Faculty of Medicine is part of The University of Ostrava which was founded on 28 September 1991. Its origins can be traced back to 1953, when a training college for future primary school teachers was opened in the nearby town of Opava. Since its foundation twenty years ago, the University has provided a much-needed focus for the study and research of humanities and social sciences, helping to redress a historic imbalance in a region traditionally dominated by heavy industry and technical studies. The Faculty of Medicine was established in September 2010. Its history is closely connected with the Medical-Social Faculty of the University of Ostrava, which was established in 1993. In 2008 the Medical-Social Faculty was divided into two faculties: the Faculty of Social Studies and the Faculty of Health Studies. The Faculty of Health Studies was transformed into the Medical Faculty in 2010. The Faculty currently has more than 1200 students studying in eleven Bachelor degree study fields, one six-year Master's and five standard Master's study fields. The degree programmes provided by the Faculty cover the complete range of allied and nursing medical professions, ranging from social sciences-oriented specializations to those related to medical technology and laboratories.