



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2012-13

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

INSTITUTION NAME:	TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN	
ADDRESS:	T. G. MASARYKA 24, 960 53 ZVOLEN	
COUNTRY:	SLOVAKIA	
EILC LANGUAGE	<i>SLOVAK LANGUAGE</i>	
LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:	<i>LEVEL I (BEGINNER) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></i> <i>NUMBER OF COURSES: 1</i> <i>DATES: 14. 01. – 03. 02. 2013</i>	<i>LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE)</i> <i>NUMBER OF COURSES:</i> <i>DATES:</i>
WEB SITE	<i>WWW.TUZVO.SK</i>	

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

IN 2003 THE TOWN OF ZVOLEN CELEBRATED THE 760TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION. THE FIRST RELIABLE DOCUMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT ROYAL TOWN OF ZVOLEN IS THE ROYAL CHARTER OF KING BELO IV OF DECEMBER 28, 1243 REINSTATING THE ZVOLEN'S TOWN PRIVILEGES.



ZVOLEN HAS LIVED FOR YEARS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CASTLE, TODAY KNOWN AS THE



DESERTED CASTLE. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VAST CASTLE (IT WAS DIVIDED INTO THE UPPER AND LOWER CASTLE AND ITS AREA WAS OVER 7 HECTARES!) FADED AWAY A LITTLE AFTER BUILDING UP THE NEW CASTLE RIGHT IN THE TOWN. IN THE END, THE DESERTED CASTLE WAS BURNT DOWN BY JÁN HUŇADY'S TROOPS IN 1452 (ACCORDING TO THE LATEST RESEARCH) AND IT REMAINED IN RUINS.

THE CRUELEST PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF ZVOLEN WAS THE 16TH CENTURY. THE HUNGARIAN EMPIRE WAS TOSSED ABOUT BY STRUGGLING FOR THE THRONE; IT HELD TURKISH AND TARTAR ATTACKS OFF. IN THE 1580'S ZVOLEN WAS DEALT BY THE PLAGUE BLOW. ANOTHER DISASTER AFFECTED THE TOWN IN 1601. AT THAT TIME HUGE FIRE DESTROYED THE CHURCH, SCHOOL, ORPHANAGE AND MANY HOUSES. TO RENEW THE TOWN ITS INHABITANTS NEEDED TO SPEND MUCH FINANCE AND FOR THAT REASON THEY ASKED THE MONARCH FOR FORGIVING THEM TAXES. THE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE HIT ZVOLEN ALSO IN 1708.

NOWADAYS ZVOLEN IS AN IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTION AND CROSSROADS OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT. THE NEARBY AIRPORT OF SLIAČ AND ITS DAILY SERVICE BETWEEN PRAGUE AND SLIAČ OPENS EVEN MORE ITS WAY INTO THE WORLD. ZVOLEN IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE OF POHRONIE (THE HRON RIVER VALLEY). IT IS A DISTRICT SEAT WITH AN AREA OF 759 SQUARE KILOMETRES, WITH ALMOST 68 THOUSAND INHABITANTS, AND IT BORDERS ON SEVEN OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE BANSKÁ BYSTRICA REGION. IT LIES AT 48° 35' OF NORTHERN LATITUDE AND 19° 9' OF EASTERN LONGITUDE OF GREENWICH, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE ZVOLEN BASIN. IT IS THE TWELFTH MOST POPULOUS TOWN OF SLOVAKIA THAT IN 1923 BECAME FOR FIVE YEARS THE SEAT OF ZVOLEN COUNTY AND HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY THE DISTRICT SEAT SINCE THEN.

THE MOST HIGHLY LOCATED PART OF THE INTRAVILAN, I.E. THE BUILT-UP AREA OF THE TOWN IS BAKOVÁ JAMA (421 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL), THE LOWEST PLACE IS FOUND NEAR THE CONFLUENCE OF THE HRON AND SLATINA RIVERS BELOW THE DESERTED CASTLE (278 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL). THE OLDEST PART OF THE TOWN IS THE PRESENT NÁMESTIE SNP (SNP SQUARE) AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 295 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL. IN 2001 ITS RECONSTRUCTION STARTED. NOWADAYS IT IS A MODERN PEDESTRIAN ZONE AND THE CENTRE OF SOCIAL LIFE.

WEB SITE: WWW.ZVOLEN.SK

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

CULTURE OF ZVOLEN IS REPRESENTED BY THE J. G. TAJOVSKY THEATRE WITH ITS PERMANENT SCENE AS WELL AS BY THE TENS OF DANCE, THEATRE, SONG AND MUSICAL GROUPS WHICH SPREAD A GOOD REPUTATION OF THE TOWN IN SLOVAKIA AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES AS WELL.

NEW SHOPPING AND RELAX CENTER EUROPA WILL BE OPEN IN JUNE 2012. IT WILL PROVIDE VARIOUS SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, CINEMA AND GYM.

THERE IS A STATE OPERA AND PUPPET THEATRE IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA, CITY LOCATED 20 KILOMETRES FROM ZVOLEN.

- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)

YOU CAN TAKE A PLANE DIRECTLY TO THE M. R. ŠTEFÁNIK AIRPORT IN BRATISLAVA, THE CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA (WWW.LETISKOBRATISLAVA.SK). FROM THE AIRPORT TAKE A BUS TO THE MAIN BUS STATION IN BRATISLAVA AND THEN CONTINUE BY A COACH TO ZVOLEN (ABOUT 200 KM).

MANY STUDENTS TAKE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE VIENNA AIRPORT (WWW.VIENNAAIRPORT.COM) WHICH IS LOCATED ONLY 45 KM FROM BRATISLAVA. THERE IS DIRECT BUS CONNECTION FROM VIENNA AIRPORT TO THE MAIN BUS STATION IN THE DOWNTOWN OF BRATISLAVA.

THE CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA BRATISLAVA IS CONNECTED WITH THE RAILROAD NETWORK OF ALL NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES (AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, UKRAINE). AFTER THE ARRIVAL TO THE MAIN TRAIN STATION IN BRATISLAVA, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE A BUS FROM THE MAIN BUS STATION IN BRATISLAVA, BECAUSE OF ITS DIRECT CONNECTION TO ZVOLEN. INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAIN CONNECTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.CP.SK

EUROLINE BUSES ARRIVE AT THE MAIN BUS STATION (MLYNSKÉ NIVY) IN BRATISLAVA. SOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUS CONNECTIONS CONTINUE TO OTHER TOWNS IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC INCLUDING ZVOLEN. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT: WWW.EUROLINES.SK , WWW.BUSY.SK.

- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS THE MOST TYPICAL WAY OF TRANSPORTATION. BUS SCHEDULES ARE FOUND AT EVERY BUS STOP. TICKETS ARE SOLD AND PAID IN CASH IN BUSES (0,60 EURO PER TRAVEL). AFTER PROVING THE HOME ISIC CARD, STUDENTS CAN HAVE A REDUCED FEE (0,30 EURO PER TRAVEL). TAXIS ARE PLENTIFUL, THEIR TERMINALS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.

• SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION

THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN (TUZVO) HAS A UNIQUE POSITION IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF SLOVAKIA, BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONLY UNIVERSITY PROVIDING UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF FORESTRY, WOOD SCIENCES, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY. IT FOLLOWS UP A RICH AND VERY OLD TRADITION OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SLOVAKIA, WHICH DATES BACK TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINING ACADEMY IN BANSKA STIAVNICA IN 1762, WHERE THE FORESTRY INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1807. THESE FACTS GIVE EVIDENCE THAT TECHNICAL AND FORESTRY STUDIES IN SLOVAKIA ORIGINATED AMONG THE FIRST ONES IN THE WORLD, AND, TOGETHER WITH MINING UNIVERSITY STUDIES, POINT OUT A HIGH LEVEL OF MINING AND FORESTRY IN OUR COUNTRY IN THE PAST, CONSIDERING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE PRODUCTION BRANCHES IN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY AT THAT TIME.

CURRENTLY, OUR UNIVERSITY HAS FOUR FACULTIES, WITH DIFFERENT STUDY BRANCHES AND STUDY PROGRAMMES:

- FACULTY OF FORESTRY
- FACULTY OF WOOD SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
- FACULTY OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY



• ACCOMMODATION

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION IN THREE RESIDENCES. ERASMUS STUDENTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN DORMITORY BARINY. THERE ARE DOUBLE ROOM APARTMENTS. EACH ROOM HAS TWO BEDS AND EACH APARTMENT HAS BATHROOM AND TOILET. KITCHEN IS LOCATED ON EACH FLOOR.

PRICE: **5 EURO PER NIGHT.**



• MEALS

- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)

BOARDING OF STUDENTS OF THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN ENSURES THE HALL OF RESIDENCE AND CANTEEN. MEALS ARE ORDERED VIA ELECTRONIC CHIP CARD.

SCHOOL CANTEEN IS LOCATED IN THE DORMITORY BARINY.

PRICES FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS:

BREAKFAST – **1.68 EURO.** YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM 3 MEALS.

LUNCH AND DINNER - **2.82 EURO.** YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM 3-4 MEALS. 1 MEAL IS USUALLY VEGETARIAN.

IN THE TOWN MARKETS YOU CAN GET MANY KINDS OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUITS WITH A SEASONAL VARIATION. THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS RANGING FROM THE EXPENSIVE TO CHEAPER ONES. SOME RESTAURANTS OPEN JUST FOR LUNCH, OTHERS ARE OPEN DURING THE WHOLE DAY OFFERING A SPECIAL LUNCH MENU.

FAVOURITE RESTAURANTS IN ZVOLEN:

- VIKTORIA
- PIZZERIA RUSTICANA
- ALMADA

• **RECEPTION OF STUDENTS**

- *MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)*

14. 01. 2013 – WELCOME DAY

08.45 – 09.00 WE WILL MEET IN THE HALL OF DORMITORY BARINY WHERE STUDENTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED. GUIDE WILL LEAD THEM TO THE VENUE OF THE EILC.

09.00 – 09.30 REGISTRATION

09.30 – 10.00 ORGANISATIONAL GUIDELINES

10.00 – 11.30 TOUR OF CAMPUS AND CLASSROOMS

11.30 – 13.00 LUNCH IN CANTEEN (TOGETHER)

13.00 – 15.00 INTRODUCTORY LESSON OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE

• **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES**

- *SITE VISITS*

ZVOLEN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ABOUNDS WITH MANY OPTIONS SUCH AS:

- PUSTÝ HRAD – DESERTED CASTLE ([WWW.PUSTYHRAD.COM](http://www.pustyhrad.com)),
- ZVOLEN CASTLE AND SLOVAK NATIONAL GALLERY ([HTTP://WWW.ZVOLENSKYZAMOK.SZM.COM](http://www.zvolenskyzamok.szm.com)),
- HRONSEK – WOODEN ARTICULAR CHURCH,
- BANSKÁ BYSTRICA ([WWW.BANSKABYSTRICA.SK](http://www.banskabystrica.sk)),
- BANSKÁ ŠTIAVNICA – MINIG TOWN INSCRIBED IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST FROM 1993 ([WWW.BANSKASTIAVNICA.SK](http://www.banskastiavnica.sk)),
- VLKOLÍNEC – MOUNTAIN SETTLEMENT ADDED TO THE LIST OF THE WORLD'S HERITAGE OF UNESCO IN 1993.

- *SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)*

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN ZVOLEN OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, SPORTS, RECREATION AND RELAXATION IN NATURE. FOR EXAMPLE:

- SKI – UNIVERSITY OWNS TARGETED TRAINING FACILITY IN ŠACHTIČKY
- BADMINTON
- FITNESS
- BOULDERING
- ZUMBA
- SPINNING

YOU CAN FIND INTERESTING SPORT FACILITIES IN ZVOLEN AND SURROUNDINGS:

- SWIMMING POOL WITH SAUNA (ALSO IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA - WWW.PLAVARENSTIAVNICKY.SK)
- TENNIS – HOTEL TENIS
- BOWLING – SPORTCENTRUM EKOMA
- SKIING, ICE SKATING – PARK SNOW DONOVALY (WWW.PARKSNOW.SK)

- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)

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STUDENTS OF OUR UNIVERSITY LIKE TO VISIT TEA ROOMS. THERE ARE TWO TEA ROOMS LOCATED IN HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF ZVOLEN:

- TEA ROOM IN ZVOLEN CASTLE



- CHAY ROOM IN FINKOVA KÚRIA



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PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION

COURSE NO:

LEVEL:

I: Beginner course

II: Intermediate course

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD:	14. 01. 2013	03. 02. 2013

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

WITHIN THE PROJECT WE INTEND TO ORGANIZE AN INTENSIVE COURSE OF THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE AIMED AT PROVIDING FOREIGN STUDENTS WITH ATTRACTIVE MOTIVATIONAL MATERIALS AND BASIC INVENTORY OF LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED FOR COMMUNICATION IN COMMON EVERYDAY SITUATIONS (GREETINGS, POLITE PHRASES, PERSONAL DATA, FOOD AND DRINKS, STUDY, WORK, RELAX, SERVICES, COUNTRIES AND THEIR PEOPLE...), FOLLOWING THE COMMUNICATIVE PRINCIPLE WHEN CHOOSING GRAMMAR, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH POSITIVE EMOTIONS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED DURING STUDYING THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN ONE.

THE COURSE OF THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS INTENDED FOR BEGINNERS OR SO-CALLED FALSE BEGINNERS AND FOR THE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE OF A1, A2 AS STATED IN THE CEFR (COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES).

PROGRAM

MONDAY - FRIDAY:

09:00 TO 12:00 CONTACT HOURS AND CONVERSATION

12:00 TO 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00 TO 15:00 CONTACT HOURS AND CONVERSATION

16:00 TO 20:00 LEISURE ACTIVITIES (ATTENDING UNIVERSITY EVENTS, VISIT NEARBY TOWNS, CINEMA, MUSEUM / EXHIBITION)

SATURDAY: ALL DAY TRIP OR EXCURSION (OPTIONAL ACTIVITY)

- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

YES NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

- DURATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	95 h.
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	50 h.
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	25 h.
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	20 h. (excursions and trips)

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- **ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)**

STUDENTS WILL BE CONTINUALLY ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF SHORT WRITTEN TESTS TO HELP DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF IMPROVEMENT FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSE WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH A FINAL WRITTEN TEST AND SHORT ORAL INTERVIEW.
AFTER PASSING THE EILC STUDENTS WILL GET CERTIFICATE INDICATING 4 ECTS CREDITS OBTAINED FOR COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

• **COURSE FACILITIES**

- **TEACHING AIDS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS
COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS
TRANSPARENCIES
OTHER : (SPECIFY): TEXTBOOK - SLOVENČINA AKO CUDZÍ JAZYK

- **LIBRARY**

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	08:00 – 18:00
OPENING DAYS	Monday - Friday
ADDRESS	T. G. Masaryka 20, 960 53 Zvolen

- **LANGUAGE LABORATORY**

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

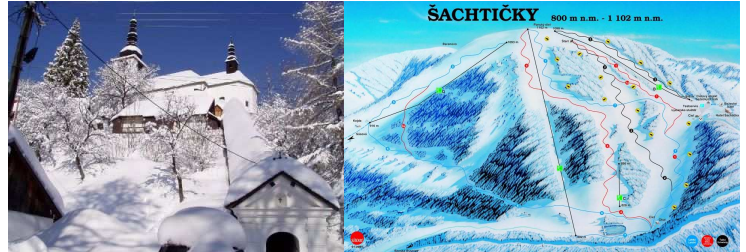
TIMES	
OPENING DAYS	
ADDRESS	
COST	

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• **CULTURAL COMPONENT**

- **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

1. STUDY AND SPORT DAYS WITH SLOVAK STUDENTS AT TARGETED TRAINING FACILITY IN ŠACHTIČKY – PROGRAM WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. MORNING LESSONS OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE AND AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
 - LESSONS OF SKIING AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (TEACHERS OF INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION).
 - TRIP TO HISTORICAL VILLAGE ŠPANIA DOLINA.



2. EXCURSION TO BANSKÁ ŠŤIAVNICA – MINIG TOWN INSCRIBED IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST FROM 1993 (WWW.BANSKASTIAVNICA.SK).
3. TRIP TO DESERTED CASTLE WITH THE INTERPRETATION.
4. PUPPET THEATRE IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA - PERFORMANCE FOR CHILDREN IN A SIMPLE SLOVAK LANGUAGE.

- **DURATION**

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	20 h.
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• **TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	NUMBER OF...:
TEACHERS	2
ADMINISTRATORS	3
STUDENTS	