

FEBRUARY 2022

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!



UNIVERSITY LIGHT IS STILL YELLOW: WHAT THIS MEANS FOR FSS

MU is operating following the university traffic-light system. The risk assessment level is currently YELLOW.

- MU buildings are closed to the public (with few exceptions).
- Classes are limited to a maximum of 200 people at FSS, facemasks should be worn in classes.
- People with symptoms of infectious viral infections are prohibited from entering MU buildings.
- Students and employees are obliged to inform MU about their return from a foreign country.
- MU asks students and employees to fill in information about their vaccination status.

Foreigners entering the country should see instruction for students and employees. See also current restrictions in the Czech Republic.

SPRING 2022 SEMESTER DATES

Apply for being Enrolled in the term: 3.1.2022 - 21.2.2022

Term Enrolment: 1.2.2022 - 21.2.2022

Registration for courses: 3.1.2022 - 31.1.2022

Course enrolment period: 1.2.2022 - 13.2.2022

Enrolment for seminar groups: 1.2.2022 - 27.2.2022

Course Enrolment changes: 14 - 27.2.2022

Timetable released: 31.1.2022

Teaching: 14.2.2022 - 15.5.2022

Examination period: 16.5.2022 - 26.6.2022

BA and MA state examination period: 23.5.2022 - 24.6.2022

COURSES

Don't forget to change your courses by **27 February**. After this date no changes to your course schedule (adding or dropping) can be made. If you have any questions about a course, or being enrolled, please reach out to the appropriate departmental coordinator.

ERASMUS DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATORS

- **Environmental Studies:** Zbyněk Ulčák, Ph.D. (ulcak@fss.muni.cz)
- **Media Studies and Journalism:** Michal Tkaczyk, Ph.D. (245062@mail.muni.cz)
- **International Relations and European Studies:** Veronika Zapletalová, Ph.D. (137853@mail.muni.cz)
- **Political Science:** Michal Pink, Ph.D. (pink@fss.muni.cz)
- **Psychology:** Michal Čevelíček, Ph.D. (173055@mail.muni.cz)
- **Social Policy and Work:** Dr. Blanka Plasová (plasova@fss.muni.cz)
- **Sociology (Gender Studies and Social Anthropology):** Csaba Szaló, Ph.D. (szalo@fss.muni.cz)

CONTACTS IN THE STUDY DEPARTMENT



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

Contact Hours

Monday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00

Tuesday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00

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

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

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

Contact Hours

Monday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00

Tuesday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00

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

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

MEET THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE STAFF



LUDMILA POLÁŠKOVÁ

Study support for full degree BA and MA students.

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DAGMAR HÁBOVÁ

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ERIN ANNA SMITH

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KLÁRA NĚMEČKOVÁ

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room 1.14

Contact Hours - Ludmila

Monday: 13:00-15:00

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

LAUNCH OF FSS MATES

The Faculty of Social Studies has created a support system for students when they have appointments at governmental offices or doctors to provide translation services.

Please note, the FSS Mate is not responsible to make an appointment for students, nor to help students fill out applications (i.e. it is the students responsibility that they have all the required documentations required of the appointment).

Students can sign up for this support [here](#) starting 1 March.

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Students can find helpful information on our [Incoming Students page](#). On this page you can find information on language and culture groups, academic information, getting to know FSS and more!

Students can find the presentations from orientation week in their emails.

ERASMUS APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2022

Applications for the Erasmus+ Europe programme will open in the next week. Students can expect an email from departmental coordinators about how to apply and the deadline.

CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

There are yet other changes across our faculty. Monika Bartoszewicz has left the department, leaving for Norway. Professor Bartoszewicz was a part of the FSS from 2018 as Assistant Professor, teaching Comparative Analysis of Security Policy; Religion and Identity in Contemporary World; Introduction to Security Policy; Cultural Security; Conceptualizations of Terrorism and Security Systems and Actors.

As for the good news, Jan Kleiner and Michal Tóth have joined the FSS at full force. Both have gained their Ph.Ds at Masaryk University. According to the FSS Katedra Politologie, Michal Toth will be heavily involved in methodological course at Securities and Strategies studies and other course at POL, while Jan Kleiner will be teaching mostly bachelor's courses at Security and Strategic Studies.



Colourful Czech for Foreigners

- basic Czech phrases with fast speaking progress
- focusing on communication (school, shops, travelling)
- 1x 90 minutes per week
- **2 ECTS + certificate**

Beginners I (21. 2. / 24. 2. – 16. 5. / 12. 5. 2022)
group I: Mondays 12:00–13:30 OR group II: Thursdays 12:00–13:30

Beginners II (21. 2. – 12. 5. 2022)
Mondays 10:00–11:30

Pre-Intermediate (24. 2. – 12. 5. 2022)
Thursdays 10:00–11:30

PRICE: 2 500 CZK (APPROX. 102 EUR / 116 USD)
COURSE CODES IN IS: [CJVCZ01](#), [CJVCZ02](#), [CJVCZ03](#)
ORDER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/COLOUR-CZECH](https://bit.ly/colour-czech)(SCROLL DOWN)

Interested in helping to teach your native language?

- Become Language teaching assistant
- **Obtain ECTS credits**
- Get a certificate

More information: <https://bit.ly/teach-languages>

Got questions?
koordinator@cjv.muni.cz
www.cjv.muni.cz/en
FB, IG: @cjvmu



Language Courses Taught in English SPRING 2022

German:
— **Absolute Beginners I**
Wednesday 16:00–17:30

— **Absolute Beginners II**
Wednesday 14:00–15:30

Swahili:
— **Absolute Beginners I**
Wednesday 17:30–19:00

Chinese:
— **Absolute Beginners II**
Monday 16:00–17:30

— **Chinese in Global Mobility**
Monday 14:00–15:30

Spanish
— **Absolute Beginners I**
Thursday 16:00–17:30

- + Colourful Czech courses
- + CJV courses at faculties

EARLY BIRD PRICE: 2 500 - 3600 CZK
REGISTER UNTIL: **16/02/2022**
*UNTIL 10/02/2022 FOR SECURING YOUR SPOT

More info & registration at:
<https://bit.ly/foreign-courses>

www.cjv.muni.cz/en
@cjvmu
E-mail: koordinator@cjv.muni.cz



Other Languages Courses Offered at Masaryk University Can be Found [Here](#):

SPORTS CLASSES

PE courses in English for all MUNI students. They can be found [here](#).

- Most of the following PE courses are regular weekly classes held face to face.
- Based on the government's epidemiological measures, the MU management may change the form of teaching and continue online. We will inform you.
- Students should register the PE courses the same way as all other courses in IS.
- Sports are reserved primarily for degree-seeking students. Everyone else can apply for exception in IS: IS Guidelines, page 10
- Each student can enrol only one PE course per semester.
- Students, who do not want a full semester PE course can use our fitness gym on Campus or search for commercial gyms in Brno.

What to do around Brno in February 2022

KINO ART FILM FESTIVAL



Kino Art is offering a great selection of movies through their Bloody Valentine Festival. While the movies all center around romance, to quote Kino Art's website: "You can enjoy romantic movies in pairs, you can enjoy them by yourself, you can even take your parents or grandmother, if you wish." Most of the movies are in English, so you won't have trouble following the script. Find out more [here](#).

If you're not a big fan of Romance movies, Kino Art will also be running A Scandinavian silent-film festival with Czech and English subtitles. The festival will last until 13th of February so make sure to get your tickets soon! Find out more [here](#)



If you want to do something more physical, TIC Brno will be offering 19 walking tours of Brno To Mark International Tourist Guide Day, so make sure to take them up on their offer. On the weekend of February 19th-20th, there will be 19 tours taking place on various themes led by professional guides, including one in English and one in German. Find out more [here](#)

INTERVIEWS WITH OUR PROFESSORS!

In an attempt to get to know our professors better, we've been conducting interviews with some of our faculty's members. The latest interview in our series is with Jana Urbanovska! Over the month of February, we'll also publish our interview with Jan Osicka from the Energy Policy Studies. If you have a professor that you'd like us to interview us next, please reach out (where?)



Jana Urbanovska

Jana Urbanovska is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Social Studies, at the department of International Relations and European Politics. Professor Urbanovska has stayed loyal to her interest in international politics ever since high school, wanting to learn how international politics work and how states cooperate and confront each other. You can read the full interview [here](#)

Bernadette Nadya Jaworsky

Bernadette Nadya Jaworsky is an associate professor at the Department of Sociology . Professor Jaworsky's path to studying and then teaching sociology started when she was 40 years old. Nadya went back to school for her Bachelor's thinking she would end up being a feminist-Marxist economist, but soon realized that it wasn't the right fit. It would be a course about social inequality that would first grab her attention and direct her towards Sociology and eventually towards Cultural Sociology. You can read the full interview [here](#)



Marek Rybar

Marek Rybář is an associate professor at the department of Political Science - Faculty of Social Studies. Conflict and Democracy Studies are a part of his personal story. Originally from Slovakia, Rybar witnessed the collapse of Communism, followed by the complicated process of building and consolidating democracy within his home country, which piqued his interest in politics and democratic processes. You can read the full interview [here](#)



THE MUNICIPAL WASTE FEE IN BRNO IN 2022

INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Since 1/1/2013 the local fees for municipal waste in Brno have had to be paid for by:

- all foreign nationals (both EU and non-EU) residing in Brno for longer than 3 months (until 2012 it was only those with a permanent residence permit). The fee is to be paid for by each person.
- all owners of property (flats or family houses) in which no person is registered as staying. For example if you own two flats, and you are registered as resident in one of them, and if in the other flat no-one is registered as resident, you are liable to pay once for yourself as a result of your residence and a second time due to your ownership of property in which no-one is registered as resident.

The above mentioned fee payers are obliged to:

- 1) pay for the fee in due time (if the fee is not paid for in due time, it may be increased up to three times the fee)
- 2) to report this fact to the fee administrator (electronic forms are available at www.brno.cz/odpady); failing the reporting duty may result in a fine imposed by the fee administrator. In the administration of tax all meetings are to be conducted and all documents are to be produced in Czech.

FEE RATE 670 CZK per payer for the calendar year 2022 - FEE TO BE PAID BY 31/5/2022

You can make the payment from January already.

Concerning a duty to pay the fee arising in the period from 1/5 to 31/12, a proportionate part of the fee is payable by the last day of the month following the month in which the duty to pay the fee arose.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

111220022/0800 (Česká spořitelna, a.s.), the payment reference number ("variabilní symbol") is the personal identification number of the fee payer.

ONLINE PAYMENT AT at municipal e-shop: www.brnoid.cz

PAYING FOR THE FEE AT THE CASH DESK

Address: Šumavská 35, Building C, 3th floor

When making a payment in cash at the cash desk, you need to know the name and surname, address and date of birth for each of the fee payers that you are making the payment for.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- In person: Šumavská 35, Building C, 3th floor, on business days Monday, Wednesday: 8:00 – 17:00 and Friday: 8:00 – 12:00

- By telephone: 542 174 301, 542 174 304, 542 174 305, 542 174 306, 542 174 300

- In writing: Odbor životního prostředí MMB, Kounicova 67, 601 67 Brno

- E-mail: odpady@brno.cz

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 Public health insurance, you should also follow the information on how to [register](#) for the vaccine without paying).

For more information about the possibilities for Self Payers, please visit the governmental [website](#).

As always, test results and vaccination certificates should be uploaded into the IS.

The last vaccination at MU facilities will take place on Friday, 11 February, at the Faculty of Arts, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room D22

For more information about vaccination and booster shots please visit the MU [website](#).

Vaccination - how to pay for it

FSS students should first try to be reimbursed by their health insurance company. Foreigners.cz has written an [article](#) 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, or that it was only for the booster shot. 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.

This policy will continue through the spring 2022 semester to give our students more time to get vaccinated and obtain the booster doses.

Vaccination recognition

Please use this [link](#) to find out if the vaccination certificate from your country is recognized in the Czech Republic. Only certificates from countries on the list are recognized here and only vaccination by vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency (Vaxzevria/AstraZeneca; Spikevax/Moderna; Comirnaty/Pfizer; Janssen) or a vaccine manufactured in accordance with a patent for the above vaccines that is approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use (the Covishield vaccine) are recognized.

If you are vaccinated by other vaccine or if your certificate is from a country which is not on the list, you are considered as unvaccinated by the Czech government. This means that all current rules apply to you, so you have to stay in 5 days self-isolation after travelling from red/dark-red country and get the PCR test after these 5 days.

REPORTING POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

Informing MUNI of positive coronavirus results

Anyone who tests positive for coronavirus will be contacted by the Hygienic Department with the phone number you provided. Please do not change phone numbers if you are waiting for results.

If students test positive for Coronavirus they must do the following.

1. Report your positive test in [IS System](#).
2. Contact your study department and the IRO office at FSS that you have tested positive.

If you live in the university dormitories, the dormitories will be alerted by the FSS IRO office that you have tested positive and they will contact you if new arrangements need to be made.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please use this [app](#).

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Regulations by Government for the country

- Facemasks (N95) are required inside all public buildings and in public transportation
- PCR tests are now valid for 3 days, and antigen tests for 24 hours.

ENTRY TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

all students should check the current restrictions before traveling

Entry requirements are based on your residency status with the Czech Republic (visa, resident permit, etc.), the country you are travelling from and if you are vaccinated with a recognized vaccine and if the country you were vaccinated is on the [list](#). It is up to each student to determine what procedure they must follow, as it is different in every case. To review the requirements you can visit the MU [website](#).

Students who are required to receive a negative covid test will need to continue to wear a respirator in dormitories and all public places until their negative covid test. This is the case for students travelling from all locations except 'black countries' these countries have a stricter testing requirement and isolation is required. To stay up to date with what color your departure country falls under, please use the MU [website](#) and always check the Ministry [website](#).

Always it's necessary to fill in the entry form before you'll travel to the Czech Republic: <https://plf.uzis.cz/>