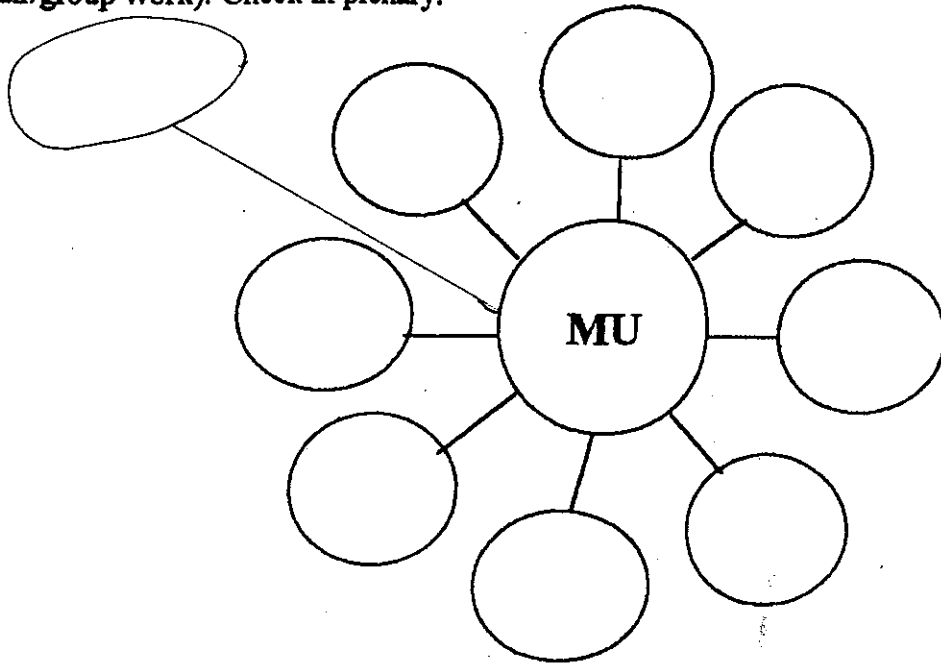


**Lesson 2: Higher Education /Studying at Masaryk University/**

**Task 1:**

Masaryk University – have a look at the prospectus of MU and complete the diagrams with the faculties and then answer the following questions.

(pair/group work). Check in plenary.



3. Who is the current head of MU (official position, name)? .....

4. Who are the academic staff of the rector's office (official position, name)?

.....  
.....  
.....

**Task 2:**

In the green booklet you can find more details about your studies at the Faculty of Science. Again, answer the questions:

3. Who is the head of the Faculty of Science (official position, name)?

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4. Who are the academic staff of the dean's office (official position, name)?

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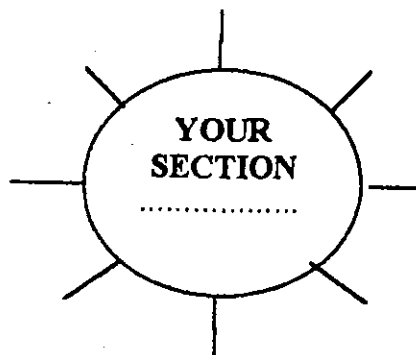
**Task 3 :**

Complete the missing departments of the Faculty of Science.

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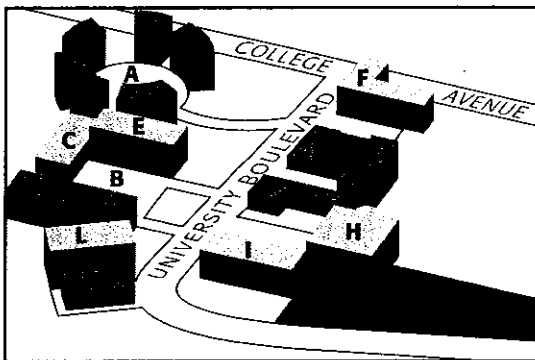
**Task 4:**

Each section consists of several departments. Complete the diagram.  
(e.g. biology students complete the departments of biology)



# College and university: the UK system

## A Places



### Key

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A <b>Halls of residence</b> <sup>1</sup>      | G University Bookshop, Cafeteria and visitors' car park |
| B University Square, staff car park           | H University Library                                    |
| C <b>Administration</b> <sup>2</sup> Building | I <b>Student Union</b> <sup>5</sup>                     |
| D Arts <b>Faculty</b> <sup>3</sup> Building   | J Sports grounds  |
| E <b>Great Hall</b> <sup>4</sup>              | K <b>School</b> <sup>6</sup> of Engineering             |
| F University Health Centre                    | L Arts <b>Lecture Theatre</b> <sup>7</sup>              |

<sup>1</sup> a college building where students live <sup>2</sup> the main offices of the university, often shortened to 'admin' <sup>3</sup> a group of departments or schools (see 6) in a college which specialise in a particular group of subjects <sup>4</sup> a large hall where graduation ceremonies and other important events are held <sup>5</sup> a building

specialised by students to meet socially; the term also refers to the organisation of students which arranges social events and offers other services <sup>6</sup> part of a college or university specialising in a particular subject or group of subjects <sup>7</sup> a large hall with rows of seats, where lectures are held

## B People, structures and activities

Dr Ward, Adviser to International Students, is giving an introductory session for new international postgraduate students in the Department of English Language at Wanstow.

Dr Ward: Let me tell you about the staff. The Head of Department is **Professor**<sup>1</sup> Bradley. He will be giving some of the postgraduate **seminars**<sup>2</sup> as well as giving some of the first-semester **lectures**<sup>3</sup>. Then there are two **Senior Lecturers**<sup>4</sup>. They'll be handling lectures and **tutorials**<sup>5</sup>. Then there are six lecturers<sup>6</sup> – they're all listed in your information pack. You'll also meet our **Research Assistant**, Angela Gorski, and there are four **research students** doing PhDs. Each of you will be given a personal **tutor**<sup>7</sup>, who will be one of us. If you want to talk to any of us, our **office hours** are on the noticeboard and on the web page. Any questions?

Student: Is the personal tutor the same as our dissertation **supervisor**<sup>8</sup>?

Dr Ward: No. You'll be given a supervisor when you choose your dissertation topic. He or she'll supervise you during the spring **semester**<sup>9</sup> and the summer **vacation**<sup>10</sup>. Your personal tutor looks after your general academic welfare. You can also talk to a **student counsellor**<sup>11</sup> if you have any personal problems, and there's also a **postgrad rep**<sup>12</sup>.

<sup>1, 4</sup> and <sup>6</sup> **professor** is the most senior academic title; **senior lecturers** are below professors in academic rank, and **lecturers** are below senior lecturers <sup>2, 3</sup> and <sup>5</sup> **seminars** consist of a teacher and a group of students meeting to study and discuss something; **lectures** are more formal events where larger groups of students listen and take notes; **tutorials** are usually smaller groups where students discuss their work with a teacher <sup>7</sup> **teacher** who works with one student or a small group <sup>8</sup> **teacher** with responsibility for a particular student

<sup>9</sup> the university teaching year is normally divided into two semesters; the word **term** is also often used for the periods when students are in residence at a university <sup>10</sup> **period** when universities or colleges are closed; the word **holiday** is also used by students <sup>11</sup> someone trained to listen to students and give them advice about their problems <sup>12</sup> (informal) short form of *postgraduate representative* (someone who acts officially for that group of students)

## Exercises

**18.1** Look at A. Which building must students go to if they want to:

- 1 speak to a lecturer in the history department?
- 2 find information about student clubs?
- 3 visit someone who is living in the student accommodation?
- 4 enquire about payment of fees?
- 5 attend a graduation ceremony?
- 6 listen to a talk about English literature?
- 7 see a doctor?
- 8 borrow a book?

**18.2** Read the text in B and answer the questions.

- 1 Are there likely to be more people in a seminar or a tutorial?
- 2 Who is the academic who guides a postgraduate student through their dissertation?
- 3 What word is used for the holiday period between university terms or semesters?
- 4 What is the difference between a personal tutor and a student counsellor?
- 5 What is the difference between a postgrad rep and a student counsellor?

**18.3** Fill in the missing words in this email with words from the opposite page.

Hi Mum,  
 I've settled in well here at Wanstow. I like my room in this hall of ..... I went to my first ..... this morning – it was on research methodology – and there were hundreds of students there. The ..... was very good – it was Professor Jones, our head of ..... Tomorrow I'll have my first ..... – that'll be just me and one other student. We'll be discussing what we have to get done by the end of the ..... I need to try to think some more about the topic for my ..... When that is finalised I'll be assigned a ..... I'll be expected to see him or her at least once a week during their office ..... I hope I'll like him or her. You hear some awful stories!  
 Daisy

**18.4** Put the words in the box into the correct category.

- |                    |                  |              |                 |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| cafeteria          | counsellor       | lecture      | lecturer        |
| librarian          | library          | postgrad rep | professor       |
| research assistant | research student | seminar      | sports centre   |
| sports grounds     | tutor            | tutorial     | lecture theatre |

people	place	event

**FOLLOW UP** Are universities/colleges in your country roughly based on a similar system to the UK one, or are there important differences? Make sure you can describe the main features in English. If your country's universities/colleges are more similar to the US system, study Unit 19.