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REASONS TO STUDY AT THE THIRD FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Thank you for choosing the Third Faculty of Medicine, a modern and dynamic medical school. We have prepared this brochure for everyone who would like to know more about us and our faculty.



Prof. Petr Widimský, M.D., DrSc., FESC., FACC. Ph.D.



Dean of the Third Faculty of Medicine for the period 2018-2022. Head of the Cardiocenter (Departments of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery) at the University Hospital Kralovské Vinohrady in Prague.

“Thanks to the ratings from students, as well as high quality scientific research, our faculty has been repeatedly ranked among the best in the Czech Republic in the annual survey carried out by the daily Hospodářské noviny. In 2013 and 2014 our faculty was rated as the very best in the country. I wholeheartedly wish that all students studying here never regret their decision to study medicine. And at the end of their lifelong practice I hope they will look back and be happy that they chose our faculty, as well as their field of study.”

You will learn in context

The programme of study at our faculty incorporates latest trends in medicine and medical education and is close to programmes at progressive medical faculties in Western Europe and the USA. Our modern curriculum aims at teaching in context and integrates individual subjects into larger, more meaningful modules. You will learn in a way relevant to medical practice: in context of the functioning of the body as a whole. Our students are involved also in research activities and those, who became interested in research, may continue PhD studies at our faculty. We also put an emphasis on medical ethics and legal aspects of the medical profession.

We teach what you will use in medical practice

From the very beginning our students are in contact with patients. Throughout the programme we stress the significance of understanding how organ systems work, the importance of ethical approach and communication with patients, as well as understanding how medical systems work.

We prepare you well for your studies

We won't just throw you into the water and let you learn to swim on your own. Before the first semester starts we invite all students to an intensive four-day orientation camp. It takes place in southern Bohemia and is organized by students for students. There is also an orientation programme planned for you on the first day that you arrive at the faculty. This programme includes a detailed description of the campus and the first year. You will also receive an information booklet (Vademecum) to guide you through your studies.

When you're learning complex biochemical pathways, you should be aware of the diseases that develop if the given pathway does not work. You should also see photographs or a video of a patient with the disease. But you must also be able to explain the disease in lay terms to your patients, to make sure they understand their condition and treatment.

Rachel E. White, MSc.

student of the Third Faculty of Medicine from the USA

“Studying medicine in a foreign country is a considerable challenge and Lf3 has taken major steps in abating this very challenge. But as with all educational endeavors, you get out what you put in. If you work hard at LF3 you will be rewarded with the support of an impressive faculty, access to quality scientific research and doctors that are eager to help you succeed.”



David Marx, M.D. Ph.D.



Vice-Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, Head of the Division of Public Health, Director of the Joint Accreditation Commission of the Czech Republic

“We teach our students to think in a similar way to that of a doctor in her clinical practice – one that assesses patients’ problems in their complexity, rather than solely considering a damaged anatomical structure or a physiological phenomenon in isolation.”

Thanks to a wide variety of destinations in the Erasmus program, as well as IFMSA clerkships, students of the Third Faculty of Medicine have the possibility of studying in Paris, Barcelona, Antwerp, Munich or Rome. At our faculty almost every applicant for an exchange study is accepted by the overseeing body.

We will stand by you when hard times hit

Kind and experienced tutors help first year students, as well as all others, orient themselves in the teaching system and help them find an ideal means of study. Specialists will also aid you in joining research projects and provide you with information regarding organizations for students with social or psychological needs.

We are not a mass-production faculty

You’ll find a friendly, family atmosphere at the Third Faculty of Medicine. Tutors know their students by name. Any problems of each individual student are dealt with in a confidential manner. Evaluation of course components by students is very important for us, as it allows us to improve and update them accordingly.

We teach in a modern environment and offer practical and enjoyable courses

The newly refurbished building of the Third Faculty of Medicine offers a modern and pleasant environment for quiet study. On the ground floor you will find student lockers. The whole building offers high-speed WiFi connectivity. We offer many practical courses that are not taught at other faculties. Among the popular courses you will find Communication with Patients, where actors simulate a variety of patient types. We also offer practical courses in the field of urgent care, including areas such as high-altitude medicine, endoscopy and psychotherapy. Videos of many lectures are available online; if you miss something important you can watch them again later.

Mgr. et Mgr. Marek Vácha, Ph.D.



Head of the Department of Ethics biologist, theologian, traveller and popularizer of science. President of the Academic Senate of the Third Faculty of Medicine.

“Is the fate of mankind inscribed in our genes? Will we be able to insert human neurons into the brain of a chimpanzee? Will we see the day when experimental monkeys produce human sperm? Will we be able to clone a Neanderthal? And should we even attempt such things? These are just a few of the topics we will discuss together in seminars on medical ethics.”

*Did you know that...
...the ratio of female to male students at the Third Faculty of Medicine is 63% to 37% ?*

Liban Mohamed
student from Norway

“I really enjoyed the early clinical experience at the faculty hospital which allowed us to learn early on how to interact with patients in a professional manner and see the relevance of what we’re learning. In addition to the high standard of teaching at our faculty, Prague, as a city, boasts a plethora of opportunities to help expand your horizons and thoroughly enjoy your medical studies at LF3.”



Prof. Cyril Höschl, M.D. DSc.



Head of the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health

“The Third Faculty of Medicine is unique in its close contact between teachers and students. The curriculum at the faculty remains unrivalled within the borders of the Czech Republic. Applicants should choose us also because they will receive excellent education in the field of psychiatry.”

Take part in successful research and be taught by experienced and famous teachers

From the very first year our students may participate in high quality research projects and learn from graduates of Cambridge or Sorbonne Universities. In 2012 the Third Faculty of Medicine was included on the *Top 20 Research Institutions* list published by the Czech Government's Research, Development and Innovation Council.

Fun during and after school

The faculty life goes on even when lectures end. You are invited to join the student organization *Trimed*, which organizes social, cultural and educational events. You will also have fun at the traditional Steamboat Party, which rides the waves of the Vltava under the flag of the Third Faculty of Medicine. Other popular activities include *Beánie*: freshmen induction and a bowling tournament, which takes place after the orientation day.

Great public transport access and other services

Traveling to school will not take up half of your life. The ideal placement of the building of the Third Faculty of Medicine right next to Faculty Hospital Kralovské Vinohrady will allow you to reach your practical lessons instantly. Even from your dormitory it won't take more than 20 minutes to get to your lectures by public transport.

On the ground floor of the faculty there's a cafeteria and every floor has plenty of comfortable seats where you can sit down and work on your computer. The sixth floor features spacious, quiet rooms, ideal for relaxing or studying.

Yngve Leirfall

student of the Third Faculty from Norway

“A Patella, the student faculty men's choir, has been a rewarding opportunity to meet fellow students from all grades in both the Czech and English curricula. Singing every week, having gigs both at faculty events and also outside of the university setting combined with the annual choir trip to beautiful Moravia is a great way to take a break from the challenging medical studies.”

We like active students. We want to help produce thoughtful, hard-working and altruistic doctors. This is why we proudly support voluntary activities of our students. Our colleagues Scott Keel and Petr Oliva recently received the Rector's Award for their efforts in organizing the yearly Running with those that can't event, where students help handicapped clients from social care institutions take part in the Prague Marathon on custom-built running wheelchairs.



prof. MUDr. Romana Šlamberová, Ph.D.



Vice-Dean for
Postgraduate Stud-
ies and Student
Research Activities

“The Third Faculty of Medicine is unique. In the close contact between teachers and students. And especially with a curriculum that is still unique within the Czech Republic. The Third Faculty of Medicine showed me the way to science in the time of my studies, and therefore I am trying to show students a magic of scientific research now.”

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Today's medicine cannot do without scientific work. Student's scientific activity is an opportunity to get acquainted with research at the Medical Faculty. At the Student Research Conference, where students present their own scientific work, we invite Czech as well as foreign scientific experts. Successful students are often the winners of domestic and foreign awards.

Department of Normal, Pathological and Clinical Physiology offers a wide range of research possibilities on animal models, especially in the field of neuroscience. We mainly deal with research into drug addiction, pain, CNS hypoxia and ischemia and research into neuro-autoimmune diseases. All candidates from undergraduate and postgraduate students have the door open to us.

Would you like to know more about the faculty from the point of view of current students?

Visit the website of the student organization Trimed:

www.trimed.cz/en/

You can post your questions on our Facebook page, or send them to us via e-mail to trimed@lf3.cuni.cz.

Our faculty building at Ruská Street is fully wheelchair-accessible. Helping handicapped students is a matter of course for us. For further information visit: www.cuni.cz/UK-1016-version1-IPC_A_Guide_to_Support.pdf

Or call: (+420) 224 491 604, 224 491 735.

How to reach us

By bus: 175 (from Florenc or Hájek) to the stop Volyňská, 135 (from Florenc or Chodov) to the stop Bělocerkevská.

By subway/metro: Line A, stop Želivského

By tram: 5, 10, 16, 26, stop Želivského

or 6, 7, 22, 24, stop Slavia

