



HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

On the picturesque outskirts of Uman, near the famous ancient dendrological park «Sofievka», sits one of the oldest universities in Ukraine – Uman National University of Horticulture. It was founded in 1844 in Odessa as the Main School of Horticulture, the task of which was to prepare highly skilled gardeners and experienced researchers in the field of horticulture. It was the only higher educational establishment of this type in the country at that time. During its historical evolution, the institution has been reorganised several times. According to the Decree of the President of Ukraine of 28 December 2009 № 1111/2009, it was granted national university status and renamed as Uman National University of Horticulture.

MAIN STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF UMAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURE.

Main School of Horticulture (1844–1868):

Departments: higher – to train horticulturists and foresters; lower – to train practitioners in these fields.

Uman School of Agriculture and Horticulture (1868–1921):

Departments: agriculture and horticulture.

Uman Agricultural Polytechnic (1921–1929):

Labor Faculty, Professional Schools: agronomy, horticulture. Talne Agricultural Technical College emerged on the basis of Talne Affiliate.

Uman Agricultural Institute (1929–1930):

Faculties: agronomy and horticulture.

Uman Horticultural Institute (1930–1931):

Faculties: horticulture and olericulture, Postgraduate courses. Correspondence department.

Uman Institute of Fruits and Berries (1931–1934):

Faculties: fruits and berries and technology. Postgraduate study, Stronghold of the Southern Research Institute of Fruit and Vegetable Farm.

Uman Fruit and Vegetable Institute (1934–1936):

Departments: horticulture and vegetable growing.

Uman Agricultural Institute (1936–1996):

Faculties: agronomy, fruit and vegetable, agro-pedagogy, economics, advanced training, correspondence learning, public professions, preparatory department.

Uman Agricultural Academy (1996–2000):

Faculties: agronomy, horticulture and viticulture, management, economics and entrepreneurship, postgraduate education, correspondence learning, culture and education, preparatory department.

Uman State Agrarian Academy (2000–2003):

Faculties: agronomy, horticulture and viticulture, management, economics and entrepreneurship, postgraduate

education, correspondence learning, culture and education, preparatory department.

Uman State Agrarian University (2003–2009):

Faculties: agronomy, horticulture and viticulture, management, economics and entrepreneurship, correspondence learning, culture and education, pre-university training; Institute of Postgraduate Education (2003–2006).

Faculties: of agronomy, horticulture and forestry, food technology and engineering, management, economics and entrepreneurship, pre-university training; Centre of Culture and Education; Institute of Postgraduate Education and Counselling (2006–2009).

Uman National University of Horticulture (since 2009):

The Faculty of Economics & Entrepreneurship

The Faculty of Economics and Entrepreneurship, which was established in August 1999, is deeply connected with the time when the Main School of Horticulture was transformed into the Uman School of Agriculture and Horticulture. At that time, the course of Agricultural Economy began to be taught because of the initiative of a candidate of science and civilian advisor P. A. Zagorskyi.

Specialists' training in economics was started at Uman Agricultural Institute in 1976 with the establishment of the Faculty of Economics. Because of the changes in independent Ukraine, there was a necessity to train specialists that would be able to overcome economic obstacles, which furthered the transformation of the Faculty of Economics into the Faculty of Economics and Entrepreneurship.

There are student-facilitated clubs in every department, and student conferences and contests are held. Annually, students of the Faculty win All-Ukrainian contests. In addition, the Faculty administers international scientific practical conferences regarding actual issues on social economic development of the country. Prominent scientists from Ukraine and from other countries, like the USA, Poland, Russia and Belarus, participate in them.

The Faculty of Management

The Faculty of Management was established in 1999 as a result of the reorganization of the Faculty of Economics, which has trained specialists in economics since 1976.

The main purpose of the Faculty is to train professionals who are able to use new forms and methods of management, work on the principles of entrepreneurship, win competitions and to be success-oriented.

In the organization of educational process and scientific work, teachers of the Faculty use international experience gained through training abroad in educational, research

institutions and business structures in the USA, UK, Germany, Austria, Poland, Italy and other countries.

The educational process at the Faculty is integrated according to the European standards of education. Training is organized by the Credit Transfer System and new curricula and programs of the specialist training are introduced. Modern interactive teaching methods are widely used, business games are carried out and production situations are modelled.

The Faculty of Agronomy

The Faculty of Agronomy, which was opened in 1868, is the centre of training for agricultural staff in Cherkasy, Kirovograd, Vinnytsia and other regions of Ukraine. Today, the Faculty of Agronomy accomplishes the training of bachelors, specialists, and masters in «Agronomy», who are in high demand in the labour market. The volume and direction of training are formed according to the demands of agriculture in the region.

More than 12 thousand agronomists were trained in the Faculty. They contributed greatly to the development of agricultural enterprises and to agrarian science in Ukraine and abroad. Many graduates of the Faculty became Heroes of Labour and Heroes of Ukraine, Honoured Agronomists, famous scientists, statesmen and leaders of ministries, educational and scientific institutes, regional and district agricultural offices and various private agricultural formations.

The Faculty maintains constant international relationships with educational institutions, scientific institutions and leading enterprises of Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Finland, Switzerland and other countries. Exchange of experience, international seminars and conferences, training of lecturers, postgraduates and students and joint research are common practices of the Faculty.

The Faculty of Horticulture, Ecology and Plants Protection

The oldest Faculty, The Faculty of Horticulture, Ecology and Plants Protection, began when our University became the Main School of Horticulture in 1844.

Studies are accomplished according to new educational programmes and modern facilities and resources with the appropriate technical equipment. Fruit plantations of different construction, collection plots of vegetable, medical and ornamental plants and greenhouses are laid. Students study theory and conduct scientific investigations for the development of competitive technologies of rational management of nature, growing fruits, vegetables and medical plants in the open soil and the greenhouse and integrated protection of plants from pests, diseases and weeds.

The Faculty of Horticulture, Ecology and Plants Protection maintains relationships with foreign educational institutions: Poznan, Warsaw, Lublin Agricultural Academies. An integral part of the specialists' training is the students' practice abroad in specialized private farms of Germany, France, Poland, Denmark and Finland.

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology has been functioning since 2006, and performs the training of Bachelors, Specialists and Masters in engineering and technology specialities.

The origin of the Faculty dates back to 1859, when the laboratory of fruit and vegetable alteration was established at the Head School of Horticulture.

In 1999, the speciality «Technology of Storing and Alteration of Fruits and Vegetables» was established for the first time among the higher educational institutions in Ukraine. The continuation of development became the establishment of the speciality «Technology of Storing and Alteration of Grain» in 2004. A new speciality, «Processes, machines and equipment of agricultural manufacturing» was established in 2007.

After going through educational practice during the first and second years of study, students gain practical skills, and receive experience as tractor-drivers and mechanical transport drivers.

Students have their manufacturing practice at the agricultural enterprises, farming companies and private farms in Ukraine, and the best students get the opportunity to gain experience on private farms in France, Germany and Great Britain.

The Faculty of Forestry and Landscape Gardening

An important direction of the Faculty of Forestry and Landscape Gardening activity is the conducting of fundamental scientific investigations, the development of new technologies and the introduction of new technologies into the educational process and manufacture. The basis for the scientific work of employees, postgraduates and students is wood lots, park areas and research gardens of the University.

After the third year of study, students of the Faculty have the opportunity to study abroad in countries with developed market economies: Australia, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, the USA, Finland, France and Switzerland. Students can improve their knowledge in foreign languages and get acquainted with leading technologies, which suit their chosen speciality. Students are able to travel abroad according to approved intergovernmental programmes, contracts of the Ministry level and individual contracts.

International Cooperation and Foreign Students

Presently, international activities at Uman National University of Horticulture determine its credibility in Ukraine and abroad. The University supports the international scientific work and training of teachers, postgraduate students, PhDs, young researchers and students abroad. In addition, foreign students are encouraged to study at Uman National University of Horticulture.

Practical training of teachers, postgraduate students, PhDs, young researchers and students abroad is carried out on their own initiative and according to agreements between Uman National University of Horticulture and foreign partners.

Due to 37 cooperation agreements with foreign educational institutions, scholarship programs and grants, international activity at the University is thriving.

As one of the most prominent educational establishments in Ukraine, Uman National University of Horticulture is a unique and historic institution with rich history, long-standing traditions, great potential and a strategic plan for its further development and implementation of innovative ideas.