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.
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. We 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 beforehand

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.

"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 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."

Prof. Michal Anděl, M.D. Ph.D.
Dean of the Third Faculty of Medicine, Head of the Department of Nutrition, Head of the 2nd Department of Internal Medicine at Faculty Hospital Kralovské Vinohrady
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.

“You will learn to think autonomously and solve various projects. And if you find yourself in a tough spot your teachers are always happy to help you.”

Scott Keel
medical student from the USA, founder of the charity Running with those that can’t.
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.

David Marx, M.D. Ph.D.

“...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.
Medical school will be one of the greatest challenges in our lives but our final goal — being able to help people with the knowledge for which we worked so hard, will be one of the most rewarding feelings. Studying here, in the heart of Europe, makes this challenging time even more memorable. As students at this faculty we are like a big family that helps one another grow as a person.”

“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%?
Great public transport access and other services

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.

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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.

“*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.*”

Prof. Cyril Höschl, M.D. DSc.
Head of the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, Director of the Prague Psychiatric Center

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.
“For me the most exciting thing whilst studying here is being able to meet and learn from so many different cultures and ways of life. Our friendships will create a global network that will be a great advantage setting us apart from graduates of other schools.”

Pia Zacher
medical student from Germany

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 special wheelchairs.
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.

“As a graduate of the Third Faculty of Medicine I am indebted to this institution for all my professional achievements. It is an undisputed leader in training excellent physicians and provides a basis for a successful life as I can attest in view of the responsibilities of my political office.”

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By subway/metro: Line A, stop Želivského
By tram: 5, 10, 16, 26, stop Želivského
or 4, 7, 22, 24, stop Slavia

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