

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

monthly
newsletter for
International
Students



IMPORTANT DATES

December 4
US Ambassador to Czech
Republic

December 11
Christmas Cookies for
International Students

December 13
Last Day of Classes

December 15
Deadline for ISEP,
Bilateral Exchange, and
Erasmus+ICM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

by **Petr Suchý**

Vice-Dean for Internationalization

Dear students, time passes by quickly, and the fall semester is drawing to its close. I hope you enjoyed various opportunities to learn new things, gain new skills, meet new people and make long lasting friendships. Enjoy all these new enrichments in your lives and keep Brno and Masaryk University in your hearts. Good luck with all exams that are ahead of you.

Wishing you Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and all the best in the New Year 2020! If you continue your study with us, we look forward to meeting you in the forthcoming spring semester.

Best Wishes,
Petr Suchý

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BREAKFAST

Thank you all for joining us at the International Student Breakfast, we had a great time and can't wait for our next event.

Photos will be posted on our Facebook page, and a link will be sent to students.



CHANGE YOUR VIEW

Study or Work Abroad

If you are not sure what you want to do this summer, or think you may want to explore a new culture/university next fall, now is the time to start looking at your options.

Funding is available for both long abroad stays (semester or year) as well as for international conferences, research, summer schools, and internships. Make sure you check out your options.

Deadlines for Fall 2020 start as early as December 15!



CZECH CHRISTMAS COOKIES

December 11, 15:30-16:30

Our last international student and staff social gathering of the semester will be on December 11 in the Atrium. This event will center around vánoční cukroví - Czech Christmas Cookies to provide our international opportunity to experience a part of Czech culture.

Please RSVP for this event, link in email and on facebook page.



LEAVING BRNO THIS SEMESTER?

Make sure to get all necessary paperwork signed!

If you are a visiting international student and are returning home after this semester, make sure you get the necessary paperwork signed by CZS or FSS International Office. Before returning home. Without doing so you may not be able to get a transcript. At the beginning of the semester, you were informed on the necessary steps and should look for emails from your exchange coordinator.

If you are graduating from FSS we want to wish you good luck on your State Exam and Thesis Defense and look forward to your graduation in March!

FINAL EXAMS

What you need to know

If this is your first semester here, there are a few things you probably need to know regarding exams.

In many cases, you will need to register in the IS system for your exam time. Students are permitted to retake final exams, as long as their 1st attempt is in the first or second round. Both grades from retakes will show up in the students record.

The FSS library will be closed from December 19 - January 2. Normal operating hours start on January 6.

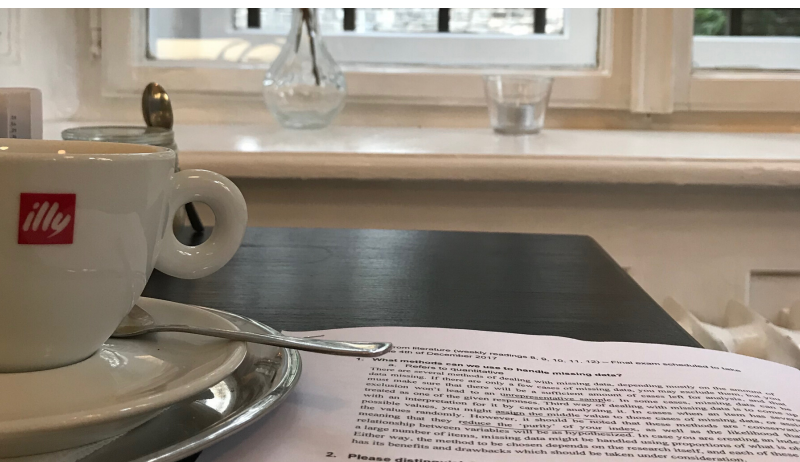
REGISTERING FOR NEXT SEMESTER

Opens January 2

Only after students have passed their exams and have enough credits can students register for courses for the spring semester. Be sure that you pass your classes and will have met the requirements for registration.

Registration: The registration period determines the interest of students in courses. Students can obtain better time stamps for capacity-limited courses.

Enrollment: During this period there is an automatic enrollment / confirmation of subjects for which enrollment conditions have been met (capacity, prerequisites, etc.). Only at the moment of enrollment do you acquire the right and obligation to study the course.

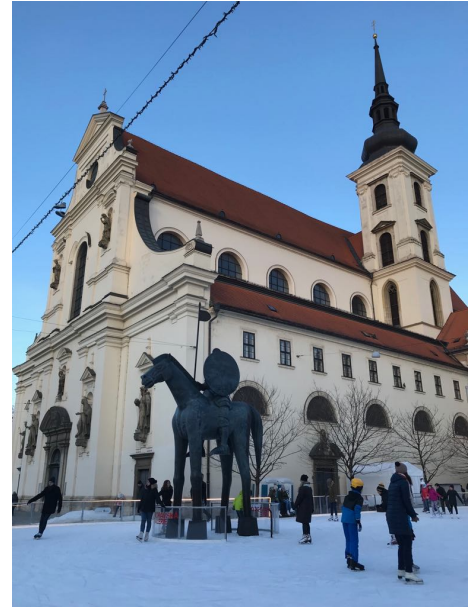


WINTER ACTIVITIES

Ice Skating and Skiing

I'm sure you have noticed the ice rink in the Centre, but did you know that there are over 10 other places to ice skate in Brno? Take a break from exams and get some fresh air!

Not just ice skating - but close to Brno is a small mountain, Olešnice, that lets you get a few runs in, and you only pay for the runs you take!



HOLIDAY GIFTS

Bring a bit of Brno back

Not sure what counts as a "traditional Czech gift" a great starting place is the Christmas markets for your friends and family back home, otherwise you can always check out these suggestions from Brno Daily:

- Krteček – Little Mole (books as well as stuffed animals and figurines)
- Bohemian crystal glass
- Alphonse Mucha themed souvenirs
- Czech literature (English translations are available)
- Kometa merchandise

WHO IS JEŽÍŠEK?

Czech Christmas Traditions

In the Czech Republic it is Ježíšek (baby Jesus) who brings children their presents, not Santa Claus. In many families Ježíšek decorates the tree and leaves the presents while the children are eating dinner or playing outside. A ringing of the bell will tell him that he can come, which is why you see so many bells being sold in the Christmas markets. In Zelný trh you can write your letter to Ježíšek and see if he will come and visit you :)

