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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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WELCOME IN THE SPRING SEMESTER

As we welcome the New Year 2025, we extend our warmest wishes to all of you for a successful and fulfilling year ahead. For those preparing for the January exam period, we encourage you to approach this time with determination and confidence. Our team in the international office, along with our dedicated academics, is here to support you every step of the way. May this new year bring you opportunities for growth, meaningful achievements, and rewarding experiences both inside and outside the classroom

International Relations Office

PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Interviews with guest professors

Our student ambassador Abhinav took the interview with the visiting professor Veli-Pekka Tynkynnen from the University of Finland. The professor came here to teach a block course and promoted his new open access book named [How Europe Got Russia Wrong: Energy, Violence, and the Environment](#). You can read the whole interview [here](#).



Professor Tiziana Nazio from the University of Torino gave a lecture on gender-based violence and our student ambassador Laura took the interview with her. You can read the whole article [here](#).

Czech Christmas cookies gathering

Our students came to celebrate [Czech Christmas](#) that was organized by the International Office on 11 December 2024. They tried to decorate the gingerbread cookies and made their own Christmas cards.



EXAM PERIOD

2 January -14 February 2025



Be sure to follow your teachers' instructions on how to register for your exams. If you sign up for an exam date but later decide to take the exam on a different day, remember to cancel your original registration. Failing to do so may result in being marked as absent, which could impact your final grade for the course.

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 ceremony dates are as follows

- January state exams: 20 and 21 March
- May/June state exams: September



FACULTY OPEN DAY

17 January 2025

Faculty Open Day will take place on 17 January from 9 a.m. If you are interested in meeting with our current students, head to the Atrium and find more about all English programs. Check more [information here](#)

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

COURSES

Don't forget to change your courses by 2 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 or your study officer (room 1.21).

MASTER'S THESIS GRANT



The project applicant must be:

- A student in the 7th term of their master's program (or 8th if started in spring), or
- A student in the 1st term of their undergraduate program, or 2nd term of their master's program (if started in spring).

Additionally, the applicant's bachelor's thesis must have received a final grade of "A" in a prior successfully completed study.

You can find the [complete information 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 in the office 1.14.

Graduated can apply for job seeking visa for 9 months.

TUITION FEE PAYMENT

Please plan to pay your tuition by February 10th, as full payment at the shopping center is a requirement for enrollment in the semester: <https://is.muni.cz/auth/obchod/>

Never send a payment without a prior order.

LEGAL STAMPS BECOME INVALID AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024

Starting January 1, 2025, duty stamps will no longer be valid for administrative fee payments. Fees can be paid by credit card for in-person applications or by bank transfer for postal or data box submissions, with proof of payment required. Cash payments are not accepted, and specific applications (e.g., alien's passports) must be paid via payment terminals. Details are available on the [Information Portal for Foreigners](#).



INCREASE IN WASTE TAX

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the Brno City Council approved a generally binding ordinance setting the municipal waste fee for 2025 at 900 CZK. The increased fee of 900 CZK is payable by May 31, 2025. Find more information [here](#).

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.

WINTER IN BRNO



ICE SKATING

If you are a fan of ice skating, check this [website](#) for the places where you can enjoy this winter sport. There are also ice skating rinks where they lend the skates. Check [ice skating rink at Vodova](#) or at [Moravské Náměstí](#).

CULTURE IN BRNO

OUT OF THE BLUE exhibition in Moravská Galerie

[The Out of the Blue exhibition](#), by 2022 Grand Designers Terezie Lexová and Štěpán Smetana, is on display at the Museum of Decorative Arts in the Moravian Gallery until the end of January. This playful showcase explores how ideas come to life, blending practicality with beauty and uniqueness. Step into a dreamy landscape of imagination, featuring the duo's creations since 2018 and the stories behind them.

