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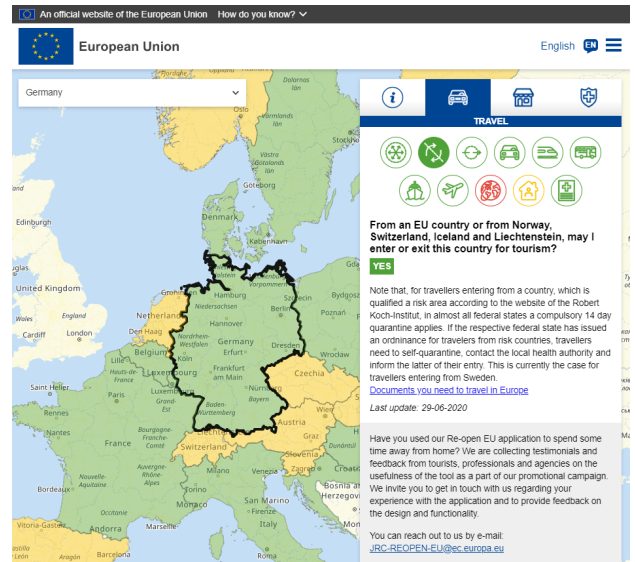
HAPPY SUMMER!



TRAVELING AROUND EUROPE?

This website will help!

The EU has created a website, updated by each member state (so you know the information will be up to date!) about travel requirements around the EU due to covid-19.



FALL 2020

In person and online teaching offered (with restrictions)

FSS is able to assure returning students that they will have access to class in the fall, whether in person or online. In person classes will be required for all students who are in the Czech Republic, or who do not have any restrictions in returning (i.e. embassy closures or travel ban). Students will receive an email in August asking to confirm their intended way of study, and online learning will need to be approved by the departments.



BECOME A BUDDY

ESN looking for volunteers

As every semester, new exchange students will be coming to study at Masaryk University and we would like to let them experience the best semester of their lives. But we would not be able to do it without one of the most important people: our BUDDIES.

So maybe you are also staying in Brno for the autumn semester and you would like to be in touch with these new coming students. Then take this chance and become one of us. These guys will be so happy to have someone who picks them up, show them around the city, where is their dorm, school, best bar in the town and so on. And who can be a better advisor than you?!

All you need to do is just to register in our beautiful Fiesta system (<https://fiesta.esncz.org/join>) as a member and then join our awesome section!

During August you can pick a person to whom you would like to be a buddy and later on if you are interested, you can become an Active Member and help us with the events we are organizing during the semester! We promise you that you won't regret it. Because Erasmus in Brno lives forever.

Questions? Email humanresources@esn.muni.cz

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Regulations by Government and University

Summer 2020

Most of the restrictions put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic have been released at the governmental level. The following restrictions remain in place:

- Students entering Masaryk buildings must complete the [form](#) declaring you are not in self-quarantine, nor have symptoms of a viral infection.
- The FSS library continues to be open throughout the summer, however it will have [restricted hours](#), Monday-Thursday.
- As of July 1, no facemasks are required by law in Brno. Face masks may be required in other locations (such as Prague); as well as transportation carriers such as trains, busses, planes (not Brno public transport).
- Private companies (stores, etc.) may continue to require hygienic measures. Please look out for signs announcing this.

Fall 2020

- The University Emergency Committee will continue to meet throughout the summer to keep an eye on the situation. Any changes to the situation in the Czech Republic will be discussed by the committee, and plans to address any effects of the coronavirus will be made.

RENEWING YOUR VISA

A small reminder...

If you will continue to stay in the Czech Republic (either for [studies](#), or you wish to [work after graduating](#)); students should apply in via mail before July 16, after this time the MOI will start to operate normally.

As a reminder students should apply for a renewal or extension at least 2 weeks prior to their current visa expiring.



COVID STAMP... LEAVE THE EU LEGALLY

For students going home

!! important information for students returning home !!

If your visa expired during your time here you must get a special "covid stamp" which will declare that your stay here was tolerated even if you are here past your visa. This stamp will avoid difficulties during any transfers, and be crucial if you will apply for a visa to another EU country in the future.

If you will depart from Prague, you should get this stamp directly at the airport. However, if you will fly from Vienna (or another airport) it is necessary to get the stamp at the [foreign police](#) (Cejl 63b, Brno). Make sure you get the stamp one day before you travel back home (you will be required to leave the country within 24 hours of getting the stamp) and you must have your plane ticket with you at the time.

Open hours are only Monday-Thursday. If your flight is on the weekend, make sure you go on Thursday.

CHANGE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Students will study in programmes not 'fields'

When you look in the IS, currently your academic study will be listed as a 'study field'; the University is changing the terminology, so students will be listed as studying in programmes, rather than 'fields'. This overall will not effect students, however course codes are required to change, and some ECTS of classes have been changed as well. Students should refer to their study plan when enrolling in classes to ensure they enrol in the correct course. This also means that if a student failed a course, they will not be automatically enrolled to repeat, and therefore must enrol in the course again.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER COURSES

June 22-August 31

As a reminder...

Registration: The registration period determines the interest of students in courses. Students can obtain better time stamps for capacity-limited courses. There is also a difference between registration for courses, and registration for the fall semester. Registration for the fall semester opens in August.

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.

FALL 2020 DELAYED START

Classes October 5 -January 17

Since the exam period is pushed back for Spring 2020, the fall semester will now start on October 5. Additionally, this year classes will not end before Christmas, which means you will need to be in Brno during January. Please keep this in mind as you think about going home.

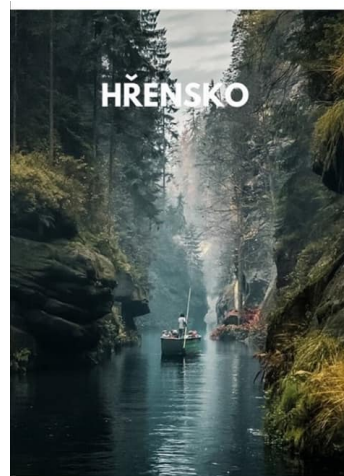


EXPLORE THE CZECH REPUBLIC

See the hidden gems

The Czech Republic has much to offer beyond the typical tourist destinations. If you find yourself in the Czech Republic for the first time in the summer, take the opportunity to hop on a train or bus and see some 'less known' areas of the Czech Republic. Click on the photos below to find more information, or check out the following articles. Don't want to take a bus or train - ESN has benefits with [HoppyGo](#), a car sharing company!

- [The 12 Most Beautiful Spots In Czech Republic](#)
- [Rent a bike and visit different wineries in South Moravia](#)
- [25 Best Places to Visit in the Czech Republic](#)



LETNÍ KINO BRNO

Outdoor movie festival

Throughout the summer there will be various films shown around Brno, [Letní Kino Brno](#) and [Letní Kino Šoilberk](#) are two examples. Both programs are in Czech, however the films will be played in the original audio (hence, if it is a UK film it will be in English).



INSTAGRAM TAKEOVER

[@masaryk_university](#)

The official Instagram account in English of the University is looking for students to take over its Instagram account during the summer for a day. Students who are in Brno are encouraged to show what summer in Brno is like, but students who are home have an opportunity to show off their hometowns (or cities!) to highlight the international community. To sign up, fill out this [form](#).