



MATEJ BEL
UNIVERSITY

BANSKÁ BYSTRICA



EDUCATION CREATES THE FUTURE - BE THE FUTURE!

MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY IN BANSKA BYSTRICA

Matej Bel University was established on the 1st of July 1992 by merging the College of Economic Services and Tourism in Banská Bystrica and the Pedagogical Faculty in Banská Bystrica. Banská Bystrica has a long tradition of education and culture. As early as the 13th century there was a parish school and later a town school. In the 17th century a Jesuit grammar school was founded and it was soon followed by an Evangelical grammar school established in the same century. It was the latter where Matej Bel, who gave his name to the University, studied and later taught and held the position of the Rector.

Matej Bel (1684 – 1749) was the author of a large number of works about science, education, national history and geography, philosophy and religion. His ideas about the equal rights of nations, religious tolerance, of the integration of people and nations, of love of one's native country and his belief in the power of education and culture are still relevant. His works have contributed to the development of science, school systems, education and culture in Slovakia and Europe.

In the middle part of the 19th century, the Catholic grammar school, using Slovak as the language of instruction, became an important centre of education in Slovakia. In the academic year 1856-57, a Teachers' training college was founded in Banská Bystrica, where thanks to the then current Bishop Štefan Moyses, courses were provided not only in German and Latin, but also in Slovak.

In the academic year 1949-50, a branch of the Pedagogic Faculty of the Slovak University in Bratislava was established in Banská Bystrica. It was not until 1954 that the first institution of higher education – the Higher Pedagogic School – started its activities. Ten years later, on the 1st of September 1964, the Pedagogic Faculty came into being. In 1973, a branch of the Faculty of Commerce of the School of Economics in Bratislava was established in Banská Bystrica. In 1977 this became the Faculty of the Economic Services and Tourism. On the 1st July 1992, the Faculty adopted the new name – Faculty of Economics, which better characterised its main focus.

THE MISSION OF MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

As a part of the European area of education and research, Matej Bel University makes an important contribution to providing high-quality university education. It also provides a wide spectrum of further education corresponding to the requirements of the society it serves. Developing new knowledge through productive scientific and artistic research, the university contributes to the formation of intelligent, moral and socially responsible individuals and thus to the creation of a learning society.



THE VISION

Having proved itself to be one of the leading centres of excellence in the field of education in the region of Central Slovakia, Matej Bel University is also perceived to be an exceptional national university of international importance. This status has been achieved thanks to its high quality of education, excellence in the selected fields of research, successful placement of graduates in the labour market, international cooperation in specific areas of research, co-operation with employer and thanks to sport and artistic presentation of the University in public.

INTERNATIONAL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS VALID ON THE MBU LEVEL

BULGARIA

The University of National and World
Economy in Sofia

BRASIL

Sao Paulo State University

CZECH REPUBLIC

The University of Ostrava in Ostrava
Silesian University in Opava
The University of Hradec Králové
The Univeristy of Jan Amos Comenius in Prague
Masaryk University, Brno
Banking Institute, a.s., Praha / SR
Charles University in Prague
J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem

CHINA

Lanzhou Jiaotong University
Tianjin University

FRANCE

The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne
Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University
Nancy 2 University

GEORGIA

Kutaisi University

INDONESIA

State Islamic University Jakarta
Andalas University

JAPAN

Asia University Junior College, Tokyo

KOREA

Sogang University

HUNGARY

Tessedik Samuel College, Szarvas
University of Miskolc
Esterházy Károly College, Eger
University of Pécs

POLAND

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin
Kasimir Pulaski Technical University of Radom
Opole University
Opole University of Technology
The University of Łódź
University of Silesia, Katowice
Jan Kochanowski University of Humanities
and Sciences in Kielce

The University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
The National Defence University in Warsaw
University of Social Sciences, Łódź
Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz
The AGH University of Science and Technology,
Kraków
The State University of Applied Sciences in Konin

ROMANIA

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University
Saint Petersburg State University

SERBIA

The University of Novi Sad

ITALY

University for Foreigners in Perugia

TURKEY

Fatih University Istanbul

UKRAINE

Kremenchuk Mykhailo Ostrohradskyi National
University
National Transport University in Kyiv
European University Kyiv



CO-OPERATION WITH PARTNERS

Along with the traditionally intense inter-university co-operation with partner universities in the central European area, especially in the countries of the Visegrad Four, the strategy of internationalization of MBU in Banská Bystrica is oriented to the whole European Union and to the wider dimension of the well developed countries involved in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, including countries overseas. A particular priority consists in the co-operation with communities of Slovaks living abroad, with the countries of the Francophone world and with the countries involved in the ambitious global co-ordination group known as BRICS.

MEMBERSHIP OF MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, COOPERATION NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

EUA (European University Association) – the association of European universities

Institut universitaire franco-slovaque – French-Slovak university institute – civic association acting at MBU since 19th September 2011, a unique Slovak-French institute promoting international cooperation

AERTE – Association Européenne des Représentants Territoriaux de l'Etat – European association of territorial representatives of the countries seated in Paris

AUF (Agence universitaire de la Francophonie) – the university agency of Francophony

Sens public – Public sense

AIEST – Worldwide network of experts, scientists and professionals

EURAXESS – informal network of EURAXESS service centres contact points

HPDCEES – Human Potential Development in Central and Eastern EU States – international regional cooperation network of scientists from EU countries (central and eastern Europe)

QS – APPLE – global network of universities seated in London with a branch in Singapore



MEMBERSHIP OF MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANISATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, COOPERATION NETWORKS, INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Association of Francophone students – Pont Francophone at the Faculty of Arts of MBU – promotion and development of Francophony in student circles in order to improve the preparation of students for work in the field of education and culture.

Association of Francophone students – EFPOLIT working at the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of MBU – promotion and development of Francophony in student circles in order to improve the preparation of students for work in international organizations and in diplomacy. The way of the faculty involvement: active participation linked to the association of Slovakia to OIF.

Erasmus Student Network – ESN (Erasmus Student Network) – working at MBU – international student organization dedicated to the promotion of effective adaptation of foreign students in European universities.

Euro-Atlantic centre – working at the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of MBU. Member of the international structure YATA (Youth Atlantic Treaty Association) bringing together young leaders throughout the entire Euro-Atlantic area with the aim to build civil societies, promote NATO and transatlantic cooperation.

International Association of Students in Economic and Commercial Sciences – AIESEC – working at the Faculty of Economics of MBU. The largest student directed organization in the world acting at more than 1,700 universities in 110 countries in our global community. Focus: organising internships for students and graduates of foreign universities in the manufacturing, banking, transport and service industries, IT and trading companies.

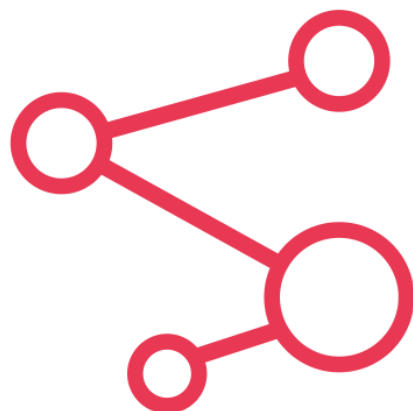
International Students of History Association – ISHA – working at the Faculty of Arts of UMB – International non-governmental association of history students whose aim is to facilitate communication by providing a discussion forum for students of history and the related disciplines at an international level.



MBU IN NUMBERS



9 096
STUDENTS



6
FACULTIES



47
**FIELDS
OF STUDY**



478
**STUDY
PROGRAMMES**



3
**EXCELLENCE
CENTRES**



FACULTIES OF MBU



Faculty of Economics

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Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations

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<http://www.fpvmv.umb.sk>



Faculty of Natural Sciences

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Faculty of Arts

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Faculty of Education

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Faculty of Law

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UNIVERSITY CENTRES

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OF MBU

www.library.umb.sk

The University library is the central library-information centre of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. The main task of the library is to ensure scientific research and the educational process at MBU. The library-information services are provided to research and teacher staff of MBU, as well as to the students of all forms of study and to the professional public.

INSTITUTE OF AUTOMATISATION AND COMMUNICATION OF MBU

E-mail: podpora.uakom@umb.sk

This is the unit ensuring the development and running of information and communication technologies at the university and providing information systems to all sections of MBU.

METHODOLOGICAL CENTRE OF MBU FOR SLOVAKS LIVING ABROAD

www.umb.sk/celozivotne-vzdelavanie-umb/metodicke-centrum-pre-slovakov-zijucich-v-zahranici/

The Methodological Centre of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica seeks the most efficient and effective cooperation with organisations and people from amongst Slovak citizens living abroad. At the same time, we create a friendly environment for the students of our university coming to study in Slovakia from the compatriot environment, especially from Dolná zem (southern Europe).

CAREER CENTRE OF MBU

www.umb.sk/celozivotne-vzdelavanie-umb/karierne-centrum-umb/

The aim of the Career Centre of MBU consists in supporting our students in the process of searching and preparation for the career path to be followed.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE

The main purpose of the Crisis Management Centre of Matej Bel University is to manage and also encourage research in the field of international crisis management within the system of international relationships. Participation of different scholarly disciplines is also possible if an interdisciplinary approach is desired.

ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOMMODATION

www.ubytovanie.umb.sk

Full time students of MBU are provided with accommodation during the whole academic year while part time students are provided with short term accommodation.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING CENTRE (HPCC)

<http://hpcc.umb.sk>

The centre's main role is to provide information for the scientists when they need to perform demanding calculations. The highly efficient MBU cluster has been incorporated in the European Grid Infrastructure, EGI since 2013.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

MBU SPORT

Club

www.sportklub.umb.sk

The club performs its activities on the level of high performance achievements and mass recreational activities.

Clubs associated:

- **Athletic Club ŠK UMB**
- **Women's basketball team**
- **Gymnastic Club** (focusing on gymnastic sports)
- **University Hockey Club**
- **Horoklub** (focusing on outdoor activities)
- **Karate Club** (also focuses on other martial arts)
- **Judo Club**
- **TRIAN** (focusing on triathlon and swimming activities)
- **Technical Sports Club** – associates a section of biathlon and a section of aircraft models
- **Sport Club for All** – The club is designed for students and employees of MBU who have the ability to perform the following physical activities: swimming, volleyball, basketball, football, floorball, aerobics, zumba, fitness workout (weightlifting), sport and fitness gymnastics and other non-traditional sports.

TJ Slávia Ekonóm MBU

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Sections:

- **Skiing** – with a focus on Nordic skiing
- **Orienteering sports** – with a focus on winter cross country orienteering, orienteering and summer mountain bike orienteering

The sport activities at MBU Banská Bystrica are realized in the facilities administered by MBU.

- Sports hall • Gymnastics gym • Mirrored gym • Indoor swimming pool • Movement studio (mirrored gym) • Fitness Centre • Athletic-football area • Tennis centre (asphalt)
- Handball grounds (asphalt) • Movement studio • Fitness • Large gym • Tennis courts



ARTISTIC ENSEMBLES

The **University Choir called Mladost'** is not only a choir in its own right but also an instructive body for the study needs of training teachers and training youth choir conductors. During the years of its existence, the Choir has received many awards at festivals and competitions in Slovakia and abroad too. The dramaturgy is focused on preparing songs from all styles and periods of musical history. The ensemble participates in various projects within the framework of international symposia and workshops.

Artistic director: prof. PaedDr. Milan Pazúrik, CSc.

www.pdf.umb.sk



University folkloric ensemble Mladost'

The ensemble is a creative body of musicians that represents MBU, performing folklore from the whole country, especially from the regions of Upper Hron (Tekov, Stredné Pohronie, Podpoľanie, Horehronie), and also from various regions of origin of the MBU students and the ensemble members. The ensemble involves three sections – dancing ensemble, folk music band and a singing section. Each of the sections has its own independent programme patterns and concerts. There are further activities such as teaching selected subjects of Folklore dance, Folk music, Singing (Departments of Music Culture of the Faculty of Education of MBU) addressed to advanced students and to beginners.

The University Folkloric Ensemble Mladost' has won many competitions: Academic Zvolen and Nitra, it regularly gains top rankings at national and international competitions as well as representation trips abroad.

Artistic director: Mgr. art. Martin Urban, PhD.

www.ufsmladost.sk



MBU LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

EVERYTHING IS CLOSE FROM HERE

BANSKÁ BYSTRICA – THE HEART OF SLOVAKIA

Visit and get to know this independent royal town. A copper mining town with rich mining history. The centre of national resistance during the period of the Slovak National Uprising, which is currently the seat of Banská Bystrica Self-governing Region. Do not miss out on the treasures of the castle compound and the dominating features of the historic square with its beautiful and noble burgher houses. Here you can find the guide to a fulfilling cultural experience.

www.visitbanskabystrica.sk



CENTRAL SLOVAKIA

**NUMBER OF
INHABITANTS**
180,280

AREA
1,568.4 km²

COORDINATES
48° 44' 74" NL
19° 08' 94" EL

**ELEVATION OF
BANSKÁ BYSTRICA**
360 MASL



NATURE AND CLIMATE – A PARADISE ON EARTH

The territory of Central Slovakia partly encompasses two national parks – The Low Tatras (Nízke Tatry) and Great Fatra (Veľká Fatra), two protected landscape areas – Štiavnica Mountains (Štiavnické vrchy) and Kremnica Mountains (Kremnické vrchy), a number of smaller protected areas, Poľana biosphere reserve, protected areas, localities, mineral springs and geothermal waters.

The mountain and submountain character guarantees a great winter recreation while the basins and highlands are the paradise for summer hikes. Central Slovakia lies in the north temperate zone with regular changes of the four seasons. The continental climate is responsible for draughts, summer heat and winter frosts. The ocean air brings precipitation and moderates temperatures. The typical climate feature in the mountain areas is the temperature inversion mainly in spring and autumn. The average yearly temperatures range from 5.5 °C to 10 °C. The lowest temperature (– 41 °C) ever measured in the whole Slovakia was in the Zvolen Basin.

Would you like to rest actively throughout the whole year? In our selection of activities you can find an adrenaline cruise on the Hron River, wind in the hair on long winter ski runs or water slides in waterparks.

Do you enjoy climbing every hill? Then you can choose from an enormous number of hiking and bicycle trails.

Central Slovakia is awaiting you with its high quality sporting grounds, ski resorts with modern facilities and thousands of kilometers of maintained running routes. Do you still need more adrenaline? We then recommend rock climbing, paragliding or an attractive hunt.



ACTIVITIES



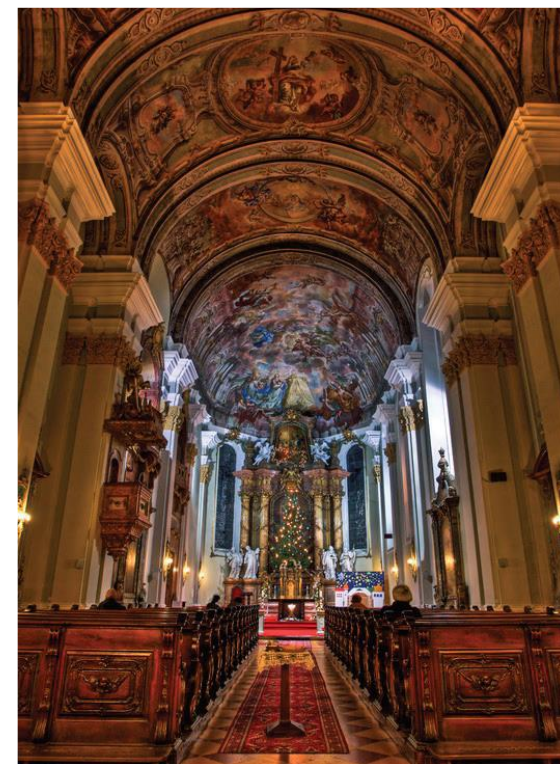
Winter means snow and snow means downhill and cross-country skiing. Central Slovakia has a number of ski resorts, where you can enjoy good skiing whether you are a great skier or a beginner, an adult or a child. Professionally maintained ski runs and cross-country skiing trails, refreshment facilities, ski services and ski schools are the guarantee of your satisfaction.

RELAXATION, HEALTH, BEAUTY

For those seeking a pleasant “inaction” there is an offer of hotels and guest houses with wellness programs and health spas in the vicinity. Rest and relax, let yourself be spoilt and heal your body, soul and thoughts. Central Slovakia is an endless well of salubrious mineral springs or geomantic sites filled with positive energy. They are the true medicine for everyday stress and rush.

After all, Aphrodite – the goddess of love and beauty was water-born, so be sure not to miss unique mineral springs of Central Slovakia.

ART, MUSEUMS, THEATERS, OPERAS





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