

MAY 2022

# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Newsletter for  
International  
Students



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## STATE HOLIDAYS IN MAY

### 1 May - Labour day

May 1st is officially Labor Day in the Czech Republic, but it is unofficially known as the Day of Love where people in love are meant to kiss under a blooming cherry tree.

Ancient legends say that a girl who is not kissed on this day would wither and die in twelve months. In countryside, there are village balls and people erect decorated maypoles while students in cities organize Majáles, a celebration of students' life. Majáles in Brno will take place on 7 May.

Shops can be open on this public holiday.

### 8 May - Liberation Day

May 8th celebrates the end of WWII in the Czech Republic when the Prague was liberated and WWII ended in the Czech Republic. Shops over 200 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

**September 2022**

Graduation will take place in the first week of September 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.

## REPEATING CLASSES

**only 2 chances to pass**

Except for rare exceptions, students only have two chances to pass a compulsory (obligatory) course, in some cases this also is the case for optional 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 or programme guarantor.

## 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.

## FINAL 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 receive 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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# FSS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BBQ

Friday, 13 May 12:30 - 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 8 May so we can order enough food.



## GRAMMARLY

Improve your essays without trying!

Did you know that the FSS library has licenses for Grammarly for our students?

This is a great asset for all students to make sure their essays (and theses!) are in the best final state possible! Instructions and order form are on the library website.

The image shows the Grammarly Premium logo and promotional text. The logo consists of a green circle with a white 'G' inside, followed by the word 'grammarly' in lowercase and 'ONLINE WRITING ASSISTANT' in uppercase. The word 'PREMIUM' is written in white on a blue banner in the top right corner. Below the logo, the text 'Do you need help with your English? No problem!' is written in pink. To the left of this text is a cartoon illustration of a grey cat wearing glasses and sitting at a laptop with the Grammarly logo on it.

## ACCOMMODATION REGISTRATION

For students currently in MU accommodation

Accommodation reservation is open for students \*currently\* accommodated at the student residences until May 6 for the next academic year.

Students accepted for fall 2022 will receive information about accommodation reservation during the summer.

More information on the SKM website.



# BRNO EVENTS

## Vegan Brno StreetFoodFest

Vegan Street Food Festival will take place on Namesti Svobodi on May 29th, from 11AM to 6PM. The event promotes Zero Waste so feel free to bring your own containers and utensils. Click [here](#) for more info.



## Brněnský Majáles 2022

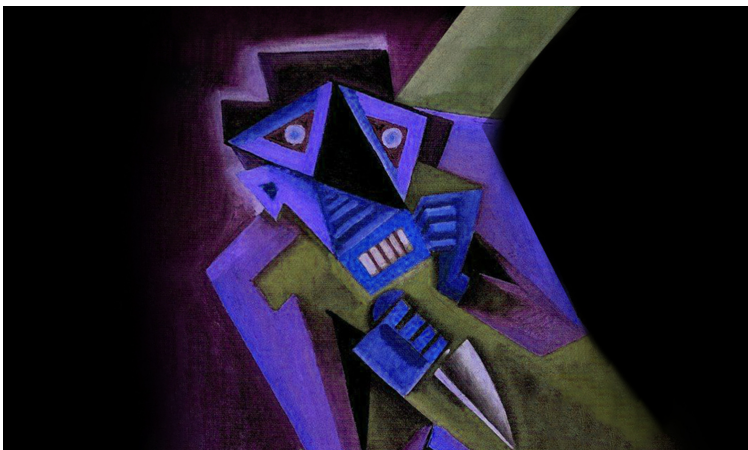
17th year of the legendary festival - Brno Majales returns in full force! Purchased tickets for 2020 remain valid WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF EXCHANGE, the same applies to vouchers! On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the Majáles parade through the city center and culminates in the form of the Majáles Open-air festival at the Exhibition Grounds. For more information click [here](#).

## OURS

7 May - 19.30 - HaDivadlo

Performance will be full English friendly experience – show in Czech with English subtitles, supplemented with introduction in English. Please note that the show introduction starts at 7 PM.

Tickets are available [here](#). More information also in FB [event](#).



## The Trial - English Play in Music Lab

On May 21st at 7 PM, you can see a play, The Trial in english, at Music Lab, located near our faculty building.

Czech Theater's spring play is an adaptation of Franz Kafka's unfinished novel "The Trial", based on the script by Jan Grossman translated by Barbara Day.

You can see the play on May 22nd, May 28th and 29th as well.

More information [here](#)

# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Be aware of the expiration date

Students are responsible with 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.

Students should schedule their appointment in the governmental system <https://frs.gov.cz/en>. Often appointments are booked 1-2 months in advance and it can be hard to get last minute appointments, therefore please plan ahead!

**Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new FSS Mates programme to attend the appointment and help with any translation problems.**

In the current situation the faculty is not able to call and get you an appointment - we do not have this power.

### 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. **Please don't forget that according to the governmental decision you are allowed to use only PVZP company and it must be comprehensive health care. Other insurance won't be accepted by the MOI office for visa purposes, you can use this [link](#) to get the insurance.**

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