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## DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!




I warmly welcome you **to the Faculty of Science** at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. Only a few months ago, you successfully completed your secondary education, and today you stand at the threshold of the academic grounds of our faculty, which is recognized as a **reputable educational and research institution both at home and abroad.**

Since its **establishment in 1963**, the Faculty of Science has been educating students in teaching, offering selected combinations of biology, physics, chemistry, and mathematics. Today, we provide both single-subject programs as well as all possible combinations of these subjects, along with computer science and geography, which were added at the turn of the millennium. **Our faculty's education is rooted in high-quality research and international collaboration, as reflected in our high publication output and success in securing research grants.** Interest in studying at our faculty is growing once again, evidenced by the number of enrolled freshmen, which, after ten years, has once more exceeded 300.

When I first crossed the threshold of this faculty as a student years ago, I felt the same mix of anticipation and uncertainty that you may be experiencing today. Summer activities, and even potato-harvesting work brigades before the start of the academic year, helped us get to know our classmates, senior students, and a few faculty members. Then we sat in lecture halls, already knowing who to turn to, with whom to work on assignments, or with whom to organize joint activities. **The friendships formed during university years often last a lifetime;** regular alumni gatherings show that our cohort was particularly remarkable.

I trust that you come here full of enthusiasm, looking forward to your studies, new friendships, and experiences. Likewise, our staff is excited to meet you the “moldable” freshmen whom we will guide in creatively acquiring new knowledge.





Through your bachelor's, master's, and, for some, doctoral theses, many new and interesting results will emerge, some of which will undoubtedly advance knowledge in their respective fields.

University studies differ from secondary education. They offer more freedom but also greater responsibility. **The credit system** allows students to tailor the pace and content of their studies to their abilities and interests. **Through student mobility programs**, part of your credits can be earned at other universities both domestically and abroad. You may also choose courses from other faculties within the university. **Certified interdisciplinary blocks**, which have gained great popularity, are a prime example. Such an open and flexible system places significant responsibility for your studies directly on the students. **Be aware of your rights and obligations**, and address any issues promptly.

**Education at our faculty is traditionally grounded in high-quality science and research.** With our experienced staff and experimental facilities, we ensure a high standard of study. In recent years, numerous new laboratories have been created through **domestic and international projects**. Recently, we completed the reconstruction of the buildings Jesenná 5, Mánesova 23, and Moyzesova 11. After the extensive fire in December 2016, several chemistry laboratories were successfully restored. **In all these spaces, you have the opportunity to conduct research and create** under conditions comparable to leading scientific institutions. In every lab, we welcome students who wish to go beyond standard requirements and further expand their knowledge. **All it takes is interest visit the relevant institute, speak with the lab head, your academic advisor, or the instructor.**

**The driving force of student life at the faculty is the Student Council of the Faculty of Science.** You, too, can actively contribute to maintaining a wide range of student activities whether sports events, student balls, or traditional events during Science Days. **Through your representatives in the Student Section of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science, you can help shape the environment** in which you study. Take advantage of your study program's community and learn from senior students' valuable knowledge and experience.





**Become a full member of the academic community** so you can influence university life and take pride in being part of this community.

I wish that all your expectations for your time at the faculty are fulfilled and that you can overcome all the challenges of your studies. I hope that you adapt to university life quickly and smoothly. **Your academic advisors, educational representatives, and all your instructors are here to help you.** Take advantage of the faculty's unique conditions and historical advantages, which allow for a nearly personal approach from instructors to students, ensuring that you are never just one among many. I look forward to meeting you personally, whether in lecture halls or at university and faculty social events.

**doc. RNDr. Roman Soták, PhD.**  
dean of the Faculty of Science




Dear “freshman” colleagues,  
Welcome at the start of your university journey! When entering university, we often have a variety of expectations. Some of you see it as a great challenge full of studying, sleepless nights, and demanding exams. Perhaps you are anxious about a new environment where you don’t know anyone yet. On the other hand, there are students who are excited about legendary dormitory parties, relaxed lectures, and tackling coursework at the last minute.

Personally, I belonged to the type of people who were “enthusiasts” of dormitory life. I must admit, my expectations were different from reality. Yes, studying involves far more than it seems, and dozing off during “relaxed” lectures is never rewarding. After some experience, I can confirm that university is not only a place to acquire academic knowledge but also a place that prepares us for adult life. Learning how to navigate the AIS system, register for courses, move through complex campus spaces, and manage your finances effectively is a real challenge.

Fortunately, there are always classmates willing to help and instructors who support us during exercises and consultation hours. Exams are often a source of fear for every student. They may be “difficult,” but with proper preparation and patience, they are manageable. As our docent once said: “If you don’t know something, try explaining it to someone else.” It’s excellent advice that has personally helped me many times.

However, university is not just about studying. It is a place where new friendships and relationships are formed. You will meet people with similar or almost identical interests and discover that you will get along with them throughout your entire time at university—and often long after graduation. Extracurricular activities are also an important part of university life. We have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and events organized by the Student Council. Right at the beginning of the semester, we can meet at the matriculation ceremonies, participate in volunteer and organizational activities, or join faculty events. Personally, I am already looking forward to Science Days, where I hope to have the opportunity to meet all of you.



In conclusion, I would like to say that if you encounter any problems or need assistance with anything, do not hesitate to reach out to us—the Student Council. If you are interested in actively participating in the organization of student activities, we will gladly welcome you among us. You will gain valuable experience in various areas, such as event organization, working on the Prímes magazine, volunteering, or participating in ecological projects.

I wish you a successful start to your first semester and many unforgettable experiences at UPJŠ!

**Bc. Zuzana Pavlišková**  
Chair of the Student Council of  
the Faculty of Science, UPJŠ





## FROM THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY



The tradition of university education in Košice began in 1657 with the founding of the “Academia Cassoviensis” by Bishop Benedikt Kisdy. Pavol Jozef Šafárik University was founded much later, in 1959, as the second university in Slovakia. Although the Faculty of Science was officially established on February 8, 1963, it began its activity a few days later, on March 2, 1963, in the premises of the State Theatre in Košice.

At its ceremonial opening, the faculty had only the first year with 54 students, who started studying in Košice after the Faculty of Science of Comenius University in Bratislava, with the approval of higher authorities, transferred part of its 1st-year students in teacher training programs of Mathematics–Physics, Physics–Chemistry, Biology–Chemistry. After the second year, ten of these students decided to continue in single-subject Physics and Biology programs, thus laying the foundation for specialized single-subject studies.

The first dean, Professor Vladimír Hajko, deserves much credit for founding the faculty. Thanks to him, the faculty gained a solid foundation and the main directions of its development were set, which remain relevant today. In 2023, the Faculty of Science celebrated its 60th anniversary, and this academic year will see the ninth Golden Graduation of its alumni. The faculty has also had a vibrant student life since its beginnings – every April, Science Days are held (you will read more about them in the “Student Life” section). Since its establishment, UPJŠ has had a leading place in the Slovak higher education system and has become an internationally recognized center of science and research.

### ***Who was Pavol Jozef Šafárik?***

Pavol Jozef Šafárik (1795–1861) was a Slovak historian, poet, ethnographer, Slavist, and university professor. He is considered the founder of scientific Slavistics. Apart from Slovakia, he also worked in the Czech Republic, Germany, and Serbia.



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## ROOM CODES

Have you received your timetable but have no idea where your class should take place? Don't panic. The room codes follow a logical system, you just need to understand it.

Each code consists of the building complex, floor, type of room, and its number. Codes of rooms in our faculty usually begin with the letter **S (Science) or R (Rectorate)**. For comparison, rooms of the **Faculty of Arts** begin with **A (Arts)**. The second letter specifies the exact building. Faculty rooms are located in these complexes:

- **RB, RC, RD** – Rectorate campus at Šrobárova Street (Institutes of Biology/Ecology and Chemistry)
- **SJ and SA** – Jesenná/Angelinum campus (Institutes of Physics, Mathematics, Informatics, Geography)
- **SB** – Botanical Garden campus at Mánesova 23 (Institute of Biology/Ecology)

The first number (**3rd position in the code**) marks the **floor (S = basement)**. The next letter shows the type of room:

- P = lecture hall
- C = computer room
- L = laboratory
- A = auditorium
- ...and so on.

**The last number is the room number.** For example:

- SJSP18 = lecture hall 18 in the basement of Jesenná campus
- SB1P3 = lecture hall 3 on the 1st floor at the Botanical Garden campus

If you're unsure, you can download the full coding system here: [upjs.sk/public/media/1545/kodovanie-miestnosti-2012-upjs.xlsx](http://upjs.sk/public/media/1545/kodovanie-miestnosti-2012-upjs.xlsx) or view the campus map: [upjs.sk/univerzita/plan-budov-upjs](http://upjs.sk/univerzita/plan-budov-upjs). Sometimes people will give you a name of a lecture hall instead of the code – often named after important faculty personalities (e.g., Prof. Praslička Auditorium / RB0A5). More info here: [upjs.sk/prirodovedecka-fakulta/fakulta/poslucharne](http://upjs.sk/prirodovedecka-fakulta/fakulta/poslucharne).



## ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are not from Košice or nearby, you are probably wondering where to live. Student housing is provided in **four dormitory blocks**:

- Medická 4
- Medická 6
- Popradská 66
- Popradská 76

At Medická dorms, students live in double and triple rooms arranged into blocks (units of 2 rooms: one double + one triple, with shared WC, shower, and sink).

Accommodation is allocated by a commission at the Rectorate based on a points system.

Don't forget: each March, you must apply for accommodation in the AiS2 system if you want a dorm room for the following year. Instructions from the Student Dormitory Council (ŠIR) will arrive in AiS announcements.

## STUDENT DORMITORY COUNCIL (ŠIR)

A group of students cooperating with dormitory management to help with accommodation issues. For questions, contact ŠIR representatives of the Faculty of Science: [sir.pfupjs@gmail.com](mailto:sir.pfupjs@gmail.com)





## WHERE TO EAT LUNCH?

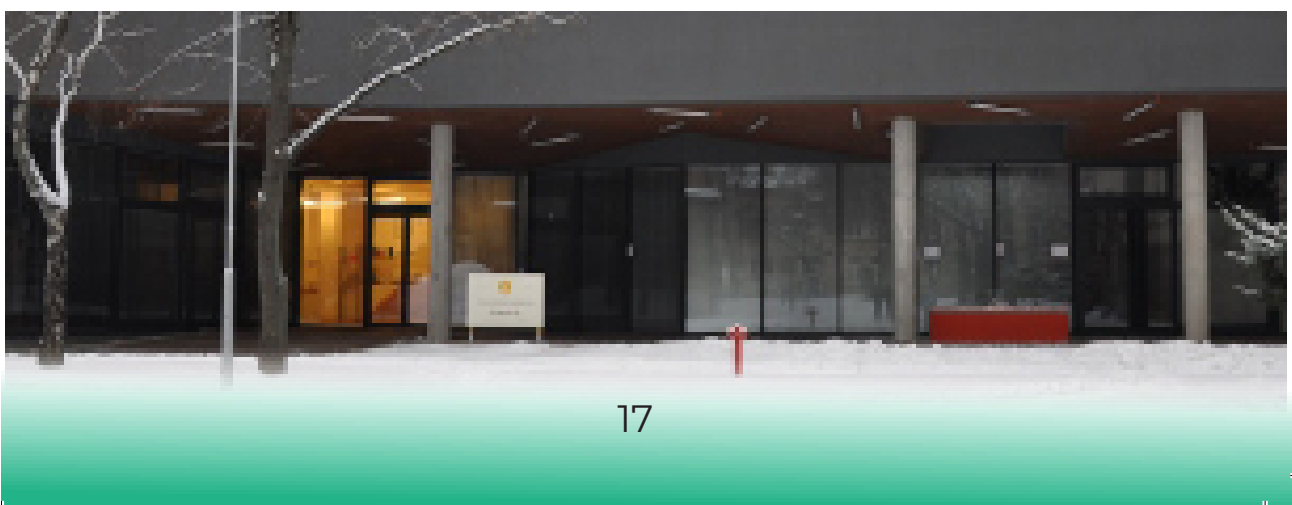
One of the services our university provides for you is catering. You can **eat in 7 facilities located** at individual faculties and university workplaces.

UPJŠ has established four canteens at the **Faculty of Medicine (Trieda SNP 1)**, the **Medická dormitories**, the **Faculty of Arts (Moyzesova 9)**, and the **Faculty of Sciences (Jesenná 5)**, as well as **two food outlets on Popradská Street and Mánesová Street**. You can also grab a bite to eat at two cafés: **Minerva cafeteria on the Faculty of Arts campus** and **BotaniCafé in the Botanical Garden**.

You can put together your lunch from a wide range of dishes – meat, vegetarian/vegan, soups, and side dishes – at any cafeteria, or you can order your lunch in advance at one of the cafeterias and dining halls via the internet to guarantee that you will get what you want. You can also view the daily updated **menu online**.

The advantage of eating in university cafeterias, snack bars, and cafés is the subsidies. **Thanks to subsidies (credit refunded to your ISIC card), your lunch will cost you much less.**

You can check the amount of subsidies in the meal price list. You pay in the canteens using your ISIC card, which you can top up either directly at the cafeteria cash registers, at the Minerva café, or via direct bank transfer.



## Wi - Fi and EduRoam



Be honest – can you imagine life without the internet? During your studies, it will be nearly impossible. Everything important happens online: course registration, grading, exam sign-ups... all via the AiS2 system.

A special introductory course explains how **AiS works** – pay attention, especially if you're not “techy.”

If you encounter serious problems with AiS, contact the operators at the Center for Applied Informatics (CAI), Park Angelinum 9.

**Contact:** Eva Marková (eva.markova1@upjs.sk).

After some time, you'll be assigned a **university email:** *firstname.lastname@student.upjs.sk*. Use this email for all study-related communication. Professors may ignore emails from addresses like *sunnystar25@azet.sk*.

For unlimited Wi-Fi access, register at [upjs.sk/wifi](http://upjs.sk/wifi) (instructions included).

- EDUROAM = full access
- UPJS GUEST = limited (Facebook won't work properly)

Dormitory internet: students usually arrange it individually.  
Exception: Medická dorms, where internet is managed centrally by the Network Administration. Registration instructions are posted at dorm receptions.

## AiS2



**The Academic Information System (AiS2)** serves to maintain and manage all necessary information about your studies: from enrolled subjects, schedules, through data on any subject, submitting final theses and requesting an accommodation. Through AiS2, you simultaneously receive shared essential messages from the university management and teachers, such as information about the scheduled dates of exams, changes in the schedule, etc.

If you got lost right after opening AiS, do not worry. Just take a look at the **text** or **video manuals** to help you navigate through it. You can find them after logging into AiS in the upper right corner.

## COURSES

As to not make it so easy, no course is like the other. They are divided into **3 types** according to their importance, difficulty and overall time burden.

Primarily, you are focused on **mandatory courses = "A"** You cannot avoid them and it is unfortunate to forget to sign up for them. They contain topics that are directly related to your field.

The following are **compulsory optional courses**. Depending on your study programme, you can choose from more of these so-called **"B"** subjects than is necessary for graduation. Therefore, you can "choose" the most interesting or beneficial ones for your direction of study. However, you must ensure that the sum of credits for compulsory optional courses is sufficient at the end of the year/study.

No less interesting is the category of optional courses, the so-called **"C"** subjects, none of which are compulsory. However, in many cases, these are specifically oriented courses, which can help you with the above-mentioned compulsory subjects. In order to not spend your studies sitting behind a desk you can choose sport activities subjects that happen either on weekly basis, or in a form of a training course. In addition, they are a good way to supplement your missing credits.

Detailed information about your study programme, minimum number of credits, study plan, syllabi, etc. can be found in the new **Register of Study Programmes**. Each course has its own syllabus with its content, number of credits, names of the teachers, prerequisites for its completion, homework and assignments waiting for you, and recommended literature.

Do not forget about the **electronic notice board**, especially for the courses you have signed up for. Teachers of the subject put the latest and most important information there - from the dates of exams through absences, etc. You will find it in the AiS in the menu on the left, however, always follow your teacher's instructions.

## EVALUATION

The course can end with **an exam** or **an evaluation**. You can find the means of completion in the study plan and the syllabus. The exam can be oral or written and sometimes can be conditioned by **a continuous evaluation**. Courses ending in the evaluation are usually completed by getting a needed minimum points on written tests, submitting a paper, or completing an assignment. It also means that you do not have to anticipate an exam. ;-)

A course can be evaluated as **“passed”** or **“did not pass”**. During the first and second cycle of the study, as well as the joined study cycle, the courses are usually evaluated by **A to E according to classification grade** in case of a successful completion of the course or the exam and **F(X) in case of an unsuccessful completion**. You have to repeat the unsuccessfully completed (FX) course in the future, depending on your study plan, or to fill in missing credits with other courses. **We advise you to carefully check which of your courses are compulsory.**

## CREDIT POINTS

Credits, or rather the **credit system** (ECTS – European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System), serve as a reliable indicator of the quality of your studies. You will be awarded credits for each course you successfully complete (except for FX grades). If you ever feel that you deserve more credits for certain courses, rest assured that their calculation is not random and depends on three aspects:

- 1. weekly hours** – how much time per week is spent teaching the course,
- 2. completion of the subject** – unlike assessment, an exam adds 1 credit to the subject,
- 3. the degree of above-standard amount of extracurricular work**, i.e. homework, required to master the subject.

As we have already mentioned, during your studies you must **pay attention to how many credits you need to earn by the end of your studies**. For example, the minimum requirement for advancing from the 1st to the 2nd year of full-time first-cycle studies (Bachelor's degree) is to earn **at least 40 credits**, and by the end of the second year, **90 credits for two years of study**, all by the end of the exam period (not by the end of August, as some students sometimes mistakenly believe).

However, earning only these minimum numbers of credits may not pay off in the end, as the minimum number of credits (including credits for the final state exam and thesis defense) required to obtain a bachelor's degree **after 3 years of study is 180 credits**. If you only have 90 credits at the end of your second year, prepare yourself for a very busy third year.

*Faculty contact:*

### Gyms and facilities:

UA – secretariat

UB – gyms UB0T3, UB0T4

UC – tgyg UC0T5, tennis courts UC0T7, fitness UC0T5p

UD – gym UD0T2 at Kostlivého, Rectorate campus

DA – Medická 4, blocks C a D, canteen

DB – Medická 6, blocks A a B, Faculty of Science Library, dormitory  
directorate

Swimming pool – Municipal swimming pool near the bus station

[www.plavarenkosice.sk](http://www.plavarenkosice.sk)



## WHAT EVENTS DOES THE FACULTY OFFER DURING THE YEAR

From now on, you are university students. You study mathematics, physics, informatics, chemistry, biology, geography (or their combinations) at the Faculty of Science of UPJŠ in Košice. In these first days, you are getting familiar with the school. Professors and lecturers are trying to tell you everything important about studying and help you overcome the first hurdles. Right now, it may feel like too much information, but don't worry – after a few weeks, you'll get used to it.

Let me introduce some faculty events you can look forward to during the year, which I highly recommend attending.

- **Opening of the Academic Year:**

On September 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine. A great opportunity to see the university leadership and fully realize that you are now part of the academic community.

- **Matriculation Ceremony (November):**

Freshmen officially receive their matriculation certificate. On the same day, **the Matriculation Ball** is held – a celebration not only for first-years but also attended by upper-year students, PhD students, and even professors. Expect good food, a raffle full of prizes, and a great DJ keeping the fun going until morning.

- **University Choir “Chorus Universitatis Šafarikianae”:**

If you want to feel the Christmas spirit, besides the Christmas markets you should attend their concert – it will definitely put you in the right mood.

- **Open Days (twice a year):**

For prospective students. You can become a guide for visitors and show them what our faculty has to offer.

- **Botanical Garden events:**

Especially for biology students, but also interesting for others. Various exhibitions are held: cacti, exotic butterflies, bees and honey products, citrus, orchids. Recently, a new café “Botanicafé” was also opened there.



The biggest celebration at the faculty is definitely the Science Days. Two days in April when we can take a break from schoolwork, meet colleagues and teachers, and enjoy fun, science, and relaxation.

**Activities include:** Blood donation, Evening quiz, Student Scientific Conference (ŠVK), Student Satirical Conference (ŠTRK), ScienceFest evening, Nature trip to Alpinka

## SCIENCE DAYS

As university students, you have become members of several groups – whether at the dormitory, in school, with new roommates, classmates, older students from the same field... so that you do not miss any news, there are also “intrákovice”, “chodbovice”, “izbovice”, “odborovice”, “krúžkovice”... simply all kinds of “-ice” full of fun and new people. Don’t miss the chance and come not only to have fun with us, but also to get to know your school.

The most significant event for students and teachers at our faculty are surely the **Science Days**, which take place every year at the end of April. They begin with the Student Scientific Conference (ŠVK), continue with ŠTRK – the Student Satirical Conference – and all of this is part of the Science Fest, an entertaining evening for students. The second day is dedicated to sport and recreation, which includes a common march to Alpinka, a recreational center just outside Košice. Let’s say something more concrete about the individual events.

**ŠVK** is a space for students to present the results of their work at a conference, to compare themselves with competition and to try what it is like at a real scientific conference. A bonus for participants is the adding of credits. Last year, 107 students took part in ŠVK at our faculty in 16 sections, and all strongly recommend taking part in this conference.

Have you ever seen stand-up on a “science” topic? If not, then **ŠTRK** is the ideal opportunity! Anyone – student or teacher – can sign up with a funny contribution, not only to join the ranks of the “štrkáči” (participants), but also to compete for the funniest entry on various current scientific or social topics. Maybe right among you there are future stand-up comedians, able with intelligent humor to make a packed auditorium of students laugh and pay attention.

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Video recordings from previous years are available on the faculty's website.

In the evening we meet at the Rectorate campus with good beer, sausage and grilled delicacies. We are accompanied by **the university student radio Študentský rozhlas Košice, or otherwise ŠtuRKO**, and we usually compete in a natural science quiz or karaoke.

The day after ŠVK and ScienceFest comes the popular hike to **Alpinka**. The march starts at the Medická dormitories around nine in the morning and slowly proceeds to the destination. The route is not long, only about 7 km. Everyone can handle it, so don't be afraid, although Alpinka can also be reached by public transport. We recommend that mainly for the way back, because the celebration of science and sport usually stretches on and is truly lively. After arrival at the Alpinka center, music, competitions, beer, Kofola (soft drink), and goulash for lunch are waiting. Alpinka every year offers students and teachers the opportunity to meet outside university premises and talk in a relaxed atmosphere over Kofola or beer, or to spend time pleasantly playing football, volleyball, or other sports and fun activities.

At the same time as the Science Days, other events are organized at the university, for example the **University Sports Days** with many sports activities.

The Science Days have been part of the faculty since its founding, and of course have changed over time. Sometimes they included events like "Night March to Bankov," "24-hour Basketball," "BOROVIČKI" (Discussion about anything and everything), or the "Science Ball." At present, the faculty has only one ball – the Matriculation Ball on the day of your matriculation.

The Science Days are largely organized by the Student Council of the Faculty of Science in cooperation with the faculty leadership. But maybe it is exactly you, by joining the Student Council, who will renew or introduce a new tradition, so that our faculty will not stop "breathing" and the potential of us, its students, will be felt.

## WHERE TO SWITCH OFF IN KOŠICE

Dear freshmen, welcome to Košice! The coming months will certainly not be easy, and therefore it is necessary not to forget about the need for mental relaxation. You can use various options that Košice offers.

If you like history and monuments, be sure not to miss: **St. Elisabeth's Cathedral** with the opportunity to climb the tower, **Urban's Tower**, **St. Michael's Chapel**, **Immaculata**, **Crafts Lane**, **East Slovak Museum** (with the Golden Treasure of Košice), **East Slovak Gallery** (with modern exhibitions), **Technical Museum** (with exhibits from mining, metallurgy, electricity, a hands-on science center), **Museum of Aviation** near the airport, or **Steelpark**, which is an interactive museum of metallurgy and natural-scientific puzzles.

For lovers of culture, **the State Theatre** (in front of the Singing Fountain on Main Street), **the State Philharmonic Košice** (House of Arts) or cinemas are available: **Cinemax** (in the Optima shopping center), **Sterio Cinemas** (in OC Galéria), and for film lovers, **Cinema Úsmev** (screenings of Slovak films, documentaries, festivals).

Do you prefer active rest? We recommend the **bobsleigh track** in Kavečany, **climbing walls** (Mier district, near Steel Arena), **wakeboarding** at Košice Lake, the **Tarzánia rope** park at Alpinka, or **mini-golf** at Bankov.

In winter you can try skiing in nearby ski resorts (Jahodná, Kavečany) or ice skating (Crow Arena, Alejová).

Košice and its surroundings are rich in nature, which offers opportunities for hiking and cycling. **The Košice ZOO** with **Dinopark** is worth a visit, and also the ruins of **Košice Castle or the Lookout Tower** at Hradová. The children's railway (from Čermel' to Alpinka) is also a great experience.

Sports lovers will certainly appreciate the **International Peace Marathon**, the oldest marathon in Europe, which takes place in October. You can also attend **ice hockey matches** at Steel Arena or **basketball** at Infinity Arena.

Various events take place in the city during the year. An example is **White Night** (Nuit Blanche), a festival of contemporary art, which usually takes place a week before the marathon.

If you are more of a **nightlife person**, you can visit various cafés, pubs, bars, and teahouses in Košice. Among the popular clubs with students are Jazz, Retro, Boba. A special place is Tabáčka Kulturfabrik, where concerts, cultural events, and exhibitions take place, and which also has a nice café. If you are a fan of rock or metal, visit Colloseum Club, which organizes concerts, film screenings, or various discussions.

Košice offers much more, and therefore do not be afraid to discover them and look for what will suit you.

# ACADEMIC YEAR SCHEDULE 2025/2026

**Opening ceremony of 25/25 AY:** 16. 09. 2025 o 10.30 hod.

**Winter semester: 16. 09. 2025 – 06. 02. 2026**

Teaching in the winter semester: 16. 09. 2025 – 19. 12. 2025

Matriculation: 14. 11. 2025

Winter Holidays: 22. 12. 2025 – 01. 01. 2026

Exam period: 02. 01. 2026 – 06. 02. 2026

**Summer semester: 09. 02. 2026 – 26. 06. 2026**

Teaching in the summer semester: 09. 02. 2026 – 15. 05. 2026

Science days: 22. 04. - 23. 04. 2026

Exam period: 18. 05. 2026– 26. 06. 2026

Summer holidays: 29. 06. 2026– 31. 08. 2026

**Rector's Day Off:**

31. 10. 2025

07. 04. 2026

**Dean's Day Off:**

22. 04. 2026

23. 04. 2026

**Open Doors Day:**

UPJŠ - october 2025

PF UPJŠ - 05. 02. 2026

**Central change of the class schedule:**

30. 04. 2026 (Thursday) it will follow the Friday schedule

## MEDIA AND STUDENTS ASSOCIATIONS



### **Universitas Šafarikiana**

It is the official university magazine published with the aim of informing about events in its academic environment. It is issued quarterly in October, December, March, May, and June  
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**Chorus Universitatis Šafarikianae** was founded in 2014 and is made up mainly of employees and students of UPJŠ. The choir focuses on performances of a university character and also represents the University at events outside UPJŠ. [zbor@upjs.sk](mailto:zbor@upjs.sk)



### **Student radio Košice**

If you like music, creative work, and want to try out what a radio broadcast is like, the Student Radio ŠtuRKO is just for you! It is a university radio that has been broadcasting since 2006 and creates a space for students who want to experiment with media, sound mixes, or improve their communication skills. At the same time, also to have fun. And what can you do in ŠtuRKO? You can be a presenter, a technician, or an editor. In ŠtuRKO you will gain practical experience, but don't worry – it's not only for mass media students. Come and try it too – even if you don't have any experience, we will gladly teach you everything necessary!  
[www.sturko.sk](http://www.sturko.sk)



**UniTV** UniTV is a project of students of Mass Media Studies of the Faculty of Arts of UPJŠ in Košice. It was created for the purpose of using the equipment provided by the Department of Slovak Studies, Slavic Philologies, and Communication. Its aim is to inform about events at the university and its surroundings, while at the same time providing students and all interested parties with practical experience for the future.  
*uni.tv.upjs@gmail.com*



Folklore is our love' is the motto of the folk-art ensemble of UPJŠ FS Hornád, which, thanks to its almost 60-year tradition, ranks among the leading Slovak ensembles. The main idea of the ensemble's creation is the preservation of traditions of eastern Slovakia, the search for new ways of their interpretation, and their stage presentation."

*www.fshornad.com*

## STUDY ABROAD THROUGH

If you are tempted by study abroad, then Erasmus+ is the right choice for you.

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## CERTIFIED INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES

Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice offers its students a unique selection of certified interdisciplinary courses, which **will increase our graduates' chances of applying themselves on the labor market and their attractiveness among employers.**

Attractive certified interdisciplinary courses are intended **for all students of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral full-time and part-time studies at all faculties and at the Institute of Physical Education and Sports of UPJŠ.** A student chooses one or more certified interdisciplinary courses, different from his/her field of study and according to what he/she considers important for his/her future career. The prescribed subjects can be completed during the entire length of study without the condition that the subjects must be completed within one level of study. However, the maximum number of registered students is set for individual prescribed subjects. By completing the prescribed subjects from a certified interdisciplinary course (except for a CIK for obtaining an international certificate) student gets **Certificate UPJŠ, CERTIFICATE SAP ACADEMY.**

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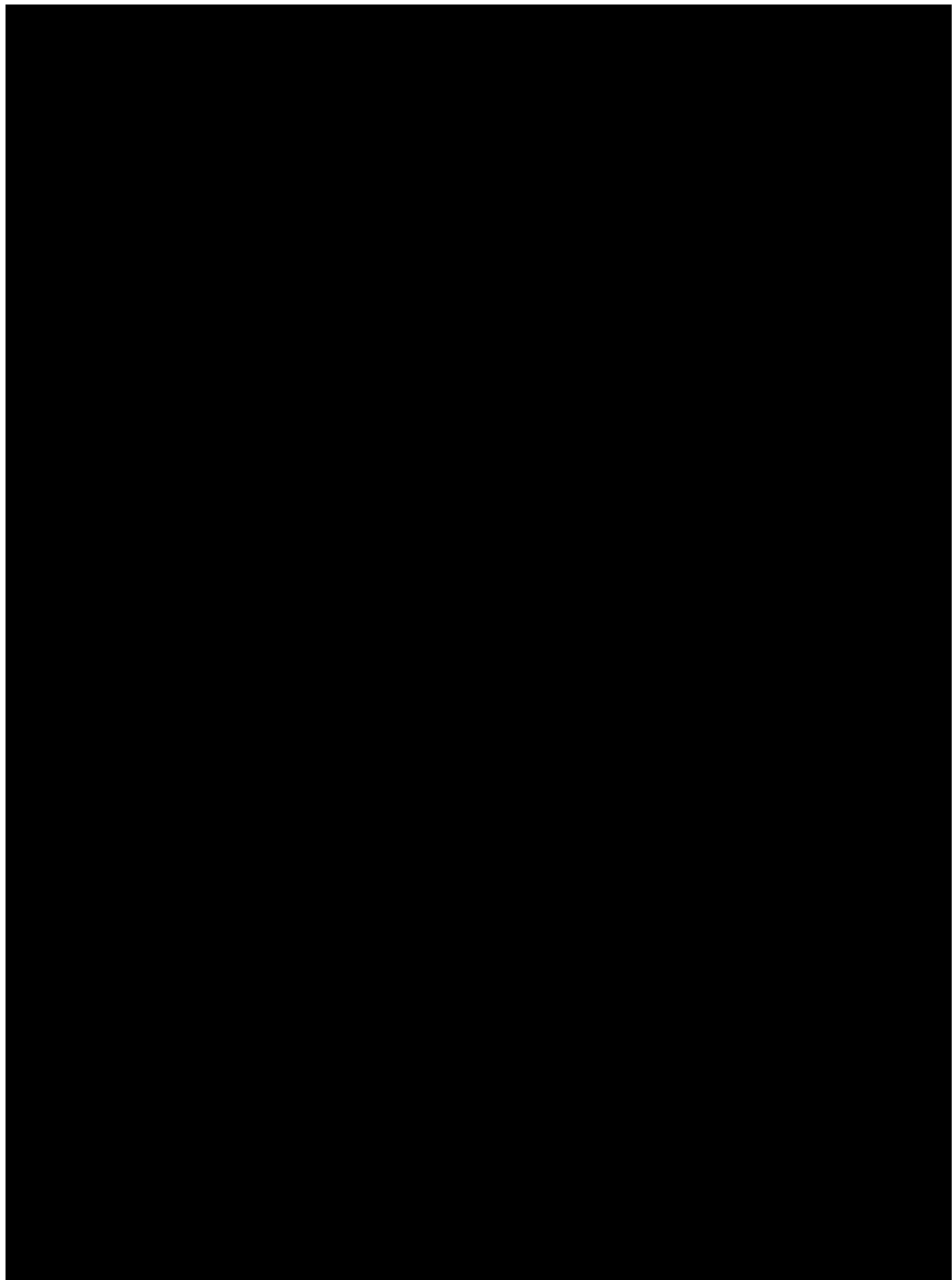
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## SCHOLARSHIPS

As a student, you can receive two types of scholarships - merit-based and social. Students are legally entitled to a social scholarship if they meet the conditions. For more information, visit Study Department.

**Merit-based scholarships** have **several forms**, such as academic, extraordinary, or Rectors Award. All conditions for obtaining a scholarship can be found in the 'Study at the Faculty' section. Do not worry, if you are awarded a merit-based scholarship, the Study Department will notify you through a message in the AiS system.



## TRANSPORTATION

There are several ways to get around Košice, from walking, shared scooters, bicycles, taxis, or public transport.

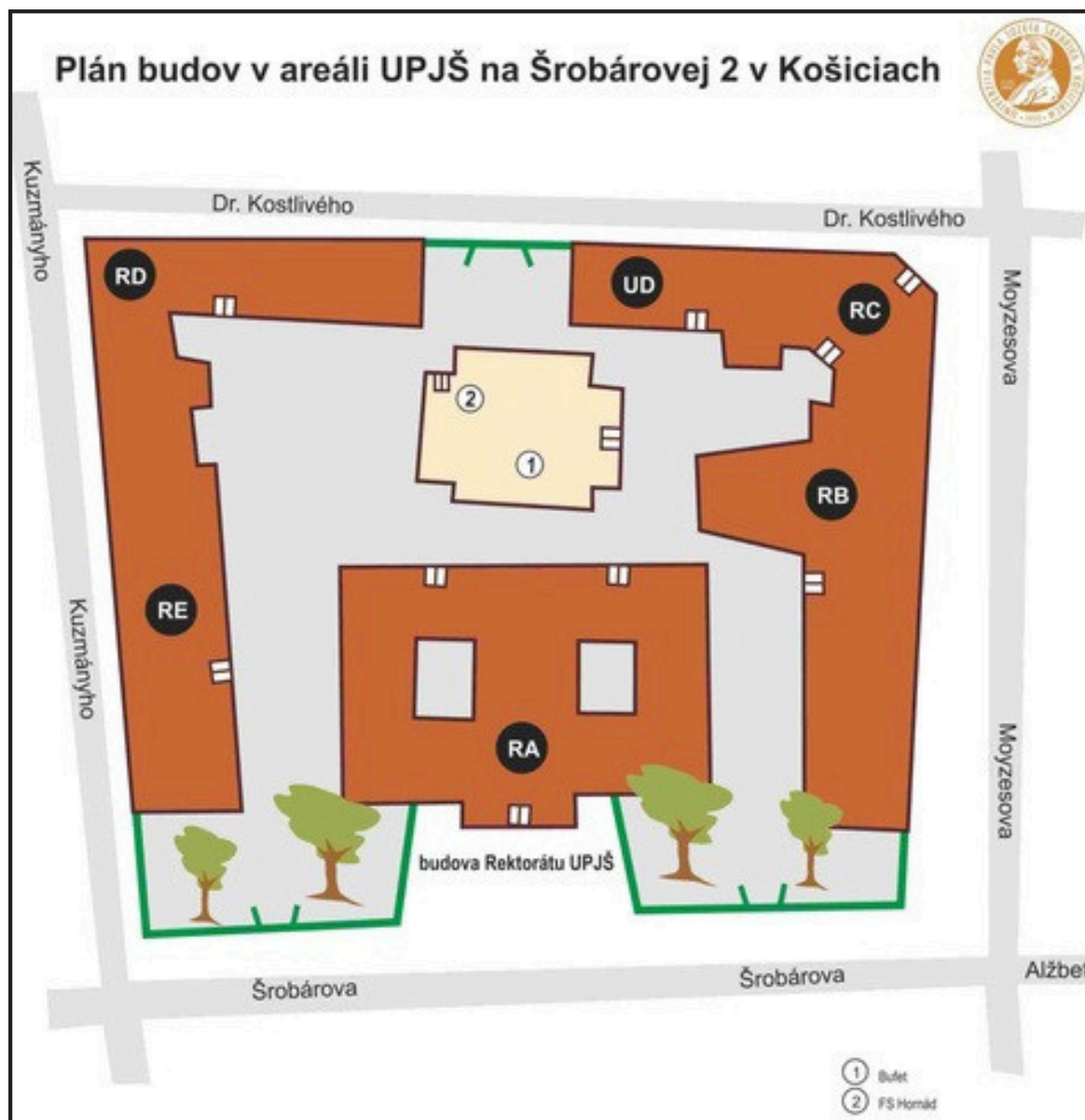
Students most often use **tram line 6**, which runs from the railway station to the Terasa housing estate (this will take you to the dormitory on Pražská Street, the dormitories on Medická Street, and the Faculty of Medicine), **bus line 17** (runs between the train station, the city center – Námestie Maratónu Mieru – the dormitories on Medická Street, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Public Administration), **bus lines 71 and 72** (they will take you from the city center, from the Vodná stop – closest to the Faculty of Law – and from the Námestie osloboditeľov stop to the dormitory on Pražská Street, as well as to the OC Galéria shopping center).

To search for connections, you can use the **Košice Public Transport Company (DPMK) website or the Ubian app**, where you can check your ISIC card balance, top up your credit, or buy a ticket directly in the app, wherever you are.

If you want to use public transport intensively to get around the city, the best option is to buy a 3-month ticket, which you can load onto your ISIC card. For occasional travel, it is more frugal to purchase a single ticket in mobile apps or via ISIC directly in the vehicle by placing it on the reader, if you use the electronic wallet in the Ubian app and have sufficient credit.

You can also get from point A to B by a shared scooter/bike.





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 RC – ÚCHV  
 RD – ÚCHV, LF UPJŠ  
 RE – LF UPJŠ  
 UD – gym UDOT2



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## THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE UPJŠ

So, finally - welcome to the Faculty of Science! But if you're looking for a bit more a place where you can get involved and make a real impact on life at the faculty—the Student Council is the place for you.

We're a group of students dedicated to making your time here as enjoyable as possible. We organize events and sports activities like Science Days, Quiz Nights, the Matriculation Ball, and much more. Whether you have a great idea or just want to lend a hand, everyone is welcome. Together, we can create an unforgettable student experience for ourselves and others!

Follow us on social media and come join us - we can't wait to meet you!





# **OPENING CEREMONY** **OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR** **2025/2026**

**September 16, 2025**  
**10.30 AM**

Assembly hall, Faculty of  
Medicine, Trieda SNP 1,  
Košice

## **PROGRAM:**

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INVITES you

# MATRICULATION BALL

FRIDAY  
6.00 PM

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NOVEMBER  
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