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- **1787:** University of Veterinary Science, Budapest (foundation)
- **1880:** Ybl Miklós Technical College, Budapest (foundation)
- **1917:** Teacher Training College, Jászberény (foundation)
- **1920:** University of Agriculture, Gödöllő (foundation)
- **2000: Szent István University was founded by the merger of the abovementioned institutions**
- **2000:** Tessedik Sámuel College, Szarvas-Békéscsaba-Gyula (foundation)
- **2009:** Tessedik Sámuel College merged with SZIU.

The history of the University



- Faculty of Applied Arts and Pedagogy
- Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Economics, Agriculture and Health Studies
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Veterinary Science
- Ybl Miklós Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering

Faculties of the University



Major features of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences



- The **largest faculty** of the Szent István University with over 4000 students.
- It offers courses in several campuses even beyond the border including Csíkszereda (Miercurea Ciuc, Romania)
- **11 Bachelor courses and 12 Master courses** in agricultural and business field of study (1 BA, 1 MSc and 1 MA offered in English)
- **2 Doctoral Schools** (management and business administration, regional sciences)
- Several further trainings and vocational trainings including agricultural extension trainings

The role of the Faculty in the Hungarian higher education

- The **second** in the country among the institutions specialized in business courses according to the *expertise of teachers and the proportion of lecturers with PhD title (75%)*
- **26th** among the 167 faculties in the country (2012)
- **Highest salary** for the *first-job-seeker graduates* compared to graduates of other institutions



Higher Education Quality Award, 2013



Latest data



- **More than 1000 applicants** have been admitted to our Faculty in September 2013
- The number of students admitted is approx. 35% of the total number admitted to the whole SZIU
- The number of new students in the Economic and Rural Development Agronomist Bachelor course is twice as earlier
- The number of students (over 600) admitted to management Master courses is the **second highest in Hungary**
- Over 70% of the new Master students of SZIU started their studies at our Faculty



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International knowledge-sharing activity in the field of agriculture



Rural Development Engineer (master / MSc)

The objective of the study program :

- ✓ To provide students with knowledge about agriculture, economy, management and rural sociology etc.
- ✓ To help the students understand the current problems of rural development and agriculture

through providing **high quality teaching** and **bringing them close to practice** e.g. with organizing study trips to

- different scales of farms,
- municipalities,
- rural development agencies,
- European Union institutions in Brussels, and
- our partner universities in abroad.

The wide range of skills enable the graduates to pursue different careers and adapt their knowledge to different conditions in their home countries.



Rural Development Engineer (master / MSc)

- Currently run in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and the FAO
- Scholarships offered by the Government of Hungary
- 1st graduates in 2012 (good feedback)
- Various nationalities from Europe, Africa and Asia
- It is not only about education, but cooperation with professional and government bodies

Future:

- Maintain high quality education
- More active participation in the scholarship program
- Increased attention on state scholarship programs (e.g. Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan) or other financial sources for students (International Visegrad Fund)
- Initiate cooperations with international professional organizations, higher education/research institutions etc.



Strategic objectives

- To maintain the high quality of teaching
- To increase the number of students (including the foreign students as well – 5% at the moment)
- To expand and deepen the international relations
 - ➔ opening to Eastern-Europe (participating in education fairs and expos in Baku and Yekaterinburg)
- To initiate more national and international research projects, publications



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