

Pilsen

Czech Republic



UNIVERSITY
OF WEST BOHEMIA

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International Summer Language School
has been organized at the University of West Bohemia
every summer in July since 1990.

3 weeks of intensive language study,
rich social and cultural programme,
sport activities, excursions and a lot more ...

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The ISLS has been awarded
the language prize LABEL
for innovation in language teaching.

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International Summer Language School

Languages offered:

Czech
English
French
Italian
German
Russian
Spanish
Portuguese

UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA

The University (UWB) is the seventh largest public higher education institution in the Czech Republic in terms of its student population. It offers highly diverse study programmes in technology, natural sciences, humanities and law, economics, arts, teacher training and health care. The University structure is ideal, comprising eight faculties and two institutes ranging from technical sciences to humanities and offering the broadest full-time and combined study opportunities. At present, more than 19,000 students can choose from a wide range of Bachelor, Master and PhD study programmes at all faculties (except the Faculty of Health Care Studies). More information can be found at: <http://www.zcu.cz>

University location

UWB is located in Pilsen, West Bohemia's principal city and the fourth largest city in the Czech Republic. The city is situated 80 km south west of Prague (international airport) and 80 km from the German border.

International Office at the University of West Bohemia

The development of worldwide cooperation is one of the UWB's priorities. The International Office is responsible for developing and strengthening international links at the university level. The International Summer Language School is organised annually every July. More information can be found at: <http://www.international.zcu.cz> or <http://www.isls.cz>



PILSEN **- UNIVERSITY CITY**

Pilsen – West Bohemian metropolis. Since its foundation in 1295, the city of Pilsen has naturally become a cultural and economic centre of West Bohemia. Nowadays, Pilsen with its 165,000 inhabitants covers an area of 138 square kilometers and it is a significant cultural, business, industrial and commercial centre. The city came to prominence in the middle of the 19th century when the Škoda Works Company and the Pilsner Urquell brewery were founded. Since 1991, after the foundation of the University of West Bohemia, it became an important centre of education. Pilsen's centre, including the Gothic St. Bartholomew's Church Tower (102.3 m), has been designated a Historical Monuments Preservation Area. Many of the historical buildings dating back to the Middle Ages and extensive underground passages offer visitors

interesting glimpses into the city's rich past. The city has two large theatres and several smaller venues that offer performances of drama, opera and ballet. The music scene offers concerts by national and international artists. Numerous museums and art galleries show collections of Czech and foreign paintings, Czech folklore and historical artifacts. Apart from being a significant cultural centre, Pilsen offers parks for walking and the countryside around the city, with extensive forests and picturesque villages with lovely castles and churches, attract visitors all year round. Nightlife in Pilsen offers an exciting variety of bars, clubs and restaurants with a wide choice of cuisine. The Sports Centre, near the main University campus at Bory, offers excellent facilities including indoor gymnasia and tennis courts. You can find more information about Pilsen at:

<http://www.pilsen.eu>



INTERNATIONAL SUMMER LANGUAGE SCHOOL (ISLS)

One of the University's major international events is the three-week Summer Language School which has been held every July since 1990. This event is attended by 600 – 700 participants not only from the Czech Republic but from virtually every corner of the world. In a truly international setting, it offers informal language courses in: Czech for foreigners, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish at beginner to advanced levels. Besides general language courses, there are specialized courses, e.g. TEFL course, Comparative Legal Studies or courses for children. The ISLS provides an exceptional opportunity to combine high-quality language instruction with a lifetime of experience. A friendly international atmosphere promotes not only students' progress in language studies but also intercultural and international contacts in the spirit of tolerance and forms long-lasting friendships. The ISLS is also holder of the European Language LABEL Award for Innovation in Language Teaching.

Why come to ISLS?

- all-day or afternoon courses
- a large variety of languages and special courses offered in one place
- courses are taught by qualified and experienced teachers
- a possibility for university students to receive 7 credits for the language course which may be recognized at the student's home institution
- a native-speaking teacher in each language class guaranteed
- professional services provided by the ISLS reception team and International Office
- afternoon cultural activities, rich social and cultural life
- lifetime experience in a friendly and international atmosphere



DAILY PROGRAMME, CULTURAL EVENTS, EXCURSIONS

Teaching

The all-day course consists of 92 teaching hours (1 teaching hour = 45 minutes) of language instruction five days a week. The classes are scheduled as follows: 5 lessons in the morning and 2 lessons in the afternoon (except Wednesday – no afternoon class) with the lunch break in between. Language classes have a maximum number of 15 participants per class.

Excursions

Several one-day and half-day excursions are arranged for our participants, e.g. to Prague and other places of historical and cultural interest not only in West Bohemia.

Afternoon and cultural programme

Rich afternoon and cultural programme is prepared for all participants by the ISLS reception team and the International Office. Within the afternoon programme you can attend seminars on historical and cultural topics, famous Czech films, sports activities or excursions to places of local interest (e.g. Pilsner brewery, museums, galleries). Several evenings are booked for international gatherings where students have the opportunity to meet both Czech and international participants.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Accommodation

Accommodation in a two-bedroom suite with shared bathroom and toilet facilities is reserved for all participants in the university dormitories. There are two kitchens on each floor with 2 cookers. Each suite has a small refrigerator. Accommodation in single or double room is possible. Bed linen, sheets are available. Accommodation is situated close to the main ISLS venue (5 minutes by bus, 15 minutes on foot).

Services

All participants have free internet access in the University's computer laboratories and on request in the dormitory (you need to use your own laptop). Sport facilities are also available at the campus.

Public transport pass

The ISLS Office can provide you with a 3-week public transport pass valid for all types of transport in Pilsen.

Attendance certificates

Attendance certificates recording actual number of hours and the language course level attended are issued by the organiser to all participants who completed the course successfully.

Visa

ISLS organisers provide an invitation letter to everyone who has to apply for a visa. Please note that the procedure for obtaining a visa can take approximately 30 days from the date of submitting the application form at the Czech Embassy in the applicant's home country. Please contact the Czech Embassy or Consulate in your country for up-to-date information regarding the visa application procedure.

Insurance

Prior to entry into the Czech Republic, all international participants must purchase a personalized health insurance from an insurance company in their home country. The insurance must be valid in the Czech Republic and cover the entire duration of the visit. General policies usually cover standard treatments.

Fees

The fee for the three-week stay covers tuition, provision of course materials, accommodation, breakfast, public transport pass, excursions and various cultural activities. More information can be found at: <http://www.isls.cz/en/price-list>

Applications

To apply for the language course, please complete the online application form at: <http://www.isls.cz/en/application-form>
Deadline for submitting the application is May 17.

