeling, auditory preconditions, harmonic feeling, musical memory) and a relationship to the chosen profession. The talent test includes a written hearing test. Based on the current state of the number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams.

Teaching of Psychology (Bachelor's degree) – The condition for admission to bachelor's studies is the acquisition of a complete secondary education completed by the Matura (secondary school leaving) examination. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of psychology and biology in the scope of the secondary school curriculum. The selection of admitted students is made on the basis of the results of a written test and in accordance with the Principles of the Admission Procedure.

Based on the current number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams or reduce the criteria.

Based on the Amendment to the Act on Higher Education Institutions, during an emergency situation, or state of emergency declared in connection with COVID-19, the Ministry of Education determines the method of admission to study, method of evaluation and method of completion of university study in the Slovak Republic in accordance with the measures of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic.

Teaching of Psychology (Master's degree) – The condition for admission is the completion of the bachelor's study program in Teaching psychology by a state exam. The content of the

entrance exams is determined by the department together with the guarantor of the study program. In the admission procedure, the demonstration of the necessary prerequisites and abilities for the 2nd level of university study, the demonstration of knowledge in the field of psychology at the bachelor's degree level is monitored. Based on the current state of the number of applicants, the Dean of the faculty may decide to waive the entrance exams. Based on the Amendment to the Act on Higher Education Institutions, during an emergency situation, or state of emergency declared in connection with COVID-19, the Ministry of Education determines the method of admission to study, method of evaluation and method of completion of university study in the Slovak Republic in accordance with the measures of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic.

General pre-conditions for admission into PhD studies

The condition of admission is the successful completion of the second stage of university study in the relevant field of study according to the fields listed below. The candidate registers for one of the listed thesis topics for a specific supervisor. The lists of topics and supervisors will be published on www.pdf.umb.sk after March 1, 2021.

The applicant for doctoral studies is obliged to enter in the application a foreign language from which he / she will take the entrance examination (English, French, Russian, German).

The applicant shall attach to the application:

- **A preliminary project** of focus and research of the future dissertation thesis, which demonstrates knowledge of the subject, research methodology and knowledge of the topic content (in two duplicates),
- **An overview of his/her previous scientific and publishing activity**, listing all current activities related to scientific activity or topic of the thesis (participation in research and other projects, participation and placement in SVOUČ (university scientific or art competition), active presentations at conferences and seminars, education completed, other activities of the applicant related to the chosen field of study), a list of own publications including professional publishing on websites, foreign internships and stays at relevant institutions, including Erasmus, volunteering activities, etc.

The condition for acceptance is a successful completion of the admission test in three parts:

1. Defense of the dissertation project – **research methodology** according to the field of study and the topic of the thesis, namely: knowledge of selected methodological procedures, methods and research tools, principles and risks of their use, terminological correctness of methodological concepts, previous use of research tools on given topic, knowledge of methodological literature.
2. Defense of the dissertation project - **expert knowledge of the relevant study field**, respectively its subdisciplines, which includes the topic of the thesis, namely: knowledge of approaches to the topic and relevant conceptions, the current state of the research, the literature on the topic as well as the interdisciplinary knowledge related to the topic of the thesis
3. **Knowledge of a foreign language**, which allows independent study of foreign literature and especially ability to communicate in a foreign language, ability to communicate professionally on the topic of the thesis, ability to understand a professional text.

Andragogy (PhD.) - Graduates of the Master's degree in the study programs of Andragogy and Pedagogy may apply for this PhD. study. Besides them, graduates of the following study programs may also be accepted: Psychology, Sociology, Personnel Management, Social Work, or other equivalent study programs. In these cases, the selection of candidates takes into account

the content of their previous studies, including the subject of the diploma thesis; quality and range of knowledge from the field of adult education, respectively their own experience in adult education.

Pedagogy (PhD.) – Graduates of the 2nd level of study in the following programs can apply: Pedagogy, Social Pedagogy, Social Pedagogy and Leisure Education, Andragogy, Sociology, Social Work, Teaching pedagogy, Teaching of Leisure Education, Educator in School After-school Clubs.

Pre-primary and Primary Pedagogy (PhD.) - Students of the following degree programs may be enrolled in the study: Teaching for Primary School Education, Teaching for Primary Education and Preschool Education, exceptionally also of related study fields: Pedagogy, Social Pedagogy, Special Pedagogy, Leisure Education, as long as the applicant develops the issue of education of preschool children, respectively, younger school age children, in an interdisciplinary way.

Theology (PhD.) - Graduates of the 2nd grade of study in theology or related study fields with knowledge of biblical Hebrew and Greek can apply for study.

Social Work (PhD.) - Graduates of the 2nd degree of study of the study field of Social Work or of the following related study fields may be accepted for this study: Social Pedagogy, Sociology, Psychology, Treatment pedagogy, Nursing, Public Economics and Services.

Information about ‘small doctorate’ (called ‘rigorous’) procedure of PD UMB

The candidate may apply for a ‘small doctorate’ title procedure at the PF UMB in the study program, in which the faculty conducts so called *rigorous* thesis and exam procedures, leading to awarding the small doctorate title. The exams for the ‘small doctorate’ and defense of the ‘small doctorate’ thesis which is its precondition are governed by Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts and on the current directive at FE UMB in Banská Bystrica.

Graduates of the 2nd (Master) degree study programs can take a ‘small doctorate’ examination, which includes the defense of a thesis in the field of study in which they obtained their university degree. By means of this examination and the defense of a thesis, the candidate has to prove on the basis of self-study that he / she has deeper knowledge in his / her field of study and is able to acquire new knowledge of science and practice independently and able to apply the acquired knowledge creatively in practice.

The Faculty of Education UMB has the right to conduct ‘small doctorate’ examinations and defense of a thesis in the following study programs:

- **Teaching and Pedagogical Sciences**
- **Social Work**
- **Psychology**
- **Theology**

After defending the thesis and passing an oral exam, the graduates are awarded:

- a) the academic degree ‘Doctor of Education’ (abbreviated to "PaedDr.") in the study programs of the study fields of Teaching and Pedagogical Sciences;
- b) the academic title of 'Doctor of Philosophy' (abbreviated to 'PhDr.') in the study programs of the study fields Social Work and Psychology;
- c) the academic title of ‘Doctor of Theology’ ('ThDr. ') in the study program of the study field of Theology.

Full information on ‘small doctorate’ procedures at FE UMB can be found at <https://www.pdf.umb.sk/studenti/studujem/rigorozne-konanie.html>.

ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students of the Faculty of Education of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica have the possibility of accommodation in student homes. The student canteens provide dining options.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GRADUATES of FE UMB

Andragogy (Bachelor's degree)* – The graduates of this Bachelor's study program have mastered the basics of theory and practice of Andragogy. They can apply basic knowledge of psychological and social sciences to solve problems of Andragogy. They have the capacity to organize continuous education, to use methods of Andragogy in professional education, cultural and educational and social work.

Andragogy (Master's degree) *– Career opportunities of graduates of this Master's study program are as follows: policy makers in the field of Andragogy; adult education managers; consultants in the field of social, cultural, professional, social andragogy; cultural - educational workers; qualified experts in the area of human resources development - personnel managers.

Pedagogy – Leisure Education (Bachelor's degree)* – The graduates of this Bachelor's study program are competent to perform the following professions: educator (tutor, leisure-time educator) mastering the issues of education of children and youth outside the classroom, applying leisure (interest) activities with children and youth in school educational establishments, in penitentiary establishments and other establishments for children and youth.

Social Pedagogy (Master's degree)* – Graduates are able to work as independent experts in basic and applied research, in the social and educational field, in public administration. They can also work in accordance with the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic no. 245/2008 on upbringing and education and the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic no. 138/2019 Coll. on pedagogical staff and professional staff as school social pedagogues in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, in school facilities of educational counseling and prevention, in special educational facilities, in school dormitories, etc. Furthermore, they can work in the state administration (Labour, Social Affairs and Family Office), in the probation and mediation service, in penitentiary facilities, as well as counseling and educational, research and management staff in other preventive and social-educational institutions. Graduates of the master's degree in Social Pedagogy can continue in the doctoral study program in pedagogy.

** In connection with the ongoing processes of accreditation of study programs at universities, also our Faculty is preparing a transformation of several existing study programs in education for non-teaching careers (Bachelor degrees in Pedagogy - Leisure education and Andragogy, Master degrees in Social pedagogy and Andragogy, PhD. in Pedagogy and Andragogy). These changes respond to new needs of practice and offer students wider opportunities for employment (animation, prevention, counseling, management in the education of children, youth and adults).*

Pre-primary and Primary Teacher Education (Bachelor's degree) prepares students for Master's programs of Primary Teacher Education and Pre-primary Pedagogy). The graduate of this study program is capable to perform the following profession: kindergarten teacher, teacher in institutions for children of preschool and younger school age (especially school children's clubs and leisure centers) and teacher's assistant. Successful completion of this level of study gives the graduate the opportunity to continue in Master's university study field of Primary Teacher Education or Pre-primary Pedagogy.

Primary Teacher Education (Master's degree) – A graduate of a study program is eligible to be a teacher of primary education, a qualified methodologist capable of projecting teaching in basic areas of human culture with an emphasis on the initial aculturation of children and an inclusive approach to education.

Social work (Bachelor's degree) – Based on the Act no. 219/2014 Coll. on Social work and the conditions of certain professional activities in the field of social affairs and family, graduates of the Bachelor Social Work study program are social work assistants who can work at the

governmental level, especially at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Science and Research sport, public administration and the third sector. Graduate of Bachelor studies in social work. Social work assistants in these job positions can use their acquired expertise in practical, theoretical and methodological activities.

Social Work (Master's degree) – Based on the Act no. 219/2014 Coll. Social work and the conditions of certain professional activities in the field of social affairs and family, graduates of the Master study program of Social Work are social workers who are qualified to work at the level of the state administration, especially at the Ministry of , Social Affairs and Family, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and sport, public administration, the third sector but also in business focused on social work in a managerial role. The graduates - social workers in these job positions can apply their acquired expertise in performing practical, theoretical, methodological, conceptual, research and scientific activities. The career opportunities and the graduate profile is consistent with the description of the study field Social Work.

Psychology (Bachelor's degree) – The first study degree graduate in the study field of Psychology (Bc.) is able to continue successfully in his/her studies in the second university study degree. Its graduates are personalities, ready to perform competent psychological activities of an assistant assigned to various work positions in research, work, clinical, counseling, educational, forensic and other areas.

Psychology (Master's degree) – The Master's degree graduate in the study field of Psychology (Mgr.) is able to carry out the profession of psychologist and to continue in the study of the field at the 3rd level of university study. The graduate is ready to competently work in psychological profession in various psychological areas. His/her expertise can be used in practical, theoretical, conceptual, project, and research activities within state governmental, local governmental, non-profit or entrepreneur institutions.

Evangelical Theology and Mission (Bachelor's degree) – The graduate of this Bachelor's study can use the acquired expertise in performing clerical activities of churches and congregations; in organizations that focus on education, charitable-diaconal, and missionary activities; in church services; in non-governmental organizations requiring a Bachelor's degree such as missionary work of churches, Christian children's clubs, shelters for people in social needs, dormitories for orphans, halfway houses, low-threshold day centers for children and families, emergency housing, assisted living facilities, social service facilities, youth work, day centers for the elderly, Roma mission, ecumenical activities, and biblical Christian publishing companies, diaconal and Christian charities, evangelistic centers, Christian radio and television broadcasting, Christian media activity.

Evangelical Theology (Master's degree) – The graduate of this Master's study can apply the acquired expertise in particular activities of churches and para-church organizations in positions which require autonomy and creative invention. Furthermore, they may find working positions in educational, missionary and social establishments as well as various forms of leisure activities organized by the State, public services, churches and non-governmental organizations, which require Master's degree, such as missionary work of churches, Christian children's clubs, working with youth, seniors clubs, Roma mission, ecumenical activities, and biblical Christian publishing companies, diaconal and Christian charities, evangelistic centres, Christian radio and television broadcasting, Christian media activity.

Teaching of Music Art (Bachelor's degree) – The graduates of this Bachelor's study program graduates are competent to work as assisting teachers respectively teachers' assistants, assistant leisure teachers, state and public administration staff for the relevant fields. Above all, they are ready to successfully continue in their Master's studies and become teachers of music education for primary and secondary education.

Teaching of Psychology (Bachelor's degree) – The graduate of this Bachelor's study program is a personality that is ready to competently perform supportive teaching activities at primary

and secondary schools, e.g. an assistant teacher, teacher assistant, assistant lecturer in education outside of the classroom, respectively an employee in the field of education outside the classroom, an assistant in coordinating prevention activities in schools. He/she can act as an assistant in specialized educational institutions, e.g. methodological centers, centers of educational-psychological counselling and prevention, leisure centers, etc. He/she may find job in state facilities outside the Ministry of Education, respectively within the third sector, e.g. in re-socialization institutions, preventive and treatment services for youth. He/she is competent to carry out activities focused on people requiring empathy, creativity and pro-social behavior. Furthermore, they are able to carry out awareness raising activities in the field of healthy lifestyle and psycho-hygiene. He/she is ready to communicate effectively with children and adults. He/she is also ready to further develop his/her personality in the following Master's study.

Teaching of Psychology (Master's degree) – The graduate of the study program Teaching Psychology is a well-prepared professional, qualified to be a teacher of psychological subjects at secondary schools and universities (according to the curriculum of secondary and tertiary educational institutions). He/she can be employed as a methodologist at methodology centers, centers of educational-psychological counselling and prevention and school inspection etc. He/she can be also employed as a qualified educational consultant, especially in the field of prevention of socio-pathological phenomena.

Andragogy (PhD.) – The graduates of the third degree of this university study program have acquired scientific methods of basic and applied research in the field of andragogy. They are able to process and present the results of their scientific research, to independently carry out project and development activities in the area of adult education, to perform organizational and managerial activities in specific areas of andragogical practice, to work as university teachers.

Pedagogy (PhD.) – The graduates of the third degree of this university study program are competent to carry out research and development activities and the conceptual design and development activities in the field of educational sciences, as well as conceptual work in social-educational services. They are capable of acting in managerial and educational positions at primary, secondary schools and universities and other educational, educational and socio-educational institutions, or in a position of a university teacher.

Pre-primary and Primary Pedagogy (PhD.) – The graduates of the third degree of this university study program are competent to carry out research and development activities and the conceptual design in the field of preschool and elementary pedagogy and education, work as a university teacher. They are able to teach and to lead further training of teachers of kindergartens and primary schools.

Theology (PhD.) – The graduates of the third degree of this university study program are competent to carry out conceptual theological and scientific activities; conceptual professional theological activities in the area of theological theory and its practice; as well as explaining the Christian worldview based on professional exegesis of the Bible. They are ready to carry out leadership positions in the church and para-church, diaconal and ecumenical institutions and organizations. They can teach theological subjects at university level and take positions of professional staff to teach and prepare the specialized workers for church and religious organizations. They are capable to comprehend the relationship between natural sciences, humanities and theological sciences. They are competent to carry out research in theology and related fields. From the personality point of view, they are well educated both in science and faith, and they have a broader insight into issues of current philosophical and theological and ethical debate. They are able to process this information in a logical and sensitive way as well as to argue and to publicly respond to the controversial ethical and social issues relating to the Christian faith, religion and culture.

Social Work (PhD.) – The graduates of the third degree of this university study program are competent to carry out scientific and research activities and the conceptual project design focusing on solving social problems at micro, mezzo and macro level within the resort of

Ministry of , social affairs and family, Ministry of education, science, research and sport, Ministry of health, Ministry of interior and Ministry of social justice. The main focus of employment of graduates is in the area of science, research, or various other strategic, conceptual, program and project activities. They are also prepared to work in the field of higher education.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

How do I apply to study at the FE UMB if I have a specific need?

Relevant information can be obtained from the competent staff of the Faculty of Education of UMB - Vice-Dean for Pedagogical activities, coordinator for contacts with students with Specific Needs, or the head of the Study Department.

How to choose a study program:

1. Consider the prerequisites for the selected study program in terms of:
 - knowledge level and preconditions,
 - technical and personal preparedness and motivation,
 - claims on the content, scope and form of the study,
 - the conditions offered by the university,
 - limits resulting from disability.
2. Try to obtain qualified information about the difficulty and conditions of the study well in advance.
3. Contact a faculty employee personally to discuss your needs and support options. In case if the selected study program requires an entrance exam - if necessary, write and send a request for an alternative form of the entrance examination together with the rest of the application for your study.

Students with specific needs at the Faculty of Education, UMB - assumptions:

A student is well prepared and well equipped for university studies in case if he/she possesses /has at his/her disposal the required:

- knowledge potential,
- study/learning habits,
- dispositions for study in general and for a certain study program,
- habits and abilities to use his/her own functional potential to maximize self-sufficiency in the study.

That means that a student with these prerequisites will require special support, personal assistance and assistance from the surrounding environment only in situations where the particular obstacle to his / her study is insurmountable by himself / herself.

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