



# MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – SOFIA

*Education for life*

The Medical University-Sofia is the oldest higher medical school in Bulgaria. For over 100 years it has been a leader in medical education in the country, and a provider of quality education to Bulgarian and foreign students.

## [Center of medical knowledge]

In 2021 MU-Sofia was selected with a maximum score to be among the 7 research universities in Bulgaria. The list is based on a methodology developed by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria.

This status is valid for 4 years and is awarded on the basis of 3 main indicators: scientific results visible in the international databases Scopus and/or Web of Science, development of the scientific capacity of the academic staff, and social and economic impact.

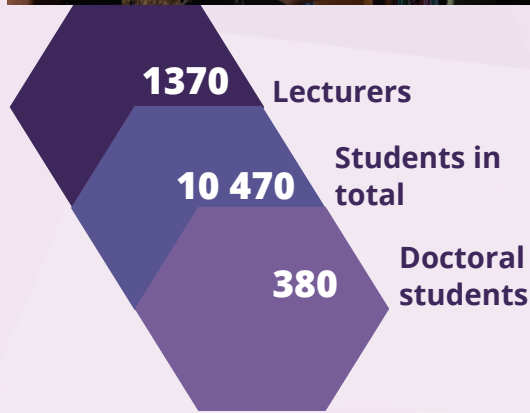
The National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (Protocol № 22 / 19.12.2019) awarded MU-Sofia with institutional accreditation for a period of 6 years. The score of the university was 9.56 out of 10 possible points.

According to the ranking system for higher education institutions in Bulgaria, for almost a decade the Medical University of Sofia has been holding the first place in the main areas of the field: Medicine, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, Health Care and Public Health.

The university is listed first among Bulgarian universities and holds a very good position in the region according to international rankings such as U-Multirank, URAP, and QS World University Rankings.

## [University clinical bases]

Medical University - Sofia has at its disposal the bases of 13 university hospitals for training its students and doctoral students. Those clinical bases ensure exceptional opportunities for acquiring practical skills at the patient's bedside.



## [Faculty of Medicine]

Educational qualification degree - Master, legal capacity - a doctor with general medical practice.

The training is in 3 levels and lasts 6 years. Level 1 - preclinical training, is 2 years. It gives students general biological and medical knowledge. Level 2 - clinical training, lasts 3 years. It aims mastering the methods for diagnosis and treatment of the disease process.

After the 3rd year, the training is carried out according to a cyclic system, in which the exams are held after the completion of a training cycle of 4-6 weeks in the respective discipline. Level 3 - undergraduate practice, which is conducted in university hospitals and hospital bases. It is finalized with state exams in internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, hygiene, infectious diseases, epidemiology and social medicine.



## [Faculty of Dental Medicine]

Educational qualification degree - Master, legal capacity - dentist.

The training is organized in 3 levels and lasts 6 years. During the first 2 years the students receive medical and biological training. From 2nd to 10th semester the clinical medical training is conducted, which includes specialized training in general medical clinical specialties and specialized dental disciplines. The undergraduate internship covers pediatric, therapeutic, surgical, prosthetic dentistry and orthodontics and ends with state exams.



## [Faculty of Pharmacy]

Educational qualification degree - Master, legal capacity - Master pharmacist.

The training is organized in 3 levels and lasts 5 years. Level 1 aims to provide fundamental training to future pharmacists. Level 2 studies specialized pharmaceutical disciplines that provide the necessary knowledge and skills to practice the profession. Level 3 is an undergraduate practice, which is conducted in pharmacies. The graduation of the students is finalized by a unified state exam.



## [Faculty of Public Health 'Prof. Dr. Ts. Vodenicharov']

The faculty offers bachelor's and master's programs in two directions:

Public Health - specialties:

„Public Health and Health Management“ - Bachelor and Master  
„Health Care Management“ - Bachelor and Master  
„Kinesitherapy“ - Bachelor and Master  
„Occupational Medicine and Working Capacity“ - Master  
„Strategic Management of Pharmaceutical Activity“ - Master  
„Management of Clinical Trials“ - Master

„Medical Cosmetics“ - Master  
„Healthy and Dietary Nutrition“ - Master  
„Medical Rehabilitation and Balneology“ - Master  
„Clinical Health Care“ - Master

### **Health Care - specialties:**

„Nurse“ - Bachelor  
„Midwife“ - Bachelor  
„Medical Assistant“ - Bachelor

The master's programs last 3 and 4 semesters.  
Graduation is done with the defense of a thesis.



## [Medical College 'Yordanka Filaretova' - Sofia]

Educational qualification degree - Professional bachelor,

Specialties - Rehabilitator, Medical Laboratory Assistant, X-Ray Laboratory Assistant, Public Health Inspector, Dental Technician, Assistant Pharmacist, Massage Therapist (Visually Impaired), Medical Cosmetics, Medical and Social Care.

The training in the college lasts 3 years, in regular form, after completing secondary education. The specialties are from the field of „Health Care“, and the training meets all European requirements.

## [Branch 'Prof. Dr. Ivan Mitev'-Vratsa]

Educational qualification degree - bachelor,  
Specialties - Nurse, Midwife, Medical Assistant.  
The educational course lasts for 4 years, in regular form.



## [Doctoral programs]

MU-Sofia offers training in 77 accredited doctoral programs in total. The capacity of MU-Sofia is for 380 doctoral students in the following 3 forms of education:

- Regular and individual - lasting up to 3 years.
- Part-time - lasting up to 4 years

## [Specialization and continuing education]

Medical University-Sofia offers specialization, continuing education and training in highly specialized activities in medicine. The training is carried out in specially accredited medical institutions. The specialization is with admission in clinical specialties, in specialties for persons with professional qualification 'dental medicine doctor' and specialties for persons with non-medical education.

## [Libraries and reading rooms]

The library at the university is the Central Medical Library for the whole country with a fund of over 330 thousand volumes in Bulgarian and foreign languages, has 2 reading rooms and a computer room. Readers can use all forms of library services, free internet, access to electronic resources and global databases. The scientific journals published by the MU-Sofia, are prepared and published here. The Faculty of Dental Medicine and the Faculty of Pharmacy have branch libraries in their own buildings.



## [Language Training and Sports]

The foreign language training of Bulgarian students and Bulgarian language training for foreigners are conducted by the Department of Language Education and Sports.


The unit is responsible for the regular training in sports, as well as for the training of the university teams in basketball, volleyball and tennis.

## [Dormitories]

MU-Sofia has its own accomocation facilities for students - 7 buildings in the Student City and one building in Lozenets, with a total of over 3000 beds. The dormitories offer a different format of accommodation - from single rooms to apartments, and common areas such as reading rooms and kitchens.



## [Students' life]

There are several student organizations in MU-Sofia. The Students Council is representative for the whole university (<https://students.mu-sofia.bg/>), and there are different associations by faculties - Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria-Sofia (<http://amsb-sofia.org/>), Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Student Association (<https://bphsa.bg/>) and Dental Student Association - Sofia  [student25606/](https://www.facebook.com/student25606/)



## [MU-Sofia in the global world]

Medical University-Sofia is part of the EC program for exchange of Erasmus + students and lecturers for more than 20 years. In the beginning of 2021 the university was awarded the Erasmus+ Charter for Higher Education. It obliges us to comply with the European Credit Transfer System and is valid for a period of 7 years.

Every year dozens of students and teachers go on exchange to foreign universities or come to the MU-Sofia. The total number of current exchange agreements is over 150, with universities in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Estonia, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Northern Macedonia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Turkey, Finland, France, Netherlands, Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Japan.



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