

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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UNIVERSITY LIGHT TURNS GREEN

The university light turned green on October 25th. The university traffic light follows anti-epidemic measures at Masaryk University. The decision was made based on the worsening epidemic situation.

University buildings will remain open for students, staff and public. In addition to exceptions, the carrying of protective respiratory devices will be mandatory, even inside classrooms and lectures over 150 people will be in hybrid form.

More information about changes in measures can be found [here](#).

You can find the detailed information regarding the traffic light system [here](#).

HIKE TO VEVERI CASTLE



On the 9th of October we went on the last outdoorsy event for this autumn semester. Together with FSS students, we went on a 8.5 km hike to the Veveri Castle and took the ferry back.

We had a great time with all of our students and look forward to future events when the situation permits it.

UNDERSTANDING ERASMUS+ INTERNSHIPS

5 November 11:00 (online)

Interested in internships but not sure how to get started, or how the scholarships work? Join us for our [webinar](#) to understand the process and hear from one of our students currently in Greece!

Students will be able to ask questions throughout the presentation and questions will be answered at the end.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BREAKFAST

Cancelled

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our breakfast for this month due to the current situation with the pandemic. We hope the situation resolves and we can offer our Christmas cookie event in December.

EDUC ONLINE EVENT

16 November 2021

Meet us online and learn what EDUC has in store for you, from unique virtual courses to easily established exchanges and summer schools without excessive paperwork to unique internships or a financially supported gap year.

3 Sections: Students, Academic, and Non-academic staff

Workshops, meet-ups, seminars

Join at: bit.ly/educ2021

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STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY DAY

17 November

November 17 is particularly important in the Czech Republic, and this year even more so. In 1939, the Nazi's stormed Czech universities, executed nine Czech students and professors and 1,200 were sent to concentration camps. These actions lead this day to be known around the world as International Students' Day. On the 50th anniversary of this event, in 1989, a student demonstration was suppressed by riot police. The 1989 demonstrations lead to what is now known as the Velvet Revolution, and the fall of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia. Every year, there are commemorations for each of these events across the republic. In Brno there is a Lantern Parade through Brno to light candles in memorial.



APPLY FOR MA AND PHD PROGRAMMES

MA programmes: 15 November

PhD programmes: 30 November

Are you finishing your degree this semester and interested in continuing your studies. There is still time to apply for our MA and PhD programmes for Spring 2022 enrollment.

More information on programmes at FSS:

- [MA programmes](#)
- [PhD programmes](#)

More information on all other MU programmes (deadlines may differ)

- [MA programmes](#)
- [PhD programmes](#)

ACCOMMODATION GRANT

1-30 November

Masaryk University provides a financial grant to help students offset their accommodation costs. It is awarded each semester to students who meet all the required criteria (enrolled in a full degree programme, do not have a permanent address in Brno).

Each semester students are reminded in the IS to apply for the Accommodation Grant.

More information can be found [here](#).

EVENTS AROUND BRNO IN NOVEMBER

If you love theatre, there are 3 english friendly plays happening at Divadlo Husa na provázku. You can purchase the tickets on the theatre website.



Cherwuish - Prague in 1908, and the territory of the Chamacoco Indian tribe in the Paraguayan rainforest. Traveler and cactus hunter Frič, and the South American Indian Cherwuish. There are no worlds further apart. There's only one freedom though. And the struggle for it can be just as highly charged whether the opponent is wild and often cruel nature, or a rigid and hypocritical society without any imagination.

Vitka- A sinfonieta about a femme fatale from Brno. A production by director Anna Davidová and writer Kateřina Tučková about the talent and passions of the Brno-based composer, conductor and femme fatale Vítězslava Kaprálová. A story of the tenacity with which a person can follow their desires and search for their purpose in life, in defiance of expectations. A story of an unbridled, passionate free spirit - in defiance of everything and everyone!



Dynasty (Lehman Trilogy) - This engrossing portrait of a German-Jewish family begins with the arrival of one of the Lehman brothers in America, where he opened a small shop, and ends with the bankruptcy of the world-famous Lehman Brothers bank , triggering the global economic crisis. However, Michal Dočekal's production does not focus on dry economic facts and figures, but is full of spontaneous theatricality, playfulness and a wild tempo in keeping with the saying "time is money!" The Goose on a String presents the Czech premiere of this internationally successful play. Ivan Acher's music was nominated for the Theater Critics' Award.



MEET OUR NEW AMBASSADORS!



This semester our Faculty has 3 new ambassadors!

Frieda Schimmel -
Conflict and
Democracy

Bahareh Mehrabi -
Public and Social
Policy and Human
Resources

Matin Binnatov -
Cultural Sociology

Ambassadors are not just for prospective students, they are also a great connecting point for our current students. Our full list of ambassadors can be found [here](#) and feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

ZOOM RECAP

Summary from Wednesday, 27 October

Vice Dean Suchý welcomed students, and gave a few reminders of the current policies at FSS and the country.

- This past Monday the University Risk Rating changed to Green, changes affecting students were communicated by Dean Balík. We urge students to follow all regulations.
- Starting 1 November the exception to attending in person classes for students who are waiting on visas will end, as has been informed since the Summer. The Faculty is not able to provide online study past this time under current regulations.
- Please keep in mind your travels during the semester so that you can be sure that you are able to be in Brno for the exam period.
- If you travel outside of the Czech Republic, please remember you need to log your travels in the [IS](#):
- We urge students to make sure that they are vaccinated, both for your health, but also ease of living in Brno. As you may have read the government is limiting the duration of the tests, starting Monday PCR tests will only be recognized for 72, antigen tests for 24 hours. Restaurants will start needing to check proof of vaccination or negative test.
- As a reminder, FSS has offered to cover the cost of vaccination for its full degree students in English taught programmes. If you have had to pay for your vaccination and need reimbursement, FSS will cover the cost for you. All you need is to bring the proof of payment and completion of the vaccination to room 1.14 between 9-11 in the morning.
- [Location](#) of vaccinations for MU students (easiest way):
 - Tuesday, 2 November, at Komenského náměstí from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in rooms 204 and 205
 - Wednesday, 10 November, at the Bohunice Campus in rooms B22/302 and B22/303
- Students will need to pay upfront, and then be reimbursed by the Faculty
- If you need to be tested, you can find a list of testing locations [here](#).

We do not plan a Zoom call in November at this time.

Vaccination - how to get it

If you haven't already been vaccinated against Covid-19 you now have numerous options as a self payer (if you have European Health Insurance or Czech Public health insurance, you should also follow the information on how to [register](#) for the vaccine without paying).

For more information about the possibilities for Self Payers, please visit the governmental [website](#).

As always, test results and vaccination certificates should be uploaded into the IS.

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Vaccination - how to pay for it

FSS students should first try to be reimbursed by their health insurance company. Foreigners.cz has written an [article](#) about the process to do so for the different insurance companies.

If your insurance company doesn't reimburse you, you can request reimbursement from FSS. In order to do so, you must have completed both doses of the vaccine (or in the case of Johnson and Johnson just the 1 dose) and have the proof of payment. Please email Klára Němečková at 217236@mail.muni.cz to set up a time to meet with her to fill out the paperwork for reimbursement.

This policy will continue through the fall 2021 semester to give our students more time to get vaccinated.

Vaccination recognition

Please use this [link](#) to find out if the vaccination certificate from your country is recognized in the Czech Republic. Only certificates from countries on the list are recognized here and only vaccination by vaccine authorized by the European Medicines Agency (Vaxzevria/AstraZeneca; Spikevax/Moderna; Comirnaty/Pfizer; Janssen) or a vaccine manufactured in accordance with a patent for the above vaccines that is approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use (the Covishield vaccine) are recognized.

If you are vaccinated by other vaccine or if your certificate is from a country which is not on the list, you are considered as unvaccinated by the Czech government. This means that all current rules apply to you, so you have to stay in 5 days self-isolation after travelling from red/dark-red country and get the PCR test after these 5 days.

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.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Regulations by Government and University

Governmental Regulations

- Facemasks (N95) are required inside all public buildings and in public transportation
- Recognized vaccination OR a negative test (within 72 hours for anti-gen or 7 days for PCR) is required to eat at restaurants, swim in pools, etc. Cultural and social events may require proof of vaccination or a negative test.

University and FSS Regulations

- Students staying in the accommodation are required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative covid test before entering. Students are sent this information from the accommodation services with information on how to upload it into the IS.
- Currently, the university is at a 'white' risk rating. The university will monitor this closely and change it as needed. To better understand the different rankings, please visit the university [website](#).

ENTRY TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

all students should check the current restrictions before traveling

Entry requirements are based on the current ranking of countries you have spent time in, and if you are vaccinated with a recognized vaccine. It is up to each student to determine what procedure they must follow, as it is different in every case. Masaryk University has created a helpful 'app' to help walk through the current restrictions and what steps must be taken. To understand if you need to be tested, self isolate, etc., you can use this [flow chart](#).

Limited Movement: Students who are required to receive a negative covid test will need to observe a ban of free movement until their negative covid test. This means that you can only go to get groceries and other necessities, go to the bank, post office, the doctor's and pharmacies, deal with inevitable administrative tasks (like the foreign police/ OAMP registration) and travel to your place of stay.