

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



IMPORTANT DATES

January 18-February 28
Exam period

February 1-28
Course enrolment

February 1-March 8
Term Enrolment

February 22-28
New Student Orientation

February 25
Zoom Call

A FEW QUICK WORDS...

ErinAnna Smith

I wanted to take this moment to reach out to you as a fellow international person. As many of you wrap up your 2nd semester of online learning and exams and enter the 3rd, I wanted to share with you how incredibly impressed I am for all that you have accomplished. While you are not alone - students all around the world have had to make this transition - I have been heartened to see how dedicated many of you stay to your studies, pushing forward with education, and trying to move ahead with your future plans. I for one don't know if I could have lived up to the standard you set if I was still a student.

I also know that this can be particularly difficult to be away from home, trying to keep up to date with regulations (the University website highlights the [changes](#)), and worrying that loved ones are safe. For that reason, I wanted to share one of the ways I have dealt with any stress - walking and exploring around Brno.

Walking around the [Brno Dam](#) (reservoir, lake, etc.) is great no matter the season (some of my favorite walks have been in the winter). The same with [Hady Lom](#). My newest walking tradition is to pick a grocery store far away I've never gone to - walk there, then take public transport back. That way I explore a new part of the city - but I have a mission!

Good luck on exams!
- Erin

SPRING 2021

Online - Semester starts March 1

The university leadership announced on Thursday, January 7 that the Spring semester will be held online. Teaching will take place between March 1-May 30. The exam period will last until mid-July, however the faculties are able to extend this period, if they decide to do so.

This decision was made as the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact the Czech Republic, and so both students and staff can have enough time to effectively plan for their next semester.

RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

Ministry of the Interior has moved

Renewing your student visa/residence permit

As we enter the spring semester it is good to keep in mind what is necessary to renew your study visa. 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.

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

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](#).

New office of the Ministry of Interior

As you probably know, the Ministry of Interior has moved office. They now have a larger waiting area, and more desks, so we hope you will have a smoother process. Their new address is **Tuřanka 1554/115b, 627 00 Brno - Slatina Building P**. The nearest bus stop is Slatina, závod (about a 2-3 minute walk to the building) and busses 77, 78, 75, E50, E75, and 73 currently go there.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS

STIPEND PROGRAMMES OF FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES 2021

The following scholarships are available for students of the English taught study programs. Full details can be found on our website [here](#).

- **4A: Scholarship for student assistants at departments and research institutes.** (Stipendijní program pro studentské asistenty kateder a výzkumných pracovišť fakulty)
- **4B: Scholarship for student assistants at offices of the Dean's Office and specialized units.** (Stipendijní program pro studentské asistenty děkanátu a účelových pracovišť fakulty)
- **4C: Scholarship for student assistants involved in PR and representative Faculty events.** (Stipendijní program pro studentské asistenty v rámci propagačních a reprezentačních aktivit fakulty)

The following stipend support was created for students of English-taught study programs at FSS

- Stipend scheme for supporting long-term internships abroad for Faculty students studying in English-taught study programmes
- Stipend scheme for supporting shorter-term internships abroad for Faculty students studying in English-taught study programmes
- Stipend support scheme awards for the best students in pre-graduate English-taught study programmes

Any questions regarding these scholarships or stipends can be directed to Erin at smith@czs.muni.cz.

Please keep in mind, individual departments may have additional scholarships/stipends. These are only Faculty wide scholarships/stipends. More information about scholarships and stipends can be found on our website [here](#).

ZOOM CHECKIN

Next one scheduled for February 25

Please join us for our next zoom call on Thursday, February 25 at 15:00 CET. We will discuss spring semester, and students will be able to ask any questions that they may have. Students received the link in their email.

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!

You can share any suggestions with us using this form [here](#).

REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

Enrolment in classes is still possible.

Term Enrolment: February 1 - March 8

Enrolment in Courses: February 1 - 28

Course enrolment changes: March 1 - 14

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

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.

Note: Due to the extended examination period, some students were automatically re enrolled in their classes since final grades have not been processed. This will correct itself by the end of the examination period - if you continue to have some problems, please reach out to Ludmila Polášková at lpolasko@fss.muni.cz.

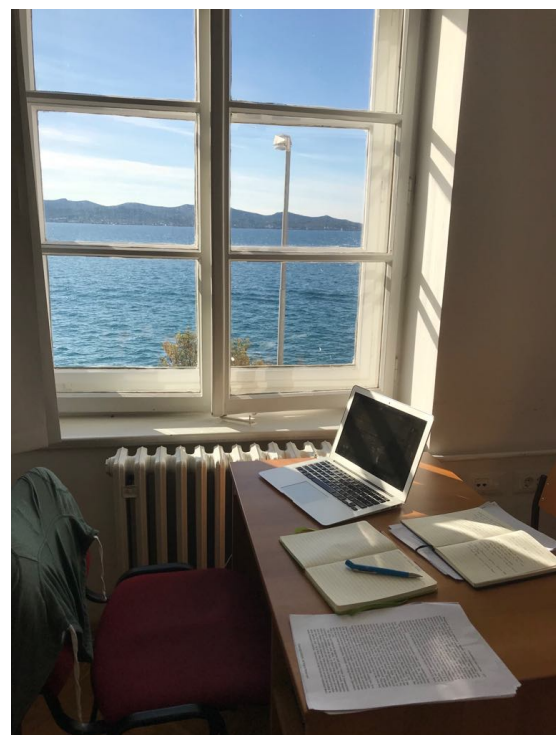
APPLY FOR ERASMUS

You can still go abroad for Fall 2021

Applications for the Erasmus programme (study abroad within Europe) are now open and due by February 28. Students will receive an email from their [erasmus coordinator](#) with relevant instructions for their department. The 'call for applications' will be open by departments, latest February 8.

The UK is still available through the Erasmus programme for the 2021-2022 year.

If you missed the mobility live stream in November, you can view it [here](#).



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. e. 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](#).

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

State of Emergency extended to Feb. 14 (may be extended)

The Czech Government has created a [Covid Portal](#) in English that we encourage students to look at and us.

New regulations for entering the country have been created. Students are able to arrive in Brno, however they must follow any testing requirements created. You can find specific entry requirements on our website under '[conditions for entering the Czech Republic](#)'.

We encourage students to stay up to date with the current restrictions on the [MUNI website](#), specific regulations regarding FSS can be found on our [website](#).



**Current information on emergency
measures at the Faculty of Social Studi...**

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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.