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# RECTOR'S REPORT

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2017

# MISSION

The Ukrainian Catholic University is an open academic community living the Eastern Christian tradition and forming leaders to serve with professional excellence in Ukraine and internationally – for the glory of God, the common good, and the dignity of the human person.



Students of Ethics, Politics and Economy bachelor's program

# A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

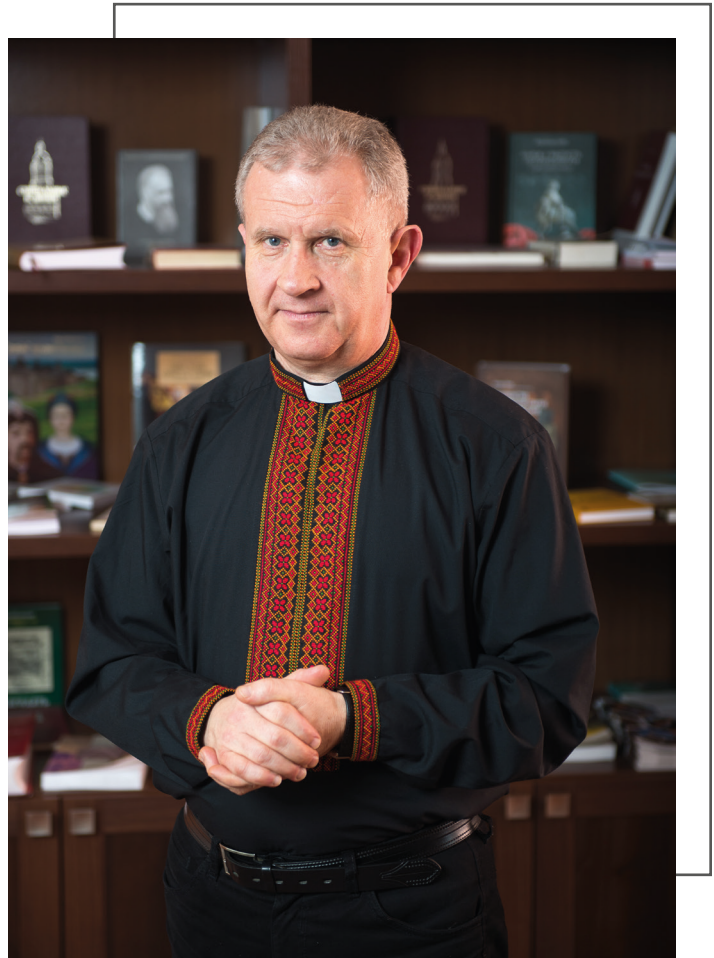
The academic year 2016–2017 was wonderful for the Ukrainian Catholic University. The beginning was marked by the ceremonial consecration of the newly-built University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God by UGCC Patriarch and Grand Chancellor of UCU Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in which the bishops of the UGCC Synod also took part.

The university was substantially restructured: new faculties created and new educational programs opened.

The 125th anniversary of the birth of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, founder and first rector of UCU, was celebrated throughout the year by the UCU community, the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, and all Ukraine.

This year we also said farewell to UCU's Grand Chancellor of many years, Head of the UGCC (2001–2011) Patriarch Lubomyr Husar. Together with His Beatitude Lubomyr we made the decision to transform the Lviv Theological Academy into the Ukrainian Catholic University in the "long-ago" year of 2002. Together with him we rejoiced in the government accreditation of theological education and research in 2006. Together with Patriarch Lubomyr in 2008 we made the bold decision to build UCU's new campus near Stryisky Park. Together with him we grew and matured. And with his passing into eternity, as with the passing of one's own father, we must become more mature and responsible.

This special and unforgettable year was summed up in the wonderful Celebration Week on the occasion of the completion of the university's first Comprehensive Campaign, "A New Generation for A New Ukraine," with the participation of numerous benefactors and friends of UCU from Ukraine and the whole world. And it culminated beautifully in the consecration and opening of the modern Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center. Thanks be to God, there were many opportunities for true joy and satisfaction from work completed and results achieved.



As in every decisive point in history, personal or institutional, when one important stage has been completed and you stand on the path to the next, this year also invites us to grateful reflection and critical self-analysis on how to correctly utilize the fruits of the great divine and human blessings that we have experienced, how to enter a new level of quality on all the levels of the university's activities, above all in improving the educational experience of our students and the results of their work.

Our achievements are a gift from God, the fruit of prayer and the hard work of many staff and friends of UCU, which became possible thanks to your generosity.

We thank you for the gift of support and solidarity!

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Bohdan Prach

# UCU CELEBRATION WEEK

**The Comprehensive Campaign of the Ukrainian Catholic University, “A New Generation for a New Ukraine”, has been successfully completed. In order to share our joy and to feel and see personally what our joint efforts have made possible, friends of UCU came from the whole world.**

## Celebratory Banquet

UCU Celebration Week started on 9 September with a banquet at the Palace of Arts with the participation of UGCC Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) and the members of the Synod of Bishops, benefactors and friends of the university. The honored guest was the Mayor of Wrocław, Poland, Rafał Dutkiewicz. In his speech he emphasized that the role of a university today as a phenomenon is to become a space for the exchange of thoughts, a place of dialogue and mutual understanding.

## Honoring Donors

The next morning UCU President Bishop Borys Gudziak in joint prayer with other bishops



1. Vice-Rector Nataliya Klymovska and Bishop Ken Nowakowski
2. Adrian Slywotzky gives an inspiring lecture for UCU friends and committee members
3. A former director of UCEF, Charles Neubecker, is seen in front of the memorial plaques
4. UCU friend Vasyl Kalymon chats with UCU Senator Yaroslav Rushchysyn

and UCU Rector Fr. Bohdan Prach and clergy consecrated the glass tablets that symbolize the community of the university's benefactors.

“With gratitude to the thousands of donors of UCU’s Comprehensive Campaign ‘A New Generation for a New Ukraine’ 2010–2016, who by their generosity made possible the creation of this campus. May the Lord bless

all the university’s benefactors!” - the inscription on one of the memorial plaques.

## Opening of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Center

On 10 September the doors of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center were opened to visitors. Among the celebration’s honored guests was the main benefactor of the Metropolitan



*UCU students on the stage of the Lviv Theatre of Opera and Ballet*



*Rafał Dutkiewicz, the Mayor of Wrocław*

Andrey Sheptytsky Center, Canadian philanthropist and entrepreneur James Temerty. UCU President Bishop Borys presented him with the symbolic key to the center and added: "May this key open not only this building but also hearts."

James Temerty noted that he has been a member of committees to select architects who are involved with some large building projects, and he understands that it is fairly rare when the results are better than promised, so it is particularly valuable that the philosophy and approach of the head architect of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center, Stefan Behnisch, is similar to the approach of his company: under-promise, over-deliver.

### **UGCC History on the Opera Stage**

The university prepared a unique performance on the history of the UGCC "Here God's Blessing is Spread," a production of Ukrainian director Serhii Proskurna. Some 35 UCU students performed.

The literary-musical



Special guests at the celebration: Johannes Singhammer, former Vice-President of the German Bundestag (second from left), and representatives of one of the largest donors of the campaign, the Renovabis foundation: Rev. Christian Hartl and Archbishop of Berlin Heiner Koch

composition consisted of sonnets about the history of the church, noted figures, and the main stages of the building of the first Ukrainian Catholic University in the post-Soviet space with difficult periods of its struggle for existence. Mariana Savka was the author of the texts. One of the sonnets was dedicated to His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar of blessed memory.

### **Launching a New Academic Year**

UCU's academic year begins on the first day of the church calendar, the Indict. A traditional element of the celebration is a ceremony awarding scholarships to students. This year many students met the founders of their scholarships and founders met their scholars.

University also invited benefactors on a pilgrimage to spiritual centers of Halychyna.



## **BISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK**

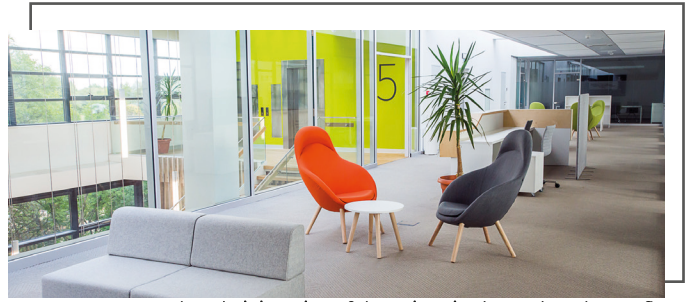
*«This celebration is also a time for deeper reflection. Completing the first quarter of a century of the university's development in Ukraine, after the rapid trajectory of recent years, it is important to strengthen initiatives that have been started, in order to protect Christian principles and the quality of all programs. Our path was winding but, at the same time, sacramental and full of miracles. It shows that good things are possible in Ukraine, that there is civil society, and that people of good will, who rely on God, even without the particular support of the government, can do very much.»*

# RE-THINKING THE ROLE OF THE LIBRARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**UCU's Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center has opened its doors to visitors. The consecration and ceremonial opening were held on 10 September.**

The main benefactor of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Center is Canadian philanthropist and businessman James Temerty. In his greeting, he noted that the opening of the building is a very important moment for him and his family.

Stefan Behnisch, the head architect of the Center, is convinced that good universities are based around a good idea, a good teaching concept, and architecture can only help in this matter. "In order to understand how to design a building like this, it's necessary to feel what this idea is based on, the philosophical vision and mission of the university. With the development of electronic means of mass information and technologies, at a great number of university libraries are becoming wider centers of instruction and interaction. The library of the new age is a place where people work and study together. It becomes less of a book repository and more a place of interaction. We wanted to re-think the role of the library in the 21st century and create a more accessible structure, which in time can adapt to the various needs of the university, students and teachers," explained Mr. Behnisch.



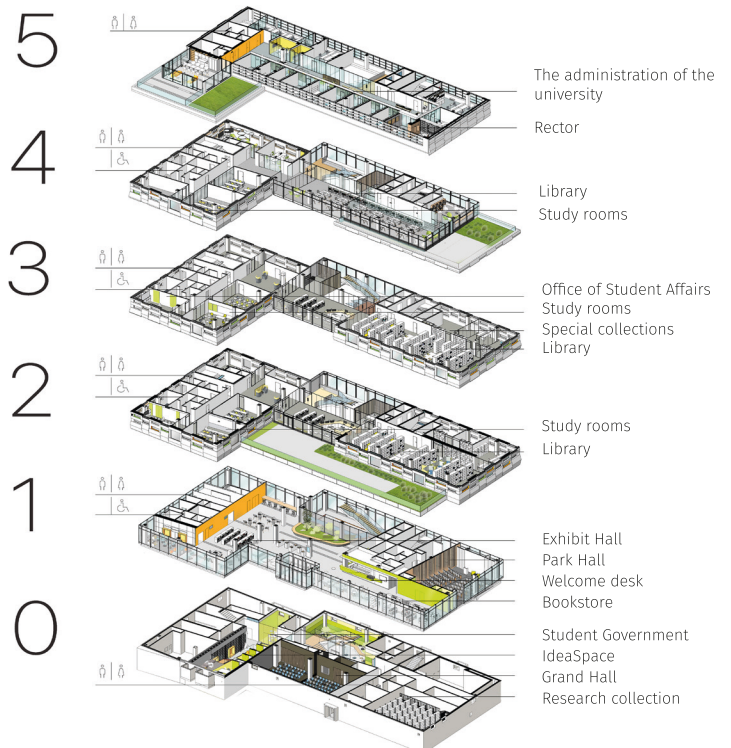
The administration of the university, located on the top floor



A library study room on the 3rd floor



A reading hall on the 4th floor



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What can be bigger than to know that my name and my wife's name, my family's name, is associated forever with that great Ukrainian saintly man and hero, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky

”



James Temerty, the main funder of the Sheptytsky Center, Canadian philanthropist and entrepreneur

## PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND SPECIAL VALUE TO BUSINESSES



Roman Palazhiy works at «Auchan» supermarket while Yurko Shatruk helps at the bakery-cafeteria Baguette

Thanks to the UCU Emmaus Center a dozen people with mild developmental disabilities have found employment in businesses and companies in Lviv. The right of people with disabilities to seek employment is confirmed by law in many countries of the world and also in Ukraine. However, for employers such an initiative is a challenge.

In order to encourage businesses to be open to initiatives like this, the Emmaus Center, with the support of

the UCU Lviv Business School, organized a breakfast with Bishop Borys Gudziak and representatives of business centers of Lviv.

“The presence of people with special needs in our university should also create an atmosphere of trust,” said Bishop Borys to the participants of the business breakfast. “At the UCU Collegium they help young people lower facades and not fear to build relations in a more open, direct manner. I hope that your clients will receive unbelievable added

value thanks to the presence of our friends with special gifts in their businesses. What a privilege this is, when we can not only provide a certain product or service but enrich someone’s life!”

In the three years of the project’s existence, the Emmaus Center has successfully cooperated with the companies !FEST, Nestle, Auchan, and the auditing firm Mazar-Ukraine. After the business breakfast, the bakery-cafeteria Baguette also became a partner.

### No Words Are Needed

UCU and the Canada-Ukraine Alliance for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People organized the 28th summer camp “Ukrainian Sign Language.” The initiator and head of the camp, a lecturer in UCU’s Department of General and Social Pedagogy, Ihor Kobel, states that it is the only camp in Ukraine where deaf children have the opportunity to interact in their own language, to feel free in surroundings where they are understood.

This year first-year students of UCU’s Social Pedagogy Department joined the team. They organized leisure activities for the children at the camp.

“The week at the camp was a place for new discoveries, surprises, and the breaking of stereotypes. I am now watching video lessons to study sign language better. Next year I again plan to take part in the camp,” says Mariana Chernetska.





## SERVICE

### To Think about New Prospects

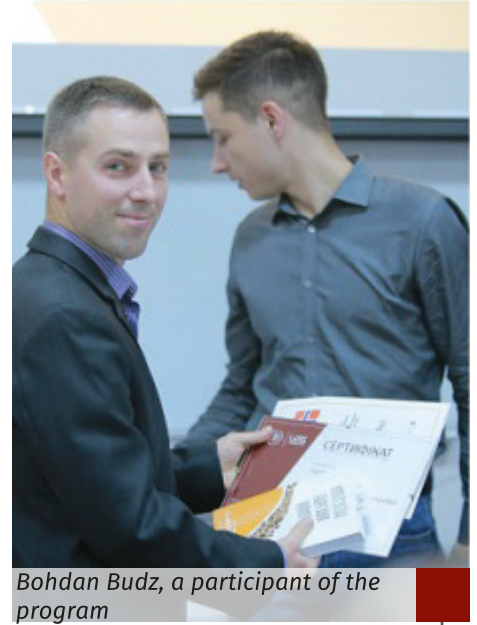
The UCU Lviv Business School conducted a free-of-charge educational program, “Starting Your Own Business,” for 30 Ukrainian military workers, veterans of the ATO and members of their families.

Roman Kryvdyk, a participant in the program, explained that the main challenge was to think differently. “The classes were very useful, and spending time among people who dream of

starting their own business is inspiring. I acquired instruments which help me competently organize my business.”

“We gathered these people so that they could talk over and think about new prospects for their lives,” explains Olha Dolia, head of the LvBS Department of Program Administration.

The program was carried out as part of the project “Ukraine-Norway: Preparation and Social Adaptation of Military Personnel and Members of Their Families.



Bohdan Budz, a participant of the program

### Education for Heads of Seminaries

The UCU Institute of Leadership and Management in cooperation with the Patriarchal Commission for Clergy Affairs of the UGCC organized a program for heads of higher spiritual educational institutions of the UGCC. Participating in the program were 16 heads of seminaries in Ukraine, Canada, USA, and the seminary of the Basilian Fathers in Briukhovychi.

In fall 2016, the first module was held. On the program were administration, spiritual formation, personnel management, financial management, and strategy for the development of a school of higher education.



### Rebuilding Ukraine

This summer, 15 UCU students volunteered in the Building Ukraine Together project. They helped build dwellings for the families of refugees and ATO participants in Berdiansk.

“On the first day of work, they gave us a master-class in puttying. And I mastered it all very quickly. The next day, I puttied like I’d been doing it all my life. I also painted a ceiling, stripped paint off of walls, did priming, and even had the opportunity to insulate a building. When there was no building work, I looked after children, built a fire, and cleaned, if it was necessary. In general, I did anything in order not to sit with nothing to do,” explains UCU student Khrystyna.

### Easter Together!

To build bridges, not walls. This was the slogan of UCU’s Student Brotherhood, as for the seventh time it gathered youth from various parts of Ukraine in order to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection together.

This year 100 students from evacuated universities of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, Melitopol, Zaporizhzhia, and Kharkiv took part in the Easter Together! Event.

The program included tours of the city: churches, restaurants, and cultural centers, a master-class in painting Easter eggs, the blessing of Easter baskets, and traditional Easter games.

*The project was carried out with the support of national exchange programs financed by the EU and the NED.*



# NEW ACADEMIC HORIZONS

## Clinical Psychology on the Basis of Psychodynamic Therapy master's program

This educational model combines three basic principles for teaching psychotherapy: the development of self-awareness, practical education led by specialists on the bases of practice, and the acquisition of theoretical knowledge.

Education occurs not only in classrooms but on a clinical basis, at the Lviv Region Clinical Psychoneurological Health Center, which for 15 years has operated on an innovative European model.

The program foresees a stationary and modular system of instruction. This format is convenient for those who are already working and want to acquire additional education. Students of the modular system study in blocs and also have three weeks for direct practicum guided by supervisors, accredited teachers, and therapists in various fields of psychodynamic therapy.

## Ethics-Politics-Economics (EPE) bachelor's program

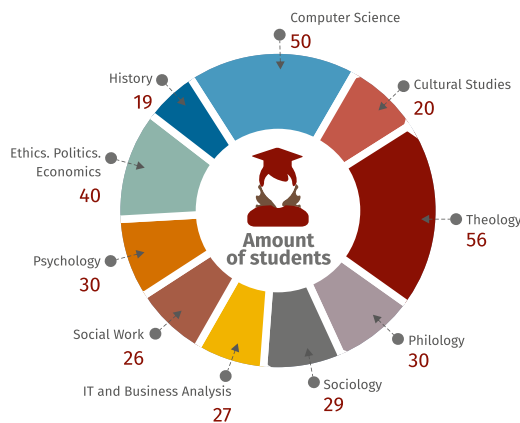
This bachelor's program in political science is unique for Ukraine and Eastern Europe. It was developed on models from Oxford and Yale universities. The goal is to form leaders of a new type, and research social, political, and economic processes at the intersection of these disciplines.

The program combines classical philosophy and ethics with elements of theological education and the study of politics, economics, and management. EPE is oriented to the development of critical and creative thinking and skills of project management and problem solving.

"Our mission is to return politics to its original purpose, namely: politics as a process of assuming authority in order to implement programs and strategies of development to serve human dignity and the common good," says Yuriy Pidlisnyi, head of the program.

## Freshmen - 2017: admission campaign

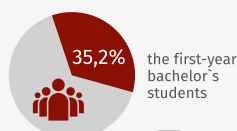
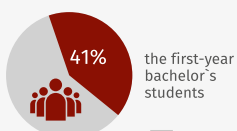
	<b>Total applicants</b>	<b>1624</b>
	<b>Total enrolled</b>	<b>327</b>



## IT and Business Analysis bachelor's program

IT and Business Analysis is a program at the intersection of technology and business practices. Among the most promising professions of the future for many years now are professions connected with computer sciences and analysis, above all business and economics. This interdisciplinary program is based on computer sciences but combines system analysis and the organization of administration by business processes.

For the first two years, 80% of the course-work will overlap with UCU's computer science program. This will give the students of both fields basic knowledge of mathematics and coding. Later they will be able to choose their desired field, studying at one of the programs of the Faculty of Applied Sciences.



**5%** from the top of their class in school (based on the External Independent Testing on the main selected subject)

**5%** from the top of their class in school (based on the External Independent Testing on the Ukrainian language and literature)

**33%** provided with lodging in the Collegium

**39%** Scholarships

- Yearly scholarship "Plus +"
- Yearly scholarship
- Merit-based scholarship
- Social (need-based) scholarship





*The university environment encourages openness and interaction*



CALLED BY  
GOD

**In the summer of 2017, Fr. Nazarii Mysiakovskiy joined the team of UCU’s Pastoral Department. For the last seven years, the priest was working on his doctorate in pastoral theology at the Theology Faculty in Fulda, Germany. Before that, he studied at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv.**

Pastoral work was not a dream but rather a calling...

As a youth, Fr. Mysiakovskiy dreamed of serving in the army, like his father. From his childhood he visited military bases, spent time among soldiers, and was certain that his path was leading him to military service.

“In 2001, I had the opportunity to spend a month with the Sisters

*I felt that God was telling me that the path on which I had been going up to that time was not mine.*

Servants of Mary Immaculate of St. Joseph Province in Serbia,” recalls the priest. “There I saw

how the sisters work with the poor and seriously ill and conduct morning prayer. Every day I observed these young ladies, smiling and joyful, and wanted to understand why they chose God. During a three-day retreat in the village of Khorhosh, before going to sleep I felt that God was telling me that the path on which I had been going up to that time was not mine.”

Fr. Nazar was different when he returned to Lviv. The prayers he had heard had not left his head and a great hunger for prayer had awakened in him. Finally, he got up the courage to give God an ultimatum, saying: “God, good. If You want me to go on this path, I’ll try to enter the seminary. If it works out, that means it’s truly Your will. If not, the army is always open.”

“I was accepted into the Lviv seminary on my first attempt, and accepted this as the will of God, Who was expecting me to serve,” explains the priest. “My father positively accepted my decision and always repeated

that he served 27 years in the army for the three of us: for my two younger brothers and me.” One of his brothers is a priest, the other completed his studies at the seminary this year.

Fr. Mysiakovskiy is not only a chaplain at UCU. He is also a resident advisor at the Patriarch Josyf Slipyj Collegium and teaches a course on youth ministry for UCU’s licentiate program. He considers interaction with youth and students to be the special task of a chaplain.

“I want to be a friend to the students, so I try very hard to find an individual approach to each,” says Fr. Mysiakovskiy. “The students at UCU are very creative, because the university’s environment gives them the possibility for greater self-development. The task of chaplains in a university like this is not only to minister to theology students, who are already receiving a theological education, but especially to students of other faculties and to bring the living God to them” explains the priest.

# YEAR OF THE PATRIARCH

**Ukraine's Parliament proclaimed 2017 the year of Patriarch Josyf. Delegated by the UGCC Synod of Bishops, UCU's Institute of Church History conducted a series of events to make better known in Ukraine the figure of Josyf Slipyj and his activities.**

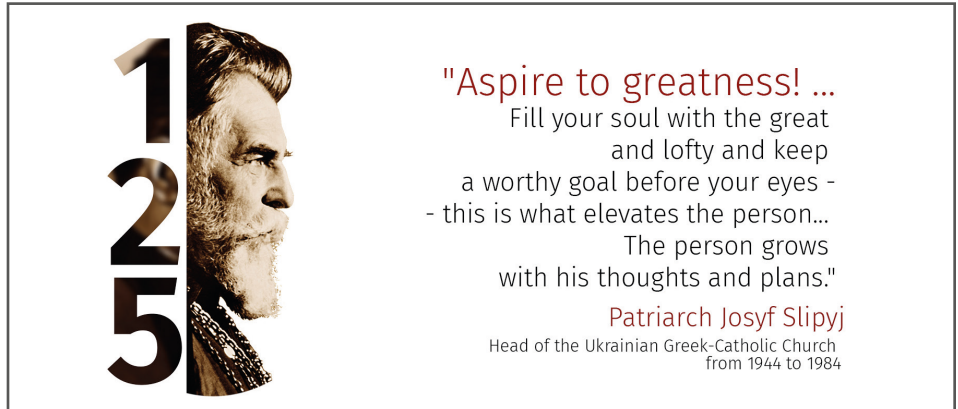
## Events in cities of Ukraine

A series of scholarly symposia "Patriarch Josyf Slipyj: Known and Unknown" was held in cities of Ukraine: Poltava, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Chernivtsi, Uzhhorod, and Odesa.

"We tried, through the figure of the Patriarch, through researching and popularizing his activities, to speak to hearts which need to know about him but, even more, need his example. They need a living witness of someone who couldn't be broken and stood up for his convictions in conditions in which it would seem all is lost, when nothing, not even hope, was left. However, this person was able to survive 18 years in Stalin's camps, and then, being more than 70 years old, he in fact began a new life, not only for himself, but, rather, giving hope for the resurrection of that church for which he suffered, life to new institutions," explains Oleh Turiy, UCU's Vice-Rector for External Relations.



Notre Dame theologian Yuriy Avvakumov talks to participants of the summer school in Rome.



**"Aspire to greatness! ...**

Fill your soul with the great and lofty and keep a worthy goal before your eyes - this is what elevates the person... The person grows with his thoughts and plans."

**Patriarch Josyf Slipyj**

Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church  
from 1944 to 1984

## Slipyj Tours Ukraine

The Institute of Church History also prepared an exhibit of banners about the life and activities of Patriarch Josyf, which was shown not only in university centers but on the walls of Ukraine's Parliament, the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv, in many parishes near the front in eastern Ukraine, and in communities of the Ukrainian diaspora.

## It's the Eternal City for a Reason

The culmination of the program was a summer school in Rome, the main theme of which was the figure of the Patriarch in the context of international political and ecclesiastical relations. Participating were young scholars who are researching the legacy and activities of Josyf Slipyj and took part in conferences in cities in the spring.



Oleh Turiy and Fr. Ivan Dacko are with Ukraine's ambassador to the Holy See Tetiana Izhevskaya

The Father and Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, in his greeting to participants of the summer school noted that the organizers did not choose Rome by accident. "My predecessor, not having the possibility to live and work in independent Ukraine, built a Ukrainian world in The Eternal City, on Via Boccea. There he placed the Cathedral of St. Sophia, The Wisdom of God, and together with it the Ukrainian Catholic University, relying on faith and learning as a strong foundation for the rebirth of the Ukrainian church and state."

The year 2017 was also a jubilee for the Institute of Church History itself. Its creation 25 years ago was the starting point for the revival of the Lviv Theological Academy and its further re-organization as a university.



Myroslav Marynovych, Nataliya Klymovska, Bishop Borys, Fr. Prach, Ihor Skochylvas and Oleh Turiy are sharing their memories of how it all started 25 years ago

# A YEAR OF MEETINGS



**Marie Jovanovic,**  
the US  
Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Ambassador to  
Ukraine



**Roman Waschuk,**  
Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Ambassador of  
Canada to Ukraine



**Hugues Mingarelli,**  
Head of the  
EU Delegation to  
Ukraine



**Isabelle Dumont,**  
Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Ambassador of  
France to Ukraine



**Oswaldo Biato  
Júnior,**  
Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Ambassador of  
Brazil to Ukraine



**Chris Murphy,**  
U.S. Senator  
of Connecticut



A strategic session of UCEF (Canada and USA) and UCF (Great Britain) took place at UCU

## THE HELSINKI GROUP: 40 YEARS LATER

Some 150 former political prisoners from 15 countries gathered at the Ukrainian Catholic University on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group (UHG).

UCU's Vice-Rector for University Mission and co-founder of the UHG Myroslav Marynovych noted that for him it was important to gather dissidents who in the difficult times of persecution, prison, and camps supported one another: to meet, to discuss the achievements, losses and challenges of the Helsinki movement for human rights, and simply to talk with comrades not seen for years. "Generally each one there had



*UCU Vice-Rector Myroslav Marynovych and the leader of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People Refat Chubarov make a statement*

experienced the 'service' of agents and the 'care' of the KGB. The formula for opposition is the same as it was when we were in the camps, namely, the general human values on which civilization is maintained. If we rely on them, we will triumph, just as we defeated that evil force in the camps. We will do everything

necessary so that this foundation will not be shaken," emphasized Myroslav Marynovych.

The Second Crimean Forum was held as part of the meeting. "We greatly appreciate that we are again with those with whom we were together decades ago," said Refat Chubarov, head of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis.

## TEDx UCU

13 speakers. 12 ideas. 100+ like-minded. The first TEDxUCU conference is held at the university.

"UCU always was and remains a meeting-place for outstanding personalities who have something

to say and share with others," state the event's organizers. The task of the experts was to look at the motto of the conference, "The Future Begins Today," from various perspectives: information technologies, business, education, religion. It is important that teachers and graduates of

UCU were also speakers. A graduate of the master's program in innovations and technologies, co-founder of the Pro.Svit Center for Innovative Education Liliya Borovets shared her experience and thoughts on challenges in education. The co-founders of the national volunteer camp Building Ukraine Together, Yuriy Didula (president of the UCU Alumni Association) and Andrii Levytskyi spoke on the transforming power of joint action. The acting director of the UCU Leadership Center, Andrew Rozhdestvenskyi, talked about leadership and human dignity, and UCU's Vice-Rector for External Relations, Oleh Turiy, talked about the experience of the past in understanding today and planning the future.



*Andrew Rozhdestvensky, CEO at Center for Leadership, UCU*

# VIRTUAL REALITY AND A MIND PALACE



*Marichka Hirna and Tanya Batsenko demonstrate cardboard and VR box devices for virtual reality*

Now Sherlock Holmes is not the only one who can have a great memory. Students of the computer studies program Marichka Hirna and Tania Batsenko have created a Mind Palace, a virtual room in which to save ideas, important thoughts, conversations, notes, and so on.

"First you dictate the necessary text to the program. It looks for a corresponding image and then saves it. Then when certain information is necessary, it's enough 'to walk through the Mind Palace.' Then what's been done can be shared with friends," explains Batsenko.

In order to look over the notes it is necessary to use special "virtual reality" glasses. Then before your eyes appears a bright, spacious room, which has only you

and your notes.

Hirna recounts how it began: "We needed to do some course-work, but we didn't want something banal and easy. It was interesting to work with virtual reality. We had never done this before, and it was a real challenge."

The young ladies travelled to Kyiv for a "hackathon" and Mind Palace was the result of two days' work. Now Hirna and Batsenko are developing and improving the project. They communicate with users of the virtual room to understand what they like and what they don't, and which tasks the users decide with the help of the instrument. "We want to release a separate product and are looking for our niche," says Hirna.



# A NEW GENERATION



Photo from Pavlo Mamontov's Facebook page

## Undefeated

A student of the master's program in public administration, Pavlo Mamontov, won a bronze medal in indoor rowing at the Invictus Games.

Mamontov was a soldier in the Azov Regiment. He was wounded, underwent many operations and long treatment. He says that he had time to think over a strategy for his life: "I decided to exchange trenches in war for rebuilding the country together with other young and ambitious activists."



## Knock and It Will Be Opened

UCU student Ivan Hrytsiv won the international song festival "Golden Bird" for children and youth with limited abilities.

"As it is written in the Bible, it will be opened for the one who knocks. I also knocked, tested myself, and achieved. In order to win, you need to sing with your soul. A pretty song is still not an indicator that you'll be first. You need to sing not even thinking about winning," recounts Hrytsiv.



Photo from the Center's Facebook page

## Giving More Than Money

The UCU Student Charity Center has for many years helped children's institutions in the village of Lavriv, the special boarding school in the village of Dobromyl, children from poor families, and the needy.

Anton Tarasov, a volunteer at the center, helps the pupils of Lviv Boarding School No. 2 with their homework. "This is a very special experience which makes me think about things that you usually don't think about," Tarasov is convinced.

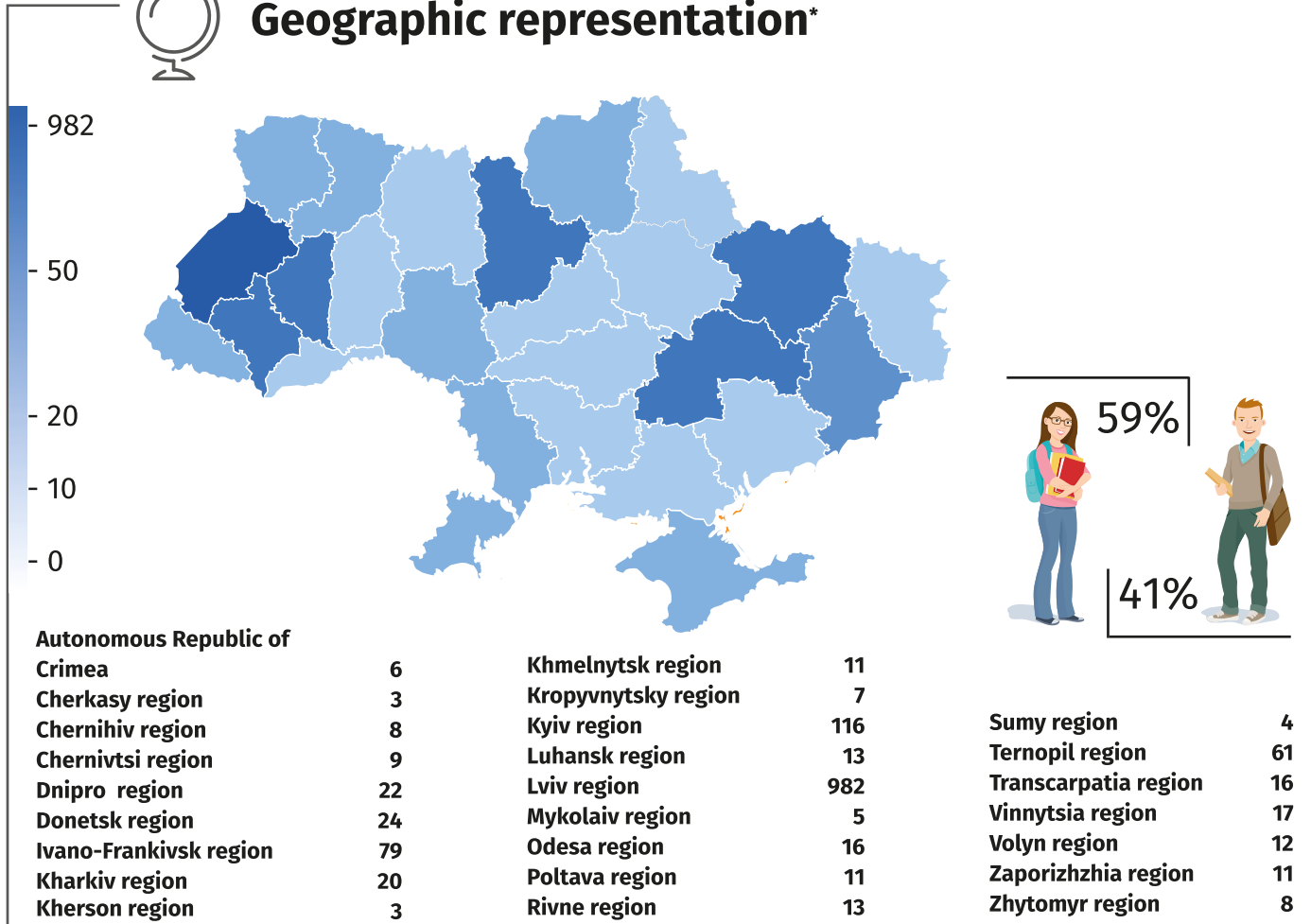
Read more stories about UCU students on [ucu.edu.ua](http://ucu.edu.ua)

ASPIRE TO GREATNESS!

# UCU IN NUMBERS



## Geographic representation\*



\* Students in licensed bachelor's and master's programs.

## Financial report



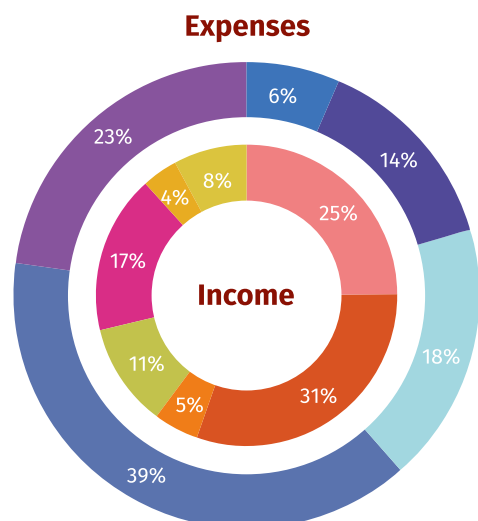
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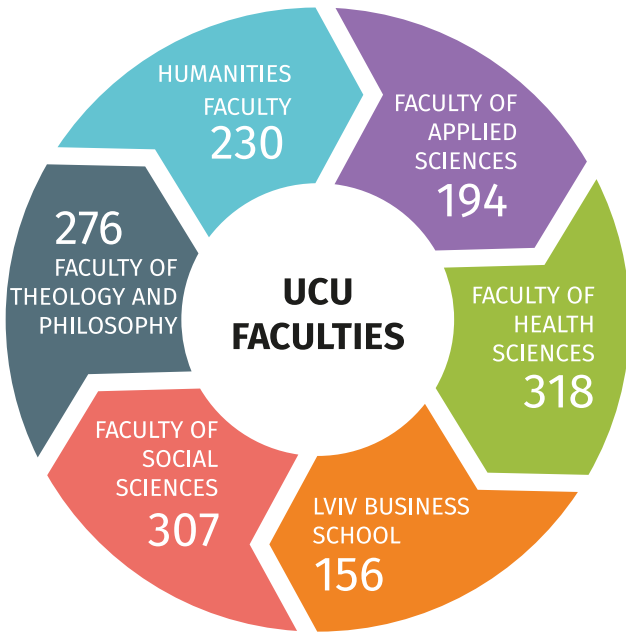
#### Income

Educational programs and services	25%
Contributions and grants from USA	31%
Contributions and grants from Canada	5%
Contributions and grants from Europe	11%
Contributions and grants from Ukraine	17%
Contributions and grants from other countries	4%
Endowment distribution	8%

#### Expenses

Academic development, Collegium, Library, IT	6%
Maintenance	14%
Institutional Support	18%
Educational Programs	39%
Scholarly Institutes and Centers	23%





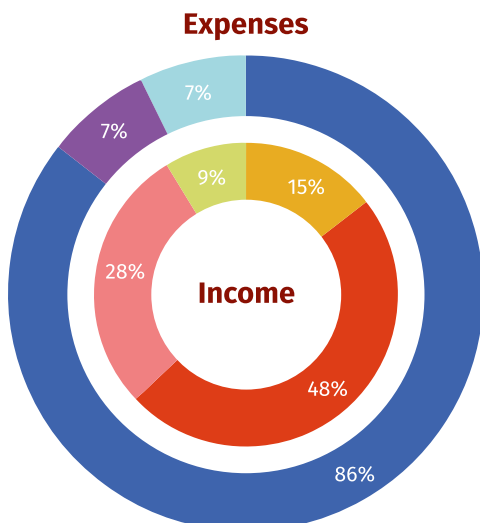
About **500** persons take part in various UCU short-term programs on theology, psychology, bioethics, data science, Ukrainian language and culture annually







## Diploma Programs\* 1481

- Graduate programs - 22
- Key Executive MBA – 33
- Theology – 261
- Ethics-Politics-Economics - 39
- Journalism – 50
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship – 55
- History and Archeology – 111
- IT and Business Analysis - 27
- Computer Science – 134
- Culture Studies – 46
- Media Communications – 40
- Data science – 33
- Law – 25
- Psychology – 195
- Public administration - 32
- Social Pedagogy – 66
- Social work – 57
- Sociology – 80
- Management of Non-Profit Organizations - 41
- Personnel Management and Organizational Development – 30
- MSc in Technology Management – 38
- Philology – 56
- Christian pedagogy and organization of leisure – 10

\* Number of students of the diploma program as of 01.10.2017

## Capital projects



- | Income  |  |
|---|--|
|  | Contributions and grants from USA 15%    |
|  | Contributions and grants from Canada 48% |
|  | Contributions and grants from Europe 28% |
|  | Contributions and grants from Ukraine 9% |
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- | Expenses  |   |
|---|---|
|  | Stryiskyi Park Campus Project 86%                     |
|  | Renovations of the building on Svetsitskoho street 7% |
|  | Other projects 7%                                     |

# NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

## Functional Art

UCU's Master's Program in Media Communications presented the Ukrainian-language translation of famed American visual researcher Alberto Cairo, "The Functional Art: An Introduction to Information Graphics and Visualization." This is the first Ukrainian-language resource book on infographics and visualization. It is a unique publication with no analogues in Ukraine.

The book received an award from the 2017 Publishers' Forum for the best publication in the category "educational, reference, professional literature."



## Be Ourselves

UCU's Institute of Church History presented the book "Be Ourselves!" about the life and testament of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj. The jubilee publication included the "Testament" of Patriarch Josyf, a biographical outline about him by Fr. Andriy Mykhaleiko, illustrated with photographs from the most important stages of the patriarch's difficult path, and an introductory pastoral word by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk. The book was prepared specially for the 24th Publishers' Forum together with the Postulation Center for the Beatification and Canonization of Saints of the UGCC on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the birth of Josyf Slipyj.

The publication received an honor from the founder of the Publishers' Forum, Oleksandra Koval.



The Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and Vice-Rector of UCU Ihor Skochylas at the presentation of "Kyivan Christianity"

## Reviving Ukrainian History of Christianity

The publishing series "Kyivan Christianity" now has 11 books. The faculties of humanities and theology and philosophy presented new books researching the history of the Kyivan Church, which were published throughout the year in the Ukrainian, Spanish, Polish, and Russian languages, authored by leading theologians, historians, and philologists. "The challenges facing Ukraine today, in particular the need to 'bind together' the country, cannot be understood and realized without a deep acknowledgement of the role of Christianity," said Prof. Ihor Skochylas, UCU's Vice-Rector for Research.

The public segment of the program, the project United Ukraine and the Kyivan Church, which emphasizes the 1000-year connection between

Ukrainian culture and Christianity, began in 2015.

"Our theological voice was lost, our scholarly traditions scattered in the bitter years of the world wars and the terrors of totalitarianism. Ukrainians' task is to revive the lost Kyivan ecclesiological, theological tradition and make it a subject rather than an object of global Christianity," says Fr. Roman Zaviyskyy, Dean of the Theology and Philosophy Faculty and co-coordinator and scholarly editor of the United Ukraine and the Kyivan Church project.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Making Education Accessible

The Center of Instructional and Innovative Technology (CIIT) has been created at the university to introduce technologies of electronic instruction, create Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), help teachers and students master methods of electronic instruction, and provide consultation regarding effective use of the newest methods of education. Throughout the year the CIIT has conducted various educational seminars, practica, master-classes, and also individual training sessions and consultations.

Ukrainian-language information about the center is available at: [ceit.ucu.edu.ua](http://ceit.ucu.edu.ua)

12 modules and courses developed by CIIT to support development



180 HOURS for professional development (teachers, students)



9 prizes received and grants awarded



90 seminars and practical workshops



Support for 104 courses created



23 programs to encourage and support the development of teachers and students

## UCU Journalism School – One of Ukraine’s Best

The UCU School of Journalism is rated among the best for journalistic education in Ukraine. The School received 20 points out of a possible 23, presented as part of Detektor Media’s research in the quality of journalistic education in Ukraine.

The data for preparing the ratings was collected by surveying faculties, departments, and schools of journalism. An expert group also analyzed information from open sources, in particular site content.

## UCU - One of Ukraine’s Top 10 Brands

The history of the creation and development of the Ukrainian Catholic University is part of the book “10 Successful Ukrainian Brands”. The “heroes” of the publication are 10 companies and organizations of Ukraine that set the pace in their fields of activity and whose success stories can inspire others. Their experience shows that only a correct idea, knowledge, talent, faith in one’s work, and persistence, which convert into quality, can truly create a recognizable brand.

## Bronze Prize at Queen’s Innovation Challenge

Students of the master’s program in data science won a bronze medal in an international competition in data analysis, Queen’s Innovation Challenge (Canada).

The participants had to offer a solution, with the help of data analysis, to one of the business situations given to them. Cases were presented for consideration from the portfolios of the largest companies of Canada: Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Bank of Montreal, Spirit of Math Company, the Loblaws supermarket chain, and Canadian Tire. The team of master’s-program students chose to solve a problem of the Bank of Montreal: how to improve the sale of investment products and increase income by 5%.



# UCU INTERNATIONAL



## A British Story

Andrew Weston taught English at UCU for two years. Before that, he taught at a British school.

Before his departure he told UCU his story: "When I visited some friends from the Oxford University Ukrainian Society, they told me: 'Why don't you go and see UCU? They're always looking for volunteers and invite people who can teach the students English.' I thought: 'Why not?' I already had experience teaching English in Great Britain, Africa, and also in Russia."

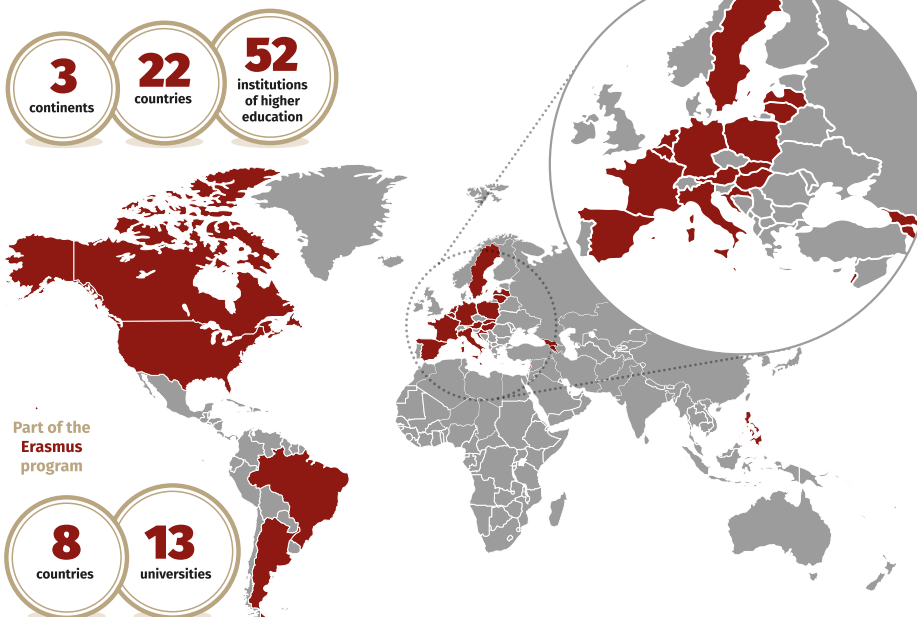
When he came to Ukraine, Weston understood that this was

the right decision. In his words, UCU does many things correctly and it is good to see that the university is developing. Many of the things that UCU does well could be introduced in other universities and the system of education in general.

One thing the Briton did not understand is grade-books: "This is the most pointless thing that I saw in education. Everything is already in electronic format. I don't understand why to repeat the grades in this book."

UCU students, in his opinion, are fantastic: exceptionally intelligent, with wonderful knowledge, and when encouraged, they hunger to achieve goals and do the best in everything.

## International partners



## ☀️ Active Summer

173 UCU students took part at schools and internships abroad

137 foreign students took part in the UCU summer schools

47 volunteers helped in the UCU summer language school

91 international teachers

15 teachers came pro-bono

25 persons taught or performed administrative work through various exchange programs

Find a complete list of the partners on [international.ucu.edu.ua](http://international.ucu.edu.ua)

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