

Technical College Cacak
Visoka škola tehničkih strukovnih studija Čačak

HISTORY

Technical College Cacak has a rich history of providing career-focused education and training that support economic and workforce development in the community. Since opening its doors in 1960, the college has added numerous programs, changed its name, greatly expanded its facilities and experienced record-setting enrollment growth. All above mentioned are the result of its primary aim to be the recognized provider of relevant knowledge to students.

In the 1960s, business and industry in our area experienced a vast change in technology so industrial growth and community demand led to the need for a skilled and educated engineers. Technical College was founded in order to solve the problem of low education levels which were necessary to improve because of the fast development of industrial potentials, but also to provide additional training for the already employed, experienced technicians and workers so that they could deal with more complex work tasks. At the time of the college foundation, such candidates existed in a big number, so it is thought that the idea of opening a college came at the right moment. It proved to be a complete success.

Technical College was founded in Cacak, on 27th September 1960, and it started working on 1st November the same year. All credits for the newly start go to the Cacak Local Community, to the significant companies of that time, as well as to the first lecturers and employees. In the first academic year, the classes started within three departments: Electro-technical, Mechanical and Chemical–technological. The following year Civil Engineering Department was opened. Many years later, two new departments were introduced: Graphic Technology Department and Department of Management (in 2002).

Two years after the foundation of the college, a students' library was opened, and in the early 1963 Students' Dormitory opened its doors to the first tenants. In 1968 Chemical-technological Department and Civil Engineering Department stopped operating and they do not exist further on.

Electro-technical Department has survived throughout the 50-year-long College existence. At the very beginning, the main study program was called Electro-thermal (1960-1968), and later it got a new name – General Program (1968-1990), then it changed the name into Energetic (1990-2002) and finally to Electro-energetic program (in 2002). In a five-year period (2002 to 2007) Technical College provided a special curriculum – Program for Tech Teachers. In 2007 a new department gained the state accreditation. It was Electronics and Computing Department.

Mechanical Engineering Department has provided training and education for students since the very beginning. It started operating with Preparation and Production program (1960-1987), and then Production Mechanics program (in 1987). During 1987-2002, there was a study program which existed only virtually – Mechanical construction

and machinery, with no interest with students at all. A new study program – Industrial Computing was introduced in 2000, and two more programs (Technical Systems Maintenance and Tech Teachers Program) operated just in the period 2002-2007.

The earlier mentioned Chemical-technological Department had only one study program – Technologies, Corrosion and Preventives (1960-1968), as well as the Civil Engineering Department which also operated with just one program – Construction (1961-1968). Since its opening in 2002, Graphic Engineering Department has been working with just one study program – Graphic Technology (changed its name in 2008). Department of Management has been operating with one study program – Industrial Management (2002-2008), and later changed the name into Production Management (2008).

Up to 1974 a study program was realized throughout 4 semesters and in 1974 and further on the study program in Mechanical and Electro-technical Departments needed 5 semesters to be completed. Five-semester study program used to be organized just until 1982 when the study program organization goes back to the basic 4-semester program, but this time as the first degree of academic studies (faculty). In 1990 the studies lasted for five semesters, again. In 2003 the studies were organized throughout 3 academic years (6 semesters).

Technical College Cacak and Pedagogic-Technical Faculty Cacak integrated into one educational institution in 1979. Both institutions worked as one whole and moved into a new facility, but in 1988 they disintegrated (both in one facility, but as separate institutions).

In 2007 Technical College gained proper state accreditation of four study program: Industrial Computing, Electro-energetic, Electronics and Computing and Production Mechanics. In the following year the College gained accreditation for two other study programs: Graphic Technology and Production Management. Thus, the College reached a benchmark in its history and became not only the first founded college in Cacak and west Serbia, but the first college in this area with accreditation as well.

In 2009 the College received accreditation for the second degree studies – specialized vocational studies – with the departments; Industrial Engineering (Mechanical Engineering, Graphic Technology Engineering, Management in Engineering) and Electro-techniques and Computing (Electro-energetic, and Electronics and Computing).

During its 50-year long history, Technical College has experienced enviable growth. The College has been a workplace for 76 teachers (lecturers, professors, assistants). Twenty-two of them have become university professors. The College is proud to announce that more than 300 teaching assistants (either specialized in education or economy) have been included in the teaching process. Seven of them have become university professors. As many as 20 000 students have enrolled Technical College throughout the years, and 4.745 have graduated from the College. Many of them have pursued their careers further on, fostering continual learning and thus have earned PhD degrees in technical fields.

Technical College has expanded to reflect the changing needs of the community. We are proud to have a 45-year-long tradition in the publishing field with more than 100 publications.

From its inception, the College's purpose has been to provide students with the education that leads directly to a rewarding career. Throughout the years, it has partnered with business and industry that play an integral part in guiding curriculum development and ensuring that what is taught in the classroom will keep students on the cutting edge of workplace demands.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE CACAK TODAY

Technical College employs knowledgeable competent staff, up-to-date facilities, advanced technology, and industry-specific equipment to ensure that students, faculty, staff, and administrators are surrounded by an environment that is conducive to learning.

Since the beginning of the new millennium, Technical College Cacak has earned the reputation of one of the state's largest technical colleges in this part of Serbia.

Departments:

- Mechanical engineering (with Computing)
- Electro technical engineering
- Graphic Technology
- Production Management

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