

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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MUNI RANKS AMONG TOP 200 UNIVERSITIES

MU among top 200 universities in education quality worldwide

For the first time in history, MU has been included in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings, which assess universities' contributions to fulfilling the UN's sustainable development goals.

According to the University Impact Rankings, Masaryk University is the best Czech university in the categories of Quality Education and Partnerships for the Goals. Overall, in the category of Quality Education MU was ranked 101–200 globally.

In this category, universities' commitment to inclusive and quality education, support for life-long learning, educational activities, and regional activities are evaluated.

"This is a great success for Masaryk University and confirmation that quality teaching is one of our main priorities. Of course, we will continue to focus on this area and work on further developing and improving remote and hybrid learning," said MU rector, Martin Bareš.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Restrictions are easing up. You can now visit Restaurant Gardens.

Restaurant gardens are opening up to the public again, with certain conditions for the establishment and the guests. The government has also decided to increase the outdoor capacity of zoos, botanical gardens, and arboretums and pools.

In restaurants, guests must carry proof of a negative test, vaccination, or a maximum of 180 days since infection with the virus. The ban on restaurants and shopping centers providing internet access in their gardens will be lifted. Restrictive measures for culture and sports are also beginning to relax, please follow the information provided by the venues regarding the regulations.

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](#).

OUTDOOR CINEMA IN BRNO DAM

With fewer restrictions in place, there are more fun activities to do in and around Brno. If you have missed going to the movie theaters, you can check out The Brno-Bystrc's very own summer cinema.

Cinema Lovers can now watch movies on an inflatable film screen at Brno Dam.

Since the Inflatable cinema can be relocated and rebuilt in a few hours, we can expect the Brno inflatable Cinema to pop up in different locations over the summer, so keep an eye out for the next location.

FSS QUIZ NIGHT - RECAP

On May 10th FSS held its first online Faculty-wide Quiz Night. Questions ranged from University trivia and Freud's hometown to the largest desert in the world. (It's Atlantic polar desert)

The three teams, Bulbols of Brno, Energy Policy MS, and CONDEMSupportes fiercely competed for first place.

Bulbols of Brno were the clear leaders of the night, but the fight between Energy Policy MSs AND CONDEMSupportes saw many high and lows before Energypolicy MS won by three questions, leaving CONDEMSupportesr in third place. We'd like to congratulate Bulbols of Brno for their well-deserved win, and thank EnergyPolicy MS and CONDEMSupporters for putting up a great fight. We'd love to turn this into a reoccurring thing and encourage even more of you to join in on the fun.

Let's hope that on the next Quiz Night we'll be able to see each other in person!



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FSS STUDENTS

Here are some interesting Summer Programmes offered at MUNI and our Partner Universities. Check for available scholarships [here](#).

Global Perspectives: Media, Communication, Culture (MUNI)

6 ECTS

From 23 June - 17 July

€0 - €600

This summer school is for students who are interested in how their own culture, media, and means for communication frame and connect their knowledge and personal experience of the world to broader understandings of their identity and perspective in the world. Student can choose to only participate in the course (fee waived), or to participate in the full summer school (fee €600). The full summer school option includes trips to Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow/Auschwitz. Traditionally this course costs € 3350 - MU students are receiving a special discount for 2021. The scholarship is not available for this programme as it is in the Czech Republic.

Apply by 10 June

Global and Multicultural Society (Digital) - Tampere Summer School (Finland)

5 ETCS

From 02 August - 11 August

€525

This course will present the basic framework of the multicultural society and the global phenomena around it. It also describes the methods how to understand global and multicultural topics in a multicultural society. Additionally, the aim of the course is to teach a few basic principles of social and health care issues and what this means when people are coming from diverse backgrounds. The participants will be able to take part in the discussion of global and multicultural topics which are visible in the society.

Apply by 07 June

Migration, Integration and Ethnic Relations (Digital) - Utrecht Summer School (Netherlands)

3 ETCS

From 05 July - 16 July

€ 850

During the summer school, the participants will discuss social scientific theories and empirical research on international migration, the socio-economic and cultural integration of immigrants and their children, and the reactions of the host society.

Apply by 07 June

LAST ZOOM CHECKIN FOR THE SUMMER

Zoom Check in is scheduled for 24 June

Please join us for our next zoom call on Thursday, 24 June at 15:00 CET. We will discuss updates, and students will be able to ask any questions that they may have. Students will receive the link in their email. Students received the minutes from the last zoom meeting in their email. If you would like them to be resent, please email Erin at smith@czs.muni.cz

Please keep in mind that there will be no Zoom Check In in July.

EMERGENCY CZECH: SUMMER EDITION

The exam season is still ahead of us, but summer is right around the corner too! Here's some useful Czech Phrases to use this upcoming season.

- **Už mám po zkouškách** - I'm done with the exams.
- **Dáš si zmrzlinu?** - Do you want some ice cream?
- **Můžu dostat led, prosím?**- Can I have some ice, please?

LIBRARY RESOURCES

A list of online databases available [here](#)

The [FSS library](#) is now open to students to study and borrow books without the need of a negative covid test. Students need to assure that they are symptom free before going to the library. Some PCs are available for use, but it is recommended to bring your own laptop.

Circulation desk and Study Rooms

Mon 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tue 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wed 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thu 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat-Sun CLOSED

If you need any help, advice, or support from the library, please, do not hesitate to contact them at library@fss.muni.cz or through their [Facebook chat](#).

More information from the library is [here](#).

REGISTRATION

Quick Reminder - Registration and Enrollment are separate actions

- 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.

Reminder to register for the next semester –
You can start applying for being enrolled in the term from 31.05 to 20.09 and start registering for courses from 21.06 to 31.08

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS OF THE MU RESIDENCE

Booking beds for holiday accommodation for MU students and students of other universities will be possible in the following terms:

- 01.06.-11.06.2021 – accommodated students
- 14.06.-24.06.2021 – other interested parties

Those interested in accommodation will send their request via email to the dormitory which will be open over the summer. After booking, students sign a contract electronically at ISKaM for accommodation.

After booking, students sign a contract electronically at ISKaM for the accommodation of more than 31 nights. With accommodation of fewer than 31 nights, the contract does not enter into in electronic or paper form. Prices for holiday accommodation are the same as for the academic year 2020/2021.

To contact individual dormitories and find other up-to-date information, visit www.skm.muni.cz

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!

P.S You can now contact Inga Kakulia, our new assistant, or any suggestions or questions - You can share any suggestions with us using this form [here](#).

TESTING FOR COVID-19

Where to go

Students who live in the dormitories are required to have a negative covid test weekly to enter the buildings. To support international students whose health insurance doesn't cover the cost of the tests, Masaryk University has set up an MU testing centre at the Brno Exhibition Centre. FSS Students who are tested at this location will be covered by the Faculty. Students will need to register for the tests. Please see the full information regarding the new testing requirements on the MU [website](#).

Other testing locations can be found [here](#). Please note, FSS only covers the testing costs for those done at the MU testing centre and only for those students who are ordered by the university to be tested (i.e. those in dormitories for FSS students).

REPORTING POSITIVE 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.

Renewing visas and Work visas

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.

- 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](#). The application MUST be started prior to your residence permit expiring.

If you have any questions about obtaining the necessary documents, email Klára Němečková at 217236@muni.cz.