



2018-2019

# Rector's Report



## 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.



After his return from Soviet prisons, Patriarch Josyf Slipyj's priority was to initiate the construction of two institutions in Rome – St. Sophia Cathedral and the Ukrainian Catholic University. In 2019, we mark the 50th anniversary of the cathedral's consecration. The historical structure of Pope St. Clement Ukrainian Catholic University, located next to the cathedral, was consecrated three years earlier, in 1966.





## 'Truth and Love of Learning Gather in the Scattered.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

St. Sophia Cathedral in Rome, a great church, was consecrated in Rome 50 years ago. It is next to Pope St. Clement Ukrainian Catholic University. This was planned by their common founder and builder, Patriarch Josyf Slipyj. It became a place of hope and strength for millions of Ukrainians scattered by war over all the continents. By developing ecclesiastical and scholarly institutions, Patriarch Josyf strove to overcome the feeling of inferiority and confusion of many Ukrainians after the defeat of liberation movements and forced emigration. The inscription at the front of UCU in Rome, "Truth and love of learning gather in the scattered," best expresses its founder's great desire to work to gather the people, to preserve their national and ecclesial identity, for the renewal of liberty and confirming Ukraine's independent statehood.

This heritage both obliges and inspires. It encourages our university, with limited resources, the challenges of internal growth, and the uneasy maturation of the Ukrainian state, to foster the international dimension of our activities. We are still only at the beginning of the transformation of UCU into a global university, but we believe in this calling which our founder prophetically set in its DNA, creating UCU branches in London, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other corners of the world.

No one could perform such a task alone. UCU rejoices in its partnership of many years with the University of Notre Dame, thanks to which nearly 30 teachers and staff of UCU have had the opportunity to become more closely acquainted with the experience of creating one of the world's best Catholic universities. This year, the University of Notre Dame presented a prestigious award to Archbishop Borys Gudziak, President of UCU. This award recognizes those who embody the university's highest ideals, work in the field of education, defend the faith, speak for justice, and serve society's needs. This is a sign of great joy and honor both for our university and our whole Church, because this international recognition creates an invaluable forum for spreading the Gospel's Good News through the whole world. Also, this year our president was appointed the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia. The new ministry of the President of UCU also opens new prospects to deepen our cooperation with American universities, in particular Catholic ones.

An important consequence of this cooperation was the introduction of the Worldview Core program for students of all bachelor's degree programs. Thanks to this program, which engages the university's best teachers and is built on a liberal arts principle, graduates will acquire practical skills and worldview formation, which will distinguish them as graduates of UCU.

Our students are more and more frequently participating in academic exchange programs with

partner universities abroad. 143 students took part in seasonal schools/internships abroad (8% of all UCU students), and 51 students studied for a whole semester abroad (3% of all students). It is very important that our students take part and win global competitions. There are many examples. In particular, the CardioVision team, composed of graduates and students of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, won Microsoft's AI Idea Challenge Contest. Our students presented a method to improve the diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases.

In this, our students take an example of our teachers, of whom one of out five in the 2018-2019 academic year, one out of five took part in various programs abroad: they taught; conducted research and undertook internships; and presented at conferences.

UCU is a hospitable place that invites international teachers and students. Last year, 143 foreign teachers visited UCU, gave public lectures, and taught full or partial courses, 64% of them pro bono. Representatives of 17 countries took part in the Data Science Summer School. In total, 157 foreign students and 48 foreign volunteers participated or helped at UCU summer schools.

Our international cooperation is growing and this would not be possible without our partners and benefactors. We are glad that they support us in Australia, where some 390 people took part at events in support of UCU in Melbourne and Sydney. International

organizations support us. For example, - UCU is receiving a loan of \$6.2 million from the American government's development institution OPIC (Overseas Private Investment Corporation) to build Collegium II, where 300 students will reside. The students will be able to move into this attractive building in September 2020. In addition to the dormitory rooms, Collegium II will house a fitness center and a two-story student center. This will allow more students to take part in the life of the university, participating in the activities of the student government and 19 student organizations.

Much has been done, but much is still ahead. The process of finalizing UCU's development strategy to 2025 continues. Our plans include a number of new goals for growth in education and research and strengthening the quality of cooperation with international and Ukrainian universities. In conclusion, I want to recall that one of the university's important priorities is strengthening its identity through relying on the experience of our predecessors.

UCU has not forgotten its history, an inseparable part of which is the legacy of the great Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. So it is an important principle for us that his wisdom be loudly heard by the coming generations, in particular by our students, the future leaders of society and of Ukraine and the world.

To work!

**Rev. Bohdan Prach, PhD**  
Rector of UCU

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**REV. JOHN JENKINS**

*President, University of Notre Dame*

**BORYS GUDZIAK**

*President of UCU, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia*

UCU inspires the world with stories of martyrs for the faith. It urges people to listen to persons with special needs and helps heal society in a country which suffered dehumanization and repression which particularly touched the Church. This university is a symbol of hope.

REV. JOHN JENKINS



## Archbishop Borys Gudziak

### Receives University of Notre Dame Award

The Notre Dame Award is a prestigious laurel from America's University of Notre Dame which honors those who represent the university's highest ideals, work in the field of education and faith, strive for social justice, and serve the needs of society.

The University of Notre Dame states that by honoring Borys Gudziak, they honor his farsighted ministry to Ukraine and the world, which has fostered the growth of a Catholic academic community which supports freedom, education, and human dignity.

Borys Gudziak is the first Ukrainian-American to receive this award which was established in 1992. Previous recipients of the Notre Dame Award have included U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife; St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; politician John Hume of Northern Ireland; Cardinal Vinko Puljić, archbishop of Sarajevo; L'Arche community founder Jean Vanier; and Brazilian judge Sérgio Moro, praised for his determination and fairness in considering cases against his country's top politicians, oligarchs, and corrupt figures.

"This is a great honor, for me, our university, and our whole Church. And it's a great joy, a sign of closeness and communion. The University of Notre Dame is perhaps the most famous Catholic university in the world. It belongs to the best universities in the USA and the world. It is known as Catholic and, at the same time, is on a high academic level. The Catholic Church is the institution which has the longest continuity in the world: 2000 years of global presence. The very idea of a university is the offspring of the Catholic Church. This gesture by the University of Notre Dame demonstrates that this American university is aware of you and me, here in Ukraine, of our situation: issues of war, poverty, emigration. This university is interested in us. I propose that we, Catholic universities, together meditate on how these institutions with continuity, Church and university, can again unite in a combined struggle to lift up humanity in this very difficult time, when tension and fear, conflicts and wars are growing," said Archbishop Borys Gudziak after receiving his award.



### 'Faith and Freedom': UCU and the University of Notre Dame Begin a Joint Project on Religion's Role in Building Society

On June 29th, at the Ukrainian Catholic University, in addition to the University of Notre Dame honoring UCU President Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia Borys Gudziak, the Faith and Freedom Project was also presented. This project should deepen the many years of cooperation between the two universities. And should become the closest joint initiative in the context of the Memorandum on Cooperation signed by UCU and Notre Dame during the ceremony. The Faith and Freedom Project will study the role of religion in building civil society.

"We will pose with exemplary academic rigor a whole set of questions about the role of various religious groups — Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish and others — in Central and Eastern European societies. We will launch an academic study into the ways contemporary religious actors affect civil society," said William Donahue, Director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies during the symposium.

William Donahue also expressed his hope that Notre Dame can gain much from the experience of UCU for the Ukrainian Catholic University has established close ecumenical connections with the Orthodox and other churches in Ukraine. "In addition, the community of the university actively participated in the Revolution of

Dignity, bravely standing up in defense of democracy and human dignity," summed up the director of the Nanovic Institute.

We recall that the Faith and Freedom Project became important as a result of the many years of productive cooperation between UCU and the University of Notre Dame, which began in 2003, when UCU joined an initiative to create a consortium, the Catholic Universities Partnership (CUP). This project aims at re-thinking and renewing Catholic higher education in today's culture. In addition, in the 15 years of cooperation, some 30 scholars and staff of UCU have taken part in semester, month-long, and short-term internships at the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. On the other hand, almost every year, graduates of Notre Dame volunteer at UCU's English-language summer school and teach UCU students in English during the school year. It is also worth mentioning that in 2013, during the Revolution of Dignity, University of Notre Dame President Rev. John Jenkins expressed public support of the UCU community and all the protesters in response to the brutal use of force on Independence Square by the Ukrainian government of the time.



## The Place of His Presence: What Do the Sheptytsky Center and the Figure of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Have in Common?

Adrian Slywotzky, one of the world's leading business thinkers, called Sheptytsky an exceptional moral leader of his time: "When you get to know him more deeply, you realize that, together with Gandhi and Mandela, he is one of the leading moral authorities of the 20th century. He is also a leader in ideas and spiritual and moral matters for all ages, especially that in which we ourselves live today."

A striking and essential example of the vitality of the metropolitan's ideas today is UCU's Sheptytsky Center. Our university decided to continue what Andrey Sheptytsky was daily concerned about in a building that is a true monument to the metropolitan. This structure recently celebrated its second year in operation.

The structure and activities of the center incarnate the university community's openness and ministry to all society. As Andrey Sheptytsky tirelessly worked to unite people of various social statuses, opportunities, and environments, so the Sheptytsky Center today is a unique forum for encounter by those who in daily life are often distant from one another. The center is open to business people, educators, civic activists, and persons with special needs.

"And so they called Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, the ethnarch of the Ukrainian people in Halychyna. He remembered and took care of the interests of all classes and categories," stated UCU Vice-Rector for University Mission Myroslav Marynovych. "He could not conceive a social order in which one of the members of society suffered some injustice. So he saw that just order as a

community of people united around the idea of serving the common good and the needy. So the Sheptytsky Center, like the whole Ukrainian Catholic University, is open to all, without exception, especially people with special needs."

Sheptytsky was a great respecter of books, and the center's main accent is as a library: modern, with comfortable spaces for getting acquainted with a book.

"Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who knew the power of the word, with trembling approached books, which were bearers of words," confirms Myroslav Marynovych. "Book collections were a place for his inspiration and spiritual consolation. As such, it's logical and natural to unite Andrey Sheptytsky's name with UCU's new library, which from its first days was not only a book depository but a great information center and powerful 'boiler' for new ideas. Not in vain did St. Pope John Paul II consecrate UCU's cornerstone a few meters from today's Sheptytsky Center, because this is where the Pope's prophetic words were fulfilled: 'Wisdom built her home here.'"

In this way, the Sheptytsky Center has become for many a place of encounter, education, and the birthplace of ideas. From January to September 2019, the center was visited by more than 300 thousand people. During the exam period from 20 May to 20 June, the Sheptytsky Center was open 24/7. During the year, the Sheptytsky Center also organized more than 120 of its own events and hosted large international functions.

## Building Projects



↑ The new collegium will be home to more than 300 students. In addition to the dormitory rooms, Collegium II will also have a fitness center and a two-story student center.



↑ A new sports field was built thanks to the support of friends and benefactors at the annual charitable folk-ball Perelaz.



## UCU Graduates Elected to Parliament

As a result of Ukraine's extraordinary parliamentary elections, seven graduates of the Ukrainian Catholic University became national deputies in Ukraine's Parliament. They are: Halyna Vasylchenko, a graduate of UCU's Good Governance Program in 2014 and also the UCU Lviv Business School and UCU's Institute of Leadership; Natalia Pipa, a 2014 graduate of the Non-Profit Management Program and Good Governance in 2015; Roman Lozynskyi, Master's in Public Administration, 2017; Pavlo Bakunets, a 2009 graduate of the History Program of the Humanities Faculty; Oleksyi Movchan, Master's in Public Administration, 2019; Andriy Osadchuk, a 2019 graduate of the Academy of Leadership for Development (co-organized by the Stamford University Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, the Center For International Private Enterprise, and the UCU School of Public Administration); and Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, a 2018 graduate of the Academy of Leadership for Development.



Valentyna Zasadko, director of the UCU School of Public Administration, comments on the successes of former UCU students, among whom are a number of the school's graduates: "All these people are eager to develop their projects for qualitative changes in Ukraine. Inasmuch as all of them were elected for the future convocation of the Parliament of Ukraine, they now are even more actively involved in the country's political life. Of course, we are proud of their success, for this demonstrates that a significant part of the population has trust in them. I expect that in the future more people will give attention to the fact that a quality education helps one make balanced decisions during work as a deputy. I am glad that our graduates, people who first studied administration, later campaigned for Parliament."

Currently the School of Public Administration, together with its partners, is working on educational programs which later will be offered to deputies and their assistants.



**Artem Romanyukov**, a graduate of the UCU School of Public Administration, won a scholarship to the Emerging Leaders Program of Stanford University. This program was developed to prepare Ukrainian political activists, lawyers, social entrepreneurs, business people, and leaders of civic organizations. The program lasts 10 months.



**Iryna Ivanyshyn**, a student of the Master's Program in Public Administration, won a grant from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for study at the Tor Vergata University of Rome. This is an international master's program in the management of public procurement. In its whole history, Iryna Ivanyshyn is only the second Ukrainian woman to receive the right to study in this program.

## The Sky Overhead: A Project to Help Underage Convicts

Last year Vasyl Vozniak, a graduate of UCU's Master's Program in Journalism, presented his documentary film about the Pryluky Correctional Colony for Teenagers, "The Sky Overhead," about the life of prisoners, their lives, interaction with peers, and also about their dreams and future.

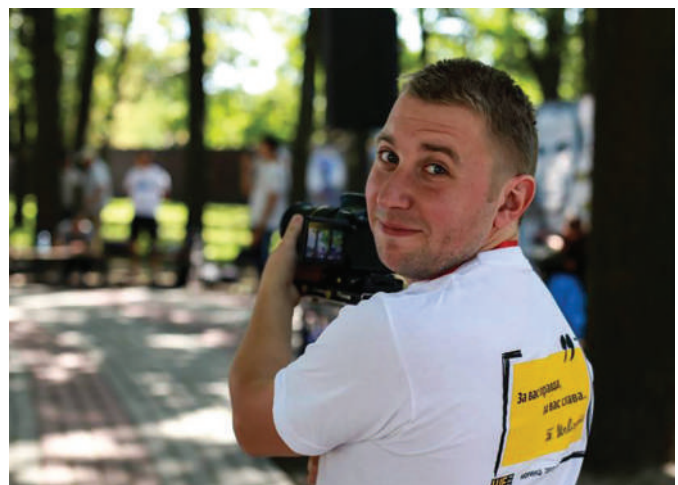
"This is the story of a teenager named Bohdan, who was in the Pryluky Correctional Colony, about how his family is waiting for him and how to possibly change life for the better. The main thing is to make the right decision in time," Vasyl Vozniak commented on the film's main idea.

The name of the film, "The Sky Overhead," is a phrase from a song written by UCU graduate Ivan Syusko, which was used in the film's soundtrack. "This name is fairly symbolic, because it reminds us that each of us is equal before God, regardless of our actions," explained Ivan Syusko.

Work on the film inspired the director to create a social project with the same name, the goal of which is to help former underage convicts of the colony adapt to society and also to help those in prison find their identity so that they can realize their calling upon release. This mission is realized through the creation of a friendly community of volunteers,

teenage convicts, their parents, workers at penal institutions and probation officers, and also crime victims.

It is important to add that, for eight years, Vasyl Vozniak has been visiting an imprisonment site as a church volunteer. During this time, he has worked together with Rev. Kostyantyn Pantalei who ministers to people in places of imprisonment.



## New programs and projects

This academic year was rich in important initiatives which implemented new educational programs and projects. We'll talk briefly about the most important ones.

### UCU Analytical Center

The Analytical Center officially opened on 14 December 2018 as part of the discussion forum "UCU global: Leadership in Values as a Response to Today's Global Challenges." Oksana Kulakovska, Director of the UCU Analytical Center, stated: "The Analytical Center has begun to work in four areas: 'Mutual understanding thanks to a common future,' 'The person in a digital world,' 'Introducing public policy,' and education. We want to find an answer to the question: What needs to be done so that Ukrainian education can actively respond to the challenges of the future?"

The Analytical Center opened at the UCU Kyiv Center. Its goal is to find solutions to global problems of values and transmit the values on which the university is built and which now are at the basis of any decision at UCU on public policy. It will conduct research on current and global questions.



### Artes Liberales Academy

The UCU Humanities Faculty organized the project Artes Liberales Academy for Lviv high-schoolers. The goal is to develop study skills and scholarly work in a university environment, prepare them for higher education, help them find and define their own interests in the humanities and, in perspective, to become successful students. Through busy work weeks, the participants analyzed texts, videos, artwork, and learned about the latest areas of research in history, culture studies, and philology. They also had the opportunity to attend seminars and open lectures at UCU and eventually to join the English language club.

[ 35 students successfully completed this year's Academy. ]



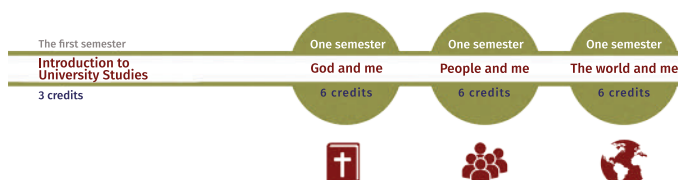
### Worldview Core

Over their first two years of study, UCU's undergraduate students will now also take required additional courses in three areas: "God and Me," "People and Me," and "The World and Me." This Worldview Core idea will operate in all the university's undergraduate programs starting with students beginning their studies in September 2019. The first course, for all, will be "Introduction to University Studies."

Similar programs, called Core Curriculum, operate in many American and European universities. Their goal is to help the student's personal formation and help the university improve the quality of its educational offerings. It's interesting that students often choose one educational institution or another because of the availability of such programs.

#### WORLDVIEW CORE

the program lasts for 2 ye = 4 semesters



### Master's Program in Marketing

In September 2019, the UCU Lviv Business School launched a new Master's Degree in Marketing Management. The program is intended, above all, for those with bachelor's degrees or beginners in practical marketing and those interested in systematic study and practical experience in the marketing field.

Students will study not only the instruments of marketing but the basics of management, leadership, creating strategies, teambuilding, designing, ethics, etc.

The organizers of the program intend that their graduates will be able to qualitatively influence Ukrainian business. In addition, it is important that they be able to create ethically responsible marketing in Ukraine's society, and, with the help of their own projects, become standard bearers in the marketing field.





## An Active Summer with UCU

**13** summer schools

- ✓ Summer language schools: English; French; Italian; German
- ✓ Ukrainian Sign Language Summer School
- ✓ Integral Leadership for the Future of Democracy in Ukraine Summer School
- ✓ Ethics and Religion in Politics and Economics Summer School
- ✓ Icon-painting Summer School
- ✓ Vaccinations Summer School
- ✓ Literary and Film Translation Summer School
- ✓ Lviv Data Science Summer School
- ✓ 9th Social Thought of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Summer School
- ✓ Summer Bible School
- ✓ Children's English Summer
- ✓ UCUKids Camp
- ✓ School of Ukrainian Language and Culture



Summer vacation time was not at all leisurely for the Ukrainian Catholic University. Throughout the summer, students continued to study, acquire new skills, get acquainted with the like-minded, and develop professionally. Summer schools conducted by the university's programs and faculties gave the opportunity to realize all these possibilities. Summer schools have long been a usual manner of instruction for leading universities of Europe and America, though in Ukraine, this practice is only beginning to spread. For 20 years, UCU has successfully introduced this experience into the realities of education in Ukraine.

## Faith, Calm, and Patience: Icon-Painting Summer School Celebrates Anniversary



This year, the 15th Icon-Painting Summer School gathered friends and students in order to support and continue the ancient Ukrainian artistic and spiritual tradition.

The school is traditionally composed of three blocs: spiritual; practical; and theoretical (lectures and excursions). According to the school's organizers and thanks to an integrated approach, according to the school's organizers, students not only can immerse themselves in sacred art as a phenomenon in itself but also view it as the liturgical, hymnographic, theological-dogmatic, and artistic heritage of the past. This approach has formed the type of icon-painting that sets Ukrainian creations against the background of other national iconographic schools. This year's school had 37 participants, including absolute beginners and the more experienced.

## 20 Years of Cooperation: Summer Italian Language School in Mantua (Italy)

Since it started, some **500** students have participated

On 21 July, the Ukrainian Catholic University and the Diocese of Mantua (Italy) celebrated 20 years of cooperation in conducting the annual summer school.

Participation in the school includes not only direct study of the Italian language but also immersion in Italian culture and active spiritual and educational exchanges between participants and teachers.

UCU teacher Olena Dzhezdzhora has vivid memories of the school. For many years she actively helped organize the school and, in addition, was a participant more than once.

"The Italian Language School in Mantua is a simple and convincing response to questions that arise as a consequence of the Christian command to love one's

neighbor as one's self: but what is love of neighbor and for whom? This project has helped dozens of young Ukrainians discover new possibilities, continue higher education in Italy, and receive scholarships. Many UCU teachers have been able to raise their level of specialization, worked with Italian colleagues, and read Italian-language sources and scholarly literature. For our young university, this was all extremely important. But how did this all come about? Because 20 years ago a group of Italians set to work with 'strangers' with whom, in principle, they had nothing in common, but, as with neighbors, they shared everything they could. That's how this educational and cultural project, a spiritual adventure, a unique example of brotherhood that still continues, was started."

A festive celebration of 20 years of cooperation with the Diocese of Mantua will be held this year in Lviv, and a delegation from Mantua will officially visit UCU.



**WILLIAM TAYLOR**

*American diplomat, 6th Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the USA to Ukraine (2006-2009)  
Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy in Kyiv (since 2019).*

**I applaud the Ukrainian Catholic University for its impressive institutional development over the past ten years and for its contributions to Ukrainian leadership.**

**UCU's faculty and students have shown what Ukrainians can achieve through a commitment to integrity, accountable governance, strong partnerships with like-minded allies — principles all Ukrainian institutions should aspire to uphold.**

**\* WILLIAM TAYLOR - KEYNOTE SPEAKER OF THE UCU FIRST SUMMER CHARITABLE EVENING IN KYIV**



## ‘Build Bridges, Not Walls’



↑ Social Thought of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Summer School

For nine years now, UCU has conducted the Social Thought of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Summer School.

This school gathers young researchers from all over Ukraine with the goal of deepening the participants’ acquaintance with the spiritual legacy and activity of Metropolitan Andrey and developing their ability to live according to Christian values in the life of society. The main accent is on building society on the foundation of Christian morals and values, as well as a search for mutual understanding in an environment with many faiths.

## Military Chaplaincy – An Important Vector of Work of UCU’s Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

The UCU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy (FTP) together with the Lviv City Council is deepening its cooperation with The Netherlands in the area of military chaplaincy. For Lviv it is exceptionally important to benefit from the experience of chaplaincy in The Netherlands, for this ministry is only beginning to gain momentum for us. According to Roman Zaviysky, Dean of the faculty: “Ukraine has much in common with The Netherlands in the religious landscape, for our countries historically are multid denominational and multicultural. So we have much to share with one another in this area. We are working together with representatives of the Ministry of Defense of The Netherlands, educators who work in universities where there are programs to prepare and certify chaplains, and also, most importantly, with active chaplains who represent various denominations.”



↑ International project in military chaplaincy

## CardioVision – An Attempt to Reduce Deaths from Cardiovascular Disease



The CardioVision team, whose members are graduates and students of the UCU Faculty of Applied Sciences, Bohdan Petryshak, Maria Dobko, Olha Bakai, and Sofia Harkot, won Microsoft’s AI Idea Challenge Contest. The students’ mentor was Oles Dobosevych, director of the Bachelor’s Program in Computer Science.

CardioVision presented a solution to one of humanity’s biggest problems, death from cardiovascular diseases. These cause the death of a third of the world’s population. In Ukraine, some 20 million adults suffer from cardiovascular diseases. As a result, timely diagnosis and treatment are exceptionally important

“Our team sees great potential in projects located on the crossroads of various fields, and so we are interested in the development of AI in medicine. We believe that this collaboration has a future,” said Bohdan Petryshak.



## UCU President Borys Gudziak Becomes New UGCC Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia

The enthronement was held on 4 June 2019 at the Archieparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia



## Three Saints Seminary Affiliated to Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

The Vatican's Ministry of Education accredited the UGCC Three Saints Seminary in Kyiv and affiliated it with the UCU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy (FTP).

From the moment that the UCU Theology Faculty was accredited by the Roman Apostolic See in 2015, it has had the possibility of opening new licentiate and doctoral programs in various areas of theology, and its diplomas and academic degrees will have international recognition. The faculty can create its own branches in various corners of Ukraine.

## Sophia Opatska Elected to Board of Directors of Federation of Catholic Universities

"We can be distinguished by size or by educational programs, but we are all Catholic universities. Common values make our cooperation unique. And our main task is to find common instruments which would not require great resources but still bring qualitatively new results to the educational process."

Sophia Opatska comments on her appointment.



Every year the General Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Universities of Europe and Lebanon (FUCE) is held at one of the participating universities. At this year's meeting, which was held at the St. Ignatius University Center in Antwerp, UCU representatives, as is customary, took part.

During this year's assembly, the leadership of the federation changed completely. Sophia Opatska was elected to the Board of Directors, thanks to which UCU can deepen its activity in FUCE and increase cooperation with Catholic universities.





11 rector's awards  
for UCU scholars

Every year, the Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University honors particularly successful results in scholarly research. This year the following scholars were honored:

- ✓ **Oleksandr Zaytsev**, Doctor of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Volodymyr Sklokin**, Candidate of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Yuriy Skira**, Candidate of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Ihor Skochylias**, Professor, Doctor of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Vadym Adadurov**, Professor, Doctor of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Ivan Almes**, Candidate of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Oksana Vinnychenko**, Candidate of Historical Studies
- ✓ **Olena Haleta**, Doctor of Philological Studies
- ✓ **Sr. Ignatia (Halyna Havrylyk)**, teacher in the Theology Department of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
- ✓ **Yaroslav Prytula**, Candidate of Physics-Mathematics
- ✓ **Oleh Yaskiv**, Doctor of Technical Studies
- ✓ **Taras Tymo**, PhD, teacher in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy



Natalia Klymovska,  
honored with the Order  
of Grand Princess Olha,  
3rd Degree

For conscientious work and on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the civic union Student Brotherhood of Lviv



Zenia Kushpeta, Doctor  
Honoris Causa UCU

Zenia Kushpeta, a Canadian of Ukrainian descent, is a gifted pianist, educator, civic activist in the social field, and Plast scout, founder of the L'Arche and Emmaus communities on the territory of Ukraine, co-founder of the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Center in Lviv, and for many years a great friend of UCU.



Taras Dobko, honored with  
the Gold Coat of Arms of  
the city of Lviv

For high professionalism in administrative activity, the creation of a competitive educational and research space, and for realizing innovative initiatives of the young generation



Myroslav Marynovych,  
honored with the  
Medal of Gratitude,  
founded on the  
30th anniversary  
of the Solidarity  
Movement in Poland

The medal honors those foreigners who helped Poland in its struggle for freedom and democracy during the Communist dictatorship and also those who with dedication support the ideas of solidarity as the foundations of the European order, work for mutual understanding between nations, and build social and moral harmony through dialogue.

## Notable meetings



↑ Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine (2014-2019)



↑ Pavlo Klimkin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2014-2019)



↑ Melissa O'Rourke, Ambassador of Australia to Ukraine



↑ Krzysztof Stanowski, human rights activist and dissident, member of Solidarity, author of a program of civic education, co-founder of the independent scouting movement in Poland



↑ Thierry Magnin, Rector of Lyon Catholic University (France)



↑ Francis Fukuyama, Director of the Centre of Democracy, Development and Supremacy of Law of Stanford University



## Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and the Principles of 'Positive Sum'



«Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky and the principles of 'positive sum'».

This book gives a thorough analysis of the heritage of the preaching of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky from the point of view of its correspondence (or lack thereof) to the methodological principle which today has received the name “positive-sum” or “win-win.” The author fills out this scholarly research with his own vision of the role that the “positive-sum” principle and Metropolitan Andrey’s formulas can play in the nearest future of Ukraine and the world.



The French translation of the book “Persecuted for the Truth,” prepared by UCU on the life and activities of the underground Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, received the eighth literary academic distinction from the Oeuvre d’Orient charitable organization in Paris, France.



## The University of the 21st Century: How to Re-Invent the Ukrainian University?

In February 2019, UCU hosted a large-scale scholarly discussion during which experts in the field of education talked about vectors for development of the new Ukrainian university. The main question was: Around what can Ukrainian institutions today unite?

## International Conference ‘Friendship in the Time of Facebook’

The UCU Faculty of Applied Sciences together with UCU’s International Institute for Ethics and Contemporary Issues and Analytical Center began a series of annual conferences united around the theme “Integral Human Development in the Digital Age.” The first conference in this series was dedicated to the question of friendship and interpersonal contacts in the time of the rapid spread of social media (“Friendship in the Time of Facebook.”)

This year the participants in the panel discussions, seminars, presentations, and evening discussions were researchers and public intellectuals of an international level from eight countries, including Jose Casanova, Peter McCormick, Myroslav Marynovych, Sean Casey, Iryna Starovoyt, Alois Buch, Sean-Patrick Lovett, Cieslaw Porebski, Viktor Susak, Edward Adam, and Oleh Turiy.



## Winners Honored by Believe in Yourself Charitable Foundation



In 2016, the Believe in Yourself charitable foundation started a competition of projects to support the scholarly activities of UCU teachers. This year, seven researchers from four UCU faculties won.

This competition is open to proposals to conduct relevant research whose “added value” is its active influence on Ukrainian society today and encourages changes in cultural thinking and activity in various areas of society’s life. The program also encourages research which will present Ukraine today to an international audience.

This year among the areas of research that are receiving grant support are themes relating to current studies of Ukrainian literature, the religious history of early modern Ukraine, the religious views of Ivan Franko, the development of new areas in Ukrainian theology, publication of the historical and ethnographic works of Fr. Anatoliy Kralytskyi, formation of the legal position of Ukraine regarding an official assessment of Operation Vistula in Ukrainian-Polish discussions on this painful historical theme, scholarly adaptation and approval of expert psychological methods in the Ukrainian language, etc.



## General number of students

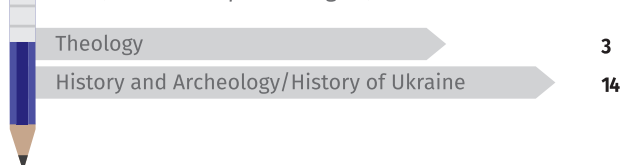
### I level Bachelor's — 1189



### II level Master's — 616



### III level Educational-scholarly (doctorate/aspirant's degree) — 17



## Student life

This year UCU students had the opportunity to study in **18** universities of Europe and the world

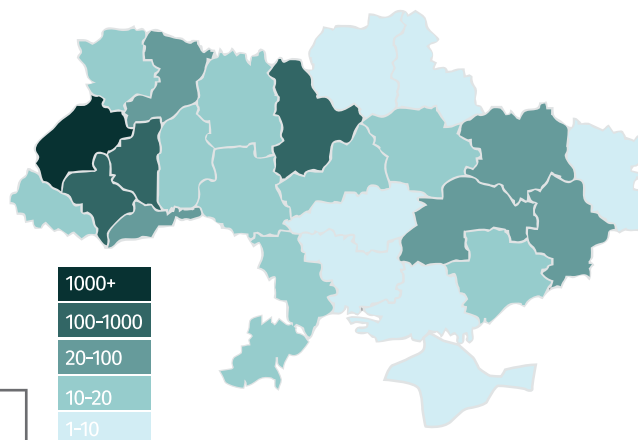


**19** Student organizations

UCU Student Association  
Student Charity Center  
Worlds  
Beauty Saves  
Reserved Seat  
UCUBlog  
MindOn  
Sub Rosa Scholarly Association of UCU Historians  
Student Scholarly-Practical Association  
Cavaliers  
Via ad futurum  
Student Sports Initiatives Organization  
Let's Bodybuild Together at UCU  
OPEN Travel Club  
UCU Debate Club  
Old Age Is a Joy  
Christmas Eve for the Needy  
UCU School Theater On Simon's Pillars  
UCU Student Choir Encounter



## Geography of students



AR CRIMEA — 1  
VINNYTSIA — 19  
VOLYN — 22  
DNIPRO — 22  
DONETSK — 22  
ZHYTOMYR — 10  
TRANSCARPATHIA — 16  
ZAPORIZHZHIA — 17  
IVANO-FRANKIVSK — 130  
KYIV — 142  
KIROVOHRAD — 5  
LUHANSK — 8  
LVIV — 1171  
MYKOLAIV — 6  
ODESA — 15  
POLTAVA — 10  
RIVNE — 15  
SUMY — 6  
TERNOPIL — 82  
KHARKIV — 29  
KHERSON — 2  
KHMELNYTSK — 15  
CHERKASY — 17  
CHERNIVTSI — 24  
CHERNIHIV — 5  
Belarus — 1  
Ghana — 1  
USA — 1  
Hungary — 1  
The Philippines — 1  
Kyrgyzstan — 1  
Moldova — 1  
Russia — 2

**143** students were at summer and winter schools and internships abroad.

This is **8%** of UCU's students.

**48** people took part in programs of international academic mobility through the 2018-2019 academic year.

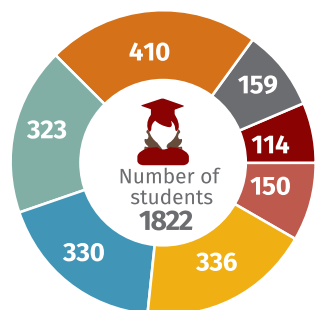
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Federación de Universidades Católicas de Europa  
**FUCE**

**Erasmus+**





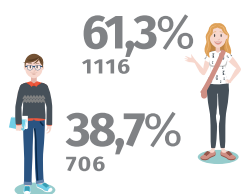
## Faculties



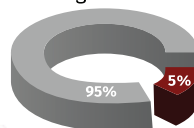
- Humanities
- Health Sciences
- Applied Sciences
- Social Sciences
- UCU Lviv Business School
- Theology-Philosophy
- Theology-Philosophy (Seminary)



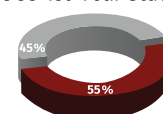
## Average Score of Entrants



### Ukraine's High School Graduates



### UCU 1st-Year Students



### Top Graduates of Ukraine's High Schools

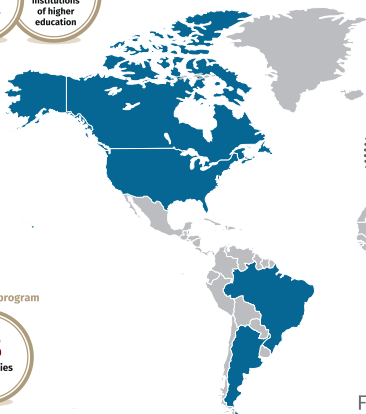
55% of UCU 1st-year students belong to the top 5% of Ukraine's high school graduates in 2019



## International partners



Part of the Erasmus program



143

international teachers gave public lectures and taught a course fully or partially.

45

teachers taught pro-bono.

Find a complete list of our partners at [internationalLucu.edu.ua](http://internationalLucu.edu.ua)

6%

taught abroad

5%

did research abroad

7,5%

were in internships

16%

took part in conferences abroad. (22% of teachers participated in various programs abroad.)



### Active summer

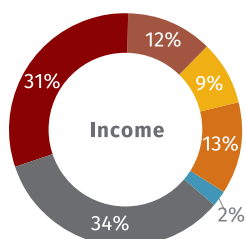
8 partner universities traveled to UCU on educational tours

48 foreign volunteers helped at summer schools

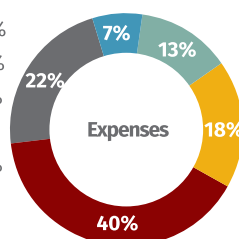


## Information on the financial report

### Operating activities



- Educational programs and services 34%
- Contributions and grants from USA 31%
- Contributions and grants from Canada 12%
- Contributions and grants from Europe 9%
- Contributions and grants from Ukraine 13%
- Contributions and grants from other countries 2%



- Academic development, Collegium, Library, IT Maintenance 7%
- Maintenance 13%
- Institutional Support 18%
- Educational Programs 40%
- Scholarly Institutes and Centers 22%



**HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK**  
*UGCC Patriarch*

**At this historic moment, in the name of our Church I want to reach out a brotherly hand to the newly-chosen head and all our Orthodox brothers, saying that, from now on, we are going together forward into history, to unity, to truth. Because the future of the Church, the people, and Ukraine as a free, independent, European state depends on the extent to which we today foster unity and overcome what separates us.**

**Ahead lies much work, but I am pleased to hear that, in the newly-chosen head's first speech, he spoke about the development of theological education, and I am also very pleased that UCU is an example of an open Church which is at the same time local and global. Looking deeply into the mystery of God's wisdom, UCU looks into the very heart of the modern person, in particular the Ukrainian, and guides into the future. May the internal movement to consolidation and union not cease.**

\*On 15 December 2019, during UCU's charitable banquet in Kyiv, His Beatitude Sviatoslav in his speech praised the creation of the autonomous Orthodox Church of Ukraine.



## Australia Hosts First Charitable Evenings for UCU

Together with Ukrainians in Australia, the Ukrainian Catholic University held its first charitable evenings on the green continent, on February 24th in Melbourne and on March 3rd in Sydney. The two banquets attracted some 300 people.

Most of the guests were diaspora Ukrainians. The evenings would not have been possible without the support of the Australian side. In particular, the banquets would not have happened without the help of Bishop Peter Stasiuk, who knows UCU well and cooperates with the university. He himself invited UCU to visit and headed the organization of the the banquets. The help of Stefan Romaniv was invaluable; Romaniv, in fact, heads the Ukrainian diaspora in Australia, some 66 thousand

Ukrainians. He coordinated discussions about the banquets, encouraged and explained to all how important it was to support UCU because the university is educating a new generation for a new Ukraine. Important to acknowledge as well is the support of the Friends of UCU Committees, headed by Kateryna Kharovska (Sydney) and Petro Duma (Melbourne). In addition to representatives of the diaspora, also in attendance at the banquet were some 50 benefactors from Lviv. This might have been the first time such a large group of Ukrainians visited Australia. As a result of the charitable evenings, more than 160 thousand Australian dollars were raised for the development of the university.



## Benefactors in Kyiv Supported The Development of the Humanities at UCU

Kyiv hosted its first charitable evening in the style of the Diner en Blanc tradition, begun in Paris, which has spread to 35 countries. Dressed in white, friends of the university gathered on the three-deck boat-restaurant Rosa Victoria to help in the building of the university.

The goal of the meeting was to support the academic programs of the UCU Humanities Faculty, in particular, its unique Artes Liberales Bachelor's Program. Thanks to the generosity of benefactors throughout the evening, more than 1.5 million hryvnias were collected in support of the faculty.



 The Ukrainian Catholic University is receiving a **\$6.2** million loan from the Overseas Private Investment Cooperation (OPIC), a development institution of the American government, to build the campus, in particular for the construction of Collegium II, the new dormitory on Kozelnyskyi Street.

## 'Mind Games' – A New Format For Supporting Student Scholarships



This year, UCU held its first charitable intellectual festival, "Mind Games," to support students. Fans of intellectual recreation had an opportunity to test their intellectual dexterity during a heated group "brain tournament" among representatives of various businesses of Lviv: participants in table games and quiz tours raised money for scholarships for talented and needy students who will eventually change the world for the better. The joint efforts of all the participants raised 94 thousand hryvnias, which will provide a scholarship for one student.

Throughout the year, during charitable banquets in Ukraine more than **20** million hryvnias were raised for the UCU scholarship fund.



## UCU Students Participate in Summer Schools abroad

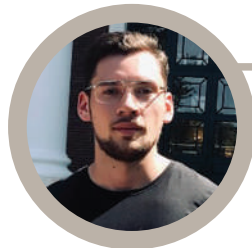
**Orest Apostoliuk**, Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv, 4th-year, Theology, Social Teaching of the Church Summer School, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas "Angelicum"



**Sofia Danylchenko**, 3rd-year, Ethics-Politics-Economics Program, Survey of International Organizations Program, University of Fribourg, Switzerland



**Anna Dobrohorska**, 2nd-year, Artes Liberales, Waves and Ebbs of Democracy: Lessons Learnt from Central European 'There and Back Again' Summer School, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic



**Sviatoslav Hnizdovskyi**, graduate of the History Program, Harvard Ukrainian Summer School, USA

**Ivan Lopatynskyi**, 3rd-year, Ethics-Politics-Economics Program, European Humanism in the Making Summer School, Gubbio, Italy



**Darka Harnyk**, Ethics-Politics-Economics Program, participant in the half-year exchange program of bachelor's degree students through the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program at Florida Gulf Coast University



# DOU

The Faculty of Applied Sciences was rated first by dou.ua — Every year, the DOU IT platform conducts surveys on the quality of education at Ukrainian universities. This year, the UCU Faculty of Applied Sciences shared the first place with the Faculty of Informatics of National University Of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. The rating is based on feedback from current and former students.

Students of the Ukrainian Catholic University and Kyiv-Mohyla Academy took part in a Model United Nations, an educational role-playing game in which a session of various structures of the UN system is imitated. This team was the first to represent Ukraine in this competition. In addition to the six team participants from Ukraine, students and teachers from MacEwan University (Canada) were also involved. The latter were in the role of mentors, as the partners from this Canadian university invited the Ukrainian students to participate in the competition. UCU's Academic Department worked on coordinating the trip.



Students of the UCU Law School Iryna Kanya and Yuriy Shvab won at the Ukrainian level in the 2019 Olympics in Legal Clinics and Consulting (held at the Ostroh Academy National University) and now will represent Ukraine at the Brown-Mosten International Client Consultation Competition in Dublin, Ireland. The theme of this year's competition is "robbery, stealing, and embezzlement."

The UCU team Fencing Assistant won the Tech Battle Project at the Lviv IT Cluster with a solution for measuring the indicators of fencers.





## Leonid Finberg: ‘We didn’t notice the changes...’

The winner of the 2018 Light of Justice Award for moral, spiritual, and ethical leadership is

Leonid Finberg, sociologist, researcher of culture, Director of the Center for Studies of East



↑ Leonid Finberg received the 2018 Light of Justice award.



European Jewish Culture and History (since 2006) and Chief Editor of Dukh i Litera Publishing House (since 1997).

The festive awards ceremony was held on 14 December at the Taras Shevchenko National Museum in Kyiv. The event was organized by the Institute of Leadership and Management of the Ukrainian Catholic University. The evening’s special guests were the winner of the award in 2012, Larysa Zalyvna, and UCU President Bishop Borys Gudziak.

The Light of Justice Award was established in 2010 by a Canadian of Ukrainian descent,

Anastasia Shkilnyk, and Borys Gudziak, UGCC archbishop and UCU president, in memory of Anastasia’s father, Dr. Mykhailo Shkilnyk, a lawyer and civil and political activist in the times of the liberation movement in Ukraine, 1917-1920. This award is intended to bring attention to values-based leadership, the importance of moral principles in leadership, and popularizing examples of such leadership in Ukrainian society.

## UCU Hosts International Canon Law Conference: ‘We’re Proud of Our Particular Law’

In March 2019, specialists in canon law from three EU countries gathered at UCU to exchange experience, and encourage and direct the development of relations among canon lawyers. Canon law facilitates the legal aspects of the Church’s functioning in general, and relations among



↑ International Canon Law Conference

churches in particular. “The UGCC is working on its new legislation from 1980. At that time, the synod of bishops created a working group which began working on these questions. An appendix to the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches has already been published, the so-called ‘particular law.’ But the UGCC continues to reflect on its legislation,” states Rev. Mykhailo Dymyd. “The Church is not a closed ghetto and doesn’t live by itself. It should have a universal, ecumenical character, so we need to communicate both with the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. In Europe there is a great and interesting panorama of Greek Catholic churches, and each of them has its own autonomy. They have the freedom to create legislation, so it is important for us to share experiences and be enriched by them.”

They expect that at UCU the working group for the formation of particular canon law will finish its work in 2020. The result of this work will be a full codex of canon law of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

## Motivation, Multitasking, and the Ability to Listen — The Second Year of UCU Days at the University

The annual UCU Days are a festive week at the Ukrainian Catholic University on the occasion of the start of the new academic year, during which are held a series of open lectures and master-classes by UCU professors and invited speakers, campus tours, the initiation of first-years as students, celebration of the name’s day of the university church, and also a meeting of graduates of all the university’s educational programs.







## **‘Don’t Expect Quick Changes, and Work in the Perspective of Eternity’**

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak during summer commencement at UCU

**“From the first days I understood that within the walls of UCU you receive more than simply knowledge and skills – an approach with values, a global vision. The university convinced me of this every day. I was formed here as an integrated personality and as a person who wants to and can change the world.**

Graduate of the Master’s Program in Public Administration Vladyslav Kantsyr

# 330

In the summer, bachelor’s and master’s degrees were awarded

# 125

In winter 2019, 125 master’s students graduated from UCU with six specializations: history, theology, human rights, non-profit management, Christian pedagogy and the organization of leisure, and data science.





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