
Šimkova building



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Overview of accessibility



Description of the building

The Faculty of Medicine building, which consists of an arched front wing and a connected, elevated rear wing, houses the faculty management and space for teaching theoretical subjects.

Entrance

The surface of the access pavement is made of coarser mosaic tiles. The main entrance to the building is not barrier-free (9 steps up). The double door (width 2x 83 cm) opens mechanically towards the outside. After the entrance, there is another staircase (13 steps up), which leads to the reception area and to the central corridor of the elevated ground floor.

The rear unlocked entrance is accessible from the courtyard, to which the sloping entranceway leads from Šimkova Street (up to 6%) with coarse tiling and a wide double-panel gate (width 2x 155 cm) equipped with doorbells from outside (height 132 cm) and inside (height 114 cm). The surface of the courtyard is also paved with coarser tiles.

The double rear entrance door (main panel width 70 cm, secondary panel width 73 cm) with a height-adjustment entrance (gradient 11%, length 157 cm) opens mechanically towards the inside. The doorbell (height 133 cm) is located on the left corner of the door. The entrance leads to the stair landing of the mezzanine floor of the front wing, which is connected to the basement (8 steps down) by a sloping stair platform (load capacity not specified; traffic area width 85 cm, depth 90 cm). The manoeuvring areas on the lower and upper stair landings are sufficient. The platform can only be used with the assistance of staff. The doorbell for calling the operator is available at the upper entrance (height 73 cm) and lower entrance (height 48 cm).

Interior

The basement and five other above-ground floors are connected by a lift with entrances in the central corridors of the floors. The manoeuvring area in the interior is sufficient. The doors for classrooms, offices, and other passageways have a minimum width of 80 cm, with the exception of the double door (width 2x 74 cm) leading from the lift to the left central corridor to the IT department on the 3rd above-ground floor and to the dean's office on the 2nd above-ground floor. Most of the doors have thresholds (height 2 cm).

From stair landings (-/+ 15 steps) in the mezzanine floors between the 1st to 3rd above-ground floors, there is an elevated, connected rear wing, all entrances of which are locked and equipped with a chip reader. The rear wing also has a separate entrance from the side of the courtyard, which leads to a single ramp (gradient 10%, width 146 cm, length 195 cm, one-sided handrail height 95 cm). The double door (main panel width 85 cm, secondary panel width 45 cm) with a doorbell (height 145 cm) opens mechanically towards the outside. After the entrance, there is a staircase with a lift (see Lift section).

The eastern part of the building with the Great Lecture Room is also connected (12 steps down) to the ground floor of the front wing. It also has a separate entrance from the side of the courtyard, which also has a single ramp (gradient 10%, width 158 cm, length 950 cm, double-sided handrail height 112 cm) with a coarser tiled surface. The double door (width 2x 60 cm) without a doorbell opens mechanically towards the inside.

Lift

The lift in the front wing (automatic door width 80 cm; cabin width 100 cm, depth 130 cm) connects the 1st underground floor to the 5th above-ground floor. The manoeuvring area in front of the lift is sufficient. The cabin is equipped with a mirror on the front wall (bottom edge height 127 cm). There is no pull-down seat or handrail in the lift. The controls at the entrance points are a maximum height of 105 cm. The maximum height of the controls inside the cabin is 115 cm.

The lift in the rear wing (automatic door width 80 cm; cabin width 113 cm, depth 137 cm) connects the ground floor to the 5th above-ground floor. The manoeuvring area in front of the lift is sufficient. The cabin is equipped with a pull-down seat, a mirror (bottom edge height 111 cm), and a handrail (height 111 cm) on the side wall. The controls at the entrance points are a maximum height of 109 cm. The maximum height of the controls inside the cabin is 126 cm.

Sanitary facilities

In the front wing, a modified toilet is located on the 1st above-ground floor opposite the reception area with a connection to the lift. A partially accessible toilet (door width 80; stall width 123 cm to 151 cm, depth 240 cm) is separate with direct access from the central corridor. The single-panel toilet door is labelled and opens mechanically towards the outside. The stall is locked, and the key is available at the reception. Access to the toilet is on the right when looking from the entrance into the stall. The space for a wheelchair next to the toilet is partially restricted (width 78 cm). The toilet is on a pedestal (height 8 cm), which, however, does not prevent access from the side or front. The toilet is equipped with two pull-down handles.

A second modified toilet is available at the Large Lecture Hall with a connection to the side entrance. The partially accessible toilet (door width 90; stall width 171 cm, depth 140 cm) is also separate. The single-panel toilet door is labelled and opens mechanically towards the outside. Access to the toilet is from the left when looking from the entrance into the stall. The space for a wheelchair next to the toilet is sufficient (width 103 cm). The toilet is equipped with two pull-down handles.

Parking

Three reserved parking spaces are available in the courtyard at the rear entrance.

Public transportation

All public trolleybuses and buses in Hradec Králové have lowered floors. In addition, some of them are equipped with a boarding platform for wheelchairs. [More information](#)

The nearest and most frequented bus stop is “Magistrát města” (for lines 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, and 27). The stop leads to barrier-free pedestrian crosswalks. It is 230 m away. There is also easy access from the stop “Kongresové centrum Aldis” (for lines 5, 11, 13, 15, and 17). The faculty building is 500 metres along the pavement. The bus stop “Šimkova” is immediately next to the faculty, but it is used only for intercity connections (they are not barrier-free: Jaroměř, Třebechovice p. O., Vysoké Mýto, Náchod, Broumov). For more information, see www.dpmhk.cz .