

Summer Programs

English Summer School

Each summer, North American volunteers spend a month teaching English in an immersion setting. Through classes and reflective discussions, Ukrainian students learn English from native speakers in an English-only environment. Spiritual and recreational activities round out student life in a beautiful rural setting in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains.

Ukrainian Summer Session

A lively student body from North America, Europe, and Ukraine take courses in Ukrainian language, culture, and religious studies. Excursions, musical concerts, and guest lectures offer English speakers a unique opportunity to enjoy historic Lviv and study a courageous culture still recovering from the long night of Soviet misrule.

Eastern Spirituality Institute

In partnership with the Sheptytsky Institute at St. Paul University in Ottawa, UCU sponsors a theological summer school in a restored and active monastery in western Ukraine. Students study theology in the unparalleled peace and sanctity of this spiritual setting.

Art and Culture in Ukraine

The program introduces students to various aspects of Ukrainian cultural life, particularly the artistic and religious. It features short but intensive classes with daily trips to western Ukraine's architectural monuments, museums, and monasteries. Each year features a special topic of study.

Icon-painting School

Here people of different ages, languages, and cultures learn how to paint an icon with their own hands while gaining an understanding and appreciation of the Eastern Church's unique theology of icons. In addition, there are opportunities to take part in the Divine Liturgy and take study trips to Lviv's museums and many churches of historical and architectural importance. All participants are provided with materials and the assistance of professional teachers in icon painting.



Get involved...

- Volunteer to teach in Ukraine.
- Visit UCU, conduct research, take summer courses...simply experience!
- Invest in Ukraine's future by funding the education of a lay student or seminarian
- Arrange to sponsor a summer volunteer from North America to teach at UCU
- Discover a range of giving opportunities, great and small...every bit counts!



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Ukrainian Catholic University



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UCU is the only Catholic university in the entire former Soviet Union. Here the Church places its hopes for its leaders of tomorrow.

At the Ukrainian Catholic University:

- approximately 1,000 lay and religious students study a rigorous, classical Christian curriculum in the humanities
- approximately 250 seminarians prepare for the priesthood
- catechists study the Faith to re-evangelize post-Soviet society in Ukraine and elsewhere in the former USSR
- scholars from near and far conduct research at the largest and fastest-growing modern humanities library in Ukraine

UCU is located on two campuses in Lviv, the cultural capital of western Ukraine. Famous for architecture spanning the medieval to the modern, this UNESCO World Heritage site boasts four cathedrals, several universities, and picturesque woodland parks.

History

After fifty years of suppression, the Church in Ukraine is flourishing again. The largest of the Eastern rite churches, the Ukrainian Catholic Church has 5 million members, but only one institution of higher learning. Here the Church places its hopes for its leaders of tomorrow.



By founding the Lviv Theological Academy in 1928, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky took the first step in creating a Ukrainian Catholic university. Though the Soviets closed the Academy in 1944, Academy alumni formed the backbone of the underground Ukrainian Catholic Church during the subsequent decades of persecution. In 1963, exiled Ukrainian churchman Josyf Cardinal Slipyj organized a prototype Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome.

In 1994, soon after the declaration of Ukrainian independence, the Lviv Theological Academy was re-established with a co-ed student body of lay and religious students, including many seminarians.

In 2001, Pope John Paul II blessed the cornerstone of UCU's new main building. Later that year, the Faculty of History and the Licentiate in Theology program joined the already established Faculty of Philosophy and Theology. The next year, the University was inaugurated as the first Catholic university on the territory of the former Soviet Union. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI continued the special support of his predecessor and made a personal financial contribution to the building of UCU's new, modern campus.

Academic Program

The Ukrainian Catholic University's faculty reflects a commitment to excellence. The full-time teaching staff hold degrees from leading institutions throughout Europe, Great Britain, and North America. Scholars of international renown regularly teach special courses, participate in scholarly conferences, and help establish new programs. As one such visitor, historian Norman Davies, remarked: "UCU has given the world so many wonderful, intelligent, sophisticated graduates. They say small is beautiful. When a small university is also Catholic, then its students are in Heaven." The academic program thoroughly grounds students in philosophy, theology, and history: engaging them with the best that has ever been written and said. Rounded out with the study of classical and modern languages, an UCU education forms humane minds and Christian souls for the benefit not only of Ukraine, but everywhere from which her students hail and they serve: already 10 countries and counting.

Students belong to an array of clubs which organize a variety of activities: maintaining ongoing charitable programs (e.g., helping the handicapped, teaching classes on abstinence in Lviv's public schools, engaging in pro-life activism), publishing a student newspaper, and planning trips to academic conferences within and beyond Ukraine. These activities serve to nurture young leaders for the benefit of UCU, the surrounding community, and eventually wherever their post-UCU years take them.

University Institutes

Augmenting UCU's regular academic programs, the university sponsors several internationally-acclaimed research institutes which are conducting groundbreaking work in religious studies, public policy, history, and pedagogy; centers for social development; and a university press which has won awards for printing both important new works and classics never before printed in Ukrainian, all to the highest quality standards.

International Programs



A Semester at UCU

UCU offers a semester-long program in English for international students. This program offers international students the opportunity to spend an exciting semester in Lviv. It combines in-depth study of the Eastern and Central European historical, cultural, and spiritual tradition with the study of the Ukrainian language and immersion in everyday life.

This program meets the academic standards of Western universities, and international students can obtain credit at their home universities for these courses. In addition to the academic program, a series of field trips showcase Ukraine's natural wonders and cultural treasures.