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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Students



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AUTUMN SEMESTER 2022 IS HERE!

Dear students,

the new academic year 2022/2023 is to commence shortly. We hope you enjoyed your vacations and look forward to having you back at the faculty.

We also want to give a special welcome to all of our newly arriving students here for both a semester or their full degrees.

We wish you a fruitful fall semester, full of joy from learning and widening the horizons.

Petr Suchý

Vice-Dean for Internationalization & Student Affairs

ORIENTATION WEEK

The Autumn Semester is here, and this time around students will actually be able to attend Orientation Week in Person. Orientation week will take place from **4-11 of September till 11th of September**.

Here's what's in store for the newcomers this year:

Compulsory Activities

- Admission
- Online Orientation
- Introduction to Faculties
- Learning Agreement seminar (for Erasmus+ students)

Free For Everyone

- Second-hand Shop
- Student Activities Fair
- Sustainable Living Workshop a Chill out Day

Paid Activities for non-buyers of Orientation week

- Movie night (free for OW package buyers, non buyers can pay on the spot)
- International dinner – free if you bring your national dish

Survival Czech

- Special offer outside the OW Package, only for those who buy the course
- See more information [here](#)

Activities for the OW Package Buyers:

- Pub Crawl & Café Crawl
- Movie night
- Brno City Tour
- Priority at Second-hand Shop
- Free entry vouchers + discounts
- MU gifts
- ESN Welcome Party
- Karaoke

All new students should register to receive their individual schedule for the activities.

FACULTY INTRODUCTION

Wednesday, 7 September - part of orientation week

First year students are welcome to participate in our faculty introduction to get to know a little more about FSS, and how to get around the building. There will be two sessions, one for full degree students, and one for exchange/Erasmus students. Both sessions will have a tour of the faculty and a presentation about important FSS specific topics.

Exchange/Erasmus session:

- 10:00: meet outside of the Faculty of Social Studies for Faculty tour
- Presentation after tour in room 200 at Komenského nám 2.

Full Degree student session:

- 10:00: Presentation room P52
- Tour of faculty after presentation

Social Media

Faculty Social Media:

 [fss.muni.eng](https://www.facebook.com/fss.muni.eng)

 [fss_masaryk](https://www.instagram.com/fss_masaryk)

 [MUFSS](https://www.youtube.com/MUFSS)

 [MUNI_FSS](https://twitter.com/MUNI_FSS)

University Social Media:

 [fss.muni.eng](https://www.facebook.com/fss.muni.eng)

 [masaryk_university](https://www.instagram.com/masaryk_university)

 [MasarykUniversity](https://www.youtube.com/MasarykUniversity)

 [MasarykUni](https://twitter.com/MasarykUni)

FSS BBQ

22 September 16:00

We are excited to once again host an international student BBQ at Špilberk Park. Join your fellow students and professors in this social outing. Please [RSVP](#) by 18 September so we can order enough food.



MATRICULATION

22 September 13:00

All first year bachelor's students are invited to participate in the matriculation ceremony. This symbolic ceremony welcomes you into the faculty, and brings you together with the incoming bachelor's class of 2025.



JOIN ESN

All students, both new full degree and returning, are welcome to join ESN. Students should write to [Janko Stefkovic](#) if they want to be involved, or can sign up for a buddy [here](#).

FALL 2022

FSS International Student Social Activities

- **BBQ:** 22 September
- **Hike to Veveri Castle Around the Brno lake:** 15 October (rain date - 22 October)
- **Czech Christmas Celebration:** 5 December

28 SEPTEMBER

St. Wenceslas Day (Czech Statehood Day)

On 28 September the country celebrates Czech Statehood day. St. Wenceslas is the patron saint of Bohemia and this day is considered Czech Statehood Day.

In recent years, Wenceslas' feast day has been associated with a popular market and beer celebrations.

Stores larger than 200m² are required to be closed on this day.

CHANGES IN FINANCIAL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Required proof of funds increased

A foreign national is obliged to prove the availability of funds that are 15 times the amount of the existential minimum (in accordance with the Government Regulation No. 204/2022 Coll., as of July 1st, 2022 the following minimum is equal to 2 980 CZK) for the first month and double the amount of existential minimum for every month afterwards, i.e. for instance:

1 semester - for a stay from September 1st until February 28th it would be $(15 * 2\,980) + (5 * 2 * 2\,980) = 44\,700 + 29\,800 = 74\,500$ CZK.

1 year - for a stay from September 1st until August 31st it would be $(15 * 2\,980) + (11 * 2 * 2\,980) = 44\,700 + 65\,560 = 110\,260$ CZK

ore information can be found [here](#).

STUDENT POSITION OPEN

Department of Communications

The Department for Communication at FSS is looking for a student assistant to help with the creation of texts in English for the Faculty Twitter and LinkedIn. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the Faculty, expand your experience, and make connections. The position will be paid per assignment, with an expectation of 5-8 assignments a month.

Requirements:

- very good english (written and spoken)
- time flexibility
- proof readings
- background knowledge of the FSS MU
- Full degree student of FSS
- Graduation from FSS must be May 2023 or later

What we offer:

- interesting work environment
- scholarship
- insides from the faculty life

How to apply:

Students must submit two examples of their writing and their CV to Zdeňka Savarová savarova@fss.muni.cz by Sunday, 18 September. Applicants will be informed by 25 September.

1. Please, create a short post, that can be a) tweeted on the faculty twitter account and b) posted on faculty LinkedIn profile about:
 - Monika Brusenbauch Meislová will be a visiting professor at the Aston University, Birmingham, GB
 - she got the assignment for 3 years, starting next sem.
 - she spent there several weeks in 2019 as Visiting Scholar
 - this will not affect her professorship at FSS (KMVES and MPÚ)
2. Write an article (1000-1500 characters) about the Day of the Faculty (a short report how it was) - to be shared on both LinkedIn and Twitter. See an example in Czech [here](#).

LIBRARY HOURS FOR FALL 2022

1-11 September

Monday to Friday 10:00-16:00

Sat-Sun CLOSED

From 12 September

Monday to Thursday 9:00-21:00

Friday 9:00-17:00

Saturday 9:00-15:00

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, visit the
library [website](#)

CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF ERASMUS

17 September

Join ESN Brno United (ESN branches from all 3 major Brno universities, and MU itself in celebrating 35 years of the Erasmus programme.

The event will start with a flag parade and end in a music festival. More information, including costs of the festival can be found [here](#).

GO ABROAD DURING YOUR DEGREE

Mobility options - October workshop

Did you know that full degree students are able to participate on mobility options outside the Czech Republic during their studies? International students are eligible for the same funding opportunities as Czech students and FSS encourages all students to participate, whether it is a summer school, internship, or semester abroad! Find out your options on the FSS [webpage](#), and for more university wide agreements, on the [website](#) for the Centre for International Cooperation.

URBAN MOBILITY DAYS 2022

European conference here in Brno 20-22 September

This year's theme is 'Moving people and goods more sustainably' and, across three days, we traverse the length and breadth of sustainable urban mobility, examining the latest challenges and solutions.

As 2022 is the European Year of Youth, Urban Mobility Days puts the spotlight on young voices and views, to involve Europe's young people on the path towards climate resilience.

Urban Mobility Days provides a unique forum for policymakers, local authorities, academics, NGOs, urban transport practitioners, and urban planners to connect and discuss the way forward for a sustainable, innovative, and equitable future for Europe's urban mobility.

More information [here](#)

ISIC CARDS

Renewing and purchasing

Returning students MUST renew their ISIC cards by purchasing a new sticker for their card. Without a revalidation sticker to 12/2023, the ISIC school card is invalid for the upcoming year! Students can purchase the sticker for FSS in the IS system, it is called "Revalidační přelepka ISIC". It costs 180CZK.

New students will take their photo during orientation week, however they would have needed to purchase the ISIC card for 180CZK, it is called "Průkaz ISIC – první průkaz (prezenční studium) na Fakultě sociálních studií"

Exchange/Erasmus students received a link from Dagmar Hábová.



LANGUAGE AND SPORTS CLASSES

Open to FSS Full degree and exchange students

Students can enrol in the Physical Education courses offered by University Sports Centre and take classes such as Zumba, Table Tennis, Football, etc. To see the full list of courses, visit the [FSpS website](#).

Full degree students are also able to enrol in free French and Spanish introductory language courses taught in English. Other [language courses](#) are offered at the Language Centre in Italian, Chinese, Swahili, German, and Czech, however there is a fee for these courses.

PRIOR DEGREE RECOGNITION

Required for all NEW Full Degree Students

According to Czech law, all full degree students must have their prior degrees recognized in order to study in a degree program in the Czech Republic. FSS students can submit this recognition to Ludmila Polášková when they arrive, however they should be sure to have all the necessary paperwork with them from their home country.

To view the required documents, please visit our [website here](#).

REMINDER: ENROLL AND REGISTER FOR THE SEMESTER AND COURSES

Course enrollment is from 29.8 to 11.09 and changes to your courses can take place between 12-25 September. Changes cannot take place after this date.

Quick Reminder - Registration and Enrollment are separate actions

- **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.

MEET THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE STAFF



LUDMILA POLÁŠKOVÁ

Study support for full degree BA and MA students.

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Assists students with degree recognition and visas

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Tuesday: 13:00-15:00
Wednesday: 9:00-11:00
Thursday: 9:00-11:00

Contact Hours - Klára & Dagmar

Monday: 13:00-15:00
Tuesday: 13:00-15:00
Wednesday: 9:00-11:00
Thursday: 13:00-15:00
Friday: 9:00-11:00

MEET THE STUDY DEPARTMENT STAFF



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- Confirmation of Studies
- Enrollment / Registration for courses
- Study Regulations
- Matriculation Ceremony

Contact Hours

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- Study Regulations
- Graduation Ceremony

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Wednesday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00
Thursday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00

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