

UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES BRNO



# COME STUDY AT THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY HYGIENE AND ECOLOGY



# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

**The University of Veterinary Sciences Brno (VETUNI)** is the only university in the Czech Republic fully dedicated to veterinary medicine, food safety, and animal and environmental health. Founded in 1918 as the very first university in independent Czechoslovakia, it is also one of the oldest veterinary schools in Central Europe.

## A Century of Expertise

For more than 100 years, VETUNI has been driving progress in veterinary science, animal health, and food safety. Food hygiene has been part of the curriculum from the very beginning, and over time the university has expanded into new areas such as animal welfare and environmental protection. With deep expertise and strong international links, VETUNI has built an excellent reputation at home and abroad.

## Faculties and Degree Programs

VETUNI is made up of two faculties:

- **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine** — focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of animal diseases, especially in companion animals.
- **Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology** — combining veterinary medicine with food safety, animal welfare, and environmental protection. Students here don't just work with animals, but also explore how veterinary science protects people, too — from food quality to consumer safety.

Both faculties offer bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs, giving you the chance to build a career that truly matters.

## Research and Global Connections

VETUNI is known for cutting-edge research in fields like virology, microbiology, and toxicology. Modern labs and research centres are open to students and staff, providing space to explore, innovate, and contribute to discoveries that improve animal and human health. The university also publishes the respected scientific journal *Acta Veterinaria Brno*.

And with strong ties to universities and research institutions worldwide, VETUNI opens the door to exchange programs, joint projects, and valuable international experience.

## Strong Ties to Practice

VETUNI works hand in hand with professionals in the field. Its graduates don't only become veterinarians, but also specialists in food safety, public health, animal welfare, and environmental protection. Through strong connections with clinics, farms, food producers, and regulatory bodies, students gain practical experience that prepares them for their future careers. Thanks to these strong ties with practice and professional organizations, VETUNI is recognized as a key player in veterinary medicine in the Czech Republic.

## In a Nutshell

VETUNI is a leading centre of veterinary education and research in Europe — a university that combines tradition with innovation, where science meets practice, and where research has a real-world impact. Above all, it plays a vital role in protecting the health of both animals and people.



## DO YOU...

- Feel a special bond with animals?
- Believe that farm animals deserve a healthy, happy life too?
- Wonder about the journey food takes before it reaches your plate?
- Want to explore how food can help — or harm — human health?
- Love being out in nature?
- Worry about the destruction of the environment?
- Want to help protect endangered species?
- Dream of contributing to a sustainable lifestyle for a healthier future of our planet?

# WHY STUDY AT THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY HYGIENE AND ECOLOGY?

- **Protecting Health** — Studying with us gives you the chance to make a direct impact on the health of both people and animals, whether through ensuring safe, high-quality food, protecting the environment, or preventing the spread of disease.
- **Multidisciplinary Education** — Our faculty equips you with a wide range of knowledge: from veterinary medicine and ecology to biology and food technology. This broad foundation opens the door to diverse career opportunities after graduation.
- **Unique Degree programs** — We offer degree programs you won't find anywhere else!
- **Food Safety** — Only here can you specialize in monitoring the quality and safety of food of animal origin — an area of increasing importance for society.
- **International Cooperation** — We partner with numerous universities and institutions abroad, giving you plenty of opportunities for exchanges and internships worldwide.
- **Modern Laboratories and Technology** — Our state-of-the-art facilities and advanced technologies let you work with the latest scientific methods and discoveries.
- **Commitment to Sustainability** — We'll teach you how to protect the environment, manage waste issues, and practice ecological responsibility not only within veterinary practice but in daily life.
- **Highly Relevant Topics** — Food safety, animal welfare, and environmental protection are fields with increasing demand for experts, ensuring excellent career prospects after graduation.
- **Prestigious Accreditations** — The faculty holds respected national and international accreditations, enhancing its reputation and strengthening employers' confidence in our graduates.
- **Practical Experience** — We work closely with veterinary clinics, food industry companies, and other organizations, giving you valuable hands-on experience during your studies.
- **Personal Development** — Alongside professional training, we emphasize skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, and effective communication.
- **Unique Campus** — All teaching facilities are located on one site, creating a convenient study environment and offering plenty of space to relax.
- **Pet-Friendly Atmosphere** — You can even have your four-legged companion with you, both in the dorms and on campus.

Studying at the Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology gives you unique opportunities to build a meaningful career — one where you contribute to solving urgent challenges in animal and human health, food safety, and environmental protection.

**FVHE — AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO** ♥



# OVERVIEW OF DEGREE PROGRAMS

All Degree programs are offered in full-time form.



## Food Safety and Quality

Bachelor's	3 years	Degree: Bc.
Follow-up Master's	2 years	Degree: Mgr.



## Animal Protection and Welfare

Bachelor's	3 years	Degree: Bc.
Follow-up Master's	2 years	Degree: Mgr.



## Wildlife Health and Environmental Protection

Bachelor's	3 years	Degree: Bc.
Follow-up Master's	2 years	Degree: Mgr.



## Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology

Master's	6 years	Degree: MVDr.
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STUDY WHAT MATTERS TO YOU ♥



*Working with animals has always been my passion, which is why I chose to attend a secondary school focused on veterinary studies. Over time, I became more and more convinced that this is truly my dream job. Studying at the University of Veterinary Sciences in Brno was therefore a clear choice for me.*

**Lukáš Jindrák, VHE**

*I am a student of the follow-up Master's program Food Safety and Quality (FSQ). I chose this field because I believe it will become increasingly important in the future, and I also liked the curriculum, which combines both practical and theoretical parts.*

**Martin Klanica, FSQ**



*The protection of wild animals has always been close to my heart, so the Wildlife Health and Environmental Protection study degree program was a clear choice for me. Every semester, we can look forward to new practical knowledge, interesting trips, new encounters with experts, and encounters with wild animals. I think the program will inspire anyone who wants to study the environment and wildlife at a higher level.*

**Veronika Ledererová, WHEP**



Degree program:

# FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY



Do you see your future in the food industry or nutrition? Want to explore a dairy, a brewery, or other production facilities up close? Curious about the ecological side of food production? Ready to help solve global challenges in food safety? Then the **Food Safety and Quality program** is made for you.



*Safe Food for a Healthy Future* ♥

- **Protect Consumers:** Food is essential, but ensuring it's safe and high-quality is more challenging than ever. You'll learn the principles of good hygiene and production practices — the tools that keep people safe from health risks and poor-quality products.
  - **Tackle Global Challenges:** Climate change, population growth, globalization, and sustainability all impact how we produce and distribute food. With FSQ, you'll be part of the solution.
  - **Stop Food Fraud:** Mislabelling and ingredient falsification are worldwide problems. You'll learn to spot these risks and protect consumers.
  - **Work with Cutting-Edge Technology:** Get hands-on with the latest equipment used in processing, packaging, and testing food of animal and plant origin.
  - **Produce Ethically and Sustainably:** Learn how to make food responsibly, with respect for future generations and the environment.
  - **Understand the Law:** Study food legislation and learn to apply national and international standards in real-world production.
- You'll have access to modern, fully equipped laboratories and productive training facilities right on campus. We'll take you on visits to production facilities and research labs, and you'll have opportunities to participate in research projects or gain international experience through internships abroad.



Bachelor's

3 years

Degree:  
Bc.

Follow-up  
Master's

2 years

Degree:  
Mgr.

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- **Food Production Facilities:** You'll manage quality control and ensure safety standards are met in the production, processing, and distribution of both animal- and plant-based foods. You'll also have the chance to reduce the environmental impact of these operations.
- **Regulatory Authorities:** Working at the governmental level, you'll use your specialization to oversee compliance with food laws, inspect products, and issue permits.
- **Laboratories:** You'll analyse food samples, testing for contaminants or microorganisms. Your lab work will provide results for practical applications or further scientific research.
- **Research and Development:** You'll be directly involved in food innovation and in improving processing and storage technologies.
- **Education:** You may teach best practices in food safety at secondary or vocational schools, or even pursue an academic career at a university.
- **Consulting:** You'll gain the skills to advise and train companies on implementing quality systems, such as HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points).



*What I love about this program is how it combines chemistry, microbiology, and modern technology with practical experience. It teaches you to understand the composition, production, and quality control of food. I enjoy that it's not just about working in a lab — it's about making a real impact on people's health and protecting consumers.*

**Sára Pokorná,  
Food Safety and Quality**

Degree program:

# ANIMAL PROTECTION AND WELFARE



Are you passionate about the well-being of all animals? Want to be their advocate, protect them from abuse, and actively improve their quality of life? The **Animal Protection and Welfare (APW) program** is designed for you.



*Animal Protection for a Better World* ♥

- **Ethics and Humane Treatment:** If you believe animal protection is a core part of society's moral and ethical framework, this program lets you actively contribute to improving the living conditions of animals.
- **Diverse Expertise:** Interested in nature, animals, and their interaction with humans? APW combines knowledge from veterinary medicine, biology, ethology, psychology, and law into a comprehensive, multidisciplinary program.
- **Positive Impact:** You'll learn how to enhance animal welfare, prevent abuse, and raise awareness about the needs of animals. After graduation, you can make a real difference.
- **Protecting Biodiversity:** Safeguarding animals and their habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and ecosystems. This program prepares you to take on these critical responsibilities.
- **Education and Advocacy:** Graduates can work in teaching and advocacy, promoting proper animal care in agriculture, research, or domestic settings.
- **Legislation and Policy:** You'll gain an understanding of the national and international laws and policies that shape animal protection.

Classes take place in **modern laboratories and lecture halls on campus**, but the best learning happens in the field. You'll visit breeding facilities, diagnostic labs, zoos, and agricultural enterprises. If you enjoy science, research, and travel, this program also gives you opportunities to explore new countries and gain international experience.

Bachelor's

3 years

Degree:  
Bc.

Follow-up  
Master's

2 years

Degree:  
Mgr.

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- **Government Agencies:** Make a real difference as a veterinary inspector or animal protection officer in municipal or local government offices, ensuring animals are healthy, safe, and well cared for in your community.
- **Agriculture and Animal Husbandry:** Provide guidance on improving conditions for farm animals and ensuring their welfare.
- **Animal Protection Organizations:** Make a meaningful impact working with non-profits focused on animal protection, abuse prevention, and public awareness.
- **Veterinary Practice:** Support veterinarians in private clinics, contributing to the health and well-being of animals.
- **Laboratories:** Analyse biological and environmental samples, generating insights for practical applications or scientific research.
- **Research and Development:** Lead projects studying animal welfare, behaviour, and needs, contributing to advancements in the field.
- **Education and Outreach:** Teach and raise awareness about proper animal care, helping the public and animal owners implement best practices.
- **Regulation and Legislation:** Collaborate with government and international organizations to develop and enforce animal protection laws and standards.



*Animal Welfare is a fascinating field with a promising future. What I value most is the chance to observe both farm and zoo animal operations during school trips — hands-on experiences that are invaluable for anyone interested in improving animal living conditions.*

**Barbora Schmiegerová,**  
**Animal Protection and Welfare**

Degree program:

# WILDLIFE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Want a career where you can protect wildlife, preserve ecosystems, and tackle the big environmental challenges of our time? Whether you see yourself working hands-on with animals, doing field research, or shaping conservation policies, the **Wildlife Health and Environmental Protection (WHEP)** program gives you the tools to get there.

For a Sustainable Future in Harmony with Nature ♥



- **Protect Ecosystems:** Healthy wildlife means healthy ecosystems. Learn how caring for wild animals helps preserve biodiversity and keep nature in balance.
  - **Link Animal and Human Health:** Discover how animal health connects directly to human health — and gain the know-how to prevent diseases that can spread between them.
  - **Drive Sustainability:** Explore how protecting wildlife contributes to sustainable food systems and a healthier planet.
  - **Shape the Rules:** Get familiar with the laws and policies that protect animals and the environment, and learn how you can put them into practice.
  - **Be Part of Innovation:** Join research projects that push forward new solutions in veterinary medicine, ecology, and biotechnology.
- At VETUNI, learning goes far beyond the classroom. On campus, you'll work in modern, fully equipped labs, but you'll also head outdoors for field trips, wildlife monitoring, and visits to farms and rescue centres. You'll even have the chance to join research projects or spend a semester abroad, gaining international experience while building a career that really matters.

Bachelor's

3 years

Degree:  
Bc.

Follow-up  
Master's

2 years

Degree:  
Mgr.

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- **Public administration (ministries, local authorities, even the police):** Work as an officer in national park or protected landscape administrations, or in environmental departments at regional and municipal offices.
- **Regulatory bodies:** With your specialization, you could join organizations like the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, making sure laws protecting wildlife and the environment are followed.
- **State and private laboratories:** Carry out analyses of biological materials and environmental samples — or even manage the operation of specialized labs.
- **Professional roles:** Find opportunities as a company ecologist, with organizations focused on nature conservation and wildlife care (such as Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic or wildlife rescue stations), or with international organizations like IUCN, OECD, or GEF. You could also contribute to conservation programs in zoos.
- **Consulting:** Provide expert advice and training in wildlife and environmental protection.
- **Education and outreach:** Work in schools or NGOs to raise awareness and share knowledge about wildlife health and environmental issues.



*What I value about this program is how it connects ecology and animal biology with practical ways to protect their habitats. Personally, I really enjoyed the Invertebrate Zoology course, but I'm convinced everyone will find something here that excites them.*

**Radek Badura,**  
**Wildlife Health and Environmental Protection**



Degree program:

## VETERINARY HYGIENE AND ECOLOGY



Do you dream of becoming a veterinarian? Are you curious about how veterinary medicine connects animal health, human health, food quality, and environmental sustainability? Then the **Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology degree program** is the perfect choice for you!

- **Animal health:** You'll gain everything you need to treat all kinds of animals — from farm animals to zoo residents and wildlife in rescue centres. You'll also learn how to prevent diseases and keep animals in good condition.
- **Human health:** Caring for animals also means protecting people. You'll understand how to stop diseases from spreading between animals and humans — a key factor in safeguarding public health.
- **Veterinary hygiene:** You'll be able to tell when food is safe and of high quality, and you'll discover how animal-based foods are produced.
- **Animal welfare:** You'll learn to assess the living conditions of farm animals — and how to improve them when needed.
- **Environmental protection:** You'll explore the connections between people, animals, and the environment. Heard of the One Health concept? Here, it will all make sense.



*For the Love of Animals* ❤️

- **Science in action:** Your studies are built on both scientific knowledge and practical skills. Love research? You'll have the chance to join research projects or even carry out your own.

All this takes place in modern clinics and simulation centres, fully equipped labs, and productive training facilities on campus. You'll also step into real practice — where you'll learn the most — and you'll have opportunities to gain experience abroad, even multiple times.

Master's  
Degree

Degree:  
MVDr.

6 years

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- **Veterinary Practice:** Open your own clinic or work in a team with colleagues, providing both treatment and preventive care for animals.
- **Animal Welfare & Public Health:** As an official state veterinarian (for example, within the State Veterinary Administration), you'll have the authority to oversee animal housing conditions, food production of animal origin, and disease control — as well as respond to cases concerning animal protection.
- **Other Regulatory Bodies:** Your expertise will also be valuable in organizations such as the Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority, the Police or Army of the Czech Republic, the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, or agencies overseeing organic farming, veterinary medicines, feed, and more.
- **Research:** Continue your scientific path in research institutes, contributing to new discoveries in animal health, food safety, and environmental protection.
- **Education:** Love sharing knowledge? You can join the academic staff at the university, or teach at secondary schools and colleges.
- **Consulting:** Use your know-how to support businesses and organizations in meeting hygiene and environmental standards — or train their employees.



*I chose Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology because it gives me the best of both worlds — I can work as a veterinarian in a clinic and at the same time gain deeper expertise in veterinary hygiene. That combination opens up a wide range of career opportunities.”*

**Michael Piškula,  
Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology**

# ADMISSIONS

At least four months before the application deadline (usually in November), the faculty website publishes all the key details for the upcoming admissions round, including:

- conditions for admission and how they're assessed
- format and scope of the entrance exam
- criteria for evaluating the exam
- health requirements for study
- maximum number of students admitted



## HOW IT WORKS

- **Application:** First, submit your online application with all required documents and pay the application fee.
- **Academic record:** Your high school grades (documented by school reports) play an important role in the admission process. And of course, you'll need to successfully pass your final exams (maturita).
- **Medical clearance:** You'll need to provide a health certificate signed by your general practitioner. The official form for the given year can be found in the admissions requirements.
- **Entrance exam:** A written test in biology and chemistry is required only for the master's degree program. For other programs, no entrance exam is held.
- **Extra activities count:** If you've been involved in relevant projects or activities beyond your high-school studies (as listed in the admission requirements for your chosen program), you can earn bonus points in the admissions process.
- **How decisions are made:** Admission is based on your total score and the capacity of the faculty.
- **Key dates & info:** Everything you need to know about study programs — their focus, career opportunities, admission requirements, important deadlines, what studying looks like and how it ends — is available on the faculty website under the section *Applicants*.
- **Need more information?** You can always reach out to the faculty's study department for details about specific programs. Every year, we also host an **Open Day** (both in-person and online), with dates announced in advance on our website. You're welcome to visit our Counselling Centre or get in touch by phone or email using the contacts listed on the university website.

## WORRIED ABOUT THE ENTRANCE EXAM?

Don't stress — VETUNI runs a special prep course every year for applicants. You'll not only take a mock entrance exam, but also get a solid review of high-school biology and chemistry. Perfect practice — and a huge help for your final exams too!



# ACCOMMODATION, DINING & FREE TIME AT VETUNI

## ACCOMMODATION

- **Student dorms:** VETUNI offers housing at the Kaunic's Halls of Residence in Brno. For the latest info about availability and how to apply, check directly with the dorms. More details are also online at this [link](#).
- **Private housing:** Many students, especially in later years, choose to rent a flat or a room in private housing. You can explore local offers on classifieds websites and social media.
- **Flat-sharing:** Sharing an apartment with other students is another popular and budget-friendly option.

## DINING & CAMPUS FACILITIES

- **Student canteens:** VETUNI doesn't run its own cafeteria, but you can eat at nearby university canteens for student prices. The closest one is at Mendel University's Taufer Halls of Residence, just a short walk away.
- **On campus:** Right at the VETUNI campus, you'll find *The Time* canteen, which is a bit pricier than a student canteen. Of course, you can also bring your own food — there's a microwave for students in the popular **Pinkafé**, located inside the Study and Information Centre. Pinkafé is the perfect place to kick off your day with a fresh coffee and buttery croissant, or grab a toasted panini or hearty soup anytime. Between lectures, the café doubles as a cosy study space with plenty of caffeine on tap. In summer, you can sip an iced maté outdoors in a sunny lounge chair or cool off in the shade of tall trees.
- **Nearby options:** Cafés and restaurants around VETUNI offer plenty of variety — from quick snacks to international lunch menus at student-friendly prices.

## FREE TIME

The **University Library** is a specialized library focused on veterinary medicine, veterinary hygiene, and ecology. It offers both basic and advanced services: borrowing, information support, printing and copying, citation help, training sessions, literature searches, and even interlibrary loans.

Besides books, you'll find plenty of **e-books, scientific journals, textbooks published by VETUNI, and theses from graduates**. The library also provides access to a wide range of respected academic databases.

When it comes to study spaces, you can choose what fits your style: a quiet zone for focused study, a separate room for independent work, or the **relax zone** if you prefer a more laid-back environment.

## SPORTS & ACTIVE FREE TIME

At VETUNI, sports and physical education are organized by the Institute of Physical Education and Sport. Besides credit-earning compulsory and elective PE courses, the institute also runs plenty of events, courses, and workshops every year.

You can look forward to activities like a week-long cross-country skiing course in the Krkonoše mountains, a ski traverse across the Orlické mountains, a downhill skiing week in the French Alps, or a one-day cycling trip in the Třeboň region. In summer, there's also a paddle boarding course at the Brno Reservoir, and windsurfing courses at the Nové Mlýny lakes, combined with hiking and cycling.





## STUDENT CLUBS

Life at VETUNI isn't just about lectures and labs — our student clubs bring people together around shared passions and hands-on experiences.

- **International Veterinary Student's Association (IVSA):** The Brno branch of this global organization hosts professional seminars and student congresses on topics from small animal medicine to large animal care. It also organizes international student exchanges — a great chance to gain experience abroad.
- **Hippology Club:** Love horses? Here you can join riding lessons, take part in training sessions, or help with events for children, where the little ones get the chance to ride a horse or a horse-drawn carriage.
- **Cynology Club:** For dog enthusiasts, this club focuses on training and raising dogs using positive, pressure-free methods. Activities include obedience courses for beginners and advanced students, preparation for official exams and competitions, agility workshops, performance tests, and lectures on nutrition, training, and life with man's best friend.
- **Hunting Club:** Members here take care of wildlife and join hunting-related activities in partner hunting grounds. They also help protect crops from game damage at VETUNI's School Farm, and regularly take part in contests (like chestnut gathering) and organized hunts.
- **Zoology Club:** This club is all about sharing knowledge and news from the world of zoology, nature conservation, and exotic animal medicine. It organizes lectures on topics such as research on large carnivores in Central Europe, volunteer work at a rescue station for Philippine eagles, or experiences from working in a veterinary clinic on a farm in Congo.







# BORED IN BRNO? NO WAY!

## BRNO IS A STUDENT CITY

One in five residents of the Czech Republic's second-largest city is a university student — and you can feel it everywhere. Cafés, bars, streets, and parks are buzzing with young people from all over the world, studying at one of Brno's eleven universities.

## BRNO IS A CITY OF ART

Here you'll find museums where you can step back into the days of mammoth hunters or explore the life of genetics pioneer J. G. Mendel. Brno also offers galleries filled with both classical and modern art, plus theatres ranging from big stages to intimate venues. And while the city has two modern multiplexes, it also keeps the charm of several historic cinemas still in operation.

## BRNO LIVES THROUGH MUSIC

On stage, in clubs, at festivals, and in the streets — music is everywhere. Whether you're into classical, contemporary, or folk, Brno has something for you. The city boasts a vibrant club scene full of alternative and independent music. No wonder Brno proudly holds the prestigious title of UNESCO Creative City of Music.

## BRNO IS AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM

You've probably heard of the Tugendhat Villa, a functionalist icon. But that's just the beginning — Brno is home to countless architectural treasures across styles and eras. Recently, the unique historic water tanks at Žlutý kopec were opened to the public, their vast spaces resembling underground cathedrals.

## BRNO IS A RESEARCH HUB

Last but not least, Brno is a major centre of science, research, and innovation. Both Czech and international tech companies thrive here, along with world-renowned research institutes like CEITEC. It's also a key trade fair city, where cutting-edge technologies are introduced straight to the global market.



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# BRNO'S QUIRKS

## TRAMS AND NIGHT “ROZJEZDY”

In the city centre, you can walk almost everywhere — but sometimes hopping on a tram (locals call it a *šalina*) just makes life easier. It'll take you practically anywhere, and it's also a great way to people-watch. Late at night, though, your ride home might turn into an adventure with the legendary *rozjezdy* — Brno's unique network of night buses. They all gather at the main station, then scatter across the city and beyond. But beware: some routes follow the daytime lines, while others take unexpected detours. If you hop on the wrong one after a fun night out, your journey might end in a random village outside Brno!



## SYMBOLS OF BRNO

Like every city, Brno has its icons. The old symbol is the famous “Brno dragon,” still hanging in the passage of the Old Town Hall. More recently, though, other landmarks have stolen the spotlight: the “Brno Astronomical Clock” on Freedom Square — often nicknamed the “Brno phallus” — and the striking equestrian statue of Margrave Jošt on Moravian Square, also famous for its... unusual proportions. Both attract endless photo-hunters.

## MEETING “AT THE CLOCK”

In Brno, saying “let’s meet at the clock” isn’t about the time, it’s about the place. For generations, the clock at the entrance to Česká Street has been a classic meeting point — for first dates, friends, and nervous crowds scanning the street for familiar faces. Other landmarks also serve this role, but the legendary clock has been Brno’s go-to meeting spot forever.

## HANTEC

Brno even has its own slang — *hantec*. It developed over centuries from a mix of Central Moravian dialects, German, Central European argot, and later influences of Yiddish, Romani, and Italian. A century ago, it was mostly spoken by the working classes, but today you’ll still hear bits of it. Some words to know: *šalina* (tram), *hokna* (work), *zoncna* (sun), *Prygl* (Brno Reservoir), or *škopek* (beer).

## WHAT NOT TO MISS IN BRNO

There’s so much to see and do here. Explore the Špilberk Castle and St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, wander through the vast underground spaces (including Europe’s second-largest ossuary), or shop for fresh produce at the historic Vegetable Market. In summer, hop on a steamboat cruise across the Brno Reservoir all the way to Veveří Castle. For the latest cultural, social, and sports events, check out the Tourist Information Centre at the Old Town Hall or visit [ticbrno.cz](http://ticbrno.cz).



# SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS, MOBILITY & HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

## WE VALUE SUCCESS

Outstanding academic results at our faculty can earn you recognition in the form of a **merit scholarship**. Activities that go beyond regular studies — like working on projects, contributing to research, or co-authoring scientific papers — can be rewarded with a **special scholarship**. Your work can also be presented at conferences, entered into competitions, or lead to exciting collaborations in your field.

## BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

Your studies will take you through a variety of university workplaces and teaching facilities, giving you the chance to specialize in the area that interests you most. How you use these opportunities to prepare for your future career is entirely up to you.

You might explore our productive training facilities — meat, fish, or dairy — where you can learn how to smoke meat, make cheese, or pasteurize milk. The faculty also offers specialized facilities for those interested in rabbit breeding, fish breeding, or beekeeping, as well as for students focusing on the care of wild animals. If lab work is your passion, you can choose from labs dedicated to microbiology, chemistry, biochemistry, or sensory analysis.

On top of that, you'll have the chance to help out regularly at the institutes — a great way to keep learning, gain practical experience, and grow your expertise step by step.

## SPORTS AND STUDENT LIFE

If you excel in sports, VETUNI supports that too. The university supports talented athletes and offers plenty of opportunities to get active through the **University Sports Club VSK VETUNI**. Whether you're into team sports like volleyball or floorball, or you prefer individual activities such as yoga, fitness, or swimming, you'll find the right fit here.

As a student, you can even compete in the **Czech Academic Championships** and achieve success at the national level. Our newly renovated sports hall is perfect for regular training sessions and provides top facilities for those aiming to pursue sport professionally.

## SEE THE WORLD

During your studies, you'll have the chance to take part in study stays and internships abroad. Mobility is supported both by our Internal Mobility Agency (IMA) and by external programs like ERASMUS+ and CEEPUS.



*Thanks to the IMA project, I spent a month on an internship at the LCTW rescue centre in Laos. The centre focuses on biodiversity protection, rescuing animals confiscated from the illegal trade, and returning them to the wild. I had the unique chance to work with many species — from pangolins and Asian black bears to Malayan sun bears, gibbons, langurs, and even crocodiles.*

**Ondřej Hadaš**

*Through VETUNI, I got the chance to take part in a two-week internship at an equine veterinary clinic in New York as part of the IMA project. I gained valuable experience, learned new skills, and had access to modern veterinary medicine techniques. It was an amazing opportunity for my professional growth.*

**Eliška Houdková**



*Thanks to IMA VETUNI, I spent a month at Højgård Hestehospital — the largest equine clinic in Denmark. I focused mainly on orthopaedics, which is highly developed here and the field I'd like to specialize in. It was a fantastic experience that taught me so much, and I definitely plan to return in the future.*

**Eliška Peroutková**

*In the summer of 2024, I took the opportunity offered by the FVHE faculty and went on a six-week internship in Brazil. I was able to expand my theoretical knowledge and gain hands-on experience in small animal surgery.*

*At the same time, I discovered a new culture, picked up a new language, and had countless unforgettable experiences.*

**Ioana Moudrá**



# WHEN THINGS (DON'T) GO AS PLANNED...

## GETTING STARTED

The transition to university can feel like a big leap after high school. Suddenly, much more independence is expected of you — and you'll need to be able to work with a huge amount of new information right from the start. Don't worry, though. We've got some tips to help you find your feet and make your study journey a little easier.

### Where to Find Information

Your go-to resources are right on the university website:

- [Information for students — VETUNI](#)
- [Freshman guide — FVHE](#)
- [Internal regulations — VETUNI](#)

And if you'd rather talk to someone in person, don't hesitate to reach out to the study officers at the FVHE Study Department ([Study office — FVHE](#)).

Remember: **Every problem has a solution.** If you run into a challenge, don't put it off — ask for help. You're not in this alone.

## IF THINGS GET TOUGH

We all wish life could run smoothly all the time. But student life, like life in general, comes with both wins and setbacks — and it's important to have people around you to share both with. Most often, that'll be your classmates: you'll be going through the same challenges, and shared interests will bring you together. Their support matters, just as much as the backing of your family and friends.

Still, talking things through isn't always enough. Some problems need action. And if you ever feel stuck, remember you're not on your own — there are always people who can help you find a way forward.

Your go-to place for both information and support? The **Faculty Study Department**.

You can also turn to the **VETUNI Student Counselling Centre**, which offers guidance and consultations on everything related to your studies. Whether you need advice about coursework, retaking exams, taking a break from your studies, or planning a semester abroad, the centre is here to help. [Welcome centre — VETUNI](#)

Many students use the services just once in a while, usually for study-related issues. For students facing ongoing personal difficulties that impact their studies, the centre also offers the option of regular support sessions.

A key part of our study and career counselling is the **Psychological Counselling Centre**, which offers professional support when you're dealing with study-related, personal, family, relationship, or health challenges. You can book individual consultations focused on your studies or career, as well as short- or long-term psychotherapy aimed at personal growth.

The Counselling Centre also includes a **Welcome Centre** to help international students settle in, and the **Centre for Social Safety**, which works closely with the university ombudsman. Together, they make sure every student and staff member have the right to equal treatment, protection from discrimination, and fair conflict resolution with the support of a mediator.

## AND IF YOU EVER RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES – DON'T HESITATE, ACT.



## LIFE AT VETUNI: TRADITIONS YOU'LL LOVE

**Welcome Day (“Seznamovák”):** A kick-off event for all first-year students of both Czech and English study programs, packed with sports and fun activities organized by older students.

**Gulášfest:** This hugely popular tradition brings teams — mostly made up of students — together to compete for the title of best kettle-cooked goulash. It’s not just about the taste, though. The creative team names and dish titles always add to the fun. To keep spirits high, there’s also plenty of punch, beer, and other refreshments.

**Christmas at VETUNI:** A long-standing tradition where teachers, staff, and students gather in the university’s riding hall to celebrate the season. The program includes contests such as *Best Christmas Punch*, sports and “artistic” competitions, and of course, tastings of VETUNI’s own wine.

Traditional February **University Ball** is another major student event.

Spring in Brno means **Májáles**, the May student festival. And since Brno is a true student city, this event is a big deal. Our students are always heavily involved in organizing — and they often win the contest for Májáles King and Queen!

# GRADUATION

After years of effort and persistence, the moment you've been waiting for finally arrives — graduation. It's a milestone worth celebrating, and you'll want to invite your family to share the joy of this unforgettable day.

## **SPONDEO AC POLLICEOR — I COMMIT AND I PROMISE**

By receiving your degree and diploma, you formally accept not only your academic success but also the responsibility that comes with it. One of those responsibilities is honouring your Alma Mater. We believe the knowledge, skills, and ethical principles you gain here will guide you throughout your professional life.

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

After your bachelor's studies, we'll be happy to welcome you into one of our master's programs. You can continue in the same field or choose a new direction.

And if you decide to go further, our doctoral programs offer a chance to dive into research and science at the highest level. Doctoral study is also the gateway to joining the academic community yourself — teaching and sharing your expertise with future VETUNI students. Talented graduates will always find the doors of their Alma Mater wide open.



*My years at VETUNI flew by so quickly. Sometimes it was really tough, but I'm grateful for every moment — every experience, every success and setback, and for the amazing friends I've made along the way. Among the faculty, too, there are truly wonderful people, and I'd like to thank them sincerely for their kindness, patience, and the knowledge they've shared with us.*

**Terezie Prušová**

*No obstacle is ever too big to overcome, and no teacher is ever so strict that they lose their human side.*

**Tereza Sperátová**





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