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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Newsletter for  
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Students



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## Dear students

As the semester comes to a close, we want to congratulate you for your hard work and dedication this academic year! Join us for a special barbecue event to unwind and connect with fellow students. Let's celebrate your achievements and enjoy delicious food together before exams and summer break. We're proud of you and look forward to seeing you there. Please [register here](#), the event will take place on 9th May at [Špilberk barbecue place](#).

Let us also invite you to the [MUNI run](#) which takes place on 15th May and MUNI days on 16th May 2024.

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# NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN MAY

## 1 May - Labour day

The Czech Republic recognizes May 1st as Labor Day, but it is also a special day known as the Day of Love.

According to ancient legends, it is customary for couples to share a kiss under a cherry tree in full bloom. Failure to do so may result in misfortune, as it is believed that a girl who is not kissed on this day will wither within a year.

In rural areas, there are village balls and decorated maypoles are erected. Meanwhile, students in cities celebrate the occasion with Majáles, a festive celebration of student life. In Brno, Majáles will take place on May 11th.

It's worth noting that shops may be closed on this public holiday.



## 8 May - Liberation Day

May 8th celebrates the end of WWII in Europe. Shops over 200 square meters must be closed on this day, so do your shopping beforehand!

# 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

**17, 18 and 19 September 2024**

Graduation will take place 17, 18 and 19 September 2024 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.



## 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.

## REPEATING CLASSES

### only 2 chances to pass

Students only have two chances to pass a compulsory (obligatory) 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.

## 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 be receiving 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!

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# STUDENT AMBASSADOR OPEN CALL

Open call for autumn 2024

**Bachelor in International Relations and European Politics, Master in Public Social Policy, and Cultural Sociology**



If you are a current student of one of these programs, we invite you to apply. Ambassadors assist in the promotion of the faculty, answer questions from prospective students, and participate in events organized by the university. Ambassadors receive a stipend each semester.

To apply:

Send a cover letter (the reason why you think you would be a good ambassador), and CV to [Michaela Nespěchalová at 63272@muni.cz](mailto:Michaela.Nespěchalová@63272@muni.cz).

Selected students will be asked for an interview and will be confirmed by the program guarantors.

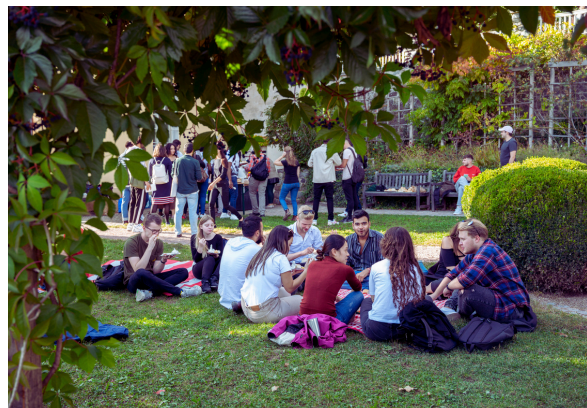
# FSS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BBQ

**Thursday, 9 May 15:00 - Špilberk**

End the semester - and the last day of classes at FSS with the International Student BBQ.

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 6th May .



# ACCOMMODATION REGISTRATION

## For students currently in MU accommodation

The reservation deposit and all services associated with accommodation are to be paid for exclusively through the accounting record system SUPO. Student who have reserved a bed (agreed accommodation in advance) at MU halls of residence are obliged to pay the reservation deposit equal to the sum of 2000 CZK and 30times the daily rate of the dormitory fee. The current reservation deposit in the sum of 2000 CZK will be refund to the student's SUPO account and at the same time it will be generated the new reservation deposit in the amount of 2000 CZK and 30times of the daily rate of the dormitory fee. The reservation of a bed will be cancelled if student do not pay the new reservation deposit. The new reservation deposit is due in 10 days after bed reservation. Accommodation fee is payable in current month in the term, which is set in SUPO timetable.

## Holiday accommodation



Booking beds for holiday accommodation for MU students and students of other universities will be possible in the following terms:

01.06.-14.06.2024 – accommodated students on their current bed (Mánesova, Sladkého)

17.06.-28.06.2024 – accommodated students to any available bed, other interested parties

Those interested in accommodation will send their request by email to the dormitory which will be open over the summer. On the basis of the email request the reservation will be made and confirmed. To contact with individual dormitories and find other up-to-date information, visit this [webpage](#).



# UNIVERSITY EVENTS

## MUNI RUN 15 May 2024

Join us on May 15, 2024, for the inaugural MUNI RUN at Bohunice University Campus! Open to staff, students, and running enthusiasts of all ages, this event promises fun for everyone. [Sign up by May 9th](#) to secure your spot and receive a special MUNI RUN scarf and a personalized number. All proceeds will go to support the MUNI HELPS Volunteer Center. For the Adults category, participants will complete four laps of the long loop, totaling 4800 meters. Head to this [webpage](#) for more information.



## MUNI DAY 2024

Registration for MUNI Day is [open!](#) Come to enjoy sports activities, including the floorball match, volleyball and badminton! Not much of a sports fan? No worries! In the afternoon, the Campus will be full of music, entertainment, and refreshments! You can also look forward to tour of SIMU, tour of the Anatomical Museum and Laboratories.

See you on May 16th which has been declared as a rector's holiday!



# BRNO EVENTS



## Brněnský Majáles 2024

Put on your blue and join us on Saturday May 11th 2024 in the morning for the Majales parade through the streets of Brno. ❤️

If you want to SUPPORT the MUNI team, purchase your ticket to the Brno Majales via our University team's [link](#).

Directly at the Brno Majales music fest you will find the MUNI zone. Follow [@muninamajales](#) on Instagram and [MUNI na Majáles page](#) on Facebook.

## Brno Open house - May 18 and 19

Mark your calendars for May 18th and 19th, 2024, because the seventh year of Open House Brno is coming to town!

Take a part in a festival of architecture that will show you the city as you've never seen it before. You can visit the newly open Arnold vila, the house from chairs, the former city slaughterhouse area, AZ tower, Czech Radio Brno, Ceitec, SIMU and many more. Don't miss out on this exciting event - check this [link](#).



## Carnivorous plants exhibition - May 31 - June 9

The Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, invites you to an exhibition and competition. Featuring the floristic competition of the Czech Gardening Association Brno starting on May 11th at 10:00 a.m. Also, a Carnivorous Plants sales exhibition from May 31st to June 9th, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Expert growers will offer advice, and lectures are planned. More info [here](#).



# PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

## MUNI MUN

From April 12th to 14th, 2024, Masaryk University hosted its annual Model United Nations conference at the Faculty of Social Studies.

Masaryk Model United Nations 2024 ([MUNI MUN 2024](#)) brought together 150 delegates from diverse academic backgrounds spanning six faculties of Masaryk University. The conference featured a range of committees, including the prestigious UNSC, UNHRC, International Law Commission, UN Women, and ECOSOC.



## FSS International hike

On Saturday 27 April, the FSS international hike took place. We walked from Pisárky to Holedná observation tower and then continued to the Brno reservoir. The hike was a great opportunity for participants to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area and connect with nature. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable event, providing great opportunity for the international FSS community to come together, enjoy wonderful weather and have fun. Thank you for coming!

## Day of the faculty

The traditional Day of the Faculty of Social Studies held on April 16, launched commemorations and celebrations of 26th anniversary of the founding of our faculty that will continue throughout the year. A very rich program included academic as well as sportive events. Nominees, including the best students, were awarded prizes of the Dean of the faculty for their remarkable achievements. We congratulate to all awarded colleagues! Following informal part included run up the stairs, a table-tennis tournament, badminton and many other activities. Check [this video](#).





# INFORMATION FROM THE FSS LIBRARY

## Grammarly Premium

Library FSS offers Grammarly Premium, an AI-powered app for checking and improving English grammar and writing style. It suggests synonyms, checks for plagiarism, and works across web browsers, Word, Outlook, and mobile devices. We've purchased several hundred annual licenses for FSS students and employees. Follow the [link](#) to our library website to sign up.



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This efficient approach ensures that we purchase only relevant e-books based on current needs. Click the link to our [website](#).

## New e-books from Taylor & Francis

10 collections of e-books from Taylor & Francis have been purchased thanks to the project FSS MUNI4PhD. The available collections are: Borders and Migration; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Cognitive Psychology; Democracy; Developmental Psychology; International Relations; Populism; Poverty Studies; Psychoanalysis; Terrorism, Populism & Extremism.

The e-books are accessible for reading online, even from home via remote access, and can be downloaded in PDF format.

More information and access to the database: [here](#)



E-books



The library's tip for searching the purchased e-books in the database:

click on Browse in the top bar and choose [eBook Collections](#). In the search box eBook Collections, it is possible to search for a whole collection. In the search box All eBook Collections, you can search for individual e-books.

# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Be aware of the expiration date

Students are responsible for 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. Please book your appointment in advance via this link <https://frs.gov.cz/en>, appointments are very often taken for several weeks so it's not possible to book the appointment last minute. If you are not able to book the appointment, please go to the MOI office early in the morning (even before the opening hours) and be prepared that you'll wait for several hours.

**It is necessary to submit an application before your current visa/resident permit expires, if you'll be even 1 day late, there is nothing to do and you'll have to leave the country and start the process from the beginning at the Czech embassy in your home country.**

Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new [FSS Mates program](#) 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 has now increased to 115,810 CZK. However, due to current inflation, we recommend having at least 120,000 CZK. Please remember that all documents are accepted only as original with stamp and signature and in the Czech language.

- For information about applying for a Long Term Residence Permit for the first time, please go to the MOI website [here](#).

It is 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“)- during these times we urge you to use this option. Please 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](mailto: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 presentation 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.

**If you decide to interrupt your studies, please consider that your study visa may be terminated. Your study visa is valid only for the period in which you are an active student.**

**The duration of the residence permit is determined by the shortest validity period among the submitted documents. For instance, if your accommodation contract is for 6 months while the other documents cover a period of 12 months, your residence permit will be issued for 6 months only.**