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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly  
Newsletter for  
International  
Students



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## DAY TRIPS FROM BRNO

See other options [here](#)

### Places to visit that aren't Prague

#### *Within 90 minutes from Brno*

Veveří Castle

Pálava

Austerlitz battlefield

Mikulov

Lednice Chateau (UNESCO site)

Kroměříž (UNESCO site)

Znojmo

Olomouc

Moravský kras (Macocha and Punkva caves)

# 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, place and country of birth and the name of the diploma thesis. This will ensure all documents get printed out correctly

## GRADUATION

**September 2022**

Graduation will take place in the first week of September for students who successfully pass their final state exams and thesis defenses. Students will be provided information about the graduation during the summer. The faculty arranges virtual attendance for students unable to travel back to Brno so they can participate in the graduation ceremony.

## REPEATING CLASSES

**only 2 chances to pass**

Except for rare exceptions, students only have two chances to pass a compulsory (obligatory) course, in some cases this also is the case for optional courses. If you fail a course twice, your studies are ended. Students are encouraged to keep this in mind when repeating classes.

If in doubt, please talk to your study department advisor or programme guarantor.

## RED DIPLOMA

**What is it?**

Red diplomas are awarded to students who graduate with honors. In order to be considered for this, students must meet certain requirements throughout their studies and in their final state exams. To understand the requirements, please read the study regulations, section 26 [here](#).

Maintaining good grades throughout the studies is therefore necessary.

## FINAL EXAMS

**Registering, and other regulations**

Specifically for students in their first semester, please keep in mind that in most cases you need to sign up for your final exam for each course. If there are more dates available, you can cancel your chosen time - but be sure to do it prior to the exam, or you will receive a failing mark!

Students are able to retake exams in most cases, if they failed, if there are more exam times available - as such it can be beneficial to not sign up for the last spot available!

## FSS MATES

### support for international students

If you would like support at the Ministry of Interior, a doctors appointment, or other such instances when Czech support may be helpful, you can sign up for an FSS mate to travel with you.

Please note, the FSS Mate is not responsible to make an appointment for students, nor to help students fill out applications (i.e. it is the students responsibility that they have all the required documentations required of the appointment).

Students can request the services now, more information can be found [here](#).

## BRNO EVENTS

### IGNIS BRUNENSIS Fireworks

The international artistic fireworks competition REGIOJET IGNIS BRUNENSIS is to light up the skies above Brno and South Moravia in the Czech Republic for the twenty-fifth time this year from 11 June to 23 July 2022.

Click [here](#) for more info.

## APPLY FOR ERASMUS

### For Spring 2023 by 12 June

Students who wish to go abroad through the Erasmus+ Europe opportunities are strongly recommended to apply during this application cycle for Spring 2023.

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 in May by Dagmar Hábová with instructions on how to apply.

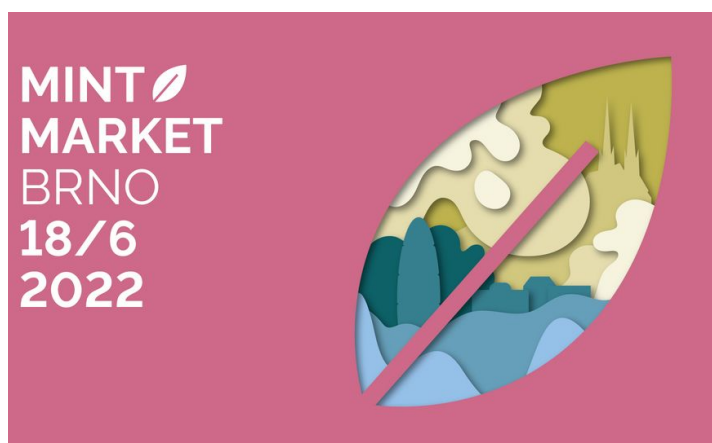
You can email Dagmar any questions at [habova@fss.muni.cz](mailto:habova@fss.muni.cz).



### MINT Market Brno LÉTO

The biggest Czech independent market with fashion, jewelery, design and delicacies will be held on June 18th. The best shopping in the town! Admission is as always free.

For more information click [here](#).





# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Be aware of the expiration date

Students are responsible with ensuring their residency in the Czech Republic stays active. We urge students to look at their visa or residence permit expiration dates and plan ahead.

Students should schedule their appointment in the governmental system <https://frs.gov.cz/en>. Often appointments are booked 1-2 months in advance and it can be hard to get last minute appointments, therefore please plan ahead!

**Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new FSS Mates programme to attend the appointment and help with any translation problems.**

### Renewing your student visa/residence permit

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. The required amount of funds have now increased to 102,000CZK. **Please don't forget that according to the governmental decision you are allowed to use only PVZP company and it must be comprehensive health care. Other insurance won't be accepted by the MOI office for visa purposes, you can use this [link](#) to get the insurance.**

- For information about applying for a Long Term Residence Permit for the first time, please go to the MOI website [here](#). It's necessary to submit the application personally.
- For information about applying for extending a Long Term Residence Permit, please go to the MOI website [here](#).

### Renewing your student visa/residence permit

Students who are renewing a residence permit (the plastic card) are able to submit the [documents](#) via registered mail (in Czech „doporučeně“). If you choose to apply via mail rather than in person, send them also „žádost o sdělení čísla jednacího“ (to get your application number) and don't forget you need to send also the stamp to pay it (in Czech „kolek“, you can buy it at the post office). If you have questions about this process, you can write to Klára Němečková at 217236@muni.cz and she will help advise you.

### 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](#).

Last year we organized a webinar to discuss this visa with the Brno Expat Centre, you can see it [here](#). We may offer it again and if so will inform you.