### SUMMER 2021

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Monthly Newsletter for International Students



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### MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-DEAN

Dear students,

July is almost over, and August, another beautiful month, is just about to begin. I hope you can relax a bit and recharge before the next academic year commences. Harvest is in full swing now in our region, but you have harvested fruits of your hard semestral work earlier and now deserve some rest J. Please enjoy the summer. Cherish moments with your loved ones, families, and friends. And if you continue learning by taking part in summer schools or internships, please do not forget that you can get ECTS credits for such activities. In whatever you do, please stay safe.

I and all colleagues from the foreign office wish you a wonderful and enjoyable summer!

Vice-Dean Petr Suchý

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## New Requirements for restaurants, attending mass events, etc.

It is no longer sufficient to have received the first dose of the vaccine 22 days prior, to be able to attend events, enter restaurants, visit swimming pools, etc. without either being 22 days after the 2nd vaccination (or 1st for Johnson and Johnson) of an approved vaccination by the EMA, be within 180 days of recovering from Covid-19 (with documentation), or have a negative test.

### Updated Covid-19 Travel Map

Anyone entering the Czech Republic, regardless of the departure country, must complete the <u>arrival form</u>. Additionally, you may be required to be tested before or after arrival, depending on the status of your departure country. You can find all the regulations at the <u>website of Ministry of Interior</u>.

You can also use the 'arrival app' created by the university, which will tell you what regulations need to be followed, however please take note of the 'last updated' date stamp - the Ministry of the Interior may change a countries designation color more quickly than the university is able to update their application, especially during the summer.

### University regulations

Currently the university risk rating is 0-Grey. The arrival from a foreign country is to be entered in the <u>IS</u> system in the case of students or <u>INET</u> in the case of employees respectively.

## REMINDER: ENROLL AND REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER

During the Summer Holidays, don't forget to enroll for the upcoming semester and register for courses using the IS. You can start applying for enrollment in the term from 31.05 to 20.09 and start registering for courses from 21.06 to 31.08

#### **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.

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## FSS HAS ITS OWN ENGLISH INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT!

The Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University has its own English Instagram account! Follow us for faculty updates, interesting events, and of course the pretty pictures of our faculty building here. You can also reach out to us with any questions you might have about the upcoming semester.



# EMERGENCY CZECH: SURVIVING THE HEATWAVE

Let's go to the pool! - Pojdme do bazénu!

I'll only come if there's air conditioning. - Přijdu, jen když tam bude klimatizace

Espresso on ice please - Espresso s ledem, prosím

### NEW PAYMENT TERMINALS FOR ACCOMODATION FEES

Students now have the option to make the payment of the dormitory using the payment card at the payment terminals, which are available at all receptions of the dormitory or at the person in charge for accommodation (except for the dormitory of Veveří). To pay you will need the following details: variable, a symbol of SUPO account, amount to be paid, payment card,/PINPayment to SUPO and subsequently to ISKaM will be credited within 3-4 working days.

## SUMMER IN BRNO

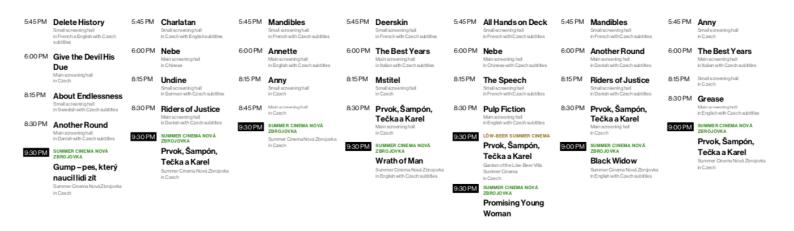
For those of you planning to spend your summer in Brno, there are a lot of fun activities to make the most out of your holidays here.



If you enjoy hiking, there are many trails in and around Brno for you to explore over the summer. You can visit <u>this</u> page for more details about different hiking trails in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic.

If physical activity sounds like too much effort, then you can check out some outdoor cinemas in Brno. We talked about open-air Cinema in the last newsletter, but now there are even more places to watch great movies outside.

<u>Here's</u> the schedule for all the movies you can watch at Summer Cinema Nová Zbrojovka, organized by Kino Art. There are English and Czech options, so if you feel like practicing your Czech, why not do it at the open-air cinema?



And for days when the heat is too strong to handle you can count on <u>Riviera Aquatic</u> <u>Center in Brno</u> to cool you down.

## Vaccination - how to get it

If you haven't already been vaccinated against Covid-19 you now have numerous options as a self payer (if you have European Health Insurance or Czech Pubic health insurance, you should also follow the information on how to <u>register</u> for the vaccine without paying).

It is possible to continue through the Governmental registration system, however to make the process even easier a number of walk-in vaccination centres have opened up around the country. In Brno, two locations are at the Olympia Shopping Centre and Janacek Theater. It is also possible to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccination at Olympia, the one shot vaccination, which may be particularly helpful for our students who still wish to travel home this summer and would like to not have to quarantine upon return. (It is important to remember that students living in the dorms must quarantine at the special area and pay nightly for this).

Both individuals with access to the public health insurance, and self payers can take advantage of these vaccination centres. Payment for the vaccine can only be done with a card.

More information can be found in the Brno Daily's <u>article</u> about he new vaccination centre.

## Vaccination - how to pay for it

FSS students should first try to be reimbursed by their health insurance company. Foreigners.cz has written an <u>article</u> about the process to do so for the different insurance companies.

If your insurance company doesn't reimburse you, you can request reimbursement from FSS. In order to do so, you must have completed both doses of the vaccine (or in the case of Johnson and Johnson just the 1 dose) and have the proof of payment. Please email Klára Němečková at 217236@mail.muni.cz to set up a time to meet with her to fill out the paperwork for reimbursement.

## Quick note on the vaccination

At the moment the Czech Republic, like much of Europe, is highly relying on the vaccination (or negative tests) to participate in every day life. At the same time, the Czech Republic is only recognizing vaccinations approved by the EMA and that are preformed in Europe. The government may change this opinion, but it is not guarantied.

If students are in Brno, we strongly encourage them to receive their vaccination here to make their experience in Brno easier.

### UPDATED WORKING HOURS FOR FSS LIBRARY

A list of online databases available here

The <u>FSS library</u> will be open with shorter opening hours from July to September.

Students can still visit the library to study and borrow books without the need of a negative covid test. Students need to assure that they are symptom-free before going to the library. Some PCs are available for use, but it is recommended to bring your own laptop.

#### The Summer working hours

<u>5th July to 1st August</u> Monday to Friday 8 am to 3 pm

<u>2nd August to 5th September</u> Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm

<u>6th to 12th September</u> Monday to Friday 8 am to 3 pm Sat-Sun CLOSED



The library will return to usual opening hours on 13th September (Monday to Friday 8 am to 9 pm, Saturday 8 am to 3 pm).

If you need any help, advice, or support from the library, please, do not hesitate to contact them at **library@fss.muni.cz** or through their <u>Facebook chat</u>.

More information from the library is here.

## SUGGESTION BOX

### For FSS students

This is an opportunity for students to share any suggestions, comments, or concerns with the International Relations Office. We are committed to making the international student experience at FSS a positive one, and welcome any thoughts from students. If there is something you are particularly happy with, please also share this, so we can make sure it stays!

P.S You can now contact Inga Kakulia, our new assistant, or any suggestions or questions -

You can share any suggestions with us using this form here.