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# Medical University Pleven

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## International Prospectus

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*Non Sibi Sed Omnibus  
Not for oneself but for all*

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## WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE IN MEDICINE

I want to express my satisfaction that you are interested in studying at Medical University - Pleven, which is one of the most dynamic and advanced higher medical educational institutions in Bulgaria.

Choosing the right place to study is one of the most important steps in a person's life. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our academic community. Our members from all over the world, are united by the desire to learn, discover, create and make a difference.

Medical University - Pleven is an institution of academic excellence, having a community of distinguished scholars and professors with high standards and personal responsibility in teaching and research. For over forty years we have been offering high-quality education to medical doctors and health professionals, equipping them with all the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to meet the challenges of healthcare in the 21st century.

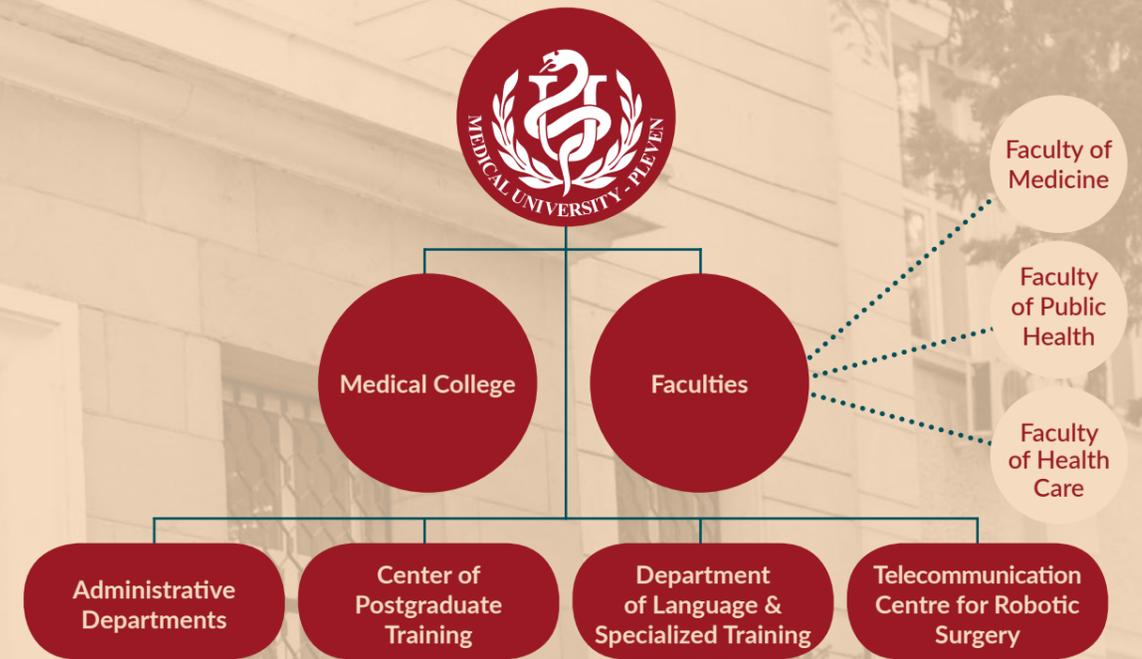
From your first day at Medical University - Pleven we will show you that even though our educational institution is young, it is growing and developing very fast, with an emphasis on implementing advanced technologies in education and clinical practice. Our medical school has two robotic systems for performing robot-assisted surgery with simulators for training and research. This ranks us among the leading European educational centers in robotics surgery. We are advancing the practice of robotic surgery, performing Live Surgery in 3D format at our own Telecommunication Endoscopic Center. This facility, which houses its own dedicated experimental operating room, is our unique emblem within the country and abroad.

Medical University - Pleven is committed to celebrating cultural diversity and in 1997 was the first university in Bulgaria to introduce a Medicine program taught in English, bringing the benefits of medical education to a broader group of aspiring medical professionals from across the globe.

As newly-admitted students at our university, you are embarking on a significant period of transition in your life, in which you will be challenged intellectually, enriched academically and rewarded, both personally and professionally.

Welcome to the start of an exciting journey together.

Professor Slavcho TOMOV, MD, PhD, D, Sc  
Rector of MU-Pleven



## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY PLEVEN

Established in 1974, Medical University Pleven has always prided itself on being an innovative university, committed to training the world's future medical professionals who will carry the meaning of our motto, Non Sibi Sed Omnibus (not for oneself but for all) with them in their future careers.

As a truly international and research intensive university, Medical University Pleven recognizes the importance of constantly developing its education and facilities, to provide students with the knowledge and skills to make a positive contribution to the ever changing health needs of an increasingly globalized society.

Every year we are delighted to welcome an increasingly diverse enrollment of students and are one of the most popular medical universities in Europe. Students from over forty-five countries choose Medical University Pleven.

We are honored that so many students choose Medical University Pleven as the first step to their careers in medicine and our commitment to all of our students is enshrined in our core values of:

1. Providing high quality, research informed education with a commitment to serving the community.
2. Creating a stimulating environment for learning which supports the continuing professional development of all students.
3. Encouraging individual excellence and collaborative creativity.
4. Engendering a culture of team work and a belonging to the institutional and wider academic community.
5. Observing the highest ethical standards in education, research and public activity.



Professor Angelina Stoyanova – Vice Dean



Mrs Petya Radeva – Admission Officer



Miss Maya Minova – Admission Officer

# MEDICINE PROGRAM

Medicine has been taught in English at Medical University Pleven since 1997 and was the first English taught medicine program in Bulgaria. The program has grown in scope and scale and now the university welcomes around one hundred and seventy students per year from all over the world.



The program opens the door for hundreds of students who share the passion and determination for a career in Medicine. Designed for students graduating from high school, the program is a combined undergraduate and graduate education in medical science.

The program is six years in length comprising of three parts:

- Pre-Clinical Studies
- Clinical Studies
- A one year internship

## Academic Year

The Academic year starts in February every year, consisting of two semesters of 16 weeks. Each Semester concludes with an assessment period lasting between 30 – 45 days.

The summer vacation normally runs from the second week of July until the second week of September. You will also have two, one week vacations for Christmas and the Bulgarian Easter period.

## Language

While all teaching and assessment at the university is in English, during the first three years of your studies you will learn Bulgarian. This is an essential part of the program and when you commence the clinical part of your training, you will begin to communicate with patients in Bulgarian.

Learning our language is an enjoyable part of studying at Pleven. The university is here to support you and there are ample opportunities to develop your language skills away from the classroom.

## What we look for

At Medical University Pleven, we want students who are going to grow into ambassadors for the university and the medical profession.

- Are you able to tackle problems head on and effectively deal with the academic and clinical challenges you are going to face in your education and career as a doctor?
- Are you able to maintain integrity and professionalism regardless of the situation you find yourself in?
- Are you the type of person who sees challenges as opportunities for self-development?
- Are you compassionate, putting your patients at the heart of everything you do?

If the answer is yes, then Medical University Pleven is here to work with you to fulfill your aspirations to be a world-class doctor.

Contributions to the medicine program come from all sections of university departments:

- Anatomy, Histology, Cytology and Biology
- General Biology and Pathological Physiology
- Experimental & Clinical Pharmacology, Dermatology and Venereology
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Microbiology, Virology and Medical Genetics
- General and Clinical pathology
- Neurology and Neurosurgery
- Roentgenology and Radiology
- Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases
- Propaedeutics of Internal Diseases
- Surgical Diseases
- Cardiology, Pulmonology and Endocrinology
- Nephrology, Hematology and Gastroenterology
- Anesthesiology, Resuscitation and Care
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Otolaryngology
- Oncology
- Foreign languages



# CURRICULUM

For the specialty Medicine for educational qualification Master's degree - duration of study 6 /5+1/ years  
Medical University - Pleven, Faculty of Medicine

No	Compulsory disciplines	State requirements (total academic hrs)	15 acad. weeks		Total credits
			Lectures	Practicals	
1	Cytology and Histology	90	60	30	6
2	Physics	90	45	45	6
3	Chemistry	90	45	45	6
4	Biology	105	45	60	7
5	Latin language with Medical Terminology	60	0	60	4.5
6	Anatomy	315	90	225	16
7	Biophysics	60	30	30	6
8	Physical Education and Sports		0	120	4
	Bulgarian language		0	510	6
9	Physiology	195	75	120	11
10	Biochemistry	180	90	90	10.5
11	Social Medicine and Medical Ethics	120	30	60	6.5
			15	15	2.5
12	Microbiology	135	60	75	10.5
13	Medical Genetics	60	30	30	4
14	Pathological Physiology	105	45	60	6
15	Pathoanatomy and Cytopathology	210	90	120	12
16	General and Operative Surgery	165	60	105	9
17	Propeudeutics of Internal Diseases	240	75	165	12.5
18	Hygiene, Ecology and Occupational Diseases	150	75	75	9
19	Roentgenology and Radiology	105	45	60	6
20	Disaster Medicine	45	30	15	2.5
21	Pharmacology	150	60	90	7.5
22	Otorhinolaryngology	90	45	45	5
23	Ophthalmology	75	45	30	4
24	Obstetrics and Gynecology	210	75	135	10
25	Neurology	120	60	60	5.5
26	Orthopedics and Traumatology	90	30	60	5
27	Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care	60	30	30	3
	Internal Diseases and Therapy, Clinical Laboratory and Immunology		195	405	33.5
	IDT - Clinical Laboratory		30	30	3.5
	IDT - Pulmology		30	60	5
	IDT - Endocrinology		15	45	3
28	IDT - Cardiology	600	45	90	7
	IDT - Gastroenterology		30	60	5.5
	IDT - Nephrology		15	45	3.5
	IDT - Hematology		15	45	3.5
	IDT - Immunology		15	30	2.5
29	Neurosurgery		8	8	1
30	Surgery Diseases & Oncology	270	90	180	13.5
31	Dermatology and Venerology	90	30	60	5
32	Urology	45	15	30	3
33	Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation	45	15	30	3
34	General Medicine	60	15	45	3
35	Forensic Medicine and Deontology	75	30	45	4.5
36	Pediatrics	210	60	150	11
37	Epidemiology, Infectious Diseases, Medical Parasitology and Tropical Medicine	150	60	90	7.5
38	Psychiatry	75	30	45	4.5
39	Clinical Pharmacology	30	15	15	2
<b>Total hours:</b>		<b>4965</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>295</b>

## Optional and Facultative subjects

1	Informatics	15	15	1.5
2	Medical Psychology	15	15	1.5
3	Medical Statistics	15	15	1.5
4	Training in Communication Skills	4	26	1.5
5	Clinical Allergology	15	15	1
6	Clinical Toxicology	15	15	1
7	Emergency Medicine	30	45	2
8	Oncology	30	45	2
<b>Total hours:</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>12</b>
1	Parasitology - protozoa and helminths	8	12	1
2	Course in Medical Latin language	0	30	1
3	Topographic Anatomy and Image Diagnostics	16	14	1
4	Clinical Homeopathy - treatment method	22	0	1
5	Physiology of Physical Work and Valuation of the Functional Capacity of the Human Body	15	0	1
6	Neurosurgery	16	0	1
7	Tropical Medicine	10	0	1
8	Pathological biochemistry	15	15	1
9	Acupuncture	15	15	1
10	Sports Medicine	30	15	1
11	Mini-invasive manipulations in medical practice	15	30	2
12	Physical Education and Sports - specialized	0	60	2
13	Pulmonary Medicine	16	0	1
14	Global Health	10	5	1
<b>Total hours:</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>16</b>

## Clinical Practices

No	Practice in:	Duration	Term	Credits
1	Internal Disease and Surgery Diseases	4 weeks	after 3rd year	5
2	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Endocrinology, Pulmology, Neurology	4 weeks	after 4th year	5

## State Clinical Practice/Internship

No	Discipline	Duration	Credits
1	Internal Diseases	12 weeks	14
2	Obstetrics and Gynecology	7 weeks	10
3	Surgery Diseases	10 weeks	12
4	Pediatrics	6 weeks	8
5	Hygiene, Infectious diseases, Epidemiology and Social medicine	7 weeks	10
6	Emergency cases in Medicine	3 weeks	3
7	Optional Clinical Practice	3 weeks	3

# REGULATION

Medical University Pleven is a self-governed, accredited state university and regarded as one of Bulgaria's leading medical institutions.



All programs at the University are accredited and recognized by the Ministry of Education and Science and by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency at the Council of Ministers. This Agency monitors the ability of institutions to provide high quality education and scientific research and is a full member of the following two European bodies:

- The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education – ENQA
- The European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education – EQAR

## International Recognition

The medicine program at Medical University Pleven is recognized across the world and we are proud that many of Medical University Pleven graduates are working at the cutting edge of medical practice in a variety of countries.

European graduates are eligible to apply for full registration with the regulatory bodies (e.g. the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom) in all member states of the European Economic Area.

Graduates from Medical University Pleven are also eligible to apply to sit for the United States Medical Licensing Examinations to work in the USA as well as the Medical Council of India examinations.

Medical University Pleven is included in the World Directory of Medical Schools.

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The university implements a blended learning approach that progressively awards the student greater autonomy as they progress through the program.



There is a special focus on practical and small group teaching. This is supported by large group lectures covering theoretical aspects of the program, seminars and tutorials as required by individuals or small groups.

While many universities have abandoned full body dissection as part of their anatomical training, we believe this is an invaluable way of learning anatomy. You will have the opportunity to study your anatomy in unbeatable detail in the specialized dissection halls at the university

## ASSESSMENT

During the program you will be assessed by various methods aligned to the knowledge and skills acquired during the teaching modules.

Continuous assessment is implemented across the program and you will be expected to prepare for small tests, assignments, as well as individual and group projects and presentations.

Summative assessments are held at the end of each semester with varied assessment strategies utilized including:

- Oral examination
- Written examination
- Multiple choice papers
- Practical skills assessments

Following the internship year (year six) you will sit for your state licensing examinations, which is made up of theoretical and practical components.



“Students are fully supported by professors and assistants. They are always available to help with any problems you have.”  
Vinoos - India

# PLEVEN

The northern Bulgarian town of Pleven is the ideal place to study towards your future career in medicine. As the seventh biggest town in Bulgaria, it is large enough to provide all of the modern entertainment services that you require but retains its atmosphere and natural beauty, making it a vibrant yet safe environment.



“When I first came to Pleven I didn't know what to expect and had never been to Bulgaria before. I found a rich and interesting culture which you will realize soon after coming to study here.”  
Shannon - UK



In 1877, Pleven was the site of a siege that was the turning point in the liberation of Bulgaria from the Ottoman Empire. While the town possesses many monuments to the siege, the largest of these is the Pleven Panorama, which is the third largest panorama painting in the world. This is an essential place to see when you first arrive in Pleven.

Although you may not have heard of this battle, at the time it was read about across the world and to this day is remembered in many countries. Today five towns in the USA and Canada are named Plevna; the old name of modern day Pleven.

Modern Pleven provides you with a vast array of services. You will be spoilt for choice with the array of cafés, bars and restaurants spread across the town. Modern shopping malls are found in Pleven and you will find many of the shops and services you would expect to find in any modern European city.

Pleven is also well positioned for you to make the most of your free time. The spa and ski resorts of the Balkan mountains are to the south and in the spring and summer students often head East to the beaches of the Black Sea coast. Pleven is a major transport hub for Bulgaria, with direct trains to Sofia and Bucharest in Romania.

Pleven has developed a reputation for providing specialist medical and healthcare, with specialist medical centers dotted around the town. The University plays a major role in this industry with the Telecommunication Endoscopy Center for robotic surgery being a major draw for surgeons specializing in this cutting edge surgical approach.



Pleven Panorama

## AROUND PLEVEN

Pleven and its surroundings are rich in opportunities for relaxation and exploration.



## PLEVEN PANORAMA

Officially known as the Pleven Epopee 1877, this building dominates the Pleven skyline. The museum was opened in December of 1977 to mark 100 years since the Siege of Pleven.

The centerpiece of this monument is the huge Panorama painting, which was created by thirteen artists from Russia and Bulgaria. While Pleven has nearly two hundred monuments to this battle, the Panorama is by far the largest and most well known.

Other rooms in this impressive building depict the period preceding the battle and then the retreat and eventual surrender of the occupying Ottoman army which had been present in Bulgaria for nearly 500 years.

Situated in Skobelev Park, you can visit the Panorama and walk directly through the park into the center of Pleven.

“It really didn't take me long to adapt. The students and teachers are ready to help you.”  
Suprabha - UK



## KAYLAKA PARK

On the southern outskirts of Pleven, you will find Kaylaka. This park is spread over ten square kilometers and boasts sheer cliffs that are popular with rock climbers, tennis courts, cycle paths, hiking trails, as well as lakes and reservoirs, which offer opportunities for those interested in boating.

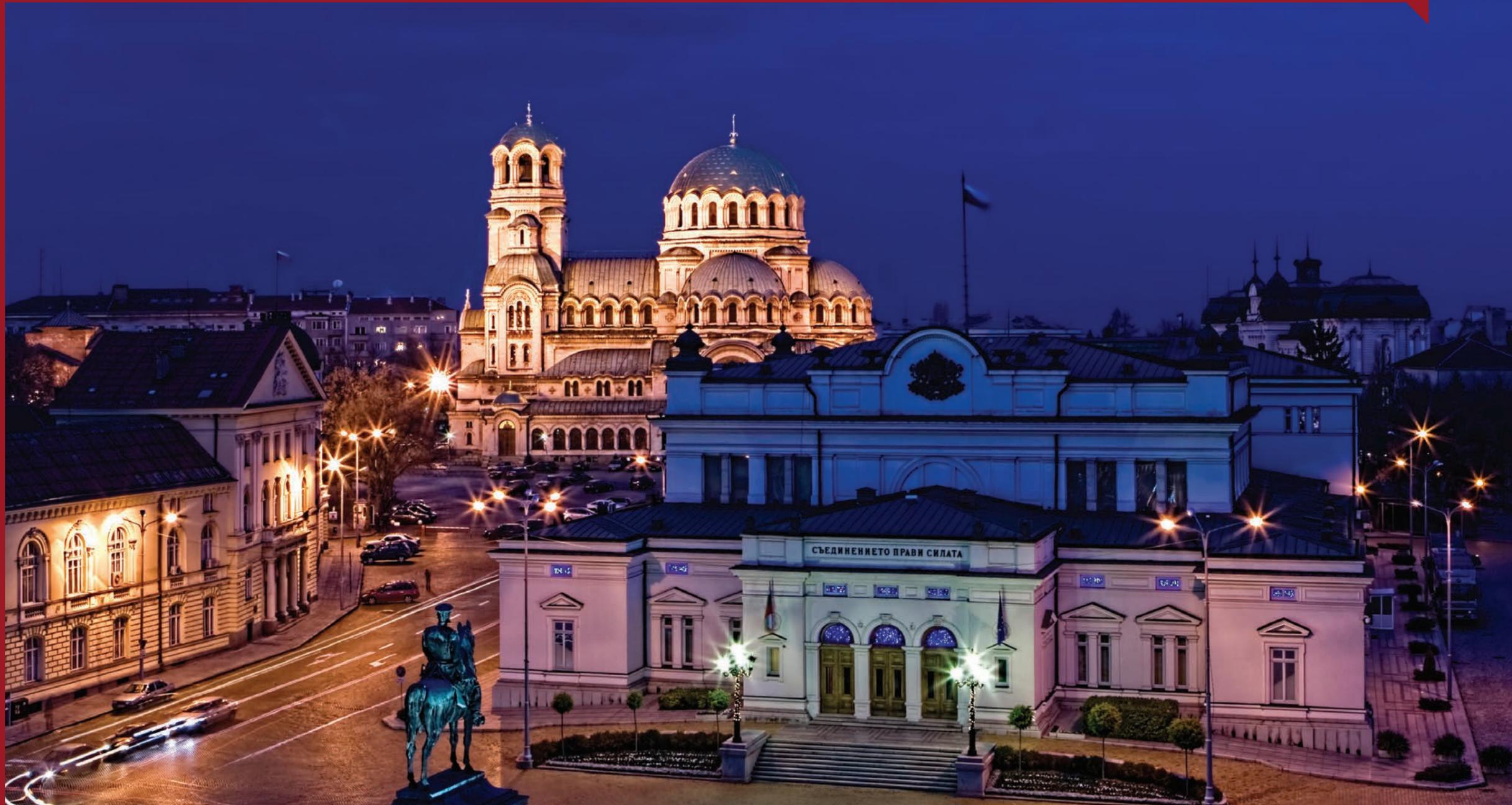
In the spring and summer the park is extremely busy and boasts its own restaurants, cafes, hotels, spas and an outdoor swimming pool. This makes it very popular with students at weekends and it presents a welcome break from studies.



# BULGARIA

'When God created the Earth and gave all goods of nature to different countries, some took the beautiful mountains; some took the generous lands, and others the azure coasts and seas. And when finally it was Bulgaria's turn everything had already been given and there was nothing left. So, God took a piece of paradise and gave it to Bulgaria.'

Arguably one of Europe's oldest countries, Bulgaria can trace its rich history back to neo-lithic times. Situated in South Eastern Europe, Bulgaria borders Romania to the North, Serbia and Macedonia to the West and Greece and Turkey to the South. This geographical location has been a crossroads for many cultures including the Thracian, Greek, and Roman and Ottoman empires. This history has left its mark, making modern Bulgaria a country rich in cultural diversity but at the same time retaining its own distinctive culture. While over eighty percent of the population would consider themselves Orthodox Christian, around thirteen percent of the country follow the Islamic faith and sizable minority of Jews and other Christian denominations practice their faith openly in what is an ethnically diverse and tolerant community.

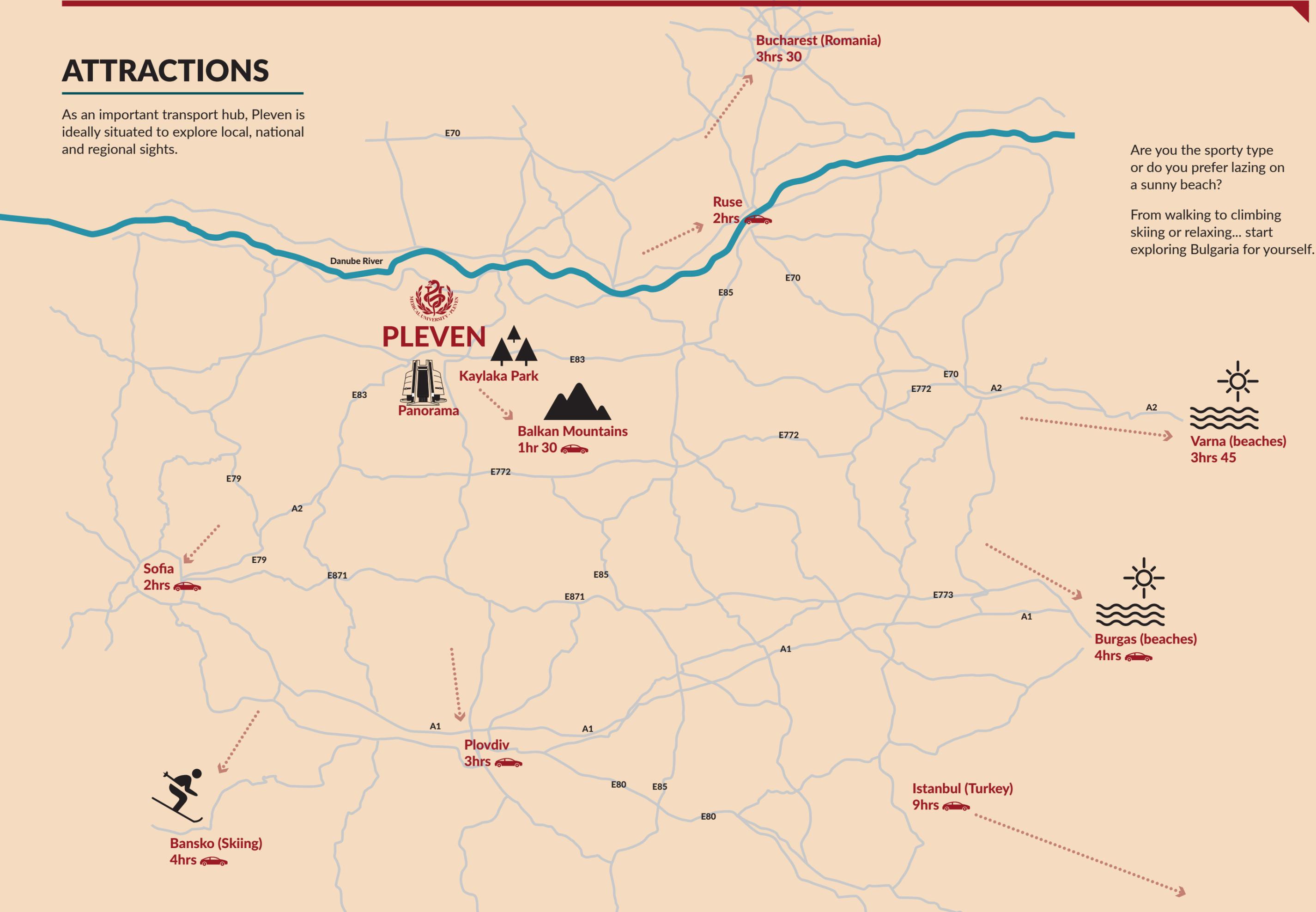


It doesn't take students long to experience the opportunities available on their doorstep. Whether this is spending lazy weekends in the spas of the Balkan foothills, skiing in the various mountain resorts or soaking up the sun at the Black Sea beaches near Varna and Burgas.

Bulgaria is the birthplace of the Cyrillic alphabet, which is used in both the Bulgarian and Russian languages and shares some similarities with aspects of the Greek alphabet. Bulgarian is the official language, with English also being widely spoken and taught to children in Bulgaria's schools. It is also common to hear French, German, Spanish and Russian spoken by locals and visitors alike.

# ATTRACTIONS

As an important transport hub, Plevén is ideally situated to explore local, national and regional sights.



Are you the sporty type or do you prefer lazing on a sunny beach?

From walking to climbing skiing or relaxing... start exploring Bulgaria for yourself.



“ At first I Wondered whether Pleven was the right place for me to study. After my sixth year I realized that my practice is really excellent. Everything we do is directly related to patient care. ”  
 Sercan - Turkey

## FACILITIES

As a state university, we are aware of the need to constantly develop our facilities and provide you with access to high quality infrastructure for your studies. Every year we invest in learning technology to benefit all students at all levels in the university.

### Library

The central library of Medical University Pleven provides you with all the resources to support your studies. It is the only dedicated medical library for the Northwest and Central-North Bulgaria and has been supporting the work of the university and the university hospital since the university was inaugurated over forty years ago.

You will have access to a broad range of physical and electronic resources to support and enhance your learning as you progress through the course. This includes all the major medical journals, latest textbooks, e-books and literature search databases.

The Library benefits from a dedicated periodical reading room, IT suite and a dedicated copy center.



## FACILITIES

### Sport

Sport is an integral part of the curriculum, and the university boasts its own dedicated sports center. This center - renovated in 2014 - provides students with the opportunity to engage in various sports including football, volleyball, tennis, badminton, basketball and table tennis.

The university even has its own ski and snowboard club, which makes regular trips to Bulgaria's world famous ski resorts.

“There are so many extracurricular and social activities to get involved with here including paintball. Students also get involved with philanthropic activity, helping those less fortunate than us.

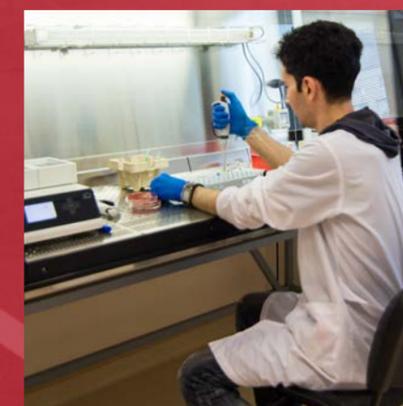
Levin - Germany”



### Telecommunication Endoscopy Center

Located in a purpose built facility, the Telecommunication Endoscopy Centre for Robotic Surgery is the first of its kind in the Balkans and was opened in 2007 by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria. The center includes two ultra modern auditoria, one of which benefits from a direct video conferencing facility, enabling you to observe live surgery and ask questions to surgeons during live operations.

The rest of the center is dedicated to the training of surgeons in the Da Vinci-S surgical system with surgical simulators and a specialized surgical room for doctors to advance their surgical skills.



## STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Students at medical University Pleven are given the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of personal and professional development opportunities. Two student organizations play an active role in the day to day running and development of the university and actively engage with the university management for the benefit of all students.

**The Students' Council** represents the common interests of all students, providing feedback to the academic council, informing strategic development at the university and on medicine program.

One of the most active associations is **The Association of Medical Students in Pleven**. This organization unites all the students at the university and is a member of the **Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria** and the **International Federation of Medical Students' Associations**. The association seeks to raise the profile and development of medical education, organizing seminars, forums and engaging with other medical students across the world.

## CONFERENCES

Since 2001 the domestic and international students at the university have organized the **International Medical Scientific Conference for Students and Young Doctors**. This conference grows yearly and now involves speakers who travel to Pleven from across the world to share the latest research and development findings.

This offers students at Pleven the unique opportunity to get actively involved with research early into their medical studies; providing a platform for professional development and to establish global connections that can advance their careers.

The strength of the work presented at this conference has allowed Medical University Pleven students to take their work to conferences across the world.

## MOBILITY AND EXCHANGE

The university has a long history of engaging with a diverse range of international institutions. As a student at the university, you will have the opportunity to get involved with collaborative scientific research, summer internships and international exchange programs.

Medical University Pleven is a chartered member of the Erasmus program meaning students can benefit from the varied exchange opportunities this program offers.



# APPLICATIONS AND ENROLLMENT

Applications can be made to the university directly or through one of the university's many approved representatives.

The English taught program enrolls every February with applications to be made by 1st October of the previous calendar year.

**How to Apply:** The following documents should be submitted to the university or to one of the university's appointed representatives.

1. Completed application form
2. A medical certificate stating that you are **"free from any communicable disease and have sufficient mental and physical health to pursue Medical studies"**.
  - a. Applicants from outside of the European Union will need to have this document legalized and issued with an apostille certificate. If your country is not able to issue apostille certificates, this document must be legalized in your country and also legalized by the nearest Bulgarian embassy.
3. Six recently taken color passport size photographs.
4. Copy of the personal details page of your passport
5. Secondary-school-leaving certificate
  - a. Biology and Chemistry must have been studied and an average mark of 62% across these subjects is required to be considered for a place on the medicine program.
  - b. All applicants will need to have this document legalized and issued with an apostille certificate. If your country is not able to issue apostille certificates, this document must be legalized in your country and also legalized by the nearest Bulgarian embassy.
6. A document stating you are eligible to continue your university education in your own country
  - a. All applicants will need to have this document legalized and issued with an apostille certificate. If your country is not able to issue apostille certificates this document must be legalized in your country and also legalized by the nearest Bulgarian embassy.

## English Language Requirements

If you are from a country where English is not the official language, you will be required to demonstrate evidence of sufficient competence in English. Our usual requirements are:

Qualification	Grade
Academic IELTS	6.0
TOEFL iBT	60
Cambridge First Certificate	Pass

## Visa Requirements (Non European Union applicants)

If you are not a citizen of a European Union state, you will require a Type "D" visa to study at Medical University Pleven.

Once your documents have been received and your application deemed successful, the university will seek approval from the Ministry of Education and Science for your studies at the university.

After approval, you will need to pay the first semester tuition fees. Upon receipt of these fees the university will issue you an "Accommodation Certificate". The Ministry approval and Accommodation certificate will be sent to you so you can then apply for your visa at the nearest Bulgarian embassy.

Most embassies require the following to make an application for your visa and we would advise contacting the embassy in advance to verify this and book an appointment where this is necessary.

- Application form and two passport-size photographs
- Passport
- A certificate from the Ministry of Education and Science showing that the applicant has been admitted for tuition during the respective academic year (an original or a certified copy is required)
- A money transfer document issued by a Bulgarian bank
- The number of the bank account to which the fee has been transferred
- Evidence of accommodation and address in Bulgaria
- Evidence of sufficient funds to cover the student's living expenses.

Applicants for the visa are normally required to submit all documents at the embassy in person.

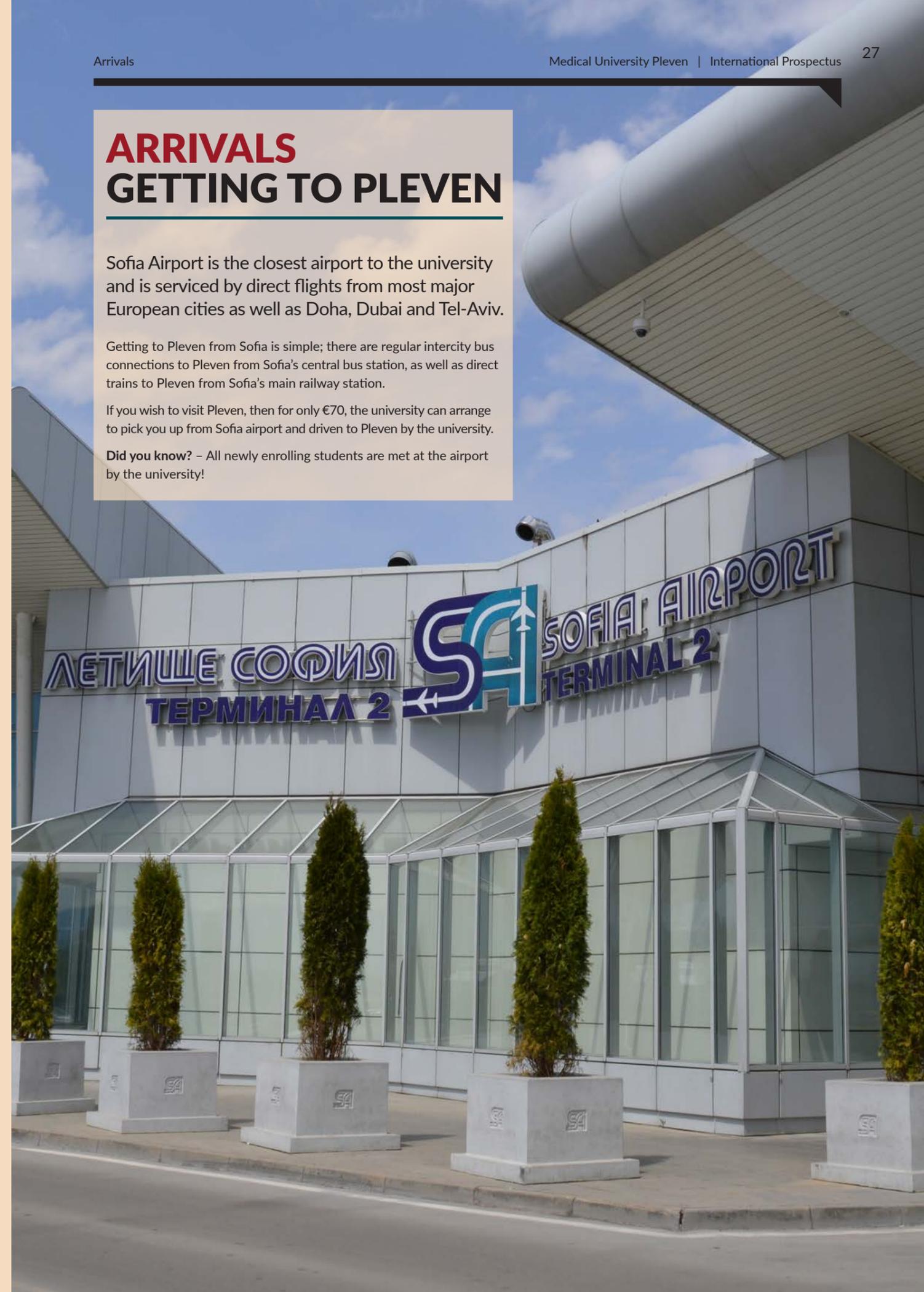
# ARRIVALS GETTING TO PLEVEN

Sofia Airport is the closest airport to the university and is serviced by direct flights from most major European cities as well as Doha, Dubai and Tel-Aviv.

Getting to Pleven from Sofia is simple; there are regular intercity bus connections to Pleven from Sofia's central bus station, as well as direct trains to Pleven from Sofia's main railway station.

If you wish to visit Pleven, then for only €70, the university can arrange to pick you up from Sofia airport and driven to Pleven by the university.

**Did you know?** – All newly enrolling students are met at the airport by the university!



## LIVING AND ACCOMMODATION

You will have a variety of accommodation options when you come to Pleven. The university has access to two hostels, which provides rooms on a room share basis with shared bathroom and cooking facilities.

Most international students decide to rent a private apartment as the cost is significantly lower than in most Western European or American cities. Apartments closer to the university can cost slightly more than those a little further away. Students can save by sharing a two-bedroom apartment with a fellow medical student.

The popularity of the university means that a range of new apartment blocks are being built.

The university has an agreement with a centrally located hotel providing a large discount if you require a short hotel stay in Pleven.



## STUDENT FINANCE

Studying at Medical University Pleven offers an affordable pathway to your career in medicine, with competitive tuition fees and lower living costs than most European cities.

Tuition fees €7000 per year (six years) payable per semester

### Estimated monthly living costs\*

Expense	Budget
Accommodation in University Hostel	€70
Private apartment	€150 - €300
Room in private apartment	€75 - €150
Utility Bills	€50
Food and general living expenses	€100 - €250
Cell phone and mobile internet	€10 - €20
Cable internet in apartment	€7
Student travel card	€8
Entertainment	Variable

\*All costs are estimated and provided as a general guide only. Medical University Pleven cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies in these estimated costs.

## STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME

(European Union students only)

If you are unable to self fund your studies, a student finance scheme underwritten by the Bulgarian Government is available through a number of banks operating in Bulgaria. This scheme pays the tuition fees while you are studying towards your medical degree.

This scheme is open to European Union students who:

1. Have not gained a degree in medicine prior to sitting for the program at Medical University Pleven
2. Are under thirty five years of age when they apply for the loan

If you wish to apply for this loan, you need to be a fully enrolled student of the university. This means you will have to pay the first semester fees yourself and reclaim this money through the student finance after your approval has been received.

Students are not required to make any repayments on this loan until one year after completion of their studies and have ten years to repay the loan in full after this period. The annual interest rate is currently fixed at 7% for the duration of the loan.

You are under no obligation to take this loan and can take it to help finance all or part of your studies.

More information on this scheme can be found by contacting the banks involved in this scheme and will be provided to you once you have enrolled at the university.

“The Bulgarian students are very open to welcoming international students to Pleven. It can be difficult to come to a new country and different culture. We enjoy meeting new students and introducing them to our university.”

Alexander - Bulgaria

## FAQS

### How much does it cost to study Medicine at Medical University Pleven?

The tuition fee is €7000 per year payable per semester. You can pay your fees by transferring the money electronically into the university account or in cash at our bank.

### What is the currency in Bulgaria?

The currency is the Bulgarian Lev, which is fixed to the Euro at a rate of 1.95583, so around two Lev is equivalent to one Euro.

### How can I open a bank account in Bulgaria?

Opening a bank account is relatively simple and some banks have special accounts for students. To open an account, simply take your passport, evidence of your Bulgarian residential address and some Bulgarian Lev with you. There is usually a small fee to open a bank account and you will receive a debit card roughly one week from opening your account.

Most hotels, supermarkets and shops accept credit cards.

### Are there any scholarships available?

Unfortunately there are no scholarships available to study at Medical University Pleven.

### Will my mobile/cell phone work in Bulgaria?

Any tri-band phone or smart phone will work in Bulgaria and you can purchase a pre-paid SIM from any of the major providers of mobile services. Simply pop this into your unlocked phone and you will have a Bulgarian number. Alternatively, you can arrange a mobile contract should you wish to.

### How good is the Internet in Bulgaria?

Bulgarians enjoy one of the fastest internet connections in the world.

Most restaurants, cafes and other entertainment establishments provide free WiFi for patrons.





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