Special needs

Charles University provides essential support for <u>students</u> and <u>applicants</u> with special needs. This concerns people with the following conditions:

- · Visual impairments,
- · Hearing impairments,
- Physical impairments,
- · Specific learning disorders,
- Autism spectrum disorder,
- Other difficulties (e.g. psychological disorders, impaired communication, or chronic somatic disease).

If you fall under any of the above categories, we can offer you a wide range of support services, which you can see listed in this brochure .



Service providers

The Carolina Centre is the main department responsible for the support of people with special needs at the Charles University. Besides coordinating the whole system of services, we directly provide some of them.

You can find additional assistance at your faculty. An authorized <u>contact person for students with special needs</u> works at each of the faculties – they will help you with anything you need, and you can contact this person at any time during your studies. The contact persons cooperate with **the registrar's offices**, **the guarantors of study programmes**, **and even the instructors**. Some of the faculties even offer **special offices** that provide students with a range of services (e.g. digitized study materials, interpreting and transcription services, professional counselling etc.).

Specialized offices at Charles University

- Carolina Centre for the digitization of study resources
- Sports Centre for Disabled Students
- Institute of Deaf Studies of the Faculty of Arts of Charles University
- Electronic Library of the Department of Czech Literature and Literary Science of the Faculty of Arts of Charles University
- Central Library of the Faculty of Education of Charles University
- Library of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University
- Library of the Faculty of Law of Charles University
- Library of the Catholic Theological Faculty of Charles University
- Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies at Charles University

Other professional services providers

Students with visual impairments:

- Czech Blind United
- K. E. Macan's Library and Printing Press for the Blind
- Tyfloservis, o.p.s.
- Okamžik, o.s.

Students with hearing impairments:

- Union of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Czech Republic
- Czech Union of the Deaf

Students with physical impairments:

- Asistence, o.p.s.
- Union of the Physically Disabled in the Czech Republic
- · Prague Organization of Wheelchair Users (POV)
- Hewer, z.s.

Students with psychological disorders:

- Safety Line, for all students under 26 years old
- · Prague helpline and chat
- RIAPS Crisis Centre
- Baobab, z.s.
- Fokus Prague
- ESET HELP, o.s.