

An aerial photograph of the Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski' building, a large, ornate, light-colored structure with multiple domes and arched windows. The building is surrounded by green trees and a city street with cars and a bus. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The text 'SOFIA UNIVERSITY' and 'ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI' is overlaid in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline.

# SOFIA UNIVERSITY ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI

*The Tradition of Being the  
First*





# THE BEGINNING



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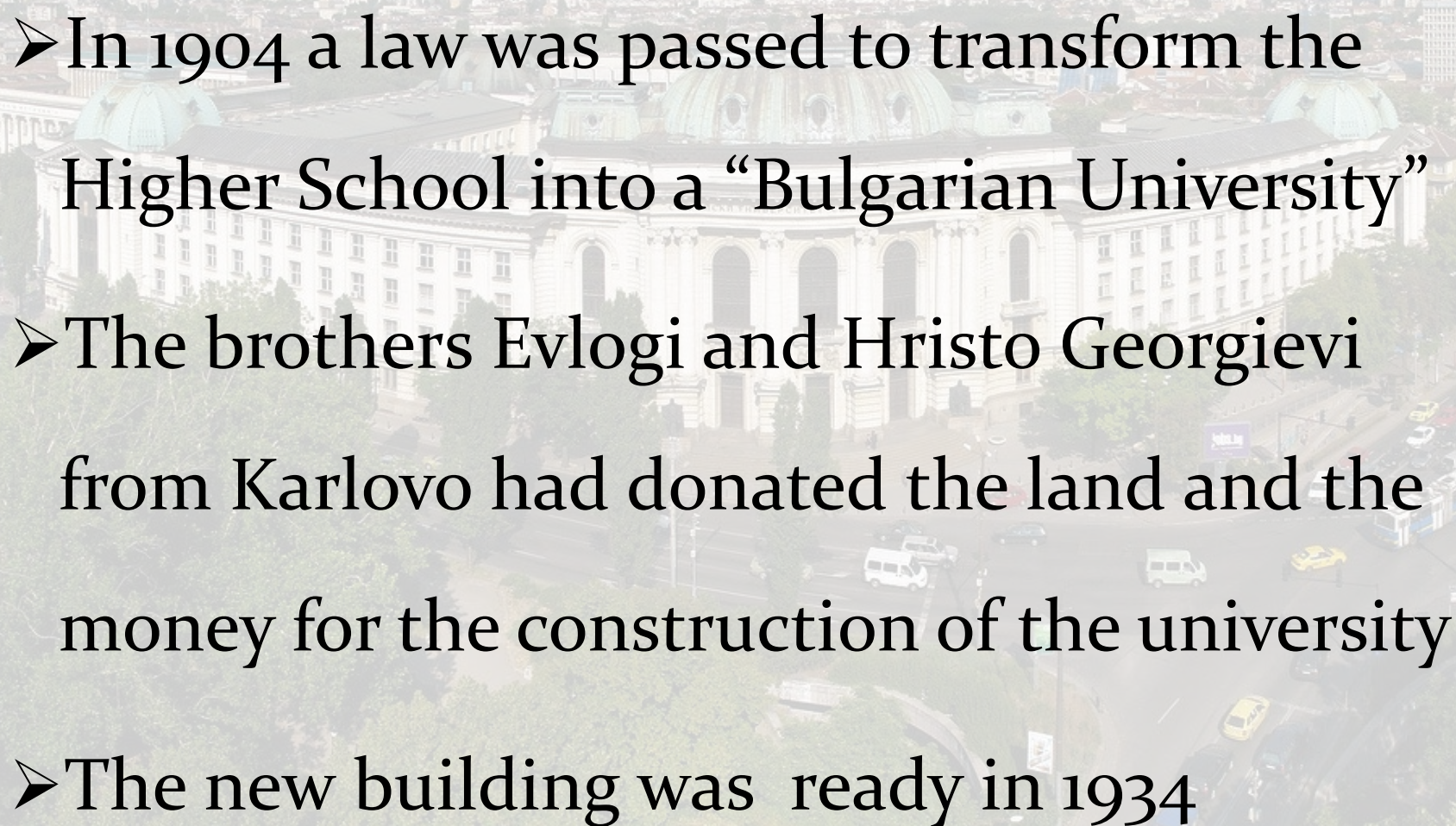
- In 1887 the Minister of education issued an ordinance establishing a teacher-training course at the Boys' Secondary school in Sofia
- Classes began on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1888



# The University in the 1888/1889 academic year

- 4 full-time lecturers
- 3 part-time lecturers
- 43 students
- 1 faculty – Faculty of History and Philosophy
- The first Rector – Alexander Teodorov-Balan
- A graduate of the universities in Prague and Leipzig,  
Doctor of the university of Prague, a Professor of  
linguistics, dialectology and Slavic philology



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- The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of the main building of Sofia University. The building is a large, classical-style structure with multiple domes and arched windows, surrounded by greenery and city streets with cars.
- In 1904 a law was passed to transform the Higher School into a “Bulgarian University”
  - The brothers Evlogi and Hristo Georgievi from Karlovo had donated the land and the money for the construction of the university
  - The new building was ready in 1934





# TODAY



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- The largest academic and research centre in Bulgaria
  - 16 Faculties
  - 3 Departments
  - around 100 BA programs
  - A great number of MA and PhD programs
  - Numerous scientific centers and laboratories
  - Conducts research in the field of the natural, mathematical, social sciences and the humanities



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- There are around 25,500 students:
  - Around 19,200 BA students
  - Around 5,100 MA students
  - Around 1100 PhD students
  - Around 1,300 international students



# Academic Staff

- The University has over 1 500 tenured faculty members
- 250 Professors
- 670 Associate Professors
- 600 Senior Assistant Professors
- 140 Assistant Professors
- A total of 178 of all faculty members hold Dr. Habil. degree
- over 1000 hold PhD degree



# European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

- Introduced in 2003 to increase student mobility and to improve the quality of education
- Agreements with more than 250 universities in different countries, hundreds of joint participations in various international projects, and multilateral personal contacts with fellow academics from across the world
- A priority in the next years is the implementation of the EU's Lifelong Learning Program





# THE FACULTIES



# The Natural and Mathematical Science Faculties

- Faculty of Geology and Geography
- Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Medicine



# The Social Sciences and the Humanities Faculties

- Faculty of History
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Faculty of Slavic Studies
- Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology
- Faculty of Pedagogy
- Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education
- Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communications
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Theology



# THE DEPARTMENTS

- **Department of Language Teaching and International Students:** a successor to the Institute for Foreign Students (IFS) founded in 1963 continuing the latter's long tradition in Bulgarian language teaching of foreign learners after its incorporation into Sofia University in 1999
- **Department for Information and In-service Training of Teacher:** founded in 1953 as an In-Service Teacher Training Institute, integrated into Sofia University in 1983 with a main purpose to support the professional development, qualification and career advancement of educators
- **Department of Sports**



# FACULTY OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY

- The Departments and Degree Programs originated within the Faculty of History and Philology in the 1920s
- A separate Faculty of Philology was established in 1951
- In 1965 it was separated into a Faculty of Slavic Studies and a Faculty of Western Languages. The latter was renamed Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology in 1979
- The Centre for Eastern Languages and Cultures (CELC) was established in 1983 as a Department at the Faculty
- Now it consists of four separate Departments of Arabic Studies, Turkic Studies, East Asian Studies, and Classical East offering eight Bachelor's degree programs



# FACULTY OF CLASSICAL AND MODERN PHILOLOGY

- Number of BA Programs: 21
- Number of Departments: 13
- Number of full time lecturers: 216
- Number of part time lecturers: 300
- Number of students: 2040



# BA Programs

- Classical Studies – 75
- Modern Greek Philology -113
- Hungarian Philology - 64
- French Philology -235
- Italian Philology - 98
- Romanian Philology -47
- German Philology - 263
- Scandinavian Studies - 108
- English Philology - 569
- Spanish Philology - 180
- Portuguese Philology - 78
- Arabic Studies - 111
- Turkic Studies - 97
- Chinese Studies - 43
- Korean Studies - 39
- Japanese Studies - 53
- Indian Studies - 46
- Iranian Studies - 41
- Armenian and Caucasian Studies – 24
- South, Eastern, and South-Eastern Asian Studies -160
- African Studies
- European Union and European Integration - 30



# European Union and European Integration BA Program

- Established in 2007
- A combined Program of the Faculties of History, Philosophy, Law, Economics, Geology and Geography, Journalism, Slavic Studies and Classical and Modern Philology
- First group of students admitted in 2008
- For BA students outside the European Union
- Taught in English only
- More than 100 students have already graduated
- Three languages
- Two Modules in the third and fourth year
- One semester abroad



# European Union and European Integration BA Program

- Founded on the rich expertise of the University in teaching in various fields of the humanities at B.A. and M.A. levels.
- For more than 25 years the International Relations (IR) Program based at the Law Faculty has proven to be a success-story of intra- and inter-departmental University education.
- The same is valid for the European Studies Program based on tested West-European practices, which has run successfully for 20 years as an inter-departmental program at the Faculty of Philosophy.
- Five other faculties of the University – the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology, the Faculty of Economics, the Faculty of Mass Communications and Journalism, the Faculty of Geology and Geography and the Faculty of History, have had an outstanding record of teaching specific European-focused subjects



# Academic Staff

- Professors from Sofia University and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- Top-level experts from Bulgarian and other EU countries' governmental and academic institutions
- Visits by EU diplomats
- Visits to EU institutions to acquire practical skills in working for/with such institutions



# The Program

- Compulsory:
- **Sociology – Introduction**
- **Political Science – Introduction**
- **Introduction to Microeconomics**
- **and Macroeconomics**
- **History of Europe**
- **Regional Geography of Europe**



# The Program

- **Introduction to State and Law Theories**
- **Introduction to Business and Public Administrations**
- **History and Theory of Culture**
- **History and Geography of Bulgaria**
- **International Economics**
- **International Relations Theory**
- **Geographical Structure of the EU**
- **European Political Systems**
- **Mass Communications Theories**



# The Program

- **International Public Law**
- **History and Theories of European Integration**
- **Law and Legal Systems in the EU**
- **Social and Political Philosophies of Europe**
- **English Language and Culture**
- **Bulgarian Language and Culture**
- **Second Language and Culture**



# Modules

- **MODULE I: EU POLITICS AND POLICIES**
- **EU Politics**
- **Policy Making in the EU**
- **EU Environmental Policy**
- **Simulation of Negotiation and Decision-Making Process in the EU**
- **EU Policies**
- **Lobbying in the EU**
- **EU Enlargement Policy**
- **EU Neighbourhood Policy**
- **Regional Policy and Structural Funds**



# Modules

- **MODULE II: EU LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
- **Institutions and EU Decision-Making Process**
- **EU Policies**
- **EU Law – Introduction**
- **Constitutional Law of the EU**
- **Introduction to Private Law**
- **Human Rights Protection in the EU**
- **International Negotiation Theory/Negotiating with the EU**



# MA Programs: Cultural Liaisons and the Geopolitics of the EU

- Multi-track Diplomacy in the Geopolitics of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Power in Modern International Relations
- Diplomacy and Crisis Management in the EU (historical and political aspects)
- Institutional Economics
- Cultural Identity and Political Ethics. Diversity and Identification with Europe
- Border and Trans-border Co-operation
- Cultural determinants of policy making in EU
- Diplomatic, Ethnic and Cultural Dimensions of the EU integration process in the Balkans
- Cultural and Political Dimensions of the Media Policies of the EU
- Intercultural Mediation and Diplomatic Practice
- Research Methods and Academic Writing
- Diplomatic Seminar



# Europe and Asia: Cultural Diplomacy and the Geopolitics of the EU

- A double degree MA Program with KazNU Al Farabi
- Two semester in Bulgaria
- One semester in Kazakhstan





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# MA Programs

- Classical Culture and Literature
- Linguistics and Translation (Modern Greek Philology)
- Hungarian Culture and Translation
- Francophone Studies and European Practices
- Anthropological Studies of the Mediterranean and the Balkans: Italy – Bulgaria
- Translation (French Studies, English Studies)
- Applied Linguistics (Spanish Studies, Portuguese Studies)



# MA Programs

- Literature-Culture-Media (German Studies)
- Language-Communication-Translation (German Studies)
- Nordic Studies
- Anglo-American Cultural Relations (English and American Studies)
- Communication: Language, Literature, Mass Media (English and American Studies)
- English in Contemporary World (English and American Studies)
- American Studies and Transatlantic Relations (English and American Studies + Modern History)



# MA Programs

- Turkic Applied Linguistics
- Ottoman Studies
- Arab Society and Culture
- Arabic Language and Literature
- Indian Cultural and Social Studies
- East Asian Cultures
- Methodology of Foreign Language Teaching (English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Classical Studies, Modern Greek)
- Conference Interpreting (English, French, German, Spanish)