KNUTE was founded in 1946 and is a state higher educational establishment that has the highest IV-th level of accreditation.

Besides the base institution, the university comprises 4 educational institutes in Vynnitsa, Kharkiv, Chernivtsi, Uzgorod; 12 colleges and high commercial schools which are located in Vynnitsa, Kharkiv, Chernivtsi, Kyiv, Kolomiya, Zhytomyr, Khmelnitsky, Uzhgorod, Yalta.

KNUTE also embraces Center of Business Foreign Language; Preparatory Department; Educational and Training Firms; Center of Quality and Management; Center of Technology Transfer; Center of Psychological Provision of Professional Activity; Center of Testing and Monitoring of Knowledge; Business Incubator; Laboratory of Distance Education; Preparatory Department for Foreign Students; Education and Production Association; Research and Technology Center of Certification of Products, Services and Quality Systems; Training and Consultation Center in Safety and Product Quality Management and other departments.

5 Faculties are part of the University (base institute):

- Faculty of Economics, Management and Law
- The Finance and Banking Faculty
- The Faculty of Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourist Business
- The Faculty of Accounting, Audit and Economic Cybernetics
- The Science of Commodity and Trade Entrepreneurship Faculty

More than 40 000 students study in the KNUTE (including regional subdivisions).

The language of training at the University (base institute) is Ukrainian and English (in 3 Master Programs).

The teaching staff of KNUTE is highly qualified academically and professionally.

Training at the University (base institute) is carried out according to three cycles of training: Bachelor – Master (17 directions of training, 37 specializations) – Doctor (Candidate) of Science.

There are 4 specialized academic councils concerning defense and obtaining scientific degrees such as Doctor of Sciences (Economics, Engineering) and Candidate of Sciences (Economics, Engineering and Psychology).

The duration of study at the Day-Time Department:

- educational-qualification level "Bachelor" 4 years;
- educational-qualification level "Master" -1.5 2 years.

The academic year starts in September and ends in June.

Post-Graduate Department study starts in November and lasts 3 years.

The number of the permanent teaching staff of the KNUTE is 460. Among them, the number of the Doctor Habilitatus is 53, and the number of PhD (Candidats of Sciences, ass,prof.) is 237.

Academic process is provided in 5 university buildings which include 27 laboratories, 45 computer classrooms, 195 classrooms and 2030 computers.

The university is developing and enhancing cooperation with more than 70 higher educational establishments, international organizations and institutions from 25 countries of the world.

Aiming at the outreach of its achievements and spreading of its influence on the processes of the global development the University has joined a number of upscale international, All-Ukrainian associations, partnerships and other public scientific organizations. Particularly KNUTE is a member of:

- European Association for International Education EAIE;
- International Association of Universities IAU;
- European Public Law Organization EPLO;
- International Society of Commodity Science and Technology IGWT;
- University Francophonic Agency (Universitaire de la Francophonie) AUF;
- Russian Association of Business Education RABE;
- International Association of Higher and Vocational Schools of Commerce and Consumer Co-operation;
- World Leisure and Recreation Association WLRA;
- World Association of Cooks' Societies WACS;
- European Retail Academy;
- International Association of Higher Educational Establishments for Training Food Industry Specialists.

KNUTE is constantly involved in the development of projects Tempus and Erasmus Mundus.

For the 10 years of activity, French-Ukrainian Center of Management issued 235 "Licence" diplomas and 98 "Master" diplomas.

Now in the framework of the French-Ukrainian Center of Management highly qualified lecturers train second and third year students of KNUTE to get "DELF' levels B1, B2 in French. So called level Avantlicence includes profound study of French (300 hours per year) and enables them to enter on the French program Licence.

For the English-speaking program Licence students train in the Centre of Foreign Business Language to get TOEFL, levels B1 and B2 (while studying in the departments of the KNUTE for 4 years). Total number of such students on the specialization "Economics and Management" is approx. 200.

Institute of Higher Qualification (IHQ) - is a structural unit of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, which has been implementing important business activities for more than 12 years, successfully competes in the segment of postgraduate and business education.

In 2013 KNUTE got into the Top-10 universities in Ukraine per number of applications and took the first place in Ukraine per number of applications for a State-funding study places.

It has been reputed as one of the ten best Ukrainian Universities among employers for the last five years.

The University, including its Ukrainian-French Center of Management, has gained a significant experience of distance teaching.