Admissions Procedure Requirements
Faculty of Arts, Charles University (CU FA)
For Studies Beginning in Academic Year 2021/2022
Bachelor’s and Post-Bachelor (Master’s) Study

General Information

Contacts

- Student Admissions Office, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, nám. Jana Palacha 1/2, Praha 1, Room no. 130 (ff.cuni.cz/home/about/faculty-administration/admission-and-external-relations-office/)
- Web: ff.cuni.cz/home/applicants
- Facebook: facebook.com/mirim.na.FFUK
- E-mail: prijimack@ff.cuni.cz
- Telephone: (+420) 221 619 300, (+420) 221 619 330, (+420) 221 619 333

Dates and Deadlines

- Applications to be submitted (bachelor’s study): by 28 February 2021
- Applications to be submitted (master’s study): by 31 March 2021
- Open Day: 16 January 2021
- Entrance examinations will be held on: 1 June – 30 July 2021 (regular and alternative dates; the alternative dates are held 5-40 days after the regular one). The entrance examinations will be most probably held from 1 June – 9 July 2021; the period 10 – 30 July 2021 is a reserve in case of a worsened epidemic situation.
- Results of entrance examinations to be announced in the online system: in 7 days from the date of the last examination.
- The above dates apply to all programmes of study whose accreditation process has been completed (i.e. Charles University’s Internal Evaluation Board has accredited the respective programme of study).

The study programmes, with an accreditation process completed by 30 April 2021, receive applications by 10 June 2021 and the entrance examination exams (regular and alternative) from 30 June – 30 July 2021 (The entrance examinations will be most probably held from 30 June – 9 July 2021).

The study programmes, with accreditation process completed on 1 May – 30 June 2021, receive applications by 9 July 2021, the regular dates of entrance exams are on 30 July – 3 September and the alternative on 8 September 2021.

Fees Related to the Admissions Procedure

Application Fees:
CZK 820 per one online application for programmes and dual specialisation studies allowing single curriculum study

CZK 410 per one online application for programmes and dual specialisation studies not allowing single curriculum study – a minimum of two applications must be submitted

Payment Details:
Name of Bank: Komerční banka Praha 1
Account no: 85631011/0100
Constant symbol ("konstantní symbol"): 0308
Variable symbol ("variabilní symbol"): 820001
Specific symbol ("specifický symbol"): the number generated by the information system - a six-digit code (not applicable when payment is made by card)
SWIFT: KOMB CZ PP
IBAN: CZ9601000000000085631011
Account Owner’s Address: Univerzita Karlova, Filozofická fakulta, nám. Jana Palacha 1/2, 116 38 Praha 1 (Charles University, Faculty of Arts).

Payment can be made online, via bank transfer, bank deposit or in cash at the CU FA Cashier’s Office (ff.cuni.cz/home/about/faculty-administration/finance-office/).

Each application is assigned its own six-digit code, and the application fee must be paid separately for each application using the relevant variable and specific symbols. The fee cannot be refunded at any stage of the admissions procedure.

1. General Information on the Admissions Procedure and Studies

1.1 The admissions procedure is regulated by Articles 48 to 50 of Act no. 111/1998 Sb. – the Higher Education Act of the Czech Republic, as amended (the “Higher Education Act”); Articles 19 and 20 of the Constitution of Charles University, as amended; the Code of Admissions Procedure of Charles University, as amended (the “CU Code of Admissions Procedure”); Rector’s Measure no. 9/2020, the Admissions Procedure Schedule for the 2021/2022 Academic Year; these Admissions Procedure Requirements regulating studies at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University beginning in the 2021/2022 academic year, consisting of general regulations and specific requirements for the admissions procedure relating to study in the individual programmes (the “Admissions Procedure Requirements” or “these Requirements”); Dean’s Measure no. 4/2017 regulating the organisation of the admissions procedure at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University, as amended; and the Dean’s admission procedure measure regarding the time schedule of the admissions procedure, to be issued during the 2020/2021 academic year.

1.2 A bachelor degree is normally studied for three years. Upon submitting and defending a bachelor’s thesis and passing the final state examination, the graduate is awarded the title of “bakalář” (Bc., bachelor of arts). A post-bachelor (master’s) degree is normally studied for two years. Upon submitting and defending a diploma thesis and passing the final state examination, the graduate is awarded the title of “magistr” (Mgr., master of arts).
1.3 Each programme of study is taught by a department or institute of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University (the “Faculty of Arts, Charles University” or the “Faculty”), with some programmes administered by two or three departments or institutes. More detailed information for applicants (model tests, recommended reading lists, contacts) is available on the websites of the individual departments and institutes (please refer to ff.cuni.cz/home/about/departments/). Further details regarding studies at the Faculty, study regulations and, most importantly, the study plans of the accredited programmes are available at ff.cuni.cz/home/applicants/.

2. Application for Studies

2.1 Bachelor’s, as well as post-bachelor (master’s) studies, can be either single curriculum study (one programme) or double curriculum study (a combination of two programmes). The term “double curriculum study” refers to “a programme of study that allows acquiring comprehensive knowledge and skills from another programme of study” (refer to the CU Code of Admissions Procedure, Article 3, paragraph 1). Double curriculum study is a combination of one major (maiior) curriculum and one minor curriculum.

2.2 Each programme offered by the Faculty falls into one of the following three categories (refer to the admissions requirements applicable to the individual programme):

a) single curriculum study – a programme which can only be studied independently; it cannot be studied in combination with another programme in a double curriculum study;

b) double curriculum study – a programme which can only be studied in combination with another programme in a double curriculum study; applicants can only be admitted if they meet – in the same admissions procedure – the admissions requirements applicable to a minimum of two programmes which can be combined;

c) single curriculum and double curriculum study – a programme which can be studied either independently or in combination with another programme.

Furthermore, some programmes offer dual specialisation study – a combination of two specialisations within one programme (see section 2.5 hereof).

A bachelor’s programme in education can only be combined with another education programme; the same limitation applies to master’s programmes in education. With all other programmes and dual specialisation studies at bachelor’s as well as post-bachelor (master’s) levels, there are typically no limitations to the combinations. Potential limitations may be specified in the admissions requirements applicable to the individual programme.

2.3 Applicants for studies at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University can submit an unlimited number of applications. Each programme requires one separate application. Applicants applying for both the full-time and combined forms of the same programme must submit one application for each form of study. Applicants applying for programmes and dual specialisation studies not allowing single curriculum study must submit a minimum of one additional application for another programme or dual specialisation study which can be combined. Applicants who fail to submit the number of required applications will not be admitted.
2.4 Applicants should not indicate in the application form which combination of programmes they intend to study. Applicants for programmes allowing single curriculum, as well as double curriculum study, should not indicate whether they intend to enrol in the programme in its single curriculum or double curriculum form. Applicants who are admitted to more than one programme or dual specialisation will make a binding decision during the enrolment as to which programme they will study. Applicants who are admitted to a combination of two programmes (double curriculum study) will make a binding decision during the enrolment as to which programme they will study in the major (*maior*) curriculum form and which programme in the *minor* curriculum form.

2.5 Some programmes are divided into specialisations. Where no specialisation is indicated, the respective programme is studied without specialisations. The admissions requirements applicable to the individual programme with specialisations always specify when the applicant is to make a binding choice of specialisation. With some programmes, applicants can only select one specialisation. Other programmes are divided into dual specialisations: these are specialisations which are to be studied in combination with another specialisation within the same programme. The following rules apply to these specialisations: each dual specialisation has its own anticipated number of admitted candidates (see below); each dual specialisation requires a separate application; applicants can submit applications to an unlimited number of dual specialisations (and, at the same time, to an unlimited number of programmes) and take the entrance examinations for all these programmes and specialisations; the points result is considered separately for each dual specialisation; the entrance examination for each dual specialisation results in a separate ranking of applicants; prospective students can study a combination of one specialisation of a programme with a different programme (double curriculum study), a combination of two specialisations within one programme (dual specialisation), or if this is allowed by the admissions requirements, a programme with one specialisation (single curriculum study).

2.6 Applicants who already are first-year students of Charles University's Faculty of Arts may, under the conditions stipulated below, expand their studies by adding a new programme of the same type of study (bachelor's or master's) and form of study (full-time or combined). **Option 1:** the applicant is a first-year student in a single-curriculum programme that allows double-curriculum study. If this is the case, the applicant may apply for a programme allowing single-curriculum as well as double-curriculum study; if the applicant passes the entrance examination, they may apply, during the enrolment into the second year of study, to have their single-curriculum study expanded to double-curriculum study, with the original programme becoming *maior* and the new programme becoming *minor*. **Option 2:** the applicant is a first-year student in a double-curriculum programme (i.e. a combination of two programmes, a *maior* and a *minor*). If this is the case, the applicant may apply for a programme allowing single-curriculum as well as double-curriculum study; if the applicant passes the entrance examination, they may apply, during the enrolment into the second year of study, to have their existing *minor* programme terminated and the new programme added as a *minor*. The existing *maior* may not be changed.

2.7 Applications are submitted electronically. The online application form will be available at http://is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/prijimacky/. Applications for bachelor's
programmes must be submitted, via the online information system, and payments must be made by 11:59:59 p.m. on 28 February 2021, unless otherwise specified; applications for post-bachelor (master’s) programmes must be submitted online and payments must be made by 11:59:59 p.m. on 31 March 2021. Once the application has been completed online, a six-digit code is generated for each application, which must be used as the specific symbol during the payment of the application fee (please refer to the above section Fees Related to the Admissions Procedure). No symbols are used when payment is made by card. Please note that, once the application has been completed, it must be submitted/sent through the information system in order to be valid. The applicant may monitor the submission and processing of the application and the payment of the fee in the application account; the login (e-mail and password) remain valid for the entire admissions procedure. Applicants are advised to use this account to monitor the examination procedure (dates of exams, results of each part of the exam etc.) and to submit basic requests (refer to sections 3.1 to 3.6 hereof). Applications must not be printed out and sent by post.

2.8 The following documents should not be included in the application: school-leaving certificates (maturita), university degree diplomas, or any other written materials (coursework etc.). Evidence of previous education is to be presented only by successful applicants, during the enrolment (refer to sections 5.4 and 5.5 hereof). Materials documenting the applicants’ interests should only be presented where this is explicitly stipulated by the admissions requirements applicable to the individual programme, typically in the second round of the entrance examination or during the oral interview if this is the only part of the entrance examination.

2.9 The application form can only be sent via the information system if completed properly. Applicants failing to document payment of the application fee will be notified by the Faculty and asked to remedy the shortcomings within an adequate time. Notifications are only sent online via the information system. If the shortcomings are not remedied by this deadline, the admissions procedure will be terminated. The application fee is not refunded.

2.10 Information in the application may be altered by sending a request via the online information system (My applications/Requests/Other requests). The type and form of study, as well as the programme, may be changed no later than the application deadline for the respective type, form and programme. Personal data may be altered at any time.

2.11 All stages of the admissions procedure can be monitored at is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/prijimacky under My applications – i.e. submission of the application, exact dates of the entrance examinations, results of the first part of a two-part examination, the total number of points obtained and the final results of the admissions procedure (admission/non-admission).

3. Modifications, exemptions from entrance examinations, alternative dates of examination, videoconference
3.1 Applicants may be granted – upon request and under conditions specified below – an exemption from the entrance examination or a part thereof, a modified form of the entrance examination or an alternative date thereof. If the request is incomplete or fails to contain all the attachments required, the applicant will be notified by the Faculty and asked to remedy the shortcomings within an adequate time. If the shortcomings are not remedied by this deadline, the request will be declined.

3.2 Exemptions from the entrance examination or a part thereof can only be individually granted where this is explicitly allowed by the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme. Requests for exemptions from the entrance examination should be submitted electronically, with the required attachments, through the online information system, under My applications (section Request). Unless stipulated otherwise by the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme, the request must be submitted by the application deadline applicable to the respective programme. The request for exemption must be accompanied by all the documents required by the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme. If the exemption is not granted, the applicant must take the entrance examination on the date specified by the invitation. The status and result of the request can be monitored in the online application under the respective request.

3.3 Furthermore, exemptions from part of the entrance examination can be individually granted provided this option is explicitly stated in the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme. Applicants are not required to request an exemption; an exemption from the respective part of the examination is granted automatically to applicants who meet the set requirements (e.g. exemption from the second part applicable to applicants who score a set number of points in the first part). If one of the parts of a two-part exam is abandoned or if an applicant is granted an exemption from one part of a two-part examination, they will obtain the maximum number of points (50) for the respective part.

3.3a Some study programmes and dual specializations, where the number of applicants is smaller than the estimated number of accepted students, the Dean in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 4 of the Code of Admission Procedure, Charles University, generally drops the entrance examinations. To the studies these programmes and dual specializations will be accepted all applicants if they meet the following requirements (see 5.3–5.6): a) of programmes and dual specializations which does not allow single curriculum study: meet the set requirements to be accepted at least to one dual specialization or a programme that can be combined with other. b) of all programmes and dual specializations: submit proof of previous education at the enrolment in the study.

3.4 Applicants with special educational needs may request to take a modified entrance examination. Such applicants must tick the appropriate box in the application form, requesting special treatment on the grounds of physical handicap, then select the relevant physical handicap and also specify, in the relevant column, the type of modification which they request. Where the entrance examination consists of two parts, applicants must specify whether a modification is requested for the oral part, the written part, or both parts. At the same time, the applicant must attach to the application a scanned copy of a specialist report (medical report, recommendation issued by a Pedagogical and
Psychological Counselling Centre etc.). The request for modification must be submitted by the application deadline applicable to the respective programme.

3.5 The Dean may grant permission to take the entrance examination on an **alternative date** to applicants unable to take the examination on the regular date due to **serious and duly justified reasons**, relating to health in particular. The request for an alternative date should not be attached to the application; instead, it should only be submitted after the applicant receives an invitation to the regular date of the examination. Requests for an alternative date must be submitted via an **online form to be found in the application account** (please note that the request form will only be available once the dates of examinations have been published). Each programme or dual specialisation for which an applicant requests an alternative examination date requires a **separate request**, including in cases where the entrance examinations, or a part thereof, are identical or have the same validity. Requests for alternative dates of the second part of a two-part examination should only be submitted by applicants who have passed the first part. Requests for an alternative date must be submitted **no later than three days after the date of the regular entrance examination**. The applicant will be notified of the status of the request via the Student Information System; if the alternative date for the entrance exam is granted, it will be stipulated in the Student Information System where a new invitation will be available. Applicants who are not granted an alternative date will receive a written decision by post; in such cases, the regular date of examination is applicable.

3.6 Regular study abroad as preparation for study at a higher education institution is an obligatory reason for granting an alternative date. Other types of requests are considered on an individual basis and the applicant has no automatic right to being granted an alternative date. Applicants who have been granted an alternative date for more than one examination are advised that there is no guarantee that the schedule of alternative dates will make it possible for them to take all the examinations; where this is not possible, the applicant must decide which examinations they prefer to take on the alternative date. No further alternative date is permissible.

3.7 Unless the conditions of admission procedure of the given programme state otherwise, the written entrance examination is held in-person. Regarding the oral examination, the director of the respective department or institution determines whether they will be held **in-person** (the applicant attends the examination personally) or **remotely** (the applicant attends a videoconference). At the in-person examination, there is at least one member of the committee present in-person; other members may join in via a videoconference. Even when it is determined that the examination is held in-person, the Dean may allow the applicant, based on a written request, an exam via a videoconference when they cannot attend the entrance examination for **compelling and documented reasons** (residence or long-term stay abroad, serious medical reasons, mandatory quarantine, travel restrictions decreed by the Government). The request can be submitted at **prijimacky@ff.cuni.cz** or via the admission application **ten days** prior to the regular date at the latest.

4. Entrance Examinations

4.1 The Faculty of Arts sends to the applicant an **invitation for the regular date of the entrance examination through the University’s online information system** (under
4.2 Different programmes of study normally require different forms of entrance examinations; **where the examination, or part thereof, is identical for two or more programmes, this is specified in the admissions procedure requirements.** The entrance examination can be **written, oral or evaluation of submitted materials** and can have either **one or two parts.** Oral examinations of some programmes will be held remotely via a videoconference; some programmes have a remote written examination, either using email communication or Moodle system. Some programmes may also require testing of general study skills (please note that exclusively the Faculty’s own tests are used) or a language test. The written part may contain closed as well as open questions. Entrance examinations for programmes accredited to be taught in Czech are held in Czech; the test instructions and the oral interview are in Czech, unless foreign language skills are the skills tested in the examination. Unless stipulated otherwise in the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme, candidates are allowed to communicate in the Slovak language during the examination. Entrance examinations for programmes accredited to be taught in languages other than Czech are held in the accredited language of instruction.

4.3 Applicants applying simultaneously for the **full-time and combined forms of the same programme** are required to take the entrance examination only once; their results will be recognized for both forms of study. Unless stipulated otherwise by the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programme, the same applies to applicants applying for two or more programmes whose entrance examinations, or part thereof, are identical or have the same validity.

4.4 The general requirements relating to entrance examinations are further specified in Dean’s Measure no. 4/2017, as amended. The specific form of the examinations, the anticipated number of admitted candidates and any additional requirements are specified in the admissions requirements applicable to the respective programmes.

5. Entrance Examination Assessment and Decision on Admission to Study

5.1 In entrance examinations consisting of one part, a maximum of **100 points** can be awarded; in examinations consisting of two parts, a maximum of **50 points** can be awarded in either part. You may continue to the second part of the exam if you have received at least **25 points** in the first part; the results of the first part are available at is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/prijimackyy/ (after logging in under **My applications**). **The Faculty of Arts, Charles University does not use any other ways to notify applicants of the results of the first part of the entrance examinations.**
5.2 The **final results** of the entrance examinations will be published **no later than 7 days after the final examination**. Applicants should refer to the website is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/prijimacky (under **My applications**) for the number of points awarded and the admission/non-admission status for each of their applications, using the login email address and password which they used when creating their online application. The Faculty will not inform applicants or any other persons of the results of other applicants. Only general information regarding the admissions procedure is announced on the Faculty’s notice board.

5.3 An applicant is admitted if they are awarded a minimum of 50 points in the entrance examination (consisting of one part or two parts) and, at the same time, score enough points to place among the anticipated number of candidates admitted to the respective programme or dual specialisation (refer to the admissions requirements applicable to the individual programmes); admissions will be granted to all applicants who score the same number of points as the applicant who comes in the last place in the ranking of admissions. In programmes and dual specialisation studies offered in both the full-time and combined forms, the anticipated number of admitted candidates is set separately for both forms. Applicants applying for programmes and dual specialisation studies where single curriculum study is not possible will only be admitted if they meet the set requirements for a minimum of two programmes or dual specialisation studies which can be freely combined (for more details, see sections 2.2 and 2.5 hereof) – **this condition also applies to the programmes and dual specializations which do not have entrance examinations.** The ranking of applicants to be admitted to programmes and dual specialisation studies where single curriculum study is not possible will also include applicants who place in the ranking in one programme or dual specialisation but fail to be admitted to at least one other programme or dual specialisation study which can be combined; therefore, the anticipated number of admitted candidates may remain unfilled. Interfaculty study programmes are only open to applicants who pass the entrance examination and are awarded the same or higher number of points as the last candidate in the ranking of candidates admitted to the respective programme in the regular admissions procedure, passing at the same time the entrance examination to the respective programme at the other of the two partner faculties. Candidates admitted to interfaculty study programmes are not included in the anticipated number of admitted candidates. Applicants admitted cannot be enrolled without submitting evidence of their prior education no later than on the enrolment day (see sections 5.4 and 5.5 hereof) – **this condition also applies to the programmes and dual specializations which do not have entrance examinations.**

5.4 Applicants for **bachelor's programmes** must prove their prior education by presenting a certified copy of their secondary school-leaving certificate (maturita). Applicants who have completed their secondary education outside the Czech Republic must, in addition, submit a document recognizing their certificate of foreign secondary education (unless stipulated otherwise by an international agreement). Applicants for **post-bachelor (master's) programmes** who are not graduates of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University, must prove their education by presenting a certified copy of their bachelor’s or master's diploma. Applicants who are graduates of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University, have their prior education verified by the Faculty’s Student Affairs Office. Applicants who have completed their bachelor's or master's study outside the
Czech Republic must, in addition, submit documents recognizing their foreign university degree (unless stipulated otherwise by an international agreement).

5.5 For the purposes of the admissions procedure at Charles University, applicants who have completed their previous secondary or tertiary education outside the Czech Republic may **apply with the Faculty for recognition of their previous education ("nostrification")**. For more detailed information, please refer to the Faculty's web pages under Applicants (ff.cuni.cz/home/applicants/nostrification-diplomas/). A fee is charged for the recognition application; the fee is non-refundable, including cases of non-admission. The education recognition only applies to the admissions procedure at the relevant faculty of Charles University in the relevant academic year. Please note that the Faculty only considers nostrification requests filed by applicants who have successfully passed the entrance examination.

5.6 Once the results have been announced via the Faculty's online information system, non-admitted applicants will be sent a **decision on non-admission** by post (delivery to the addressee only). Applicants who have passed the entrance examination will be asked to enrol on a specified date. More details about enrolment will be published at the website of the Faculty’s Students Affairs Office (ff.cuni.cz/studium/), typically in May. During enrolment, applicants will first be asked to present documents proving their previous education (see sections 5.4 and 5.5 hereof). Upon presenting these documents, the applicant will obtain the **admission decision** and will then be enrolled. **No applicant can be admitted for studies without submitting these documents.** In justified cases (e.g. applicants for a post-bachelor (master’s) programme unable to enrol on the regular enrolment date due to a study stay abroad), an earlier date of enrolment may be permitted by the Dean of the Faculty. If an applicant gives their explicit approval in the application form, and unless they need the decision on admission in printed form (e.g. to obtain visas), the admission decision may be sent to them via the online information system, provided they have presented the Faculty with documents proving their previous education.

5.7 Applicants who receive any of the above-mentioned documents after the regular enrolment date will be given an alternative enrolment date, no later than **30 September 2021**. Applicants whose secondary school-leaving (maturita) examination has been scheduled for the autumn, applicants for master’s programmes who are scheduled to complete their bachelor’s degree between 1 and 30 September 2021, and applicants who have completed their previous education abroad and are required to have their diplomas recognized and validated will be given an alternative enrolment date, no later than **22 October 2021**.

6. Consultation of Examination Materials and Appeal Procedure

6.1 Applicants are entitled to **consult their entrance examination materials.** The organisation and rules are stipulated by a Dean’s measure and will be published at the website ff.cuni.cz/home/applicants/.

6.2 An applicant can **appeal** the Dean’s decision regarding the applicant’s admission/non-admission. The purpose of the appeal proceedings is to review the compliance of the admissions procedure with the Higher Education Act and the internal regulations of Charles University and the Faculty of Arts, Charles University. The appeal proceedings do
not guarantee a certain number of vacancies for applicants appealing a decision. Therefore, the reasons for cancelling the appealed decision do not include the applicant’s motivation and interest in the discipline or the fact that the number of points scored by the applicant is immediately below the point threshold set for admission or the fact that vacancies remain because not all of the admitted applicants have enrolled.

7. Supplementary Admissions Procedure

7.1 Once the deadline for submitting applications expires, the Dean of the Faculty decided to announce a supplementary admissions procedure for some programmes. The requirements for the supplementary admissions procedure must be identical to these admissions requirements, except the set dates and the anticipated number of admitted candidates (see CU Code of Admissions Procedure, Article 8).

7.2 The supplementary admissions procedure is separate. It follows that: (a) applicants may submit applications for programmes to which they applied already in the regular admissions procedure; (b) applicants for double curriculum study (dual specialisation study) may not combine a programme (dual specialisation) to which they were admitted following an entrance examination in the regular admissions procedure with a programme (dual specialisation) to which they were admitted following an entrance examination in the supplementary admissions procedure.

Refer to separate files for:

8.1 Specialized requirements for admission – bachelor’s programmes

8.2 Specialized requirements for admission – master’s programmes