

# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

monthly  
newsletter for  
International  
Students



## IMPORTANT DATES

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**November 17**

Freedom and Democracy  
Day

**November 20**

Zoom call

**November 25-27**

Job Challenge Fair  
(virtual)

**November 27**

Erasmus Mobility  
workshop

Christmas Markets will still take place, although they will be a little different - starting at the end of the month, Brno will have a few Christmas trees to change the ambiance!



# NOVEMBER 17

## Freedom and Democracy Day

November 17 is particularly important in the Czech Republic, and this year even more so. 80 years ago, in 1939, the Nazi's stormed Czech universities, executed nine Czech students and professors and 1,200 were sent to concentration camps. These actions lead this day to be known around the world as International Students' Day. On the 50th anniversary of this event, in 1989, a student demonstration was suppressed by riot police. The 1989 demonstrations lead to what is now known as the Velvet Revolution, and the fall of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia. Every year, there are commemorations for each of these events across the republic. In Brno there is traditionally a Lantern Parade through Brno to light candles in memorial.

## JOBSPIN FAIR

**November 25, 26, 27**

Join the 13 year of the Job Challenge Fair and find a job that meets your needs! Many employers are looking for students with English - as well as other languages, so it is worthwhile to check out.

You must register at [jobch.cz](http://jobch.cz), however it is free.

## SAINT MARTIN'S DAY

**November 11**

St. Martin's Day celebrates the time when historically the first snowfall may come, however today the snow comes much later. Czechs typically celebrate by eating goose with cabbage, which you will see on almost every menu.

It is also traditionally the time when the new wines are tried for the first time - however this year, it will not be celebrated in the same way. No fear though - you can make your own [St. Martin's feast at home](#).



## LIBRARY SERVICES

### continues to be open

Students are still able to reserve books online and pick them up at the faculty even though the buildings are otherwise closed.

Hours of the Circulation desk:

Mon and Wed 12pm-4pm

Tue and Thu 10am-2pm

Fri-Sun CLOSED

## MOBILITY WORKSHOP

### Learn your options

On Friday, November 27 at 14:00 FSS will host a virtual mobility event to share the different ways that students can go abroad during their studies, during both the academic year and breaks. More information will be on our [Facebook page](#).

## CONTRACTS

### for new students

New students will be asked to sign their contracts in the upcoming weeks. Please look out for an email with the instructions from Ludmila regarding how to come to the faculty to sign. Students who are not currently in Brno will receive additional instructions

## ZOOM CHECK IN

### November 20 @ 14:30

In the absence of being able to meet with students in person at social events, we would like to take another opportunity to hear from you how it is going. There will of course also be a chance to ask any questions, however if you have something that needs to be solved, please be sure to email the appropriate person so it can be resolved as soon as possible. Please join the meeting using this [link](#).

## WINTER BREAK - IMPORTANT INFO

### December 21-January 3

Due to the delayed start of the semester, classes will resume after the winter break, so students should keep this in mind when making holiday plans.

The Czech Government has reinstated the rule, starting Nov. 9 that students entering the Czech Republic from 'red' countries must produce a negative test. You can find the current regulations on our website under '[conditions for entry](#)', these current regulations will be updated on Nov. 9 when they will become valid, and on the Ministry of Interior's [website](#).

For students who may travel home for the holidays, please keep this in mind if you plan to return to Brno.



# TESTING FOR COVID-19

## where to go

We've been recommended that [Cytogenetická laboratoř Brno](#) at Veveří 39 is a good location to go to be tested. They may not speak English when you go there, however there is an online form you can complete to schedule an appointment. e. Please note that this test is only to see if you currently have Coronavirus, it DOES NOT test antibodies.

Other testing locations can be found [here](#).

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## State of Emergency extended to Nov. 20 (may be extended)

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

### Governmental Regulations

- Facemasks are required in all public transport and indoors.
- Free movement of people is banned
  - There are several exceptions to this ban, in particular for trips to work and in connection with business, for trips to see family, for the purchase of basic necessities, for trips to health-care facilities and travel to education and examinations. People can go out to parks, into nature.
  - With the exception of members of a household, only two people are able to move about together in public places.
  - A curfew is now in place from 9 p.m until 5 a.m. There are exceptions for people travelling to work or seeking urgent medical care.
- Shops and services are closed. Exceptions include, for example, the sale of food, drugstore items, pharmacies, and florists.
- Shops must close at 8 p.m. and may not open at all on Sundays. Marketplaces are also closed with the exception of farmers' markets.

### University and FSS Regulations

- The presence of students at universities is prohibited, with the exception of clinical and practical teaching and internships of students in the study programmes of general medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and other healthcare study programmes.
- All students at higher education institutions must wear facemasks in schools, including classes.
- Universities can hold exams where there are no more than 10 people.
- The FSS library is open to pick up and drop off books only.
- If students need to meet with Klára, Dagmar, or Ludmila it must be arranged beforehand.

# 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.