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1. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA

The University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA) is considered to be one of the most important educational and scientific research institutions in the Slovak Republic. The UEBA is a public Higher Education Institution (HEI) focusing on Economics, Business, and Management.

It provides higher education in Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral programmes for full-time and part-time students. On the basis of the comprehensive accreditation of HEIs in the Slovak Republic, which took place in 2008 and 2009 in compliance with the Act on Higher Education, the UEBA was included in the highest category of HEIs in the Slovak Republic among "Higher Education Institutions (Universities)".

The university is located in Bratislava, which is the capital and the largest city in the Slovak Republic.



2. AN INTRODUCTION TO BRATISLAVA

BRATISLAVA (population: 432,801), situated in the south-west corner of Slovakia, is located on both banks of the Danube River and in the foothills of the Little Carpathian Mountains. Due to its favourable position, it was always a commercial centre. This strategically important place has often played a big role in the history of central Europe. In the 14th and 15th centuries, Bratislava experienced a period of rapid development in trade. The opening of the Academia Istropolitana (1467) strengthened the importance of Bratislava as the cultural and educational centre of the Kingdom of Hungary. After the Turks penetrated deeper into Europe, Bratislava was established as the new capital of the Kingdom of Hungary, the seat of the Hungarian Diet,

the central administration, and the coronation town of the Hungarian kings and queens. Eleven monarchs and eight royal wives were crowned in Bratislava between 1563 and 1830.

Offensives against the Turks and the Estates' rebellions in the 16th and 17th centuries have interrupted the development of the town. In the 18th century, and particularly during the reign of **Queen Maria Theresa**, the significance of Bratislava increased again. A great amount of wonderful palaces and buildings still survive from that period. The city became a centre of culture in the 19th century, and Bratislava was the cradle of the **Slovak national emancipation**. Revolutionary events, workers' movements, and the First World War troubled Bratislava which, nevertheless, became the centre of the political, economic, and cultural life of Slovaks after 1918.



Despite its exciting history, Bratislava is one of the youngest capitals of the world, and its population is also very young. This modern city has opened itself up to Europe and the rest of the world, as is proven by the increasing number of foreign visitors from a diverse range of countries. They are attracted by the cosiness of this rather small city, which nevertheless possesses a vibrant social life and historic charms combined with the most recent trends. Palaces, modern shopping and trade centres, the admirable work of Slovak chefs and brewers, friendly people, various international cultural and sports events, exhibitions, and business opportunities are all reasons making the city worth a visit.

3. GETTING TO BRATISLAVA

By plane

Bratislava is served by two international airports: The M. R. Štefánik Airport, which is located 9 km from the city centre and Schwechat Airport (Vienna), which is just 45 minutes from Bratislava by bus or car.

By train

Bratislava's main railway station (Bratislava hlavná stanica) is about a 10-minute walk from the city centre. The average journey time between Vienna's main railway station and Bratislava hlavná stanica is **1 hour and 24 minutes**; the fastest journey time is **1 hour and 6 minutes**. On an average weekday, there are 18 trains per day travelling from Vienna to Bratislava. The journey time may be longer on weekends and holidays; use our journey planner on this page to search for a specific travel date. The first train from Vienna to Bratislava departs at 5:16 am. The last train from Vienna to Bratislava departs at **10:50 pm**.

Trains that depart in the early morning hours or the very late evening may be sleeper services. Alternatively, some popular routes may run throughout the night at a reduced frequency. There may also be fewer services on weekends and holidays; use our journey planner on this page to search for a specific travel date.

URL: <http://www.thetrainline-europe.com/train/wien-hbf-to-bratislava-hl-st~8103000~5600207>

By bus

A convenient and the most economical way to reach Bratislava is by bus (Regiojet) <https://bustickets.regiojet.com>

With only a cost of 5€ per passenger for one-way travel (including luggage), Regiojet provides a transport service seven days a week with multiple services for each day (check their website for a real-time schedule and seat availability).

There are also other transport alternatives, such as Slovak Lines (<http://www.slovaklines.sk/main-page.html>) and the abovementioned train services.

GETTING AROUND BRATISLAVA

By foot

Many of the city's main attractions are in and around the Old Town area and are reachable on foot; however, you will need to use public transport at some stage during your stay.

By bus

Bratislava's extensive bus network runs on approximately 60 routes each day, with around 18 routes served during the night.

By tram

Trams run across Bratislava on 13 different lines and are a very popular way of getting around the city.

Telephone numbers of taxi companies:

Fun Taxi 16777 or +421/2 16777

Hello Taxi 16321 or +421/2 16321

Profi Taxi 16222 or +421/2 16222

Trend Taxi 16302 or +421/2 16302

We recommend using Uber or Hopin instead of any other taxi service in Bratislava. You will get a fare estimate before each ride, can pay cashless, see reviews of each driver and can book via smartphone.

3.1 GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA

You have multiple options to get to the University of Economics (Ekonomická univerzita) from different parts of Bratislava. To plan your trip, use this website: <http://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport>.

Example: to travel from Bratislava's main bus station (Autobusová stanica Mlynské Nivy) to the University of Economics in Bratislava, put Mlynské Nivy as the origin and Ekonomická univerzita as the destination. You will find something similar to the screenshot below with the appropriate bus numbers, transfers (if any), and different time options.

Journey Planner "Mlynské nivy" » "Ekonomická univerzita"

I travel from

I travel to

☒ I depart at

☐ I arrive

Departure	Arrival	Duration*	Connection	Price*
14:09	14:20	11 min	<input type="button" value="78"/> <input type="button" value="88"/>	0.70 €
14:10	14:23	13 min	<input type="button" value="50"/> <input type="button" value="90"/>	0.70 €
14:16	14:28	12 min	<input type="button" value="88"/>	0.70 €
14:18	14:34	16 min	<input type="button" value="70"/> <input type="button" value="98"/>	0.70 €
14:24	14:36	12 min	<input type="button" value="88"/>	0.70 €

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An example of trip details: to go from Bratislava's main bus station to the University of Economics, you will first take bus No. 78 from the main bus station (Mlynské nivy) to Twin City, and at Twin City you will switch to bus No. 88 and go all the way to the bus stop Ekonomická univerzita.

imhd.sk also has an application for smartphones.

3.2 BUSS TICKETS AND FARES

Tickets are available in the ticket machines at the bus, trolleybus, and tram stops, and at some newspaper kiosks. Ticket machines accept coins from a value of 5 cents up to 2€.

You must mark your purchased ticket in the validation machine immediately after entering the public transport vehicle. The machines lock automatically 30 seconds after departure from the last stop.

Ticket inspectors from the Bratislava Transport Company occasionally do spot-checks. They enter the bus, trolleybus, or tram at a random stop and check all passengers' tickets. A passenger without a valid ticket or a monthly/yearly pass can be fined 100 times the payable fare (i.e., usually 70€). There have been reports of ticket inspectors inappropriately fining foreign tourists. If you have marked the correct ticket in the validation machine upon entry, refuse to pay any fines on the spot. You are entitled to give the inspector your personal information (show them your passport) and pay the fine later. Needless to say, paying the fine at a later date is an unlikely event in the case of foreign tourists.

The Bratislava City Card is offered by the Bratislava Tourist Service and includes free travel on the city's public transport system.

Basic fares

A 15-minute one-journey ticket costs 70 cents (no transfer is possible).

A 60-minute transfer ticket costs 90 cents.

Children up to 6 years of age ride for free.

Children between 6 and 15 years of age ride with a 50% discount.

A 60-minute transfer ticket is valid for 90 minutes during weekends and holidays.

The ticket duration corresponds to the scheduled trip duration (i.e., in case of traffic delays, a 15-minute ticket is sufficient for a scheduled 15-minute journey even if the actual journey takes longer).

Value fares

A 1-day transfer ticket costs 4.50€.

A 2-day transfer ticket costs 8.30€.

A 3-day transfer ticket costs 10€.

A 1-week transfer ticket costs 15€.

4. PROGRAMME

MONDAY / 16 October 2017

07:30–08:30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee / Main Building, 3rd floor
08:30	Welcoming address / Main Building, Meeting Room, 3rd floor Prof. Ferdinand Daňo, Rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava Guest of Honour: H.E. Mr. Lin LIN, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Slovak Republic
09:30–11:00	60 Years of European Integration - Achievements and Challenges / Assembly Hall (Aula) H.E. Maroš Šefčovič – Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Energy Union Lecture and discussion
11:30	Campus tour
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30	Who is who: A presentation of participants' home institutions / Main Building, Meeting Room, 3rd floor
17:00	Visit of the historical centre of Bratislava (guided tour)

TUESDAY / 17 October 2017

09:00	Group photo of the participants in front of the university
09:15–12:30	Lectures and consultations according to your individual schedule Optional participation in the Internationalization and the Possibilities of International Academic and Research Cooperation / Workshop
09:15 - 12:30	Workshop: Internationalization and the Possibilities of International Academic and Research Cooperation / Assembly Hall (Aula), Meeting Room
12:30–13:30	Lunch
Afternoon	Meetings, lectures and discussions at different departments of UEBA (according to your professional background and choice), lectures and consultations after previous confirmation
18:00	Welcome dinner at "Kolkovňa" (River park) as a possibility for informal networking

WEDNESDAY / 18 October 2017

All day	Lectures and consultations according to your individual schedule Optional participation in the Managing Teams/ Workshop
09:15 - 12:30	Workshop: Managing Teams, Peter Rusiňák - presentation coach, American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia / Assembly Hall (Aula), Meeting Room
12:30–13:30	Lunch
15:30	<i>1st Meeting point: UEBA, Main building, 3rd floor</i>
17:00	<i>2nd Meeting point: Bratislava Airport (BTS)</i>
18:55–19:50	Flight from Bratislava to Košice Dinner in Košice at "Hotel Privilege" as a possibility for informal networking

THURSDAY / 19 October 2017

Morning	Visit of the historical centre of Košice (guided tour) Campus tour of the Faculty of Business Economics located in Košice
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:15	Trip to the historical town of Levoča (UNESCO World Heritage site)
14:35	Meeting with the Mayor of Levoča Round-up session in Levoča Town Hall: evaluation; handing out of certificates Farewell dinner in Levoča at "Pracháreň" as a possibility for informal networking
Evening	Departure from Levoča to Košice

FRIDAY / 20 October 2017

6:00	Departure for the flight to Bratislava <i>Meeting point: "Hotel Privilege- Hall"</i>
8:35–9:25	Flight from Košice to Bratislava Final Departure

5. RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

Bratislava offers a variety of pleasant restaurant and cafe options for locals and visitors. Most of these are located in the Old Town. There are also other restaurants and cafes in the Aupark Shopping Centre and Eurovea Shopping Mall near the Danube embankment and the Apollo Bridge.

Here are some places you could visit:

Flagship – Slovak food served with glamour in a former theatre building

Mondieu – Jump-start your day with delicious coffee and a dessert ... or a salad if you insist.

Prašná Bašta – A traditional Bratislava restaurant in the Old Town's 16th century fortifications

Bistro Soho – Fresh and modern Asian food and 40 types of beer from all around the world

Luculus Ice Saloon – The best ice-cream parlour in town according to many locals and tourists

Slovak Pub – Typical Slovak food, ingredients produced at an organic farm, and a cosy interior resembling a wooden cottage

SkyBar Lemontree – A stunning view, Mediterranean cuisine, and a cocktail bar



6. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Bratislava Castle

Dominating the southwest part of the Old Town on a hill above the Danube, the castle today is largely a 1950s reconstruction; a fire in 1811 left the fortress ruined for more than a century, and renovations continue. Most of the castle buildings contain administrative offices, but there is a museum of Slovakia throughout the ages, and the lawns and ramparts provide great vantage points overlooking the city. A trip to Bratislava is not complete without making the climb up to the whitewashed castle building. When many people think of Bratislava, they think of the castle; it is the most recognized symbol of the city. From the very centre of the Old Town it is only a 10- to 15-minute walk up the hill to the castle entrance.

Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1
812 80 Bratislava

Opening hours
Monday to Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

Devin Castle

Dedicated castle aficionados will want to get their daypacks and head out to Devin Castle, 9 km west of Bratislava. Once the military playground of the ninth-century warlord Prince Rastislav, Devin is packed solid with historical intrigue. The No. 29 bus links Devin with Bratislava's Nový Most bus stop.

Kamzik TV Tower

The Kamzik TV Tower, also known as the “Bratislava TV tower”, stands nearly 470 metres above the city and is a great place to check out if you have a few hours.

The Old Town

The Old Town is the busiest part of the city and the first (and sometimes only) stop for many tourists. Cobblestones, winding lanes, and historic buildings are just some of the things you will notice when you are walking through the Old Town. The area is full of pubs, restaurants, hostels, and hotels.

St Martin's Cathedral

A relatively modest interior belies the elaborate history of St Martin's Cathedral: 11 Austro-Hungarian monarchs (10 kings and one queen, Maria Theresa) were crowned in this large 14th-century church. The busy motorway almost touching the cathedral follows the moat of the former city walls.

Slovak National Gallery

A socialist modernist building and an 18th-century palace make interesting co-hosts for the Slovak National Gallery. The nation's eclectic art collection is located here and ranges from Gothic to graphic design.

The Church of St Elizabeth/the Blue Church

Built in 1908, the Church of St Elizabeth (locally known as the “Blue Church”) is an interesting building to check out while you are wandering around downtown. Only a 5- to 10-minute walk from the heart of the Old Town, the Blue Church is definitely something you are going to want to see.

The Slovak National Museum

The Museum of History forms an important part of the complex of specialized museums within the Slovak National Museum. The Museum of History has almost 250,000 objects from the fields of national history, arts, sculpture, painting, culture, traditional and artistic crafts, numismatics, ethnography, warfare, the economy, the history of Slovaks living abroad, and cultures outside of Europe. Several collections in the museum are the largest in Slovakia (numismatics, historical and traditional textiles, glass, ceramics, military paraphernalia, crafts, historical newspapers, and sacral and folk plastic and fine arts). Over the years, the objects in the collections have been stored in specialized collection depositaries according to the type of material.

The Slovak National Theatre

The national theatre company stages quality operas (both Slovak and international productions), ballets and dramas at two venues: the gilt decoration of the historical theatre building is a show in itself, whereas the modern theatre building has a cafe and guaranteed English-speaking reservation line.

The Slavin War Memorial

Located high above the city is the Slavin War Memorial. The statue and memorial can be seen from much of the city and surrounding areas and is definitely an interesting thing to see while you are in Bratislava.

Walking along the Danube River

The Danube River, the second longest in Europe, flows peacefully alongside downtown Bratislava.

There are walking and cycling paths on both sides of the river. On the Old Town side, the path stretches beyond the city in both directions.

The way the bridges and parks are set up allows for a beautiful walk along the Danube River. Along the way there are many restaurants, two malls, and the Slovak National Theatre.

The UFO Bridge

Most SNP, also known as the “UFO Bridge”, is a focal point of Bratislava tourism and was built to connect the core of the city to the suburb of Petržalka. People unfamiliar with the city are typically unaware of the UFO Bridge, but once you see it towering over the Danube you are unlikely to ever forget it.

The bridge is a modernist marvel from 1972 and is one of the main sights in Bratislava. It has an interesting construction and connects both the old and new parts of the city. There is also a UFO-style restaurant and an observation deck; these two facilities’ prices may seem a little “sky-high” and “out of this world”, but the observation deck is free if you eat in the restaurant.

TIPPING

- There is no clear standard, and in general tipping in Slovakia is lower compared to other Western countries.
- For a small order, you can round up to the nearest euro. For larger orders, leave around a 10% tip.
- If you really do not like the service, you do not need to leave anything.

For example, if you have a bill of 8.30€, you are paying with a 10€ note, and you want to leave a 70-cent tip, you tell the waiter “nine.” They will understand that they should give you back one euro. Always tell the waiter the final sum you want to leave at the place when paying. And remember not to say “Thank you” when handing money over if you want some change back. Saying “Thank you” is a signal to the waiter that they do not need to give you back any change.

SMOKING

All restaurants are fully or partially non-smoking. Most cafes and pubs still allow smoking, but they cannot serve food due to the anti-smoking law requirements. The number of non-smoking cafes has been growing in the pedestrian zone of the Old Town in particular. Most tea houses are strictly non-smoking, and in cake shops and fast-food restaurants smoking is prohibited by law.

Smoking is permitted in most open areas with some exceptions. According to Slovak law, smoking is prohibited on trains (except for designated smoking carriages) and all public transport vehicles, and at sanitary facilities, schools and universities (including the University of Economics, except in the designated smoking area outside the buildings), children's playgrounds, offices, theatres, cinemas, shops, and galleries.

Smoking is also prohibited at the train and bus stations as well as on platforms and at bus stops. The non-smoking signs at the main railway station in Bratislava (Bratislava hlavná stanica) are missing or very small, but the police are present and often fine smokers. As lots of people used to smoke at the bus stops, the new law forbids smoking at these places within a distance of 4 metres from the marked platform.

WEATHER

Bratislava is located in a mild continental climatic zone and is characterized by large differences between temperatures in summer and winter. There are four distinct seasons in the year. In recent years, however, the transition of winter to summer in Bratislava almost occurs without spring, and winter weather with average temperatures of around zero degrees Celsius can abruptly change into summer from one day to another. The same also applies to the transition from summer to winter, which happens quickly; autumn is short and easily missed. There is also less snow cover than there has been in the past.

For the current season, expected temperatures will range between 9 - 18 °C.

Given the above temperatures, we recommend you bring covered footwear.

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Main Building, 3rd Floor, room No. A3.13

8. WIFI

Name: euba-wifi

Password: eubawifi

Available almost throughout the whole campus

9. MAP





Main Building



Building B



Auditorium (Aula)