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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Students



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## HAPPY SUMMER!



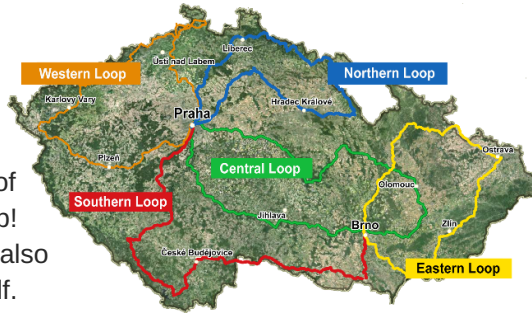
# CYCLE AROUND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

This website will help!

If you are a fan of biking and want to explore more of the Czech Republic, this website could be a big help! They break down the trips into different stages and also provide recommendations so you can guide yourself.

The ultimate self-guided Czech bike experience

5 loops = 100% Czechia



In a nutshell

- ⦿ Get all the info you need on this website to plan your independent trip. It's for free!
- ⦿ Jump on a bike and enjoy every amazing sight that Czechia has to offer!
- ⦿ Collect stamps along the way and become an Hall of Famer
- ⦿ If you wish, travel with peace of mind with our paid logistic support.

[Learn more](#)

## MARATON HUDBY BRNO

August 13-16, 2020

Throughout the city centre stages will be set up with different themed music August 13-16. See the program [here](#) (in Czech) where you can find the different acts, from Folklor, to Indies, to Balkan music. A brief overview in English is [here](#).

## ORIENTATION WEEK

September 28-October 3

First time incoming students are required to attend orientation. The official - mandatory orientation will start on Tuesday, September 29. And mandatory parts of orientation is free of charge, however it is possible to purchase an Orientation Week package that includes social activities with ESN (Exchange Student Network). These activities will start on Monday, September 28.

Excpetions for attending the mandatory orientation is only made for students who are unable to arrive ontime due to visa or other complications. Students are required to be in touch with FSS about late arrivals.

Portions of the orientation will be virtual, please keep be sure to review emails discussing the details.





## IGNIUS BRUNENSIS

**August 20-23, 2020**

Good news! The annual fireworks festival will take place this summer. While it will be shorter, and not at the Brno dam, the festival itself is expanded to daily events including special presentations at the Planetarium, Technical Museum, Šalina Pub, etc.

Find more information [here](#) (only in Czech, but the Google translate plugin on Google Chrome is a wonderful thing...)



## SCALA CINEMA

**Movies in English**

Kino Scala (the University cinema) is a great place to watch some movies. Throughout the summer they offer (almost) daily screenings in English, some even in their "Summer Outdoor Cinema". See the program [here](#).

## ŠPILBERK INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

**August 11-21, 2020**

See some great music at Špilberk. For more information visit the [website](#) (in English) or [Facebook](#) (in Czech)

## LANGUAGE AND SPORTS CLASSES

**Open to FSS Full degree and exchange students**

Students can enrol in the Physical Education courses offered by University Sports Centre and take classes such as Zumba, Table Tennis, Football, etc. To see the full list of courses, visit the FSpS [website](#).

Full degree students are also able to enrol in introductory language classes taught in English at the Faculty in French and Spanish for free. Other [language courses](#) are offered at the Language Centre in Italian, Chinese, Swahili, German, and Czech, however there is a fee for these courses.

# TESTING FOR COVID-19

## where to go

We've been recommended that Cytogenetická laboratoř Brno at Veveří 39 is a good location to go to be tested. They may not speak English when you go there, however there is an online form you can complete to schedule an appointment. You can either go there to be tested, or they can come to your residence to perform the test (for an extra cost) if you are required to not leave. Please note that this test is only to see if you currently have Coronavirus, it DOES NOT test antibodies.

Other testing locations can be found [here](#).

# ENTRY TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## for students who require a negative test result

The result of the test done abroad is no longer accepted, it's necessary to present the negative test done directly in the Czech Republic.

**Arriving in Prague:** the best possibility is to undergo the test directly at the airport in Prague.

There are 3 places (terminal 1, terminal 2 and public area between terminal 1 and 2). The check point in non-public area (terminal 1 and terminal 2) should be best, because the waiting time should be shorter.

**Arriving to Vienna (or other airport):** you need to arrange the test in Brno. In this case don't forget to book an appointment in advance, see information above! Testing locations can be found [here](#).

**Immediately after your arrival to the Czech Republic,** you need to report yourself to this email

[pendleri@khsbrno.cz](mailto:pendleri@khsbrno.cz) with the following information:

příjmení, (name and surname)

datum narození, (date of birth)

bydliště, (address)

místo ohlašovaného pobytu, (the place you'll stay here)

telefonní číslo, (phone number)

e-mailová adresa, (email) datum příjezdu do ČR. (date of the entry to the Czech republic)

When you'll have the test result, it's necessary to send the scan of it also to this address!

# REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

More information on registration and enrolment can be found [here](#).

**Term Enrolment:** August 1-October 12

**Registration of Courses:** June 22-August 31

**Enrolment in Courses:** September 1-October 4

**Course enrolment changes:** October 5-18

A full look at the courses offered at FSS can be found [here](#), however full degree students should consult with their study plan.

# GRADUATION CEREMONY

## Taking place in September and November

FSS is planning on two graduation ceremonies, one in September and one in November. As with anything during this period, please be prepared for plans to change.

If you are planning to graduate, please register (and purchase) the graduation using the information provided by Ludmila by the 23 August for the September graduation or until 11 October for the graduation in November.

In case you would like to attend to support your friends, you can do so (there is no fee for guests). The graduation for bachelor students will be on September 19 and November 5; and for masters students on September 18 and November 6.

# 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.



# 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 outside. Face masks are required at indoor events over 100 people, and may be required in other locations (such as Prague); as well as transportation carriers such as trains, busses, planes (not Brno public transport).
- The government has created a 'traffic light' system to show the current epidemiological situation in the Czech Republic by districts. Currently Brno is in the "white zone" which is the lowest rating. It will be updated weekly here (in Czech only).
- 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.
- FSS will offer online classes for full degree students for the Fall semester IF students are unable to travel to Brno due to Covid-19 related concerns (i.e. embassys are closed, or banned travel). Students will need to inform the Faculty, as well as prove their inability to travel here.

## 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.

The Ministry of the Interior is open, however they may be temporarily closed due to a positive case in Coronavirus. If possible, send your application through certified mail - however this is only possible for students who already have residence permits and will need to extend it. First year students will be required to go personally to the MOI office. It is encourage to reserve your appointment as soon as possible for a date when you know you will be in Brno.

## 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.