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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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Day of Czech Statehood

WELCOME BY

BLANKA PLASOVÁ



As the new vice-dean for internationalization, I want to express my heartfelt wishes for your success during your time with us. Your presence enriches our faculty with different perspectives, cultures, and talents, and we are committed to ensuring that your academic journey here is not only rewarding but also personally fulfilling.

I want to assure you that we are here for you, and our doors are always open. While we encourage you to explore new horizons and engage in extracurricular activities, meeting your academic obligations is equally crucial. Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to assist you in achieving your educational goals, but success ultimately depends on your commitment and effort.

Have a successful and inspiring autumn semester 2023!

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 **11 till 15th 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, 13 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.

Due to the FSS building reconstruction, there will be no faculty tour and the presentation will be held in the building of the **Faculty of Arts, Arne Nováka 1**

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)

REMINDER: ENROLL AND REGISTER FOR THE SEMESTER AND COURSES

Course enrollment is from 28.8 to 17.09 and changes to your courses can take place between 18.9. - 1.10. 2023. 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.

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 12/2024, 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 250 CZK.

New students will take their photo during orientation week, however they would have needed to purchase the ISIC card for 250 CZK, it is called "Průkaz ISIC – první průkaz (prezenční studium) na Fakultě sociálních studií"

Exchange/Erasmus students received a link from Dagmar Hábová.



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](#).

FACULTY EVENTS



18- 22 September - online classes

The classes from 18 - 22 September will be held online due to the reconstruction of the building.

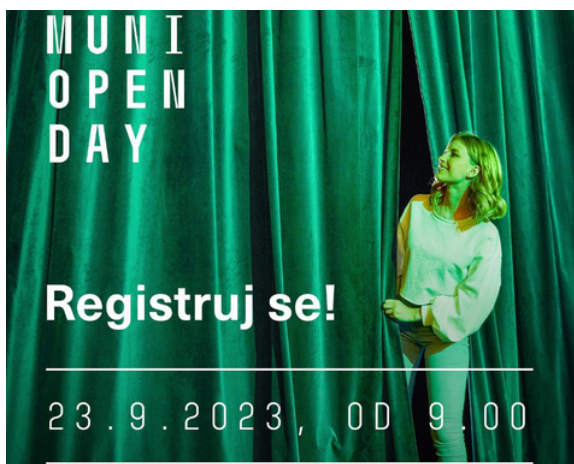
21 September - Graduation Ceremony

Bachelor's and Master's Graduation Ceremony will take place on 21 September 2023.



23 September - Open day

We cordially invite you to our upcoming Open Day on Saturday, September 23rd, at FSS! This event is tailored for all prospective students interested in pursuing their academic journey at our esteemed faculty. Discover our campus, acquire essential insights into our diverse study programs, admission procedures, and the academic experience. Be sure not to miss the guided tour of the FSS MU Library.



FSS BBQ

27 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 22 September so we can order enough food.



MATRICULATION

5 October

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 that will be graduating in 2026.

FALL 2023

FSS International Student Social Activities

- BBQ: 27 September
- **Hike- Friday 13 October**, will be confirmed in October
- **Czech Christmas Celebration:** 6 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.

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

Library Hours



1-22 September-closed due to the reconstruction

23 will be open for the Open day only

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

From 25 September

MON-THU → 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

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FRI → 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

SAT → 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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.



BRNO EVENTS

7 September - Mint Market

Join the the ultimate style experience at Mint Market on September 7th, celebrating the new season at the National Theater Brno. Explore fashion, jewelry, design, gourmet treats, and beauty products from emerging talents. Enjoy a lively opening concert at 11:00 AM on the Janáček Theater terrace, and it's all FREE



16 September- Day of national minorities in Lužánky park

Discover international cuisine, customs, music, and dances of various nationalities in Brno at Lužánky Park on September 16th, starting at 12:30 PM. The event, part of the 15th anniversary of Babylonfest, features performances, concerts, and activities, including a Greek band called Mydros



17- September- Aromatherapy & Herbs Festival

Discover the Aromatherapy & Herbs Festival at the Open Garden, Údolní 33, on September 17th. Dive into 25 workshops, herbal consultations, an aroma market, sauna rituals, massages, and more, all celebrating the world of healing plants. Explore topics like medicinal plant benefits, natural perfumery secrets, and outdoor herb processing. Women's health and family-friendly activities are also on the agenda. Find out more at www.aromaterapieabylinky.cz.



19 and 25 September- Flower Flea and Traditional Costumes Market

Stop by the Flower Flea Market on September 19th (4-7 PM) and the Mini Bazaar of Traditional Costumes on September 26th (5-7 PM) at Panská 9. Discover unique flowers starting at 20 CZK, exquisite traditional costumes from Podluží. You'll also find retro items from the charity shops and upcycled fashion.



30 September -1 October - Open Studios Days

Discover South Moravia's creativity during the Open Studios Days on September 30th and October 1st. Visit artists' studios, museums, and galleries for free. Explore diverse art forms, attend workshops, and enjoy exhibitions. Studios open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Check the website www.d-o-a.cz for details or the [social media](#).

16 September -Jobspin Job and Brno Relocation Fair

Jobspin Job Fair in Brno and Brno Relocation Fair - September 16, 2023! 📅
10AM-5PM at Nová Zbrojovka, Hall 76

- For English-speaking candidates with global experience.
- Meet top international employers.
- Workshops, networking, and CV consulting.

FREE entry!

Register for both fairs online or on-site. 📄

Check the [website](#) for details



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FOR EXPATS**

jobspin JOB FAIRS & Relocationfair  NOVÁ ZBROJOVKA

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023 FROM 10AM-5PM
NOVÁ ZBROJOVKA, HALA 76, LAZARETNÍ 925/9

THE FAIR IS **FREE** TO ATTEND FOR ALL VISITORS

MORE INFO ON WWW.JOBSPIN.CZ

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- Matriculation Ceremony

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