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## Cover story



The University of Ruse, named after Angel Kanchev, is situated in a city with a 19<sup>th</sup>-century history, a place, where alongside the rich architectural, industrial and cultural heritage there also live the enterprising national spirit and the deeply rooted European influences. This university is the successor of the first national higher technical school outside the capital of Bulgaria. In October 2010 the University celebrated solemnly its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a result of its long traditions and the support of the European Union through the TEMPUS programme, all technical courses have been updated and diversified. Also, a wide spectrum of new courses has been introduced in the fields of technology, the humanities, management and economics. More than 6 000 students are taught in modern laboratories and classrooms. Half of all faculty members are full professors and associate professors, or hold doctoral degrees. The International Students Department, one of the four national centres of its kind, offers preparatory courses in Bulgarian. The tradition and the geographical location of the University of Ruse determine its mission and its strategic role of an educational, scientific and intellectual centre of the Ruse Region and North-East Bulgaria on both the national and the international levels. The University of Ruse offers very good on-campus accommodation for 2 400 students. There are eight student hostels, two of which are for families. The student refractory, cafeterias, the medical centre, the kindergarten and creche, the post office and job centre, the shops and the entertainment centre are all in the same part of the campus. On the cover the mainstream entrance to the University of Ruse, Bulgaria and a few views of the City of Ruse can be seen.