COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN BRATISLAVA

Emblem of Comenius University in Bratislava.
The Comenius University is named after the outstanding personality of world history – J. A. Komenský, teacher of nations. It is the oldest and largest university in Slovakia. The Comenius University was established in 1919 and it fastens on to university traditions of Academia Istropolitana, set up in Bratislava by Hungarian king Matej Korvín in 1465. The mission of Comenius University is to develop, broaden and open up the knowledge horizon for the younger generation, maintain and strengthen the university’s identity as a scientific and educational institution of highest international qualities and form not only high professional qualities but also human qualities of graduates in accordance with European democracy traditions, humanism and tolerance as the basic values for a Man of our millennium. At present the Comenius University belongs to internationally recognized study and educational centres and it has the best qualifications for further development in accordance with modern world scientific and educational trends. The Comenius University acts all over the Slovak Republic, i.e. also outside of Bratislava. The most significant place is the town of Martin, where the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University is situated.

The Comenius University is a public university of a classic humanitarian type. It has 13 faculties where about 25,000 students are trained including more than 1,000 students coming from over 40 foreign countries. Approximately 17,000 students are enrolled in full-time study. From 1990 the university has broadened its study capacity. The Comenius University has the right to be called a university because in the 13 faculties universal educational opportunities in 198 study branches of bachelor, magister and doctor study and their specializations, as well as in 155 branches of postgraduate doctor study and their specializations are provided.

The Comenius University represents a democratic system of administration based on the coordination of autonomous organizations and school administration according to the law applying to Universities and Statute of the Comenius University. The head of the University is the Rector who coordinates the work of faculties and represents them in public. Vice-rectors support the Rector in his work. The consultative committee of the Rector is the Board of the Rector at the Comenius University. The highest scientific body of the University is the Scientific Board. The highest organization of self-government is the Academic Senate at the Comenius University in which representatives of all faculties and parts of the Comenius University hold meetings.

The Comenius University provides university education for citizens of the Slovak Republic as well as for foreigners interested in study. The condition for admission is to have completed secondary school education and attain successful passes in the entrance examination. The university provides bachelor study (3 years, degree Bc.), magister study (5 years, degree Mgr.) and doctor study (6 years, degree MUDr.). Undergraduate study in the faculties of Comenius University is carried out in Slovak, although it is possible to be trained completely or partly in other world languages (English, German).

Besides undergraduate endeavours, the University advocates training of young researchers, mainly within the context of postgraduate studies. It offers postgraduate programs in a number of fields; advocating, broadening and deepening of knowledge. Postgraduate qualifications are open to students with a master’s or doctor’s degree.

At present the Comenius University holds an important position among European universities, as well as within international scientific organizations. It cooperates with tens of foreign universities and international out-of-government organizations supporting science and education development. At present the university has signed bilateral contracts about mutual cooperation with 40 universities from 20 foreign countries. The subject of these contracts is firstly support for pedagogical and scientific knowledge exchange, as well as the study mobility of teachers, students and scientific workers (Socrates/Erasmus).

The Comenius University belongs to the top scientific working places in the Slovak Republic. Research activities are being developed first of all through domestic (faculties, universities and nation-wide) and international projects. The most significant international programs in which the university participates are TEMPUS, CEEPUS and the Framework program of the European Union.

Life in a university’s community involves more than formal academic study. The University provides cultural, social and sporting opportunities in the University's facilities, where nearly 80% of the students are housed.

**Faculties at the Comenius University**

- FACULTY OF MEDICINE
- JESSENIUS FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN MARTIN
- FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
- FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
- FACULTY OF LAW
- FACULTY OF PHARMACY
- FACULTY OF EDUCATION
- FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS
- FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS AND INFORMATICS
- FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT
- FACULTY OF ROMAN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY
- FACULTY OF EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY
- FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES
Dean
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First Vice-Dean and Vice-Dean for Scientific and Research Activities
Professor Lukáš Plank, M.D., PhD.

Vice-Dean for Scientific and Research Activities, International Relations and Therapeutical-Preventive Care
Professor Kamil Javorka, M.D., DrSc.

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JESSENIUS FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN MARTIN

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Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin.
The beginnings of undergraduate training of medical students in Martin date as far back as 1962 when a detached working place of the Faculty of Medicine of Comenius University in Bratislava was set up in the area of the Martin hospital – a renowned centre of postgraduate training for doctors. From 1966/67 complete training of general medicine has started. In 1969, the Faculty of Medicine of Comenius University with the seat in Martin was officially established as the 8th faculty and the 2nd Faculty of Medicine at Comenius University.

An important milestone in Faculty life occurred in November 1989, when the Academic Senate was created. According to the decision of the Academic Senate of 1991 the Faculty was renamed to Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in honour of an outstanding medieval physician and humanist, Jan Jessenius, the Rector of Charles University in Prague, whose ancestors had their roots in Turiec region.

In 1991, our Faculty, as the first medical faculty in Slovakia, opened enrolment to international students – tuition-payers. For these students, General Medicine education is provided in English language or they can also join Slovak language program.

Over the last 30 years there were more than 4,000 graduates not only from Slovakia but also from about 30 countries of Europe, Africa, Asia and America.

The Faculty enjoys a great deal of autonomy in the field of education, research and clinical activities. The Dean, elected by the Faculty Academic Senate, serves for four years. Vice-deans support the Dean in particular areas of his work. The highest scientific body of the Faculty is the Scientific Board. The highest organization of self-government is the Academic Senate of the Faculty in which representatives of teachers and students (including foreign students) regularly hold meetings. As a part of public University the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine functions under the auspices of the Slovak Ministry of Education.

The Faculty provides courses in a General Medicine Program (6 years) and in a Nursing Bachelor or Master Program (3 or 5 years resp.). Graduates in General Medicine receive the degree MUDr. (Doctor of Medicine) and graduates in Nursing Bc. (Bachelor) or Mgr. (Magister) corresponding to Master’s Degree. The academic staff includes 171 full-time teachers. The teaching staff encompasses also part-time professors, researchers, experienced physicians and general practitioners as well. At present there are more than 1,100 undergraduate full-time students studying at the faculty, about 120 of them came from twenty nine other countries.

In accordance with modern trends the Jessenius Faculty Medicine in Martin was developed and belongs all the time to medical faculties with lower number of students (up to 200 students in one study year). These are the conditions when individual approach to students within small study groups can be applied. The Faculty of Medicine has 5 lecture halls, several seminar rooms, and laboratories.

Training of scientific and research workers is provided by postgraduate education (full time or part time) leading to PhD. degree.

The faculty has its own Student hostel with a capacity of more than 1,000 beds. The Library and the Study – Information Center is located at the Student hostel. The Library also provides
The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Martin, has both scientific and educational connections with many medical faculties and research institutions throughout the world, e.g. USAID, Arlington, VA, – University Bordeaux, France, – University Hospital of South Manchester, Great Britain, – University of Frankfurt am Mein, Germany, – Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands, – Faculty of Medicine, Antwerpen, Belgium, – University of Shefield, Great Britain, – Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London, Great Britain, – Tel Aviv University, Israel,– Bethesda Washington DC, USA, – University of Zurich, Switzerland, – Catholic University in Leueven, Belgium, – University of Nottingham, Great Britain,– University of Pittsburgh, USA, – University of Rochester, New York, USA, – Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland, – Rockefeller University, New York, USA, – Metropolitan University, Manchester, Great Britain, – University of Cork, Ireland, – California State University, USA ,– Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, among others.

The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, Martin, is also associated with leading health institutions in the world, e.g. the World Health Organization, Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE), Association of Medical Schools in Europe (AMSE), Medical Education and Didactics Network MED-NET.

The mission of the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine as an integral part of Comenius University is to achieve excellence in education, research, clinical care and community health.
The city of Martin belongs to smaller cities of Slovakia providing several advantages for University students:

- all training places including clinics are close to Student Hostel, so it is possible to reach them on foot, without the use of means of transport
- capacity of the Student Hostel provides accommodation for all admitted freshmen students
- beautiful nature of Martin’s surrounding as well as sports facilities of the Faculty provide opportunities for healthy and pleasant free time activities
- life expenses are considerably lower than in large cities
Martin Club of Medical Students is:

- an apolitical organization which has the position of legal entity. The Statutory Body is the Board and the highest organization is the General Assembly.
- an association of student volunteers from the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Martin
- one of the three members of the Slovak Association of Medical Students (IFMSA Slovakia) which represents Slovakia at an international level as a member of IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students’ Association).

The aim of Martin Club of Medical Students (MKM) is an allround support directed to the student’s life – in culture, interests, sports activities, as well as in specialized and scientific work. These activities are carried out through the following clubs:

- club of foreign fellowships
- club of scientific exchanges
- club ŠVOČ (student scientific activities)
- club of social activities
- club Detská nadej (Children’s hope)
- club of AIDS and STD’s prevention
- club of education in medicine
- club of health
- club of computers
- infoservis

Departments and Clinics of the Faculty:

**DEPARTMENTS:**
- Department of Anatomy
- Department of Medical Biophysics
- Department of Clinical Biochemistry
- Department of Epidemiology
- Department of Foreign Languages
- Department of Forensic Medicine
- Department of Histology and Embryology
- Department of Hygiene
- Department of Medical Biochemistry
- Department of Medical Biology
- Department of Microbiology and Immunology
- Department of Nursing
- Department of Pathological Physiology
- Department of Pathological Anatomy
- Department of Pharmacology
- Department of Physical Education
- Department of Physiology
- Department of Social Medicine

**CLINICS:**
- Clinic of Anesthesiology and Intensive Medicine
- Clinic of Dermatovenerology
- Clinic of Hematology and Transfusiology
- Clinic of Infectology
- Clinic of Internal Medicine I
- Clinic of Internal Medicine II
- Clinic of Neonatology
- Clinic of Neurology
- Clinic of Nuclear Medicine
- Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Clinic of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology
- Clinic of Ophthalmology
- Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology
- Clinic of Otorhinolaryngology
- Clinic of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
- Clinic of pediatric surgery
- Clinic of Pneumonophthisiologist
- Clinic of Psychiatry
- Clinic of Radiodiagnostics
- Clinic of Sports Medicine
- Clinic of Stomatology and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Clinic of Surgery
- Clinic of Urology

Building of the Dean's Office, Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin

Student presenting his research work results at ŠVOČ conference

His presentation is evaluated by the Scientific Jury

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GRADUATE STUDY

An English-language program of General Medicine at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin, was instituted in 1991 for students from abroad with a good working knowledge of English. Medical clinical instruction requires an appropriate command of Slovak language in order to communicate with Slovak patients.

The medical curriculum spans over six years (twelve semesters). One semester usually consists of 15 teaching weeks. Usually lectures, seminars and practical training periods average to 30 hours per week. In clinical courses, students are rotated through different clinics and departments of the teaching hospital. The entire sixth year is devoted to rotations among Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology, preparing the students for their final state examinations (see the study program).

At the conclusion of the degree program and successful completion of state examinations, the degree „Doctor of Medicine“ (MUDr. = M. D.) is granted to the graduates by the Rector of Comenius University which is accepted in most countries of the world. The Faculty is on the World Health Organization listing of Medical Faculties, as well as being acknowledged by the ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, Philadelphia) for the USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination).

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

Curricula of both Slovak and English courses are entirely identical and fully comparable with the international standard. The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin began with the ECTS medical study system (60 credits per academic year) in the academic year 2000/2001.

Faculty and ECTS grading scale

Examination and assessment results are expressed in grades providing information on the students performance.

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### Courses

- **Compulsory courses**
- **Optional courses**
- **Summer practice**

### ECTS

- **ECTS** stands for European Credit Transfer System, a system for the comparability of credits in higher education.

### Notes

- C — credit
- CE — credit + examination
- SE — state examination
- **optional course**: 0/2 CE
- WS — winter semester
- SS — summer semester
- 0/2 — lectures/practical teaching (hours a week)
- w — week

### Table Details

- The table outlines the courses offered in each semester, including the number of credits (ECTS) and the number of weeks for each course.
- The courses are categorized into different subjects such as medical subjects, general education, and practical training.
- The table also includes a section for summer practice, which outlines the courses offered during the summer semester.

### Table Analysis

- The table provides a comprehensive overview of the study program, helping students understand the structure and requirements for the academic year.
- The table is useful for students planning their study paths and ensuring they meet the necessary requirements for graduation.

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**Note:** The table and its details provide a clear and structured representation of the study program, aiding in understanding the course offerings and requirements for the academic year.
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine seeks the students with appropriate academic qualification, a good command of English, and a strong motivation to study and practise medicine.

Students who have completed secondary school education, have reached the age of 17 or more, possess an adequate knowledge in Biology, Chemistry and English, and are not Slovak citizens (but may be of Slovak nationality) are eligible for the study at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine as self-payers. The Faculty can offer applicants a one-year special preparatory course in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Slovak and English Languages provided by Comenius University, the Institute for Language and Academic Preparation for Foreign Students. This preparatory course is completed with final exams.

Documents Required

1. An Application Form (available on www.jfmed.uniba.sk)
2. A General Certificate of Education „A“ Level or its equivalent enabling the student to enter university in his/her country. Only the documents certifying secondary school study completion will be accepted. The school leaving certificates have to be submitted with authorized English translations. Signatures and stamps affixed to the original documents have to be verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Notary’s Office of the issuing country and super-verified by the Slovak Republic Embassy/Consulate Offices located in that country
3. A Curriculum Vitae in English (on separate sheet attached to your application)
4. A Birth Certificate with authorized English translation
5. A Passport photocopy (as a document of citizenship)
6. Four passport-size photographs

Application Procedure

Send a filled in Application Form together with all the other required documents by June 15 at the latest to:

Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University
Dept. of International Relations and Foreign Students Education
Záborského 2
036 45 Martin
Slovak Republic

Phone/Fax: ++421 43 4238299
E-mail: stransky@jfmed.uniba.sk
http://www.jfmed.uniba.sk
Entrance Examination

After the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine reviews the application materials and decides that an applicant has met all the requirements and is qualified for the medical study program, he/she will be invited for an entrance examination. Applicants will be notified about the place and date of the entrance examination in time. The examination will be in the form of multiple-choice tests in Biology and Chemistry in the English language. See the syllabus on the web site www.jfmed.uniba.sk.

Payments

**Admission Fee** of 12,000.- SKK has to be paid by August 31

**Annual (two semesters) Fee partially covering expenses connected with the study** is 350,000.- SKK (or its equivalent in EUR or USD).

The fees listed above may change.

The fee partially covering expenses connected with the study payment covers the period from September 1st up to August 31st. Each student is obliged to submit a receipt of full fee payment 2 days before registration/enrolment for the corresponding academic year at the latest.

If you make the money order payment in SKK, send the money directly to:

- **Account No. 0061331727/0900**
- Bank: SLOVENSKÁ SPORITELŇA, a. s.
- Bratislava, SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SWIFT: SLSPSKBX) NEW YORK (SWIFT: BKTRUS33)

If you make the money order payment in EUR or USD, send the money directly to:

- **Account No. 0062671483/0900**
- Bank: SLOVENSKÁ SPORITELŇA, a. s.
- Bratislava, SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SWIFT: SLSPSKBX)

--the correspondent bank:
- Bankers Trust Company
- Bankers Trust Company NEW YORK (SWIFT: BKTRUS33)
POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Postgraduate (Ph.D.) study is the highest form of university education in the Slovak Republic. Its aim within the faculties of medicine is to prepare PhD. students for research work in the fields of medicine and nursing through acquiring theoretical knowledge and mastering the methods of scientific work under the supervision of university teachers.

The „Philosophiae Doctor - PhD.“ degree is awarded to the graduates of PhD. study by the Scientific Board of a faculty after a successful thesis defence.

The form of postgraduate study in the Slovak Republic is stipulated by the Higher Education Act No.131/2002.

The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine can provide postgraduate study in the following fields of study:

- Biophysics
- Medical Biology
- Physiology and Pathological Physiology
- Medical Biochemistry
- Pharmacology
- Clinical pharmacology
- Pathological Anatomy, Forensic Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Neurology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Clinical toxicology
- Nursing

Conditions for PhD. study admission:

- University graduation
- Proficiency in English or Slovak
- Abilities for research work

Submission of the following documents:

- Application for PhD. study (www.jfmed.uniba.sk).
- CV and certified copies of university diploma/s.
- List of published/unpublished scientific papers.
- Recommendation letters from two professors in the chosen field.

After completion of these requirements PhD. study applicants are invited for an admission interview. The admission interviews at our Faculty are usually in September. The Dean of the

Faculty makes the final decision on admission or non-admission of an applicant upon the proposal made by the board of interviewers.

Full time PhD study lasts 3 years. Annual (two semesters) Fee partially covering expenses connected with the study is 350,000.- SKK (or its equivalent in EUR or USD). The fee may change.

Information about:
- topics of theses in fields in question
- specific questions concerning PhD. study at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine:

Jessenius Faculty of Medicine
Dept. of PhD. Study and International Relations
Záborského 2
036 45 Martin
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Slovakia is a small but beautiful country. By train you can traverse it in 8 hours, by airplane it is possible to fly round it in 1 hour. Within the area of 49,036 square kilometres you can find beautiful mountains of the High and Low Tatras, Small and Big Fatra as well as fertile lowlands in the South and East of the country. Although Slovakia is predominantly mountainous - 60% of its territory spreads from 300m up to 2655m above sea level - it is a green country, covered with leafy and needle leaved forests, green meadows and fields interwoven with smaller and bigger rivers like rivers the Váh, Hron, Ipeš, Hornád, Tisa, Morava ... and the Danube. Upon each strategically important hill you can find a well-preserved castle, or at least its ruins. The total number of castles, palaces and manor-houses in Slovakia is 232. Under many of the mountains is a karst, granite or ice cave, the total number of them is 3,800. 12 of them are open to the public. Slovakia has approximately 1,200 thermal and mineral springs and balneological treatment is of world standard. And where is this picturesque country located? If you look at the map of Europe you can see that Slovakia is located directly in the heart of it, bounded in the north by Poland, northwest by the Czech Republic, southwest by Austria, south by Hungary and east by Ukraine.

The population of Slovakia is 5,500,000. The capital Bratislava with a population of 520,000 is just 65 km from Vienna, Austria, and Martin is approximately 280 km by car from Vienna.

The Slovaks, the Czechs and the Moravians are Slavic people who settled in Central Europe in what is now Slovakia, Bohemia and Moravia during the 5th century; most were converted to Christianity in the 9th century. A common history within the Kingdom of Moravia was interrupted by Hungarian conquest. Slovakia became part of the Kingdom of Hungary early in the 11th century. After 1526, Slovakia and Hungary fell under Habsburg rule, as did Bohemia. Slovak nationalism was rekindled in the 19th century, roughly the same time the Hungarians were attempting to overthrow Habsburg rule. With the final demise of the Austria-Hungary monarchy, following World War I, the Slovaks joined the Czechs to form the Czecho-Slovak Republic in October 1918.

Seventy-four years later, in November 1992, after the Czech and Slovak leaders both failed to agree on a new constitution, the federal parliament voted to divide Czechoslovakia into two independent Republics. On January 1, 1993, the Slovak Republic came into being.

Slovakia has a significant tradition in the educational system. The first university of Academia Istropolitana was established in 1465 in Bratislava and in 1762 the first University of Mining in the world, in Banská Štiavnica was established.

The official language in the Slovak Republic is Slovak. English and German are spoken and understood in the main tourist areas. You can acquire the basic knowledge of Slovak either during the 1st year of preparation study in Slovakia, or in the course of the first 2 years of your medical study.

Slovakia has a continental climate with cold winters and warm summers. The coldest month is January (0°C) and the warmest is July and August (26°C). The warmest place in Slovakia is the city of Štúrovo - situated on the bank of the Danube river, close to the Slovak-Hungarian border. The coolest place in Slovakia is on the peak of Lomnický štít (2,632 m) with average temperature of -3.7°C.
Martin and its Surroundings

With a population up to 70,000 the central Slovakian town of Martin is situated in the well-known picturesque “Turiec Garden” wreathed by the Veľká and Malá Fatra mountains. Villa Sancti Martini was mentioned in written documents for the first time in 1284. The oldest settlement dates from the Stone Age (20000 BC). In 1340 Martin was granted town privileges. In the second half of the 19th century it became the center of the national liberation movement.

Martin is a prominent cultural centre of Slovakia, it is a cradle of the Slovak bookprinting, periodical publishing, amateur theatricals, banking and museumship. It is the seat of the Slovak National Library and Matica Slovenská. The Martin Declaration of 30th Oct 1918 provided legal conditions to constitute a new common state of the Czechs and the Slovaks.

The town lies in picturesque surroundings offering its visitors excellent possibilities for walking and hiking in summer and skiing in winter. Martin is an important recreational center with one of the most significant ski centers in Slovakia. Martin is the seat of large engineering plants, it has one of the largest printing complexes in the world, paper, shoe and furniture industries, and a newly-erected Volkswagen factory. The town lies 394m above sea level; the average yearly temperature is 7.4°C, daily figures are between -4°C to -25°C in winter and 19°C to 30°C in summer. Annual precipitation is about 750mm, increasing in summer; 110 days a year of frosts and with approximately 50-80 days of snow.

Transport

If you travel to Slovakia by car, Martin lies on a crossroad of the E50 road (Bratislava - Žilina - Martin - Krasnov - Poprad - Košice) and the road No.65 (Ziar nad Hronom - Kremnica - Martin), which join international routes to Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic. Other possibilities on how to get to Slovakia is by plane directly to Bratislava or to Vienna and from Vienna by the shuttle bus service (each hour) or by taxi to Bratislava. From Bratislava you can take a bus or a train to Martin. If you go by the shuttle bus from Vienna, its destination is Bratislava - bus stop Bratislavské Nivy from where you can take a bus to Martin. If you take a train, the distance from Bratislava to Martin is 224km and the journey takes from 2 to 4 hours - depending on the type of train connection. The most comfortable train connection is Bratislava - Žilina with trains running every two hours, and even more frequently during rush hours. Some fast trains go on from Žilina to Poprad and stop in Vrútky (the first stop after Žilina), here you get off and take a local bus to Martin. You can also get off in Žilina and continue by bus to Martin.

In Martin there is a public bus transport system.


**Permit for Residence**

**STUDENTS FROM EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES**

According to the Act No. 48/2002 of the Law Code with amendments of some acts as per their later modifications, coming into effect from May 1, 2004, after the arrival to Slovakia each student has to:

- report to the Police department and ask for permanent residence permission
- submit the passport
- submit the document certifying arrange accomodation (in case of the Student hostel accommodation, this certificate is issued by the faculty)

**APPLICANTS FROM NON – EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES**

According to the Act No. 48/2002 of the Law Code applying to foreigners’ residence permit, an application for a temporary residence permit must be submitted personally by a foreigner at a Slovak Embassy/Consulate in the country of which passport he/she has or where he/she has a permanent address.

The application (see www.jfmed.uniba.sk) must be supplied with:

- a certificate of the charge paid in the sum of 2,000.-Sk or its sum in USD
- 3 photographs – size 3 x 3.5cm
- a study admission certificate from the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine
- a certificate of financial coverage for the residence – statement of a student’s bank account with credit of 6,000.-Sk (the amount of minimum wage) per each month of the residence
- a certificate of arranged accomodation (in case of the Student hostel accommodation this certificate is issued by the Faculty)
- an excerpt from the Crime Register made by the foreigner’s country (its official translation into Slovak)
- an excerpt from the Crime Register made by the General Prosecution of Slovakia
- a medical certificate from the GP that a student doesn’t suffer any infectious disease (its official translation into Slovak)
- a document certifying health insurance in Slovakia
- a valid passport.

All the documents have to be handed in together with the application for a temporary residence permit, otherwise the application will not be accepted. All the documents accompanying the application must not be older than 90 days. Foreign Police Office in Martin is obliged to decide on granting of a Temporary Residence within 90 days. The Embassy of the Slovak Republic will grant a student with a temporary residence in the form of a label in his/her passport. A student will arrive to Slovakia with a passport where his/her residence permit is granted.

**Within 3 days after the arrival to Slovakia** each student has to:

- undergo a medical examination in the Department of Tropical Diseases in Martin University Hospital and has to submit this medical certificate at the Foreign Police Office
- report to the Foreign Police Office and submit a document certifying his/her health insurance and 50,- Sk revenue stamp

**Rented flat:** the rent for a 2-3 room flat is 3,500 – 20,000.- SKK a month

**Student Hostel:**

gress, two wash basins and a refrigerator. Washing machines are at the disposal for all hostel residents.

address: Novomeského 7, 036 01 Martin, Slovak Republic
Phone/Fax: ++421-43-4133395
e-mail: servjova@jfmed.uniba.sk
Accommodation price: 1,500 – 5,000.- SKK a month a room

Services: accommodation is in the cells which consist of 4 rooms, a common toilet, shower, two wash basins and a refrigerator. Washing machines are at the disposal for all hostel residents.

**The river Turiec rich in salmon fish is a paradise for sport fishermen**
Other services:
The Internet - the Hostel has Computer Rooms with free access to the Internet from 12 a.m.
to 12 p. m. every day.

**Meals and Drinks**

At the Student Hostel there is a student canteen and a small shop where you can buy some food. There are also small kitchens on each floor. Menus in restaurants offer a wide choice of European meals. Typical Italian, Chinese and Arabic restaurants appear as well.

You can also find many places offering fast food - pizzerias, buffets, cafes, hot-dogs or hamburger stands.

**Health Services and Insurance**

**Health Insurance**
The Jessenius Faculty of Medicine does not secure health insurance for foreign students. Foreign students have to conclude health insurance with Health insurance company Dôvera. To conclude the insurance policy a foreigner is obliged to submit his/her Residence Permit (not passport). The health insurance for foreigners costs approx 370 USD per year.

Health insurance covers costs for health care in case of illness as well as the cost for emergency care.

Having concluded the insurance policy a foreign student has the same health care rights and benefits as Slovak citizens.

These advantages do not include cost reimbursements for medical aids (glasses etc.). Dental care has to be paid for.

**Money, Living Costs**

**Currency and Notation**
The Slovak currency is the Slovak crown – Sk.

There are notes of the following values: 5,000,-, 1,000,-, 500,-, 200,-, 100,-, 50,-, 20,- Sk. Coins are in the value of 10, 5, 2, 1 - crowns and 50 - hellers.

One Sk is equal to 100 hellers (h).

**Budget (Living costs)**

A single student from abroad will need to cover the following costs for living per month:

- Food, clothing and miscellaneous: 6,000,- SKK
- Health insurance: 1,000,- SKK

Accommodation:
- in the Student Hostel: 1,500 – 5,000,- SKK
- 2-3 rooms flat: 3,500 – 20,000,- SKK

Living costs do not include books and study literature costs. The costs are approximate and tend to rise every year.

**Religion**

Slovakia is a Christian country tolerating other churches and denominations. Most of the Slovaks are Roman-Catholics (60%) and Evangelicals (6,2%).

Recently there is a stronger effort for ecumenical agreement in aims and beliefs between the different branches of the Christian religion.

There are 3 Roman-Catholic churches and 2 Evangelical churches in the town. The services are held in Slovak.
Leisure Time

Sports
The geographical location of Martin provides excellent opportunities for sports activities. In each season it is possible to go walking, hiking, cycling or do sports for fitness. Martinské hole is a well-known ski and tourist center of the Turiec region with 6 ski tows, catering and accommodating facilities. In the close vicinity of Martin there are 15 down-hill slopes of all skill levels.

In Martin and its surroundings there are several fitness centers, two indoor swimming pools, several thermal swimming pools. Horse riding is available in the area surrounding Martin. The Turiec river and its tributaries provide excellent possibilities for sport fishing.

Entertainment
There are many disco clubs in Martin, a theatre and several cinemas. Martin’s museums and galleries organise exhibits, concerts and other educational and artistic events on a regular or special occasion basis.

Foreign Language Courses
Many language schools in Martin offer possibilities for the study of English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Russian.
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JESSENIUS FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN MARTIN
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