

Charles University (CU)

Fees

In connection with implementation of its study programmes, a public university sets several types of fees by law:

- A fee related to admission procedures
- A fee related to the review of compliance with requirements for admission to study
- A fee for additional studies
- A fee for studying in a foreign language

The **fee amounts**, or the formula for determining the amounts is based on the internal regulations of Charles University ([Annex 2 to the CU Constitution](#)); the specific fee amounts for an academic year are provided on the [web pages of CU](#).

A fee can only be imposed if the amount of the fee, or the rule for determining the amount of the fee, is stated in the CU internal regulation and also published on the university's web pages, both prior to the latest deadline for submitting applications for studying in the specified study programme. If these conditions are not met, the fee cannot be charged in the following academic year at all (in the case of a newly accredited study programme) or only in the amount that was valid up to that time (in the case of a fee increase).

Fee for studying in a foreign language

- The obligation to set a fee is established in the Higher Education Act.
- The fee is charged for studies in all types of study programmes (bachelor's, master's, PhD) that are offered by the university **in a language other than Czech**.
- The fee is always charged **at the beginning of the academic year** (regardless of whether or not the student is studying for the entire period during the academic year).
- The amount of the fee varies according to the faculty and specific study programme; the form of study has no impact on the amount of the fee.
- As a rule, the amount of the fee is the same for the entire period of study (if not otherwise stated in the regulation).
- The fee is imposed by a decision of the dean and is due on the 15th day after this decision becomes legally binding.
- In the event of any of the reasons specified in the Rector's directive (no. 42/2023), the Rector may **reduce, waive, or postpone the due date of the fee** (the condition being that an appeal against the decision on imposing the fee must be filed by the specified deadline).
- If the fee is **not paid**, the student's **studies are interrupted**.

Exemptions from the obligation to set a fee for studies in a foreign language, the option to set a fee for an amount different than that specified in the internal regulations

- A contract concluded with a university abroad on the mutual provision of higher education free of charge (a fee is not set)
- A contract concluded on implementation of a study programme in cooperation with a university abroad (the fee is charged in the amount set out in the contract)
- Implementation of a study programme included in the Programme for Government Development Scholarships (the fee is refunded to the university according to the conditions of the relevant programme)
- Implementation of a study programme included in the Programme Duolingo x UNHCR Access Scholars (*Note: This exemption will be approved by the CU Academic Senate in June 2024; then the regulation must be registered with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.*)

Fee for additional studies

- The obligation to set a fee for students is set out in the Higher Education Act.
- The fee is imposed only if the student **has exceeded the standard period of studies** in the study programme **by more than one year** (the period of study in the cases specified by law also includes the periods of previous unsuccessfully completed studies; the period of study for the duration of recognized parenthood, on the contrary, usually extends this period).
- The fee is imposed only in **undergraduate** study programmes (bachelor's, master's), which are offered by the university **in Czech**.
- The fee is always imposed **for the first six months of study** (regardless of whether the student is actively studying throughout this period).
- The fee is not considered a tuition fee, as it is not a payment for services provided by the university, but is intended to motivate the student to finish their studies on time.
- The amount of the fee is set at CU according to the formula specified in the internal regulation and is based on the **cost intensity coefficient** for the respective study programme set by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; the form of study has no impact on the amount of the fee.
- The fee is imposed by a Rector's decision and is payable on the 90th day after this decision becomes legally binding.
- The fee is an income of the scholarship fund and can thus be used exclusively for the payment of scholarships.
- In the event of any of the reasons specified in an internal regulation or a Rector's directive (no. [25/2023](#), no. [23/2020](#), no. [13/2021](#), and no. [15/2024](#)), the Rector may **reduce, waive, or postpone the due date of the fee** (the condition being that an appeal against the decision on imposing the fee must be filed by the specified deadline).
- If the fee is not paid, the fee is recovered from the student, including by legal enforcement.