

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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A QUICK MESSAGE...

As the semester comes to a close, it's time to prepare for exams and wrap up your academic pursuits. But before diving into your studies, let's take a moment to embrace the festive season together!

Join us for a [Czech Christmas celebration](#) at the faculty on 11th December and enjoy decorating Christmas cookies.

On behalf of the International Relations Office, we wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. May this Christmas bring you warmth, happiness, and a chance to recharge. Happy holidays to all our hardworking students!

Michaela and all of us from the International Relations Office

PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Graduation ceremony

Graduation ceremony took place on 15 November and there were graduates from either Bachelor and Master programs including with graduates with honours (red diploma). Congratulations to the new graduates and we wish them good luck with their future career.



Virtual Open Day

On 16 October the Virtual Open Day of the Faculty of Social Studies took place. Our current students presented their programs and answered many questions from the prospective students live.

The stream is stored on the [YouTube](#) and you can share it with any prospective students.

Help with promotion of the English programs needed

Are you in touch with your high school and do you want to promote the English program you are studying at FSS?

Scholarship would be granted to those students who visit their high school, prepare a short presentation about their program and provide us with some pictures from the meeting with their school.

Scholarship of 1 000 CZK will be granted, please contact Michaela Nespěchalová at 63272@muni.cz for more information.



FSS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



FSS Christmas Celebration 11 December 2024, 2-4 p.m. P22

Join us for the Czech Christmas celebration and come to share your Christmas traditions. You will have the unique opportunity to decorate the Christmas cookies and prepare your own Christmas card.

Save the date, stay tuned for the program and [register here](#).

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

5 December is St. Nicholas Day (Mikuláš). On this day you will typically see people dressed up as one of three characters: St. Nicholas (Mikuláš), the Angel (anděl) who represents the Good, and the Devil (čert) representing the Evil and will visit children. The characters will ask children if they will be good, and children should say yes and sing a song to get sweets.

The Christmas holiday season is very important to the Czech Republic. The Christmas days last 3 days, 24-26 December. Christmas Eve in the Czech Republic is the most celebrated day. The typical day will be spent decorating the tree, baking vánočka (Christmas bread) and eating the traditional meal of Carp and Potato Salad. After dinner, many families will sing Christmas carols and open presents.

25-26 December are typically spent now a days relaxing with family.



AUTUMN 2024 EXAM PERIOD

2 January - 14 February

Make sure you follow the instructions from your teachers of how to sign up for your exams. If you have signed up for an exam date and decide to take the exam a different day, be sure to cancel the original date. If you do not, you will be listed as not attending and your final grade for the course may be effected.

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER

Important dates

Apply for being Enrolled in the term: 2 January - 24 February 2025

Term Enrolment: 1- 24 February 2024

Registration for courses: 2 January (17:00 CEST) - 27 January 2025

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

Course enrolment period: 28 January (17:00 CEST) - 16 February 2025

Enrolment for seminar groups: 28 January (17:00 CEST) - 2 March 2025

Course Enrolment changes: 19 February - 3 March 2025

Timetable released: 22 January 2025

Teaching: 17 February - 18 May 2025

Examination period: 19 May - 27 June 2025

BA and MA state examination period: 26 May - 27 June 2025

FINISHING YOUR STUDIES?

Make sure you know the deadlines!

	B- IREP	CDS	CSOC	ESOC	EPS	IREP	PSPHR
Apply for state exam	23. 9. - 8. 11. 2024	1. 10. - 30. 11. 2024	10. 12. 2024	10. 12. 2024	23. 9. - 8. 11. 2024	23. 9. - 8. 11. 2024	26.11.2024
Submission of the final thesis to the IS archive	15.12.2024	08.01.2025	19. 12. 2024	19. 12. 2024	08.12.2024	15.12.2024	09.12.2024
defense of the final thesis	20.01.2025	29.01.2025	15.01.2025	15.01.2025	9. - 10. 1. 2025	15. - 17. 1. 2025	20. 1. - 24. 1. 2025
dates of state exam	24.01.2025	29.01.2025	15.01.2025	15.01.2025	9. - 10. 1. 2025	15. - 17. 1. 2025	20. 1. - 24. 1. 2025



OPENING HOURS IN DECEMBER

Study Office, International Office, Library

Study Office: Closed 19 December to 5 January 1, reopens on 6 January 2025

International Office: Closed 25 December to 1 January, reopens on 2 January 2025

Library:

- until 20 December: regular opening hours
- 21 December - 1 January: closed
- 2 - 3 January 2025: open 10:00-16:00
- 4 January 2025: closed
- reopens on 6 January 2025

VISA PROLONGATION

Please make sure you check your visa/ residence permit date. It is possible to prolong it 6 months in advance. Check all the required documents have the validity of 1 year. If you have any doubts, contact the International Relations Office, room 1.14, Ms. Klára Němečková



UNIVERSITY EVENTS

4 December 2024- MUNI advent concert

The advent concert of the Masaryk University will take place on 4 December 2024 from 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM in Bazilika Nanebevzetí Panny Marie, Mendlovo nám. 157/1, Brno



6 December 2024- Masaryk University Student Ball 2024



This year, under the theme "Where My Home Is", we will dive into the beauty and traditions of our homelands. Join us in exploring the rich culture and history from Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia to Slovakia.

Come and enjoy an evening filled with music, dance, and traditions.

Date: December 6, 2024
Place: Zoner Bobyhall

Follow [this website](#) for more info on ticket sale.

10 December 2024- Swedish Christmas concert

Get ready for the mysterious atmosphere of a long winter night, enhanced by candlelight and beautiful (perhaps not only) Nordic music. The choir will perform songs celebrating Lucia, as well as Swedish Christmas songs.

In addition to listening to music, you can also try genuine Swedish Christmas pastries, which will be available for tasting and sale at the entrance. Find more information [here](#).



BRNO CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND EVENTS

24 November-23 December

At Zelný trh, the beautifully decorated fir tree is already shining, scented by cinnamon, cloves, and star anise, filling the city with aroma. The Ferris wheel is spinning. The Advent markets are in full swing. Perhaps you've already found time for a stroll through the city, stopped at the craft stalls in Zelný trh, admired the wooden nativity scene at Dominikánské náměstí, brought joy to non-profit organizations, and purchased a small gift at Svobody Square or at Jošt on Moravské náměstí.

Ice rink

You've checked out the newly built ice rink in the park and eagerly watched the weather, wondering if you'll go ice skating (don't worry, you can borrow the ice skates) or take a ride on the Ferris wheel. And if you've followed this route, you probably couldn't resist the temptation to warm up with a hot drink.

And what about the cup?

Perhaps you're among those who turn it into a good deed. You'll join the queue at the stall marked with the sign 'Daruj Kelímek' and choose which organization to support. You'll find these stalls both at Zelný trh and at Moravské náměstí and Svobody Square.

Musical program

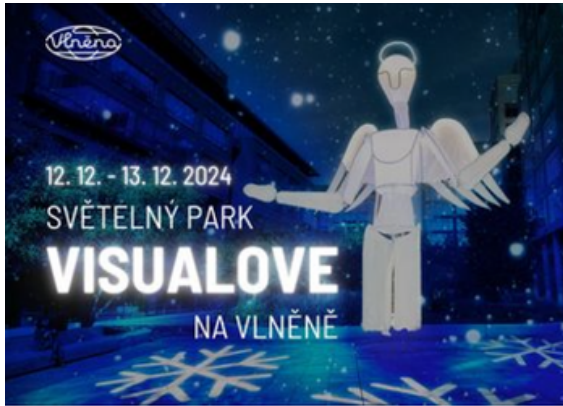
At Zelný trh, Svobody Square, and Moravské náměstí, apart from the sales stalls, there's also a rich accompanying program. Mornings belong mostly to children from kindergartens and elementary schools, while evenings are accompanied by music from both well-known and lesser-known yet intriguing bands."

Tips for the presents

If you want to buy some traditional products, buy beewax candles, herbal teas or warm socks, do not hesitate. The Christmas market ends on 23 December.



Christmas Angel Light Show -12-13 December



Christmas Angel Light Spectacle by VISUALOVE
Experience the magic of Christmas with us! This year, the Christmas Vlněna will transform into an enchanting, glowing park.

Join the event on December 12–13, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and immerse yourself in a Christmas atmosphere full of radiant experiences that will warm your soul.

Mint market -14-15 December

Czech design, author's fashion, jewellery, organic cosmetics, paper goods and delicacies will be held on Saturday and Sunday December 14th and 15th in the whole building of the Trznice Brno at the Zelny trh.

As always, entry remains free and without barriers.
The best shopping in the town!



Santa Claus Cup -14-15 December



International competition in synchronized skating will be held on December 14 and 15 in the Winning Group Arena in Brno.

More than 50 teams from different corners of the world will participate in the competition. Come support your favorite teams.

The entrance fee to the event is voluntary and will be donated in full to the Fénix ParaCENTER in Brno. so by visiting you will also support a good cause.