

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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Dear students

We have entered the last semester of the Academic year 2022/2023 and are all quite busy in the exam period.

On my behalf and the whole leadership of the Faculty of Social Studies, let me wish you a very successful conclusion of the spring semester. You studied hard, and now you harvest the fruits of your diligent work. Good luck!

Do not forget, aside from a very responsible preparation for exams, to relax and enjoy life in Brno - our city that is always so beautiful in spring.

Petr Suchý, vice-dean for internationalization & student affairs

FINAL SEMESTER CHECKLIST



- ✓ Make sure you know when you should submit your thesis. There are multiple deadlines: 80% completion, final submission, registering for your thesis defense, registering for state exam. Each department is responsible for sharing the deadlines with students, as every programme has different deadlines.
- ✓ Start studying for your state exam - definitely by the time you submit your thesis. Programmes provide literature that you should be prepared to on the exam.
- ✓ Schedule an appointment with the career centre to review your CV and help you prepare for interviews. Their website is not yet available in English, however you can schedule consultation appointments by emailing them at poradenstvi@kariera.muni.cz.
- ✓ Check your visa status - make sure you know when the date expires and have your plans made. If you want to apply for the 'searching for employment' visa make sure you understand the materials you will need to do so.
- ✓ Check your information is correct in the IS - including your full name, place and country of birth and the name of the diploma thesis. This will ensure all documents get printed out correctly

STATE EXAMS

Registering, and other regulations

it is required to complete all the courses according to your template of study 3 working days before the thesis defence or state exams .

GRADUATION

13 and 14 September 2023

Graduation will take place 13 and 14 September 2023 for students who successfully pass their final state exams and thesis defenses. You can register by [9th July 2023](#). The faculty arranges virtual attendance for students unable to travel back to Brno so they can participate in the graduation ceremony.

RED DIPLOMA

What is it?

Red diplomas are awarded to students who graduate with honors. In order to be considered for this, students must meet certain requirements throughout their studies and in their final state exams. To understand the requirements, please read the study regulations, section 26 [here](#).

Maintaining good grades throughout the studies is therefore necessary.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Holiday accommodation - summer 2023

Due to the general desinfection and desinsection of block A1 of Vinařská Residence Hall, there is a change and block A2 will be opened.

The summer accommodation in Kounicova and Sladkého dormitories will continue.



Dormitories Mánesova

Due to the extension of the deadline for the completion of the reconstruction of the Mánesova dormitory, it will be possible to set the start of accommodation from 16.9.2023.

In case the reconstruction ends earlier, we will contact students from Mánesova dormitories with the possibility of an earlier start.

Doctor for students

The contract with Dr. Kolářová who provides health care to MU students has been extended until December 31, 2023. The office is now open to students from all faculties, including international students. It provides emergency medical services for acute cases. Czech-insured students can receive free treatment, while foreign students may need to pay in cash or claim reimbursement from their insurance. The office is on the 3rd floor of Building B22 at the Campus in Bohunice. Faculty employees can get health care at the office on the Mendel square as before.



Future of Scala cinema to be determined by summer survey

Brno city and MUNI are jointly assessing options for the continuation of Scala cinema. The importance of Scala on Brno is recognized by Mayor Markéta Vaňková and MUNI Rector Martin Bareš. A static survey of the building will be conducted, and alternative spaces are also being explored. The findings will guide future decisions. If you decide to sign the petition to save Scala cinema, check this [link](#).

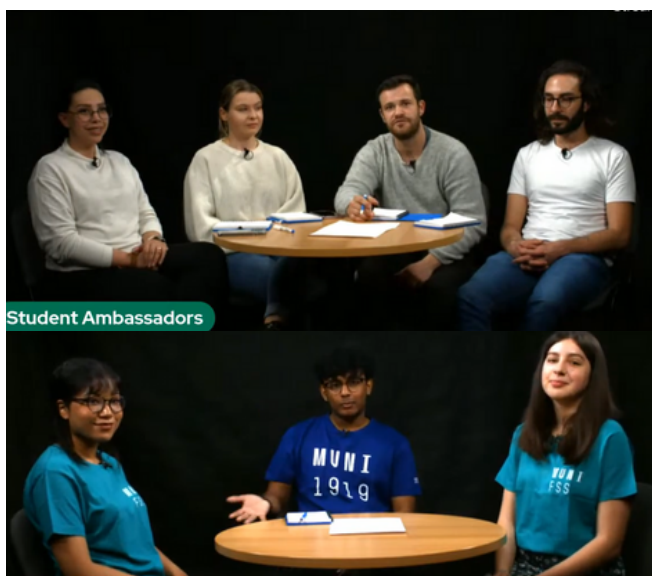
PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

FSS International Barbecue

On Friday, May 12th, we organized a barbecue at Špilberk. The event was a great opportunity for students to enjoy the end of classes. We had prepared a variety of delicious treats to taste, including freshly grilled asparagus, hermelin cheese and meat and vegan sausages.

In addition to the International Department, foreign ambassadors also contributed to the preparation of the entire event. We were very grateful for their help and support, which helped create a pleasant atmosphere for the international students.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped create such a fantastic atmosphere. If you have any recommendations, [evaluate this event here](#)



Live stream on Bachelor's and Master's Studies

In April and May we prepared 2 live streams regarding Bachelor's and Master's programs that were streamed on YouTube. Our ambassadors speak about their study programs, admission process, favourite courses, living in the Czech Republic, and their possible future career paths. You can watch the streams and share them with people who might be interested in studying at the Faculty of Social Studies. Check our YouTube streams [here](#) and [here](#).

Cate Thomas- visit

We had the privilege to meet at the FSS barbecue Cate Thomas- Associate Professor at Charles Sturt University, an accomplished academic and leader in the fields of human services and education. She agreed to provide us an interview on Friday, May 19th. As part of our investigation we posed a set of questions to her, aiming to gain further clarity. You may have the opportunity to read our interview [here](#).



BRNO EVENTS



The Night of churches - June 2

The Night of the churches will take place on Friday 2nd of June 2023. During this special occasion, numerous churches throughout the area open their doors to welcome visitors from all walks of life. It provides a unique opportunity for individuals to explore the architectural beauty, historical significance, and spiritual tranquility of these sacred spaces. Explore any hidden places in Brno churches, check the link.

School Rock band- June 6

School rock band formed by enthusiastic and talented teenagers, students of the International School of Brno, ho share their passion for music and the boundless joy of performing on stage. Other musicians and bands from the ISB community will also perform, including Nathalie Rowe, Kristi, ISB 2.0, and others. The tickets are available [here](#).



Open gardens - June 10 -11

The Open Gardens and Squares Weekend is scheduled for June 10th and 11th, 2023. The event aims to promote appreciation for garden art and landscape architecture, welcoming a variety of green spaces such as gardens, parks, and more. Some venues may require an admission fee, which helps support guided tours, concerts, and additional attractions., check the [link](#)

BRNO EVENTS



Villa Tugendhat Garden for free

You can visit the garden of Villa Tugendhat completely free of charge. The visit is available every day except Mondays, during the opening hours:

March-October: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

November-February: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Included in the visit is the opportunity to explore the exhibition spaces on the technical floor. For special garden closures, please refer to the information found [here](#).

Mint market- June 17

MINT Market is moving outdoors this summer! On Saturday, June 17th, the MINT Market will take place in the courtyard of the Brno City Theatre on Lidická Street. You can find a diverse selection of Czech design, fashion, jewelry, organic cosmetics, stationery, and delicacies. Admission is free.



IGNIS BRUNENSIS Brno - June 10- 21

REGIOJET IGNIS BRUNENSIS will select the fireworks "winner of winners" in June 2023. The long-awaited attractive Winner of Winners competition will take place from 10 to 21 June 2023 at the Brno Lake with the participation of the winning fireworks teams of previous IGNIS BRUNENSIS editions, coming from France , Norway, Sweden and the Czech Republic. Check the website [here](#).

TRAINEESHIP

Traineeships in the EU institutions, bodies and agencies

Become an 'EU trainee'!

A traineeship programme with the EU institutions, bodies and agencies. Most traineeships usually last 5/6 months (some could be shorter/longer). 'EU traineeships' are paid (payment varies according to the host organisation).

You can search available traineeship opportunities by selecting different EU institutions, bodies and agencies. Check this [link](#)



Graduate Programme Offer



Are you in your last year at university or a fresh graduate and looking for a career opportunity in finance? Do not miss the Finance Future Leaders Programme launched by Atlas Copco! This global graduate programme will provide you with the skills and knowledge in finance. The role of a BC is to support the company's General Manager in effective business decisions through financial organization, planning and implementation of business plans. For more information, check this [link](#)

Questionnaire

Do you want to add or change this international newsletter? Please fill in the questionnaire [using this link](#):



RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

Be aware of the expiration date

Students are responsible with ensuring their residency in the Czech Republic stays active. We urge students to look at their visa or residence permit expiration dates and plan ahead.

Students should schedule their appointment in the governmental system <https://frs.gov.cz/en> . Often appointments are booked 1-2 months in advance and it can be hard to get last minute appointments, therefore please plan ahead!

Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new FSS Mates programme to attend the appointment and help with any translation problems.

In the current situation the faculty is not able to call and get you an appointment - we do not have this power.

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. **Please don't forget that according to the governmental decision you are allowed to use only PVZP company and it must be comprehensive health care. Other insurance won't be accepted by the MOI office for visa purposes, you can use this [link](#) to get the insurance.**

- For information about applying for a Long Term Residence Permit for the first time, please go to the MOI website [here](#). It's necessary to submit the application personally.
- For information about applying for extending a Long Term Residence Permit, please go to the MOI website [here](#).

Renewing your student visa/residence permit

Students who are renewing a residence permit (the plastic card) are able to submit the [documents](#) via registered mail (in Czech „doporučeně“)- during these times we urge you to use this option. Please send them also „žádost o sdělení čísla jednacího“ (to get your application number) and don't forget you need to send also the stamp to pay it (in Czech „kolek“, you can buy it at the post office). If you have questions about this process, you can write to Klára Němečková at 217236@muni.cz and she will help advise you.

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](#).

Last year we organized a webinar to discuss this visa with the Brno Expat Centre, you can see it [here](#). We may offer it again and if so will inform you.