

# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly  
Newsletter for  
International  
Students



## IMPORTANT DATES

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**May 11**  
FSS Quiz night

**May 11-13**  
[Jobspin Virtual Fair](#)

**May 13**  
[Visa workshop](#)

**May 30**  
Erasmus+ Europe  
deadline

**May 30**  
last day of classes

**June 1**  
Outside Europe mobility  
application deadline

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## STATE HOLIDAYS IN MAY

### May 1 - Labour Day

May 1st is officially Labor Day in the Czech Republic, but it is unofficially known as the Day of Love where people in love are meant to kiss under a blooming cherry tree.

Ancient legends say that a girl who is not kissed on this day would wither and die in twelve months. In countryside, there are village balls and people erect decorated maypoles while students in cities organize Majáles, a celebration of students' life (this normally happens but unfortunately has had to be postponed this year).

Shops can be open on this public holiday.

### May 8 - Liberation Day

May 8th celebrates the end of WWII in the Czech Republic when the Prague was liberated and WWII ended in the Czech Republic.

Shops over 200 meters must be closed on this day, so do your shopping beforehand!

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## The Czech Republic operates under the Pandemic Law

The Czech Government has created a [Covid Portal](#) in English that we encourage students to look at and us.

Last month the State of Emergency was ended and all regulations now operate under the pandemic law. The government continues to release regulations.

We encourage students to stay up to date with the current restrictions on the [MUNI website](#), specific regulations regarding FSS can be found on our [website](#).

# TESTING FOR COVID-19

## where to go

Students who live in the dormitories are required to have a negative covid test weekly to enter the buildings. To support international students whose health insurance doesn't cover the cost of the tests, Masaryk University has set up an MU testing centre at the Brno Exhibition Centre. FSS Students who are tested at this location will be covered by the Faculty. Students will need to register for the tests. Please see the full information regarding the new testing requirements on the MU [website](#).

Other testing locations can be found [here](#). Please note, FSS only covers the testing costs for those done at the MU testing centre and only for those students who are ordered by the university to be tested (i.e. those in dormitories for FSS students).

# REPORTING POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

## Informing MUNI of positive coronavirus results

Anyone who tests positive for coronavirus will be contacted by the Hygienic Department with the phone number you provided. Please do not change phone numbers if you are waiting for results.

If students test positive for Coronavirus they must do the following.

1. Report your positive test in [IS System](#).
2. Contact your study department and the IRO office at FSS that you have tested positive.

If you live in the university dormitories, the dormitories will be alerted by the FSS IRO office that you have tested positive and they will contact you if new arrangements need to be made.

# COVID VACCINATIONS - MU STATEMENT

Currently, anyone (student and non-student) who wish to obtain the vaccination in the Czech Republic must meet the government-set criteria and have Czech public health insurance (not commercial insurance).

Information for students with commercial insurance: The commercial insurance companies providing travel health insurance for international students in the Czech Republic will respond as soon as the vaccine is released for free sale (i.e. to non-citizens of the Czech Republic) according to the agreed insurance contracts, i.e. mainly according to the limit of medical expenses. The commercial insurance companies must provide further details about the vaccination steps and the costs for the insured person.

# FSS QUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday, 11 May at 8:00pm**

Missing the social life at FSS? The semester is coming to an end – so we thought a little fun might be a good break before the exam period starts.

FSS International Office will host a Quiz Night on Tuesday, 11 May at 20:00 for all FSS students to gather in an informal setting and test your knowledge on the University, Czech Republic, and some general topics.

**Teams:** Find a few friends and create a team to compete in the FSS quiz night. Team leaders should fill out this [form](#) with their team name and members!

If your team has more than 10 people, please consider splitting into smaller teams.

If you want to play and do not have a team, please feel free to write to message us and we will help you find a team.

All participants should join on Zoom individually (link provided later) to see the questions and to go over instructions.

Can't wait to see you on Tuesday!



# STUDENT MOBILITY

## Summer and Fall 2021

Other current calls for applications where students look for the study or work placements on their own:

- **Freemover** – [study as well as internships](#): application opened for mobilities 1 month and longer in 2021. Deadline is on **1st June 2021**.
- **Special grant for short term placements**: application opened for mobilities up to 30 days in 2021. The CZS evaluates Special Grant applications regularly after the 15th day of the month (from April onwards) until the funding is exhausted.

All opportunities are for physical mobilities not virtual. Applications can be found in ISOIS (use the links on the web pages to access the application).

## Spring 2022

### Erasmus+ Europe

The deadline is **20 May**. Students who wish to go abroad through the Erasmus+ Europe opportunities are strongly recommended to apply during this application cycle. While there will be another call in the Fall, there will be less opportunities available for students. You can visit our [website](#) for an overview or the CZS website for specific information on the [Erasmus+ Europe programme](#).

Students should review the email sent by Dagmar Hábová on Monday, 3 May with instructions on how to apply. You can email Dagmar any questions at [habova@fss.muni.cz](mailto:habova@fss.muni.cz).

### Outside the EU opportunities

The deadline to submit is **1 June for ISEP, Erasmus ICM, and University Partner Agreements**. These three programmes are all managed by the Centre for International Cooperation (CZS), however the application is in ISOIS.

You can visit our [website](#) for an overview or the CZS website for specific information on [ISEP](#), [Erasmus ICM](#), and [Partner Universities](#). You can view the webinar from April [here](#).

# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Employment visa workshop 13 May at 14:00 on Zoom

### Renewing your student visa/residence permit

As we enter the spring semester it is good to keep in mind what is necessary to renew your study visa. As a reminder, you cannot submit the application to renew your study visa until 120 days before the expiration date (i.e. if it is for September 4, you earliest you can apply is May 4), however it is always good to review what you will need for the application (proof of funds, health insurance, etc.) so you can plan ahead.

- For information about applying for a **Long Term Residence Permit for the first time**, please go to the MOI website [here](#).
- For information about applying for **extending a Long Term Residence Permit**, please go to the MOI website [here](#).

### Are you graduating? 'Purpose of seeking employment' visas allows you to stay in the Czech Republic for up to 9 months to find a job and transition to a work visa.

Foreign nationals who are residing in the territory of the Czech Republic with a long-term residence permit for the purpose of studies and who successfully completed their university education are eligible to file an application for a long-term residence permit for the purpose of seeking employment or, as the case may be, an application for a long-term residence permit for the purpose of starting a business. For more information on the requirements for obtaining a visa for the 'purposes of seeking employment', please visit the MOI [website](#). The application MUST be started prior to your residence permit expiring.

If you have any questions about obtaining the necessary documents, email Klára Němečková at [217236@muni.cz](mailto:217236@muni.cz).

We have arranged a webinar with the Brno Expat Centre to go over this visa process with students for May 13 at 14:00 on Zoom. Feel free to join and ask questions you have about this visa. Find the event on our [Facebook page](#).

## SUGGESTION BOX

### For FSS students

This is an opportunity for students to share any suggestions, comments, or concerns with the International Relations Office. We are committed to making the international student experience at FSS a positive one, and welcome any thoughts from students. If there is something you are particularly happy with, please also share this, so we can make sure it stays!

You can share any suggestions with us using this form [here](#).

## TO DO LIST

- Find a **general practitioner** at the beginning of your studies (if you have been here for a few semesters - find one now!). It is always better to have one while you're healthy so if you feel sick you know who to call!
- Have on hand basic first aid: thermometer, Band-Aids, medications you may want, tea, etc.
- Starting your studies? Look out for emails from your department and programmes for informal discussions and welcoming you.
- Use your university email either in the IS or set up Outlook through [Office 365](#). Emails sent to and from personal accounts sometimes end up in the spam folder, meaning communication may be missed.

## ZOOM CHECKIN

### Next one scheduled for 27 May

Please join us for our next zoom call on Thursday, 27 May at 15:00 CET. We will discuss updates, and students will be able to ask any questions that they may have. Students will receive the link in their email. Students received the minutes from the last zoom meeting in their email. If you would like them resent, please email Erin at [smith@czs.muni.cz](mailto:smith@czs.muni.cz)

## FINAL SEMESTER CHECKLIST

- Make sure you know when you should submit your thesis. There are multiple deadlines: 80% completion, final submission, registering for your thesis defense, registering for state exam. Each department is responsible for sharing the deadlines with students, as every programme has different deadlines.
- Start studying for your state exam - definitely by the time you submit your thesis. Programmes provide literature that you should be prepared to on the exam.
- Schedule an appointment with the career centre to review your CV and help you prepare for interviews. Their website is not yet available in English, however you can schedule consultation appointments by emailing them at [poradenstvi@kariera.muni.cz](mailto:poradenstvi@kariera.muni.cz).
- Check your visa status - make sure you know when the date expires and have your plans made. If you want to apply for the 'searching for employment' visa make sure you understand the materials you will need to do so.
- Check your information is correct in the IS - including your full name. This will ensure all documents get printed out correctly



# LIBRARY RESOURCES

A list of online databases available [here](#)

The [FSS library](#) is now open to students to study and borrow books without the need of a negative covid test. Students need to assure that they are symptom free before going to the library. The computers are not available for use.

## Circulation desk

Mon 12 p.m.–6 p.m.

Tue 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Wed 12 p.m.–4 p.m.

Tue 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Fri-Sun CLOSED

## Study rooms

Mon 12 p.m.–6 p.m.

Tue 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Wed 12 p.m.–4 p.m.

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Fri-Sun CLOSED

If you need any help, advice, or support from the library, please, do not hesitate to contact them at [library@fss.muni.cz](mailto:library@fss.muni.cz) or through their [Facebook chat](#).

More information from the library is [here](#).

# CZECH CENSUS (SCITANI)

## Deadline to complete extended to May 11

Take part in the once-every-ten-years census to help improve the lives of both native and foreign residents of the Czech Republic - and to avoid a fine which you may face if you fail to enumerate yourself. Participating in the census that starts 27 March is obligatory for foreigners residing in the Czech Republic for longer than 90 days – that means both exchange and full-degree foreign students.

In other words:

1. Everyone who has a registered stay in the Czech Republic for over 90 days or has been granted an asylum in the Czech Republic (or rather had it at the decisive moment at midnight from 26th March to 27th March 2021) must get counted. It does not matter where such person lives in the world, what his/her citizenship is or where he/she is registered to stay abroad.
2. Everyone who is present in our territory at the decisive moment (at midnight from 26th March to 27th March 2021) gets counted, unless he/she is a diplomat or tourist present only for a short time (up to 90 days) in the Czech Republic. It does not matter whether he/she has a registered stay in the Czech Republic.

### How, when, and where?

From 27 March – 11 May you can fill in an online questionnaire available on the census [website](#), an Android or iOS app, or you can enumerate yourself later (27 April – 11 May) with a [paper form](#).

IMPORTANT: only students with a Czech VISA or residence permit can do it online. Those without this documentation (EU citizens) will have to do the paper version.

Useful links

- Czech Census 2021 official [website](#).
- Summary of what you need to [know](#).
- [Detailed info](#) on the participation of foreigners.