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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Newsletter for  
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Students



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## WELCOME IN THE SPRING SEMESTER

It brings me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our new degree and exchange students in addition to all of you who got over the exam period. The upcoming spring semester is on the horizon, and along with my colleagues from the international office and our dedicated academics, I am cordially anticipating your return to classes. May this semester be both enjoyable and fruitful, filled with the pleasures of learning, meaningful connections, and social engagements.

Wishing you a wonderful semester ahead.

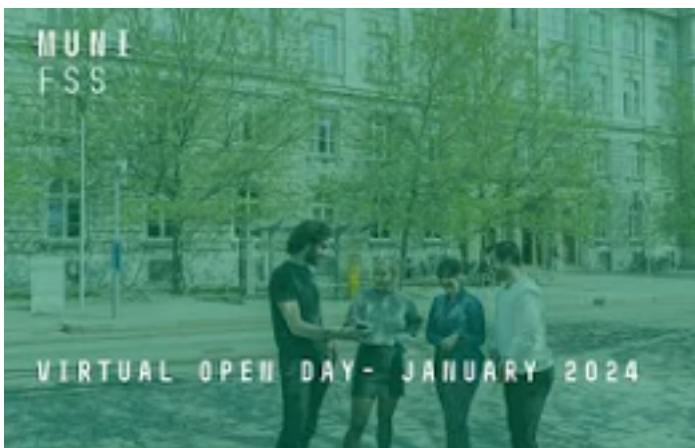
Dagmar Hábová  
Head of the International Office

# PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

## Faculty Open Day and the Virtual Open Day - 19 January and 20 January

The open day at the Faculty of Social Studies was a vibrant and engaging event that provided prospective students with a comprehensive insight into the dynamic academic environment. Attendees had the opportunity to interact with faculty members, explore the diverse range of social science programs offered, and gain valuable information about the curriculum and research opportunities. Two student ambassadors representing English programs were providing information about the study programs, courses, admission process and made a tour of the faculty and radio.

Additionally, the Virtual open day took place on Saturday 20 January, an innovative alternative, extended accessibility to a global audience. Through interactive online platform, attendees were able to virtually tour facilities, attend, and engage in live Q&A sessions with current students. This hybrid approach ensured that the Faculty of Social Studies could showcase its strengths and offerings to a wider audience, transcending geographical constraints.



# PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

## Interviews with professors, alumni and current students

We are very happy to share new interviews done during the past months with the professors, current students and alumni as well.

We had the pleasure to interview the guarantor of the Bachelor program Politics, Media and Communication, professor Vlastimil Havlík. He was speaking about his academic life, achievements, current projects and his experience with teaching in the English programs.



Last year, we interviewed the associate professor of the department of Sociology and the author of many books Pavel Pospěch. Our student ambassador Nicolas was asking him about the most memorable moments in his career, favourite fields in sociology and potential career paths for graduates.



You can listen to the interview with Priya, our current student ambassador for the Master program Energy Policy Studies. Head to our Spotify channel called FSS lounge.



As we want to share how our first year students started their academic career at the FSS, we invited Nway from Myanmar and our student ambassador Sofea asked her a few questions about her Bachelor program- Politics, Media, and Communication.

# PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

## Interviews with alumni

Do you want to know how are doing our alumni? You can read the interviews on the [faculty webpage](#).

By featuring these alumni interviews prominently, the faculty aims to inspire and guide individuals in their academic and professional journeys, fostering a sense of connection and continuity within the vibrant community of the Faculty of Social Studies.

Do you know any alumni that would like to be interviewed? [Please, let us know](#).



# ORIENTATION WEEK

The Spring Semester is here, and as always, it kicks off with orientation week for all new incoming students. Orientation week will take place from **12 - 16 of February**.

Here's what's in store for the newcomers this year:

## Compulsory Activities

- Admission
- Online Orientation
- Introduction to Faculties
- Learning Agreement seminar (for Erasmus+ students)

## Free For Everyone

- Second-hand Shop
- Student Activities Fair
- Sustainable Living Workshop

## Paid Activities for non-buyers of Orientation week

- ESN Welcome Party
- Movie Night
- International dinner – free if you bring your national dish

## Survival Czech

- Special offer outside the OW Package, only for those who buy the course
- See more information [here](#)

## Activities for the OW Package Buyers:

- Pub Crawl
- Movie night
- Brno City Tour
- Priority at Second-hand Shop
- Free entry vouchers + discounts
- MU gifts
- ESN Welcome Party
- Karaoke

**All new students should register to receive their individual schedule for the activities.**

# FACULTY INTRODUCTION

## Wednesday, 14 February - part of orientation week

First year students are welcome to participate in our faculty introduction to get to know a little more about FSS, and how to get around the building. There will be two sessions, one for full degree students, and one for exchange/Erasmus students. Both sessions will have a tour of the faculty and a presentation about important FSS specific topics.

### Exchange/Erasmus session:

- 10:00: Presentation in room P31
- Tour of faculty after the presentation

### Full Degree student session:

- 9:30 Meet in Atrium (ground floor) of the faculty for the faculty tour
- Presentation after tour in the P24A (students will be brought from tour) at 10:00

### Faculty Social Media:



# SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

## Important dates

Apply for being Enrolled in the term: 2 January - 26 February 2024

Term Enrolment: 1- 26 February 2024

Registration for courses: 2 January (17:00 CEST) - 29 January 2024

(please note registration opens by seniority, you may not be able to register the first day.)

Course enrolment period: 30 January (17:00 CEST) - 18 February 2024

Enrolment for seminar groups: 30 January (17:00 CEST) - 3 March 2024

Course Enrolment changes: 19 February - 3 March 2024

Timetable released: 24 January 2024

Teaching: 19 February - 19 May 2024

Examination period: 20 May - 28 June 2024

BA and MA state examination period: 27 May - 28 June 2024



## COURSES

- Don't forget to change your courses by 3 March. After this date no changes to your course schedule (adding or dropping) can be made. If you have any questions about a course, or being enrolled, please reach out to the appropriate departmental coordinator.

## SEMESTER (TERM) ENROLMENT

- Don't forget to do the term enrolment for the following semester if you have at least 20 credits. It is not being done automatically in the information system, you have to do it in IS.

## PRIOR DEGREE RECOGNITION

### Required for all NEW Full Degree Students

According to Czech law, all full degree students must have their prior degrees recognized in order to study in a degree program in the Czech Republic. FSS students can submit this recognition to Ludmila Polášková when they arrive, however they should be sure to have all the necessary paperwork with them from their home country.

To view the required documents, please visit our website [here](#).

# VISA INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Please, ensure that you apply for job seeking visa if you are finishing your studies. Your study visa is ending at the date of the state exams. If you have any doubts regarding visa, contact our colleague Klára Němečková

## GRADUATION

### dates to save

Graduation ceremony traditionally takes place about 2 months after the state exams. An email will come from the Study Office to sign up for graduation. The graduation dates are as follows

- January state exams: March 21 and 22
- May/June state exams: 1st week in September

## LANGUAGE AND SPORTS CLASSES

### Open to FSS Full degree and exchange students

Students can enroll 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 enroll in free French and Spanish introductory language courses taught in English. Other [language courses](#) are offered at the Language Centre in Italian, Swahili, German, and Czech, however there is a fee for these courses.

## ERASMUS+ APPLICATIONS FOR 2024/2025.

### Applications for the European Erasmus exchange study stays are currently open.

The application deadline is 17-19 February based on the conditions of the Department. Detailed information on how to apply will come from the departmental coordinators - the list of coordinators is on the next page. More information can be found on our [website](#).

### 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.

# THE MUNICIPAL WASTE FEE IN BRNO IN 2024

## INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Since 1/1/2013 the local fees for municipal waste in Brno have had to be paid for by:

- all foreign nationals (both EU and non-EU) residing in Brno for longer than 3 months

The fee is to be paid for by each person.

The above mentioned fee payers are obliged to:

1. pay for the fee in due time (if the fee is not paid for in due time, it may be increased up to three times the fee)
2. to report this fact to the fee administrator (electronic forms are available at [www.bрно.cz/odpady](http://www.bрно.cz/odpady)); failing the reporting duty may result in a fine imposed by the fee administrator. In the administration of tax all meetings are to be conducted and all documents are to be produced in Czech.

## FEE RATE 670 CZK per payer for the calendar year 2024 - FEE TO BE PAID BY 31/5/2024

You can make the payment from January already. Concerning a duty to pay the fee arising in the period from 1/5 to 31/12, a proportionate part of the fee is payable by the last day of the month following the month in which the duty to pay the fee arose.

## ACCOUNT NUMBER

111220022/0800 (Česká spořitelna, a.s.), the payment reference number ("variabilní symbol") is the personal identification number of the fee payer.

ONLINE PAYMENT AT at municipal e-shop: [www.brno.cz](http://www.brno.cz) **First you need to register there if you are new in the country.**

## PAYING FOR THE FEE AT THE CASH DESK

Address: Šumavská 33 (building A, 9th floor).

When making a payment in cash at the cash desk, you need to know the name and surname, address and date of birth for each of the fee payers that you are making the payment for.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- In person: Šumavská 33 (building A, 9th floor), on business days Monday, Wednesday: 8:00 – 17:00 and Friday: 8:00 – 12:00
- By telephone: 542 174 301, 542 174 304, 542 174 305, 542 174 306, 542 174 300
- In writing: Odbor životního prostředí MMB, Kounicova 67, 601 67 Brno
- E-mail: [odpady@brno.cz](mailto:odpady@brno.cz) If changing an address, it is recommended to announce it to this email.

## What if I don't pay?

- **You will be required to pay a fine up to three times the yearly fee; failure to pay can be enforced by the seizure of your property.**



## MEET THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE STAFF



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Wednesday: 9:00-11:00  
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Wednesday: 9:00-11:00  
Thursday: 13:00-15:00  
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- Enrollment / Registration for courses
- Study Regulations
- Matriculation Ceremony

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Wednesday: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00  
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