

JUNE 2020

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

monthly
newsletter for
International
Students



Dear friends,

Until very recently, we could not imagine how profoundly our lives would change literally overnight - that suddenly we would not be able to do a lot of things that we had used to take for granted; that we would be no longer able to meet either at the university, or outside of it.

It has been, and still remains, a big challenge for us. The main line of thought that has been guiding us when deciding on the changes at the faculty was to benefit our students and protect them. We have tried to provide the best possible education also in those different circumstances, so that our students know that they are, and always have been, our number one priority. Now that you are preparing for the exams, you already know whether we have succeeded.

We care deeply about your reflections in terms of what has worked well and what we could improve. Of course, while respecting the fact that we adopted a host of measures not out of our own free will, but because we had to comply with the decisions of the state. We would like to make most out of our current experience and think about what can be used in the future - both in a standard regime as well as in case of any other potential restrictions.

We are fully aware that the exceptional situation in which we find ourselves together calls for exceptional measures. During the autumn, we will therefore continue to support you - our students - so that you can devote as much energy as possible to studying and participating in various faculty activities.

I wish you all the success for your exams and a nice summer!

Stanislav Balík
Dean

CHANGES TO LOGIN PAGES

University system migrating log in

Starting June 1, some login pages that used to use the secondary password will now ask for your primary password. If your passwords are saved, please note that this may cause you some problems. If you typically use your secondary password and it is not working, try your primary password. For more information visit this [website](#).

REQUESTING INFORMATION

No need to come to the Faculty

The Faculty is able to send requested confirmations, or other documentation via email or classic post.

However when requesting documents, please use your UČO address, as there has been an **increase in emails being sent to SPAM and it may be missed**.

THINGS TO DO IN BRNO

Brno comes alive in June

- [Exhibition on the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain](#) - Brno Technical Museum
- [Concerts and Movies at Špilberk](#) (some movies are in English)
- [Numerous Open Air Events at GOOSE ON A STRING THEATRE \(DIVADLO HUSA NA PROVÁZKU\)](#)
- [Concerts](#) - Different Venues
- [Explore Veverí Castle](#), take the boat or hike. The castle reopens in June.
- [Scala Cinema](#) - some movies available in English or other languages.

ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION OF STUDIES

Students are now able to request their Confirmation of Studies online in the IS system. The confirmation is not immediate, but it should help with the process of getting this document. It can be used for things like taxes, job, insurance, etc. For some visas, it may be sufficient to prove enrollment into the next semester.

To request your confirmation of Studies go to the "During Studies" tab in the Student section of your IS account. You will then click on "confirmation of studies" and then "Issue Confirmation". For more information, visit the FAQ page [here](#).

 > Student > [Confirmation of Studies](#) ✦

The **confirmation of the length of completed studies** can be issued for your chosen studies

[Issue confirmation](#)

 Information on processing personal data (GDPR) and explanation of rights.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Relaxed Regulations by Government and University

Throughout May, the Czech Government relaxed most of its restrictions related to Coronavirus. Students should continue to follow the news to follow regulations. However, we also urge students to be wise, watch their health, and help ensure there is no spike in cases.

A few points:

- Facemasks are not currently required in public or while at restaurants, however they are required on Public Transport and in Stores.
- Social distancing is required when not using face masks.
- Continue to use hygienic measures such as frequently washing hands, don't share drinks, and maintain social distancing.

Regulations at the University:

- Most of FSS will remain on Home Office during the month of June. If students need to meet with someone, they should confirm the time before hand, and complete the declaration of the absence of symptoms of viral infectious diseases.
- Starting June 1 the FSS library will be open for limited access. Students must maintain social distancing in the library. The computers will not be available for use, nor can chargers, headphones, etc. be borrowed.
- Student Canteens were reopened starting Monday, May 25. Menus and hours can be seen [here](#).
- Information on entering the FSS building can be found [here](#).
- FSS will only hold remote examinations during June, in person exams are currently permitted for September. Students can sign up for exams throughout the summer.

RENEW YOUR VISA - PLANNING AHEAD

Updated information

For full degree students

Masaryk University is working with the government to ensure students are able to renew visas as soon as possible. We know this is stressful waiting to know when you can complete your immigration requirements. Please review the Ministry of Interior website for changes and look for emails from the Faculty. **Some embassies have begun to reopen and will start to process visas, however the process is still being sorted at the Ministry level. As soon as we have updated information, we will share it with you.**

Students who are leaving the Czech Republic before Fall semester should have received an email from Klara on Friday, March 27 with a request to complete a form putting your visa application on hold until October if you will be returning home between now and the start of the fall semester.

Students who will be staying in the Czech Republic can submit their visa extension via registered mail (in Czech "doporučeně"), again please see the email from Klára.

We know this is a very confusing situation, and every student's case is different. Please contact Klára directly regarding any questions you have with your visa and she will help you figure out what makes sense for you.

It is the students' responsibility to make sure they have a valid visa in order to study in the Czech Republic. It's necessary to submit the application for resident permit/extension of resident permit **before the current one will expire**.



EMAILS BEING SENT TO SPAM

Check your spam folder periodically

There has been an increase in emails sent from University addresses being sent to the spam folders. The IT department is looking into this, however if you are waiting on an email and haven't gotten a reply, please check the Spam folder to see if it was sent there.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER

June 22-August 31

If you have ever wished to have a club or organization at FSS or the University level, now is a perfect time to brainstorm how it would work. International students, same as Czechs, are able to propose new organizations. Find out more about the process [here](#) or email Erin at smith@czs.muni.cz.

As a reminder...

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.

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.

MOBILITY CALL

Look for an email from Dagmar

If you are interested on going abroad for a mobility term, please look out for an email from Dagmar.

THINKING TO NEXT YEAR...

Create your own club

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