



## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVNA Bulgaria

**LOCATION**  
Bulgaria is located in southeastern Europe, in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, bordering Romania (north, via the Danube River), Serbia and the Republic of Macedonia (west), Greece and Turkey (south) and the Black Sea (east).

## Bulgaria

- Founded in 681, Bulgaria is one of the oldest countries in Europe.
- A number of ancient civilizations – Thracians, Greeks, Romans have left their imprint on the culture, history and heritage of Bulgaria.

## Bulgaria

Bulgaria is the country of sun, roses and hospitality.

There are numerous historical cities and places, summer beaches and mountain ski resorts.

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**LANGUAGE**

- Bulgarian is the native and the official language of the country. Popular foreign languages spoken here include English, German, French and Russian.
- A contribution of Bulgaria to human culture is the Cyrillic alphabet, developed in 9th century for the Orthodox Slavic population in Europe.
- With the accession of Bulgaria to the EU in 2007, Cyrillic became the 3rd official alphabet of the EU.

**CLIMATE**  
The climate is temperate-continental with four distinct seasons: cold winter, changeable spring, hot summer, mild and pleasant autumn, and plenty of sun all year round.

**RELIGION**  
The religious structure of the community is as follows:  
85% Eastern Orthodox Christians, 13% Muslims, and minority groups of Roman Catholics, Jews and Protestants.

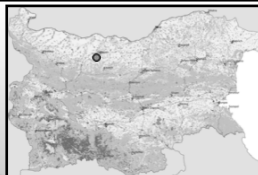
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### Pleven

Pleven is the 7<sup>th</sup> biggest town in Bulgaria located 160 km away from the capital Sofia.

It is a major medical, economic, cultural and transportation center of Northern Bulgaria.

With population of 120 000 inhabitants it is a calm town with low crime.



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### Pleven

Pleven offers good cultural, leisure and sporting facilities.

There are many museums, galleries, theater, cinema, concert halls and dancing clubs.

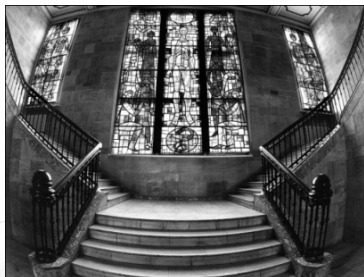


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**Medical University-Pleven** was established in 1974. It is a state regulated, self-governed, accredited university.

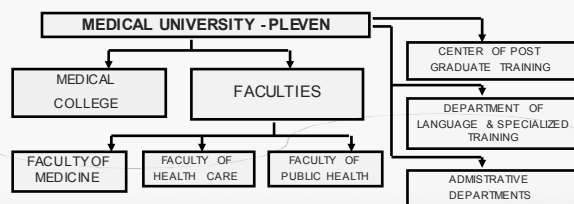
The University offers high quality education in the fields of Medicine and Health Care.

The education and scientific policy of the University is in accordance with European and world standards.



The motto of the University  
"Not for oneself but for all"

## Structure



## ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN

•Medical University-Pleven has proved to be one of the leading institutions for education in Medicine in Bulgaria.

•The University provides educational and therapeutic facilities required for undergraduate, postgraduate and continuous medical education.

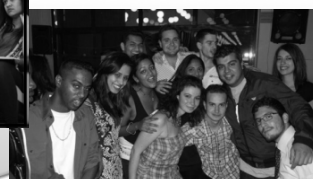


## ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN

•MU-Pleven is the first to implement English-medium course of study in Bulgaria (1997).

•The University welcomes growing number of students from diverse cultures and nationalities.

•Currently at Medical University - Pleven are studying about 500 international students from 35 countries.



### ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN

- The clinical training in Medicine is organized in small groups of maximum 8 students, with better practical exposure
- The University hospital, founded in 1865, has 1000 beds in specialized clinics. Research units with modern equipment are also available.



### ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN

- Medical students can attend lectures and seminars at the newly-established Telecommunication Endoscopy Centre for Robotic Surgery which is included in the structure of MU-Pleven and the University Hospital.
- This is the first specialized center of its kind in Bulgaria and on the Balkan Peninsula. The Center has two modern auditoria, direct video conferencing facility, an experimental operation room and virtual self-educational system for endoscopic surgery training.



### Telecommunication Endoscopic Center for training

- MU-Pleven aims to be the first university in Eastern Europe to broadcast 3D live minimally-invasive/robotic operations for training purposes for undergraduate and post-graduate medical students.
- First for Bulgaria live 3D transmission of an onco-gynecological robotic operation was demonstrated in 2013.



### Faculty of Medicine

**Specialty - Medicine**

**Academic degree – Master's**

**Professional qualification –Physician**

**Duration of the course – 6 years**

**360 credits**

**Medium of instruction –English and Bulgarian**

The course includes three stages:

1. Pre-clinical studies
2. Clinical studies
3. Internship



Academic staff of the Faculty - 268

Members of national and international scientific medical societies and authors of research articles

Graduates up to now – 5540

International graduates - 925

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#### Faculty of Medicine Academic year

The academic year for international students starts in February.

It consists of two semesters of 16 weeks each. Each semester ends with an examination session lasting from 30 to 45 days.

The academic year includes two one-week holidays for Christmas and Bulgarian Easter period.

There is summer vacation from 15 July to 10 September.

The basic language of instruction for international students is English.

During the first three years of program foreign students study Bulgarian in order to be able to communicate with patients.



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#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Various modern teaching methods are implemented in the academic process:

theoretical lectures, small-group practical tutorials and seminars, clinical practices. Additionally, students may join extracurricular teaching courses and scientific circles functioning at different departments.

Practical Human Anatomy classes are conducted with cadavers in specialized halls.

**Class attendance is mandatory.**

The program and curriculum are regularly renewed by a special Commission for Methodology and Education, which discusses the new tendencies in medical education in other universities and proposes changes in the curriculum.



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### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

**Methods of assessment** include oral examination, written examination, multiple choice tests, practical skills assessment.

Students are evaluated on a **scale from 2 to 6**.

**Grades** are based upon tests, assignments, projects, mid-term examinations, final examinations, class attendance and participation. Faculty members inform students of their grading policy at the beginning of each semester.

Summative assessments are conducted at the end of each semester within the examination session.

**State licensing examinations** (theoretical and practical) are held after completion of the full course of study – year six.

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### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

**Description of National Grades and Converting to ECTS Grades**

Six grade scale:

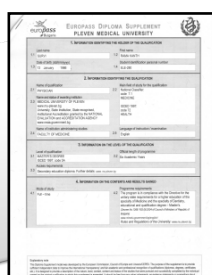
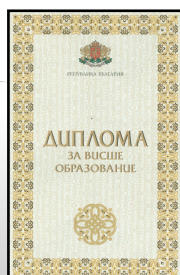
Excellent (6) being the highest possible and the lowest positive Satisfactory (3)

National Grades	ECTS grades	Description
Excellent 6	A	Outstanding performance with only minor errors
Very Good 5	B	Above the average standard but with some errors
Good 4	C	Generally good work with a number of notable errors
Satisfactory 3	D, E	Fair but with significant shortcomings
Poor 2	F	Considerable further work is required

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### EUROPEAN DIPLOMA and EUROPEAN DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

Graduates from Medical University-Pleven acquire an European Medical Diploma of completed higher education which is easily recognized worldwide.



### Mobility, Exchange programs

•Medical University-Pleven has a long-term history of developing international collaborations and participation in international programs for cultural and academic exchange.

•Medical University - Pleven is chartered member of the Erasmus program.

•Students access to variety of scientific research work, summer internships and international exchange programs.



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### Student's Organizations

Two students' organizations at MU-Pleven – the **Students' Council** and the **Association of Medical Students** represent the common interests of the students, organize community service events and participate in the life of the University.

The Association takes an active part in organizing students' sessions, seminars, forums and congresses.



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### STUDENT'S LIFE

The students of Medical University-Pleven are actively involved in charitable and voluntary initiatives.

Students organize events focused on bringing together the different cultures by creating an atmosphere of tolerance, understanding, friendship.





## Conferences

Since 2001, the students at Medical University - Pleven organize annual International Medical Scientific Conference for Students and Young Doctors.

The conferences attract young people from all over the world.

They provide young people with an opportunity to exchange ideas and to get involved with research early into their medical study.



## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN SPORT

Sports facilities at Medical University-Pleven enable the students to implement regular physical training in various sports.

Outdoor activities include: athletics, football, tennis, and skiing.

The ski trips in winter are a favorite option among the students.



## HOSTEL ACCOMODATION



The University hostel consists of two buildings with 400 beds. The hostel rooms are double- and triple-bedded with adjoining bathrooms and central heating. Students are not obliged to live in hostels and may stay at private accommodations as well.

## FOOD AND CATERING

The students' canteen near the hostel provides meals at a discount. There are also numerous fast food bars close to the University and the hospital. The students' club has its own bar with video and sound systems, offering a friendly and cheerful atmosphere.

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### Short statistics

University hospital founded - 1865, capacity 1000 beds

Medical University - Pleven - founded 1974

Academic staff - 455

Students up to date - 1986

International students - 492

Graduates - more than 10000

International graduates - 13 graduated classes - 925 from 45 countries

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