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# **Facts about the Czech Republic**

## ***General Information***

### **Introduction**

Following World War I, the closely related Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia. After World War II, a truncated Czechoslovakia fell within the Soviet sphere of influence. In 1968, the invasion by Warsaw Pact troops ended the efforts of the country's leaders to liberalize Communist Party rule and create "socialism with a human face." Anti-Soviet demonstrations the following year ushered in a period of harsh repression. With the collapse of Soviet authority in 1989, Czechoslovakia regained its freedom through the peaceful "Velvet Revolution." On January 1, 1993, the country underwent a "velvet divorce" and split into its two national components, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the European Union in May 2004. The country is a parliamentary democracy.

### **The Czech Republic on the Map of the World**

The Czech Republic, a small country in the heart of Europe, consists of three regions: Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, and has an area of 78,864 sq. km/30,449 sq. miles. Geographically, the country is divided into 14 regions governed by regional administrations.

The total length of the frontier of the Czech Republic is 2290,2 km/1431 miles - 761,8 km/476,1 miles with Poland, 810,3 km/506,4 miles with Germany, 466,3 km/291,4 miles with Austria and 251,8 km/157,3 miles with Slovakia.

### **Weather**

The Czech Republic lies in the zone of transition between the oceanic climate of Central Europe and the continental climate of Eastern Europe. In consequence the weather pattern varies from the west to the east. Regional differences in climate derive mainly from two factors; the position and the landscape. Bohemia has a sub-oceanic climate similar to that of Southern Germany. Its characteristics are:

- mild to moderately cold winters, with average temperatures in the coldest month (January) of about - 1° C to -2° C (30 - 28 ° F)
- moderately warm to warm summers, with average temperatures in the warmest month (July) of about 18 -19° C (64 - 66° F)

## **Population**

Since the establishment of the first Czechoslovak state in 1918, Czechoslovakia, in spite of its definition as the "state of Czechs and Slovaks", was a multinational state inhabited not only by Czechs and Slovaks but also by many Germans, Hungarians, Ukrainians, Russians and Poles as well as other small minorities, with a total population of about 14 million people. Due to political changes in Central Europe after 1939 and 1945 and the resulting movement of its inhabitants, the structure of the population of the Czech Republic is now different.

In 1997 the Czech Republic had a total population of some 10 318 958 inhabitants (94.4% Czechs and 3.1% Slovaks, along with 0.5% Germans, 0.6% Poles and 0.3% Romanies).

The population density amounts to 123 people per sq. km (319 per sq. mile). The average rate of population increase between 1980 and 1990 was 0.2 %, life expectancy was just under 70 and the illiteracy rate was under 1%.

## **Language**

The official language is Czech – a Western Slavonic language. Many people of the older generation understand and can speak German; among younger people, English is more commonly understood and used for contact with foreigners.

## **Religion**

Between 1950 and 1989, there were no official statistics on the religious affiliation of the population, and no reliable figures are available. Most believers (an estimated five million in 1991) belong to the Roman Catholic Church, others to the Czechoslovak Hussite Church and other various Protestant denominations (Lutherans, Presbyterians, Reformed Church), and the Orthodox Church, as well as Baptists, Bohemian (Moravian) Brethren and Methodists. The number of Jews is estimated at 10 000.

Last statistical research (1997):

Roman Catholics - 39.2 %

Atheists – 39.7%

Protestants - 4.1 %

Orthodox Church – 3 %

Jews, other religions incl. religions from Asia - 13.2 %

## **National Holidays**

January 1st (New Year's Day), May 1st (Labour Day), May 8th (Liberation Day), July 5th (St Cyril and St Methodius Day), July 6th (Jan Hus Day), September 28th (St. Wenceslas Day, Czech Statehood Day), October 28th (Independence Day), November 17th (Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day), December 24 - 26th (Christmas).

## **Currency**

The Czech Republic has not adopted the EUR yet and still uses its national currency, the Czech crown (Kč - koruna česká). 1 Kč = 100 hellers (haléřů). Banknotes come in denominations of 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, and 5000 Kč; coins are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Kč.

## **Standard of Living**

The exchange rate of the Czech Crown, Kč currently is: 1 EUR = Kč 25 approx.

Wages in the Czech Republic are low in comparison with Western Europe and North America but the cost of living is quite low, too.

## **Restaurant Prices**

Prices: Meals: Kč 80 - 250, Beer (1/2 litre): Kč 20 - 50, Wine (3/4 litre): Kč 150 - 500.

## **Lodging**

Prices: from Kč 250 per night.

## **Postage and Phones**

Postage is quite cheap - it costs about 17 crowns to send a letter internationally.

Using the phone within the Czech Republic is fairly cheap but international calls are expensive. A phone card costs Kč 200 for 50 units. This gives you about 10 minutes of calling e.g. to Britain, depending on the time you call.

International Dialling Code: +420 XXXXXXXXX

## **General Practical Information**

### **Residence Permit and Visa**

An EU citizen is obliged, within 30 days from his/her entry into the Territory, to report the place of his/her residence in the Territory to the police if his/her expected stay is to be longer than 30 days (§ 93, Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on Residence of Aliens on the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Some Acts); this obligation also applies to an EU citizen's family member if that EU citizen is staying in the Territory. The obligation to report the place of residence to the police does not apply to an alien who has fulfilled this obligation with the accommodation provider.

The reporting of the place of the alien's residence in the Territory does not give rise to any rights of the alien towards the dwelling or the owner of the realty which is registered as the place of the alien's residence.

The alien shall fulfil the obligation to report the place of his/her residence in person by completing a registration form if he/she has not fulfilled this obligation with the accommodation provider.

*If an alien fails to fulfil the obligation to report the place of his/her residence in the Territory, he/she commits an administrative offence. For this offence, a fine ( financial penalty) of up to 3 000,- CZK can be imposed.*

When registering, students must present a Registration Card (<http://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/prihlasovaci-listek.aspx?q=CHJuPTE%3d> ) , State Border Crossing Report (<http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/forms-forms.aspx?q=Y2hudW09Mw%3d%3d> ), a travel document (passport), evidence of health insurance (European Health Insurance Card) and one passport photograph. In Prague students shall register at

### **Cizinecké oddělení policie ČR (CR Immigration Police Office)**

Olšanská 2, Praha 3

Tram No. 9, 26 (*Olšanská* stop).

Office hours:       Monday: 7:30–18:00  
                          Tuesday: 7:30–15:00  
                          Wednesday: 7:30–18:00  
                          Thursday: 7:30–16:00  
                          Friday: 8:00–12:00.

Tel: +420 974 820 317.

Students who plan to stay in the Czech Republic for more than three months are entitled (but not obliged) to apply for a short-term residence permit, either at the

Czech embassy in their home country or at an immigration police office in the CR (but the Immigration Police recommend that students apply on the territory of the CR). Students who obtain the short-term residence permit are issued with a special card (known as a European Card) which officially states a short-term Czech address and can therefore be used for many transactions in which official proof of Czech address is necessary (opening a bank account, purchase of a mobile phone on a contract, getting any temporary job - according to the law if a student wants to take paid work of any kind, regular or casual, he or she must have a work permit, etc.). The authorities must attend to an application within 180 days if a student submits it abroad and within 60 days in case the application is submitted in the Czech Republic. Students need to present:

1. A travel document
2. A document confirming the purpose of the stay
3. Two photographs
4. A certificate of health insurance
5. A document proving that accommodation will be provided
6. A filled in application form for a short-term residence on the territory of the CR (purple form)

Registration and short-term residence permits are free of charge.

Students from non-EU or non-EFTA countries who wish to stay in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days have to apply for a visa. An application for the permit should be submitted to the Czech Embassy or Consulate in the student's country of origin well in advance. The administration process can take eight weeks. The price of the visa depends on the country the student comes from. Even if the student has the visa he/she is legally obliged to register with the Police Foreign Department within three days of his/her arrival.

## **Health Insurance and Medical Care**

To obtain treatment under the provisions of European regulations it is important to contact a medical institution (doctor, dentist, hospital), which has a contract with the public health insurance system (most of them have, but some institutions are purely private).

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), form E111 or Provisional Certificate has to be submitted to the attending physician. If the student does not have any of these documents, the physician can insist on cash payment. The doctor will also need to check the student's ID document (passport, ID card, driver's license).

## **Health Funding in the Czech Republic**

Standard medical treatment is obtainable free of charge. The health care costs are covered by a chosen Czech health insurance fund. There are compulsory prescription charges on some medication, materials and forms of dental treatment. These charges are not refundable.

Students from non-EU countries are not covered by the EU's E-111 form, and they therefore must have a valid international medical insurance plan, or they must expect to pay cash for all medical care.

In the Czech Republic, non-prescription drugs and medicines are sold only in pharmacies. They are not available at supermarkets, as in many West European countries. Pharmacies may be recognised by the prominent green cross displayed over the shop-front.

If the medical problem isn't an emergency, Prague has several clinics that attend English-speaking clients. They can provide a range of services from basic examination to accompanying a patient to hospital. These are usually commercial operations and high fees may be charged. General practitioners, gynaecologists or dentists are available in the following health centres:

Studentský zdravotní ústav Praha

<http://www.szup.cz/>

Phone: +420 224 949 035

Spálená 12, 110 00 Praha 1

Na Homolce Hospital

[www.homolka.cz/en](http://www.homolka.cz/en)

Phone: +420 257 272 144, +420 257 272 146

Roentgenova 2, 150 30 Praha 5

## **Prague**

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is situated on the Vltava River in Central Bohemia, in the very heart of Europe. It is a city of great historical and cultural interest, and in recent years has become a major tourist attraction - rather too 'major', in the view of some of the residents! Prague Castle and the magnificent St. Vitus' Cathedral dominate the centre of Prague. Other historical attractions include the

Old Town Square, one of the finest squares in Europe, and the old Jewish medieval synagogue.

Some of the suburbs of Prague tell a different story: many consist of large expanses of grim apartment blocks. A redeeming feature of such areas is that they have a fairly low crime rate in comparison with similar areas in Western Europe. There are, in addition, a number of attractive suburbs and some very upmarket ones. Despite the unappealing nature of many of its suburbs, there are a few areas of Prague from which parklands and forests are not within reasonable walking distance.

There is a number of places of interest within fairly easy reach of Prague, including the fascinating medieval towns of Kutná Hora and Tábor, and King Charles IV's splendid castle of Karlštejn. While the surrounding countryside is not as dramatic as that in the hilly north and east of the country and the lake region of South Bohemia near the Austrian border, the Prague region still possesses a number of areas of natural beauty.

## **Cultural Attractions**

Prague has a variety of cultural attractions:

- Every week there is usually a wide choice of concerts, operas and recitals. The ticket prices are from Kč 50 to Kč 1150 at the opera.
- There is an increasing number of jazz clubs and dance/rock clubs.
- The many cinemas often show Czech sub-titled British and American films. The cost is about Kč 100 - 170 per ticket. Theatres occasionally have productions in English.
- There are numerous museums and galleries, and frequent special and touring exhibitions. It usually costs between Kč 50 and Kč 100 to visit them.
- Prague has had two top league soccer clubs (Slavia and Sparta) and two top league ice hockey teams (Sparta and Slavia too) currently. Tickets for games are about Kč 70.

## **Public Transport in Prague**

Prague public transport - zone P includes the metro, trams, Prague public transport buses (lines No's 100 – 299 and 501 – 599), the Petřín funicular, ferries and selected railway line sections.

The basic Kč 32 ticket allows traveling for up to 90 minutes, and the Kč 24 short-term ticket gives 30 minutes travelling. 1-day and 3-day tickets or 30-day, 90-day, 5-month and 1-year passes are also available.

The tickets can be bought either at ticket vending machines installed in all metro stations and at selected surface transit stops or at selected tobacconists (Tabák shops). Passes are available at special sales locations in the metro. An SMS ticket can only be purchased using a SIM card belonging to Czech operators. You can also buy the OpenCard, which can be used to buy passes online now as well.

It is necessary to validate your ticket in the tram, the bus or before entering metro in special validation machines (just insert your ticket into the slot).

The ticket inspectors are entitled to fine a passenger without a validated or SMS ticket up to Kč 950 on the spot.

More at <http://www.dpp.cz/>

## 24 Hour Pharmacies

- Praha 1, Lékárna Palackého, Palackého 5, phone: +420 224 946 982
- Praha 2, Lékárna u sv. Ludmily, Belgická 37, phone: +420 222 513 396
- Praha 5, Ústavní lékárna, V Úvalu 84, phone: +420 224 435 721
- Praha 6, Lékárna Berytos, Vítězné nám. 997/13, phone: +420 224 325 520

## Emergency Numbers

Fire	150
Road assistance	1230, 1240
Ambulance	155
City police	156
State police	158
Gas emergencies	1239
Locksmiths	+420 608 321 819
Vet emergency	+420 244 470 704

## Useful Numbers

CR Telephone directory enquiries	1180
International directory enquiries	1181
National Operator service	133002
Telegrams (by phone)	133001
Alarm/wake-up service	125
Main post office, Jindřišská 14, Praha 1	+420 221 131 111

## **Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (AMU)**

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### **Academic Calendar**

The academic year starts on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the next year. The academic year is divided into two semesters, a winter and a summer semester. Each faculty has its own detailed academic calendar.

### **Academic Authorities**

The Rector, together with the Artistic Board and the Academic Senate, directs the Academy of Performing Arts (AMU). The AMU Managing Director (Registrar, Bursar) is in charge of the business management and administration of the Academy. There are two Vice-rectors: the vice-rector in charge of the artistic, pedagogical and study affairs and for science and research and the vice-rector in charge of the international (foreign) affairs and public relations.

### **General Description of the Institution**

The Academy of Performing Arts (AMU) is a university level school of music, dance, drama, film, TV and multi-media studies. It was founded by the Presidential Decree of October 27, 1945. A year later, in the winter semester of 1946, it was opened for students.

Several prominent artists and writers, namely Jindřich Honzl, Jiří Frejka, František Troster and others initiated the establishment of the school during World War II. Professors of the older Prague Conservatory also supported the idea of transforming the former maestro school into a higher school of university level. Writers, artists and other film makers with practical experience in the film industry (namely Jaroslav Bouček, Karel Plicka, Otakar Vávra, Ivan Olbracht, Vítězslav Nezval, A. M. Brousil and others) watched over the school's future curriculum, guiding it to meet new trends in post-war film development. Later the Film Studio and the DISK theatre, which belonged to the Theatre Faculty, were added. The Opera Studio of the Music Faculty also uses the DISK theatre. When TV came into being, the Film and TV School began to serve its needs by offering study programmes for TV specialists. It also has a department with still photography curriculum.

## **Structure of the Institution**

The Academy of Performing Arts consists of three faculties and a rector's office. The faculties are as follows:

- Film and TV School
- Music and Dance Faculty
- Theatre Faculty

Besides the DISK theatre and Film Studio, the Academy has some other teaching facilities, e.g. sound and photography studios, laboratories, workshops, dancing and training halls. Recently, in the newly reconstructed Lichtenštejn Palace, a grand concert hall dedicated to the memory of the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů has been added and recently also the Inspirace theatre.

The Academy owns out-of-town practice and teaching centres in Poněšice and Beroun. The Study and Training Centre in Poněšice lies in South Bohemia on the Vltava River, six km from the well-known Hluboká Castle. It is used for special training programmes, sports and language courses for students and other users. Beroun is a small town situated 30 km west from Prague (frequent bus and train connection exists). The Study, Training and Accommodation Centre in Beroun is used for training and study activities and workshops for DAMU, HAMU, FAMU and Studio FAMU. Curricula and experimental activities of all three AMU faculties' students take place in these facilities.

## **Organization of Studies**

Students may enrol in bachelor, master, and doctoral study programmes (Art of Music, Art of Dance, Art of Drama, Art of Film, TV and Photography and New Media). The bachelor study programmes usually last three years and, on passing the required examination, the students receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in abbr. "BcA." (Comparable to BA degree). The master study programmes usually take two more years. After passing the state examination, the students receive the degree of Master of Arts, in abbr. "MgA." (Comparable to MA degree). Doctoral study programmes have been established at all the faculties. On passing a doctoral examination and presenting doctoral theses, students are awarded the degree of Doctor ("Ph.D.").

Special courses are also organised. Well-known artists and teachers lead these courses. The tuition varies according to the subject. The participant may receive a certificate of credit. These courses, however, are not part of a regular university study programme.

## **Admission/Registration Procedures**

Candidates are accepted to their respective programs after completing secondary school education and successfully passing entrance exams. Each faculty has its own requirements for the entrance exams.

## **Language**

The official language of instruction of the course units is Czech. Each faculty offers some Bachelor and/or Master and/or PhD. degree programs in English. A limited number of short-term courses are taught in English or in German. For the others a preparatory course in Czech is necessary.

## **Student Services**

The Academy has its own library. Students are also entitled to use other libraries free of charge, i.e., the University library, the library of the Czech Academy of Sciences, etc. To many cultural events, such as theatre performances, concerts, exhibitions lectures and films, students of the Academy are admitted free of charge or are entitled to reduced-price tickets.

There are many types of mutual co-operation between the Academy and similar schools, both at home and abroad. This consists of various artistic competitions and festivals and reciprocal exchange performances.

There are two halls of residence where students can stay. One is in the centre of Prague in Hradební Street (reconstructed in the academic year 2006/07), the other is in the southern outskirts of Prague. The number of rooms in the halls of residence is limited. Meals can be taken in student canteens.

The Language Centre provides classes of English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Czech. In addition to regular classes, the department also organizes intensive language courses for students and classes for employees.

The AMU Sports, Rehabilitation and Movement Centre organises various sports activities for students.

The Gallery of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague is opened daily except for Mondays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## ***Faculties***

### **Theatre Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (DAMU)**

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#### **General Description of the Institution**

For the past sixty years the Theatre Faculty of AMU in Prague (DAMU) has been developing the talent of the best Czech performing artists. DAMU offers study opportunities in acting, direction, stage design, dramaturgy, puppetry, arts management, theatre theory and criticism, authorship and pedagogy, and drama in education. The size of the school is small - there are a total of about 470 students in seven departments - allowing for a feeling of community within each department and within the school as a whole. Students and faculty members work closely together, and seminars usually have a maximum of ten students.

The school DISK theatre, which was founded in 1998, creates an integral part of DAMU as it provides its students with space for their artistic projects. Every year eight performances come into being there.

In autumn 2001, two research institutes were founded at DAMU: *The Research Institute of Dramatic and Scenic Art* and *The Institute of Authorial Acting Studies*. These institutes are involved in various research programmes in cooperation with other institutions and universities in the Czech Republic and have been awarded several prestigious grants.

Over the last few years, DAMU students have taken part in a number of international festivals, including the International Festival of Theatre Schools in Warsaw, the Young Podium Festival in Moscow, the Encounter Festival in Brno, Istropolitana in Bratislava, the Festival of University Theatres in Besançon, and the Thespis Festival Jerusalem among others. In addition to the Erasmus programme, DAMU has focused on organizing short and intensive creative workshops. DAMU also participates in several European cultural programs e.g. Culture 2000, and Leonardo da Vinci and is a member of ELIA – European League Institutes of the Art and International Theatre Institute. Since 1994, the Theatre Faculty has organized an annual festival of Czech and Slovak theatre academies called Zlomvaz (“Breakneck”).

## **Information on Degree Programmes**

DAMU is divided into seven departments (Dramatic Theatre, Alternative and Puppet Theatre, Stage Design, Arts Management, Drama in Education, Authorship and Pedagogy, Theory and Criticism) which offer three-year and four-year bachelors programmes, two-year and three-year masters programmes and three-year Ph.D. programmes.

## **List of Degree Programmes**

### **Bachelors Programmes**

- Directing – three-year programme
- Stage Design – three-year programme
- Arts Management – three-year programme
- Drama in Education – four-year programme
- Theory and Criticism – three-year programme

### **Masters Programmes**

- Acting – four-year programme

Directing – two-year programme  
Dramaturgy – two-year programme  
Stage Design – two-year programme  
Arts Management – two-year programme  
Drama in Education - two-year and three-year programme  
Acting, with focus on Playwriting and Pedagogy – two-year programme  
Theory and Criticism - two-year programme

#### **Ph.D. Programmes**

Alternative and Puppet Art and its Theory  
Theory and Practice of Theatre Art  
Scenic Art and Theory of Scenic Art (Scenology)  
Authorial Acting and Theory of Authorial Creativity

### **Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU)**

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## **General Description of the Institution**

The Film and TV School (FAMU) is an integral part of The Academy of Performing Arts, which was founded after World War II in 1947. It is one of the oldest film schools in Europe, which kept its tradition even during the difficult time of the Communist regime. There are many influential film makers and scriptwriters among the graduates of the school, and many of them are known also within an international context, e.g.: Stanislav Barabáš, Oscar winner Miloš Forman, Oscar winner Agnieszka Holland, Věra Chytilová, Juraj Jakubisko, Vojtěch Jasný, Woody Vasulka, Lordan Zafranovic, Jan Svěrák, Ivan Passer, Goran Paskaljevic, Magnum member Josef Koudelka, Jan Němec, present Prague and National Rabbi Karol Sidon, Štefan Uher and many others. Also, most of the people working in the local film and TV industry either in artistic or production positions, as well as still-photographers in various media, are graduates of our school.

The 1960s were a star-studded period for FAMU, but the school managed to retain a comparatively free atmosphere also through the politically repressive 1970s and 1980s. On the other hand, many professors and graduates emigrated and while abroad significantly contributed to the education of American cinema school students (especially Frank Daniel and Vojtěch Jasný). Foreign contacts were maintained in those days through the International Centre of Cinema and Television Schools CILECT (Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinema et de Television) and through international graduate-film reviews at Karlovy Vary - as part of the International Karlovy Vary Film Festival. In November and December 1989 the students and some of the professors of FAMU made a significant contribution to the overthrow of the repressive Communist regime.

The faculty is a founding member of CILECT, of the European League of Institutes of Arts (ELIA), and of the European Association of Cinema and Television Schools GEECT (Groupement Europeen des Ecoles de Cinema et de Television). Works of its graduates have reaped many awards at international festivals and have often been broadcast over domestic television networks.

## **Information on Degree Programmes**

FAMU is divided into 9 departments (Still Photography, Feature Cinema, Documentary, Scriptwriting, Cinematography, Sound, Animation and Production) and a recent interdisciplinary department - the Centre of Audiovisual Studies. An integral part of the school is the FAMU Studio, providing complete professional facilities from digital Betacam to 35mm film for students' work.

There are 112 professors and instructors, and 16 persons on the administrative staff. The Academic Assembly has 9 members. The Board of Advisors has 14 members,

mostly academics from other universities. There are 350 students in BcA., MgA. and Ph.D. study programmes altogether plus every year there are about 80 international students taking special study stays or a practical course.

## **List of Degree Programmes**

### **Bachelors and Masters Programmes**

Still Photography  
Feature Cinema  
Documentary  
Scriptwriting  
Cinematography  
Sound  
Animation  
Production  
Audiovisual Studies

### **Ph.D. Programmes**

Theory of Film and Multimedia

## **Music and Dance Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (HAMU)**

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## **General Description of the Institution**

The Music and Dance Faculty (HAMU) of the Academy of Performing Arts (AMU) is a university type music school. It is a part of AEC. HAMU offers these areas of study: Art of Music and Art of Dance. The aim of the school is to educate professional soloists in the field of classical music. The individual fields of study are offered through nine departments (Composition, Conducting, Song and Opera, Keyboard Instruments, String Instruments, Wind/Brass Instruments, Music Theory and History, Dance and Nonverbal Theatre).

## **Information on Degree Programmes**

### **Bachelors Programme - three-year programme (full-time study)**

Candidates are accepted to their respective programmes after they complete secondary school or specialized secondary school (conservatory) education and if they successfully pass the entrance exams.

If a student is exceptionally talented, he or she may be accepted without completing secondary school. However, in this case, he or she will not be able to receive any academic title after the Bachelors or Masters Programme graduation.

### **Masters Programme - two-year programme, Bachelors degree is a prerequisite, (full-time study)**

Candidates are admitted on the basis of their entrance examinations to all fields of study. The completion of the Bachelors Programme is a condition for admittance into this programme.

### **Ph.D. Programme - (full-time and part-time study)**

Candidates are accepted by a competition that is called for by the Dean of the faculty. The completion of the Masters Programme is a condition for admittance into this programme.

## **List of Degree Programmes**

### **Bachelors and Masters Programmes**

Composition, Conducting, Opera Direction\*, Voice, Piano, Organ, Harpsichord, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double bass, Harp, Guitar, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, French horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba\*, Percussion Instruments\*, Music Theory\*, Music Direction\*, Music Management\*, Sound Production\*, Dance Pedagogy, Choreography, Dance Theory\*, Non-Verbal and Comedy Theatre

Programmes marked with \* are not offered on an annual basis.

### **Ph.D. Programmes**

Art of Music: Composition and Composition Theory, Interpretation and Interpretation Theory, Music Theory, Sound Production

Art of Dance: Dance Theory, Choreography and Theory of Choreography, Non-Verbal and Comedy Theatre and Theory of Theatre

## ***Useful Links***

The official website of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague: [www.amu.cz](http://www.amu.cz)

Map of Prague and tourist info for young people: [www.use-it.cz](http://www.use-it.cz)

European hotel reservation system: [www.hotelscentral.com](http://www.hotelscentral.com)

The official website of the Czech Republic with important information: [www.czech.cz](http://www.czech.cz)

The Czech Republic: [www.myczechrepublic.com](http://www.myczechrepublic.com)

The Czech Ministry of the Interior, Alien Police: [www.mvcr.cz](http://www.mvcr.cz)

The Parliament of the Czech Republic consists of:

a) Chamber of Deputies: [www.psp.cz](http://www.psp.cz)

b) Senate: [www.senat.cz](http://www.senat.cz)

Czech Airlines: [www.csa.cz](http://www.csa.cz)

National Transport Timetable Information System: [www.idos.cz](http://www.idos.cz)

The official website of the Prague Information Service: [www.pis.cz](http://www.pis.cz)

Prague City Server: [www.a-zprague.cz](http://www.a-zprague.cz)

Prague City Hall: [www.praha-mesto.cz](http://www.praha-mesto.cz)

Prague public transport information: [www.dpp.cz](http://www.dpp.cz)

The Prague Post - newspaper in English: [www.praguepost.cz](http://www.praguepost.cz)