



# CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE

## ASSISTING CHARLES UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Charles University in Prague makes great efforts to provide all students, including the students with disabilities, with equal conditions and access to education.

### STUDENTS WITH IMPAIRED MOBILITY

(especially the wheelchair users), have to struggle with various barriers preventing them from entering buildings and lecture halls of the university campus, problems with transportation, limited possibilities of accommodation and catering, but sometimes they even have to cope with human ignorance. Removing architectural barriers often encounters various restrictions (e.g. those imposed by institutions for preservation of monuments, lack of financial support, etc). In spite of this, Charles University has been trying hard to improve the current situation.

*Student assistance* represents great help for immobile students (as well as for the visually and hearing impaired students). Providing assistance services to CU disabled students (personal assistance, assistance during their study stays abroad, assistance in their university studies, e.g. in obtaining specialized literature for their studies, providing them with Sign language interpreting at lectures, seminars, etc.) is financially supported through the project called *Improving the Study Conditions for Disabled CU Students*. The organizational backup is provided by *The Office for Students with Special Needs* based at the CU Rector's Office. Further information can be obtained by contacting Alice Rytychová via email [alice.rytychova@ruk.cuni.cz](mailto:alice.rytychova@ruk.cuni.cz) or on [www.cuni.cz/UK-60.html](http://www.cuni.cz/UK-60.html). The most significant problem the visually impaired students struggle with lies in obtaining study literature in a form which meets their requirements (enlarged study texts, study literature converted into Braille, audio books, and mainly electronic literature). Visually impaired students can ask for help a number of specialized centres and institutes, some of which are located within Charles University premises (see next page).

### **CAROLINA LAB**

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Web: <http://carolina.mff.cuni.cz>

### **THE COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

within the *Dept. of Special Education*  
Faculty of Education, CU  
M. D. Rettigové 4, Prague 1  
Tel.: +420 221 900 246  
Web: <http://www.pedf.cuni.cz/ksppg/poradna>  
Email: [lea.kvetonova@pedf.cuni.cz](mailto:lea.kvetonova@pedf.cuni.cz)

You may also contact specially equipped centres within certain multimedia libraries:

### **THE FACULTY OF ARTS LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTRE, CU**

Nám. J. Palacha 2, Prague 1  
Tel.: +420 221 619 238  
E-mail: [daniela.janakova@ff.cuni.cz](mailto:daniela.janakova@ff.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://jc.ff.cuni.cz/mmp/mmp.htm>

### **THE CENTRAL LIBRARY OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION, CU**

M. D. Rettigové 4, Prague 1  
Tel.: +420 221 900 223  
E-mail: [knihovna@pedf.cuni.cz](mailto:knihovna@pedf.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://beta.pedf.cuni.cz>

### **THE LIBRARY OF THE FACULTY OF LAW, CU**

Nám. Curieových 7, Prague 1  
Tel.: + 420 221 005+219/260/214  
E-mail: [knihovna@prf.cuni.cz](mailto:knihovna@prf.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://knihovna.prf.cuni.cz>

### **THE LIBRARY OF THE PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL FACULTY, CU**

Černá 9, Prague 1  
Tel.: + 420 221 988 603  
Email: [library@etf.cuni.cz](mailto:library@etf.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://www.etf.cuni.cz/~library>

### **THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY**

within the Department of Czech Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts, CU  
Nám. J. Palacha 2, Prague 1 Tel.: + 420 221 619 232 E-mail: [ceslit@ff.cuni.cz](mailto:ceslit@ff.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://cl.ff.cuni.cz>

For easier orientation of the visually impaired there have gradually been installed sound signal systems (so far at the Carolinum entrance from Ovocný trh and from Celetná Street, Charles University Information and Advisory Centre and Counselling Offices in Celetná and Školská Streets, Jinonice University Campus, the Faculty of Arts - main building, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics at Malostranské Square). There have also been Braille signs installed in several Charles University buildings (Carolinum, Jinonice).

## **HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS**

have to struggle with information barriers, too. Most of the deaf and hard-of-hearing students study the programme *Czech in the Communication of the Deaf* at the Faculty of Arts. This faculty has been providing them with optimal study conditions. Specialized centres are at their disposal; however, they serve other CU hearing impaired students as well:

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Web: <http://jc.ff.cuni.cz/mmp/mmp.htm>

### **THE COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

within the Department of Special Education at the Faculty of Education, CU  
M. D. Rettigové 4, Prague 1  
tel.: + 420 221 900 270  
Web:  
<http://userweb.pedf.cuni.cz/kspp/poradna>  
Email: [poradna.handicap@pedf.cuni.cz](mailto:poradna.handicap@pedf.cuni.cz)

### **THE COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS**

within the *Department of Psycho-Social Sciences* at Hussite Theological Faculty, CU  
Pacovská 4/350, Prague 4, tel.: + 420 241 733 131, e-mail: [krahulcovab@htf.cuni.cz](mailto:krahulcovab@htf.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://www.htf.cuni.cz/HTF-130.html#2>

All students with special needs (and other students, too) can attend and participate in sporting events organized by:

### **THE SPORTS CENTRE FOR CHARLES UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Podolské nábřeží 4, Prague 4 (Regata shipyard), tel. +420 777 299 988 (dr. Hruša)  
E-mail: [hruša@ftvs.cuni.cz](mailto:hruša@ftvs.cuni.cz)  
Web: <http://www.cuni.cz/UK-1657.html>

Students with disabilities face a lot of specific problems during their university studies. When trying to sort them out, they can contact the above mentioned centres as well as the heads of study departments, or Academic Senate (particularly the members of the Board for Social Affairs). Students with disabilities can also ask for help the coordinators at the faculties (see next page).

### **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL FACULTY**

Dr. Vojtěch Eliáš  
220 181 394  
[pomoc@ktf.cuni.cz](mailto:pomoc@ktf.cuni.cz)

### **PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL FACULTY**

ThDr. Ladislav Beneš  
221 732 357  
[benes@etf.cuni.cz](mailto:benes@etf.cuni.cz)

### **HUSSITE THEOLOGICAL FACULTY**

Prof. PhDr. Beáta Krahulcová, CSc.  
241 733 131  
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### **FACULTY OF LAW**

JUDr. Kristina Koldinská, Ph.D.  
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### **1ST FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Doc. MUDr. Olga Švestková, Ph.D.  
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### **2ND FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Doc. PaedDr. Pavel Kolář  
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### **3RD FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Doc. MUDr. Daniela Janovská, CSc.  
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### **FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN PILSEN**

Doc. MUDr. Jitka Kočová, CSc.  
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### **FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ**

PhDr. Mariana Bažantová  
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### **FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

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### **FACULTY OF ARTS**

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### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

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### **FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS**

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### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

Doc. PaedDr. Radka Wildová, CSc.  
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radka.wildova@pedf.cuni.cz

### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Doc. PhDr. Jan Jiráček  
222 112 261  
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### **FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT**

PaedDr. Jan Hruša, CSc.  
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### **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

Mgr. Eliška Pincová, 251 620 481, pincova@fhs.cuni.cz

*The Office for Students with Special Needs* based at CU Rector's Office is at disposal to students with disabilities as well as to all other disabled persons interested in studying at CU. This office helps them solve problems concerning their university studies, access to university buildings, catering and accommodation, study stays abroad, arranging assistance services, etc. The office cooperates with specialized centres located either at Charles University campus or outside of it, with coordinators for students with disabilities at respective faculties and with the heads of study departments. The office is headed by CU Vice-Rector for Public Relations.

### **CHARLES UNIVERSITY INFORMATION AND ADVISORY CENTRE**

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