

University

Its History and Structure

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History of University

Before University

Before University:

- **Plato's Academy** (387 BC - 529 AD)
- **Aristotle's Lyceum** (335 BC - 86 BC)
- **Islamic Madrasas**
- Others...

Plato's Academy

- 387 BC - 529 AD
- During Plato's lifetime: an exclusive club, not open to public, no fees.
- No clear distinction between teachers and students, some distinction between junior and senior members.
- At least two women members (Axiothea of Phlius and Lasthenia of Mantinea).
- No curriculum, no classes. Some lectures, more discussion.



Ἀκαδημία

Aristotle's Lyceum

- Temple dedicated to Apollo Lyceus
- Place where Aristotle's philosophical school was founded called later „The Lyceum“.
- Large library of works. Later partly lost.
- Large collections of plant and animal specimens (obtained from Alexander the Great).
- After death of Aristotle – focus on natural sciences (considered to be part of philosophy).



Medieval University

- The medieval Latin term *universitas* (from which the English word “university” is derived) meant any **community** or corporation regarded under its collective aspect.
- Originally *universitas magistrorum et scholarium* = community of teachers and students
- Recognized and sanctioned by civil or church authority.



Medieval University

- Originally a **scholastic gild**—a spontaneous combination of teachers or scholars and students (similar to trades guilds).
- Securing mutual protection.
- Granting „*licence to teach*“ (by the Chancellor Scholasticus) – original degree.
- At end of the 12th century there was a few great schools like Bologna (1088) or Paris (1150) - a doctor from them would be allowed to teach anywhere – universally recognized degree.



Medieval University

- Formalized universal degree: Pope Gregory IX. – Toulouse - 1233 – a bull by which any one who had been admitted to the doctorate or mastership in that university should have the right to teach anywhere without further examination.
- Later other Universities obtained similar bulls.
- University were sometimes called *studium generale*.



Humboldtian University

- Named after Wilhelm von Humboldt, a German philosopher (1767-1835).
- Holistic combination of research and study.
- Aims at comprehensive general learning and cultural knowledge.
- Integrates the arts, humanities, sciences with research.
- University is NOT only a preparation for the labour market.





Structure of
University

Case study:
University of Economic,
Prague

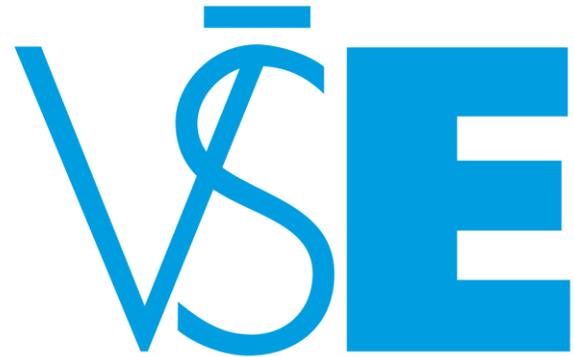
Structure of University

University
comprises of
several faculties

- **University of Economics**

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Informatics and Statistics
- Faculty of International Relations
- Faculty of Business Administration
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Finance and Accounting

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Structure of University

- **University of Economics - leadership**
 - Academic Senate (19 teachers, 12 students)
 - Rector (elected by Academic Senate)
 - Vice-rector for Strategy
 - Vice-rector for Academic Affairs
 - Vice-rector for Science and Research
 - Vice-rector for International Relations and IS
(nominated by rector)
 - Scientific Board (nominated by rector, reviewed by Senate)
 - Bursar (nominated by rector)

Structure of University



- **Faculty of Economics**

- **Departments**

- Economics
- Philosophy
- Economic and Social Policy
- Economic History
- Institutional, Environmental and Experimental Economics
- Law
- Regional Studies

Faculty comprises of several departments.

- **Research departments**

- Centre for Latin American Studies (CLAS)
- Institute for Economic and Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- Laboratory for Experimental Economics (LEE)
- Centre for Regional and Administrative Sciences (SRSV)

Research departments do not perform undergraduate teaching.

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 - Vice-dean for Science
 - Vice-dean for PR and Development
 - Vice-dean for International Relations (nominated by dean)
 - Scientific Board (nominated by dean, reviewed by Senate)
 - Faculty Clerk (nominated by rector)

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