

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF KOŠICE

The town of Košice was founded on the most geographically and strategically significant location in the Košice valley.

Documents of the Jäger Chapter from 1230 indicate that Košice was a developed settlement with a parish church at the beginning of the 13th century. Béla IV, the Hungarian ruler, invited German colonists to bolster the population after the Tartar invasion in 1241. Documents from 1249 and 1261 talk about the privileges of the “guests,” which began with the building of the colonization town.

The privileges of kings, the skills of Košice craftsmen and especially the flourishing trade predetermined Košice as the preeminent town of the entire region of Eastern Slovakia. The establishment of the Royal Chamber in Košice by the end of the 13th century, which represented the highest authority of state power in this part of the country, only emphasized this fact.

Some of the trade privileges of Košice included benefits and liberation from duties and tolls not only on the territory of Hungary, but also in Poland, Russian towns, Bohemia, Silesia and Austria. The “right of storage” was the most significant trade privilege along with the “right of general storage” which took effect in 1361.

The significant trading position of Košice in the Middle Ages is documented by the existence of Košice coins, privileges for international trade transactions in town and the wider validity of Košice measures and weights, such as the “Košice gbel” (cubulus Cassoviensis). The Košice Mint was located in the royal house on Hlavna Street. Marks (talents) were the oldest coins; later, florins (gulden), groshens, denars, tallers and brass pennies were also minted here.

The strategic, historical, cultural and social significance of Košice in the 14th and 15th centuries ensured the town a leading position not only throughout Hungary. The Royal Chamber, the thirtieth office, the salt chamber, the Supreme Captain of Upper Tisa River Territory, metropolitan guilds and later other authorities and economic and cultural institutions had their seats in Košice. In 1369, Košice was the first town in Europe to acquire a coat of arms document from a ruler. Moreover, the town is also unique in that during the heraldic era it received four coat of arms documents from four kings from 1502.

Around 1480, the Košice population was approximately 10,000. For those times it was one of the largest Central European towns.

By the end of the 16th century and the beginning of the 17th century, significant intellectuals and pedagogues even from abroad lived and worked in Košice. They included Ján Bocatius, the humanistic poet, Englishmen Leonard Cox, later the tutor of English King Henry III, Ján Tesák Mošovský, the Renaissance poet and dramatist and many others.

The first mention of the existence of a local school comes from 1394. Since Košice also carried out trade throughout Europe, wealthy townsmen sent their sons to study abroad. Students from Košice studied in Krakow and Vienna. 120 students from Slovakia studied in Krakow in the first half of the 15th century, many of them from Košice (15). In the second half of the 15th century, 54 out of the 400 students from Slovakia came from Košice. From 1377 to 1450, a total of 32 students studied at Vienna University and from 1451 to 1530, eight students studied there, thus ranking Košice as fourth among cities sending students to this university.

In 1657, Košice University was established with theological, philosophical and philological faculties. The Golden Bull of Emperor Leopold I confirmed the existence of Košice University in 1660. It was later (1776) reorganized and transformed into the Košice Royal Academy with the title Academia Regia Cassoviensis. Subsequently in 1778, a school for teacher training was established, followed in 1778 by a music school. The history of economic university education in Košice dates back to 1875, when the Košice Economic Institute was established. In 1906 its name was changed to the Economic Academy (this institution prepared economists with university education up to the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic). In 1937, the first technical university in Slovakia, today's Technical University, was established in Košice. The School of Agriculture and Forestry Engineering was established in the same year (1946) as the State Scientific Library. Two years later, the Medical Faculty of the University of P. J. Šafárik and the School of Veterinary Science were established. In 1952, the Technical University boasted faculties in mining, metallurgy and heavy engineering. In the same year, the first consulting center of the School of Economic Sciences was established. In 1969 the center was changed to a branch office, later re-named as the detached workplace of the School of Economics. In 1992, the name of the School of Economics was changed to the University of Economics and subsequently the above mentioned detached workplace was transformed to the Faculty of Business Management of the University of Economics.



FACULTY OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA WITH SEAT IN KOŠICE

FACULTY HISTORY

A Consultation Center for part-time study established in the academic year of 1952/53 was the predecessor of the Faculty of Business Economics of the University of Economics with seat in Košice (FBE UEB).

The branch of the School of Economics was established in the academic year of 1969/70 by prof. Dipl. Ing. Jozef Rosa, DrSc., its rector, Prof. Dipl. Ing. Milan Janák, CSc., and Prof. Dipl. Ing. Július Pázman, the first head of the branch.

The students who were accepted into the first class in the academic year 1969/70 studied universal company accounting.

In the academic year of 1972/73 this orientation was transformed to the following specializations: industry economy, economy of commerce and national economy planning. However this orientation lasted only for a short time.

In the academic year of 1975/76 the branch became the detached workplace of the Faculty of Management of the School of Economics. Study focused on automatized systems of management.

The Faculty of Business Economics of the UEB with seat in Košice was founded on August 31, 1992 as the youngest faculty of the University of Economics in Bratislava. The following were personally instrumental in its establishment and present development: Prof. Dipl. Ing. Mikuláš Sedlák, PhD. – the rector of the School of Economics, prof. Dipl. Ing. Milan Ugron, CSc. – the Vice Rector of the School of Economics, Prof. Dipl. Ing. Ladislav Unčovský, DrSc. – the Chairman of the Academic Senate of the School of Economics, Dipl. Ing. Juraj Neufeld – head of the detached workplace of the, Prof. Dipl. Ing. Juraj Stern, PhD. – rector of the University of Economics, Assoc. Prof. RNDr. Viliam Chvál, PhD. – dean of the FBE, prof. Dipl. Ing. Ján Korčmároš, PhD. – dean of the FBE, Assoc. Prof. Dipl. Ing. Štefan Čarnický, PhD. – dean of the FBE.

The Faculty of Business Economics of the UEB enjoys a significant position in the region of Eastern Slovakia in educating economists for the needs of enterprises, companies and institutions. The pedagogical and scientific educational activities of the Faculty are oriented on issues in the company sphere. The Faculty prepares experts in the fields of economics, marketing and management.

After the reconstruction of the studies at the University of Economics in Bratislava in May 1995, the Faculty was transformed for the provision of the study program entitled Economics and Corporate Management with a specialization in marketing and management in the Master's study program and corporate economics in the Bachelor's study program.

The Faculty has recently succeeded in approximating its concept to the University of Economics especially in the light of the fact that the above mentioned Economics and Corporate Management program of study fully fits with the other programs of study of the University of Economics. The study at the Faculty has a universal orientation due to the requirements and needs of the enterprises and companies from the region.

In the academic year of 1995/96 the credit system was introduced in the first, second and third classes and terms for the introduction of the credit system for the fourth and fifth classes were created.

Presently the Faculty provides for the preparation of economists with university education in all forms of study, full-time and part-time, Bachelor's and doctoral study. The preparation takes place at the main workplace in Košice and at the branch in Michalovce.

Košice Faculty Development Phases

1952/53	establishment of the consultation center for the part-time study
1969/70	establishment of the branch of the School of Economics in Košice
1975/76	transformation of the School of Economics branch into the detached workplace of the Faculty of Management of the School of Economics
1992/93	establishment of FBE UEB
1994/95	opening of Bachelor's study in Michalovce
1094/95	establishment of the prof. ěollák Foundation in Michalovce
1997/98	establishment of the FBE Foundation (later the prof. Ing. Július Pázman Foundation) and opening of Bachelor's study in Košice

PROFILE AND STRUCTURE OF THE FACULTY

The original branch of the School of Economics in Bratislava (the predecessor of the present Faculty of Business Economics) started its regular university preparation of future economists in the full-time form of study in 1969 as the first academic center of this kind in Eastern Slovakia. After several changes in the orientation of the study in 1992 it was transformed into the Faculty of Business Economics of the UEB in Bratislava with seat in Košice. In 1994, the increased demand for university educated economists resulted in the establishment of the branch in Michalovce. Presently the Faculty is home to 1,400 Masters' and Bachelors' students.

The main orientation of the Faculty is the preparation of economists with university education oriented on the management of economic processes in the company sphere and for the design and management of marketing activities. The graduates of the Master's study find work at all levels of management across a large scale of entrepreneurial subjects (small, medium-size and large businesses), and in state and public administration. The profile of the Faculty graduate is characterized by three basic features:

- good knowledge of macro and micro economic processes and laws and the ability to effectively manage these processes,
- mastery of modern computing technology for communication, presentation and research (work in Internet) and for the processing information and more effective management of economic processes (working with databases, accounting software, etc.),
- ability to communicate in the professional area in at least two world languages.

DEPARTMENTS

- Department of Economics
- Department of Accounting and Finance
- Department of Marketing and Trade
- Department of Management
- Department of Business Informatics and Mathematics
- Department of Foreign Languages

FACULTY MANAGEMENT

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STUDYING AT THE FACULTY

System of Study at the Faculty

Pursuant to the provisions of act No. 131/2002 Coll. the faculty provides full-time forms of study on all three levels and part-time study on the third level (Doctoral study) in the following accredited fields of study and programs:

- Bachelor's Study –3 years,
- Master's Study –2 years,
- Doctoral Study – full-time: 3 years; part-time: 5 years

Masters' and Bachelors' studies are organized based on the credit system. Master's study is organized in the form of full-time and part-time study. Bachelor's study is organized in the form of full time and part-time study. Doctoral study is organized based on special regulations.

The scope and content of the study of individual programs of studies and specializations are regulated by the FBE curricula contained in the Faculty study program.

Accredited Fields of Study

Economics and Corporate Management (1st level)

Business Venture – 1st level

Corporate Financial Management – 2nd level

Economics and Corporate Management (3rd level)

PROFILES OF GRADUATES

Economics and Corporate Management (1st level)

Upon successful completion of the Economics and Corporate Management study program, graduates will be able to analyze simple economic phenomena and processes in a company and its surrounding and to make simple managerial decisions. They will be able to resolve moderately serious tasks in various lower and mid-level managerial positions especially in the fields of calculation, budgets, production management, planning and organizing of the company process. They will also have knowledge of the national economy and company economy disciplines, law, international markets, marketing, finance, accounting, mathematics, statistics and informatics. They will be able to work in managerial posts in small and medium-size businesses. They will also be able to work in various types of companies in the private and public sectors. As a result of their professional communication skills in foreign languages they will also be able to work in the international economic environment such as in businesses with foreign participation, directly in foreign companies, etc.

Business Venture (1st level)

Graduates of the study program Business Venture will be able to analyze problems and options in the business activities of various types of companies, the business operations of companies of commerce, tourism and services and to design and implement solutions for the optimal operation of business subjects. Graduates must be familiar with methods of cooperation with managers and specialists from other professions. This also requires knowledge of psychology, communication and information systems.

Graduates of this study program will be knowledgeable in company economy, finance and management and specifically company business, commercial operations and commercial services.

They will be qualified to work as business operators and representatives in various types of companies and as specialists in commercial and service businesses. They will be prepared to successfully execute the entire range of professional tasks connected with company activities, preparation and practical implementing of the basic business functions of a company. They will also be qualified to work in positions of quality control and commercial technology.

Corporate Financial Management (2nd level)

Graduates of the university study program Corporate Financial Management will be able to analyze complex economic relationships in business processes and design and implement managerial decisions related to the operation of these processes. They will have a high level of creativity and independence in managerial decision making. They will also be knowledgeable not only in terms of operative company management but also in the field of strategic decision making from the aspect of globalization of

the economy. They will be able to work with complex information systems in businesses; they will be able to demonstrate mastery of the organization of managerial work and communication. They will be qualified to work in various top level positions of company management as universal or specialized managers.

One of the requirements for continuing in the study on the second level is completion of study on the first level in a similar or more distant program of studies.

SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The scientific research activities of the FBE are oriented on current issues of the economy and company management theory and practice in connection with changes in the business environment.

In terms of the scientific profiling of individual departments within the framework of research projects, studies have been carried out relating to factors for increasing the competitiveness of companies and determining priorities for the development of a healthy sophisticated financial system of a company, applying modern managerial theories and information technologies in company management with an orientation on strategic, knowledge and personal management, applying statistical methods in quality management and implementing marketing theories in economic practice in order to achieve growth from invested resources.

The results of the research findings are presented through active participation in scientific conferences and seminars at home and abroad. A further goal of the scientific events is to direct its attention to the younger generation as the main pillar of its prosperity, to raise the interest of young people in scientific careers and improve the social position of research and science but also of scientific research workers, to introduce PHF scientific research activities in the form of presentations of successful and interesting scientific research projects, doctoral work and work from the Students Scientific and Expert Activities.

The main tasks in the field of scientific research activities include the priority orientation on international research projects, improvement of the quality of cooperation with the business sphere in the field of conducting common projects of applied research within the framework of state assistance through APVV, improvement of the quality of publication activities, organizing of scientific events with international participation for presenting and comparing the results of research and the further development of cooperation in the field of projects supported by the European Union.

The goals of the scientific research activities at the FBE in Košice include further scientific elaboration of current issues of the integration of Slovakia into the European Union, establishment of terms for increasing the adaptability and competitiveness of businesses in solving new tasks in relation to the creation of knowledge economics.

In terms of topical orientation, the Faculty of Business Economics of the UEB devotes most attention to the following research fields and tasks:

1. analysis of the requirements faced by corporate management in connection with the transformation of the economy and integration of the Slovak Republic into the European Union;
2. identification of the problems of company economics (finance, information systems, organization) in connection with the changes in the entrepreneurial environment;
3. analysis and proposals for solutions of problems in the introduction of knowledge management in Slovak businesses within the context of the goals of the European Union;
4. elaboration of strategic tasks in the field of international marketing for business subjects under the conditions of globalization;
5. the direction of the foreign trade of the SR in the competitive global environment;
6. design of models for quality management with the use of modern statistical tools;
7. elaboration of development concepts in selected small and medium-sized companies in the countries of the Euro-region in the process of integration into the European Union

Structure of the Research Projects

- VEGA Projects
- KEGA Projects
- Austrian - Slovakian bilateral cooperation Projects
- ASO Projects
- APVV Projects
- EU Grant Projects
- EU Grant Projects for young scientific workers
- Projects for the needs of the economic practice

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Faculty of Business Economics of the UEB supports and develops contacts with similar workplaces abroad on the faculty level and on the level of individual departments and teachers.

The agreements signed between the University of Economics and foreign universities (for example Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Kepler Universität Linz, etc) create space for the Faculty's international cooperation.

The faculty also continues its long term relationships especially with the Podnikovohospodárska fakulta, VŠE Prague, the Czech Republic; Akademia Ekonomiczna Krakow, Poland and the Obchodní podnikatelska fakulta Slezskej univerzity Karviná, the Czech Republic.

Individual departments cooperate with sister workplaces especially in the Czech Republic (department of the Ekonomická fakulta, VŠB Ostrava; the marketing department, PHF VŠE Prague); but also in France (Universities in Rennes and Bordeaux) and Holland (Erasmus University in Rotterdam).

Students and teachers annually participate in study programs and lecturing stays at foreign universities.

COOPERATION WITH ECONOMIC PRACTICE

This cooperation is very significant for the Faculty not only due to the teaching process (flexible modifying of programs of studies to the needs of practice, the professional practice of students, and elaboration of diploma work) but also from the aspect of research (expertise, acquiring and analysis of data for the processing of research studies).

The Council of Entrepreneurs was established at the Faculty as the advisory body to the Dean and the Club of Economists and Friends of the School.

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