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Newsletter for
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Students



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WELCOME IN THE SPRING SEMESTER

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to all our new degree and exchange students, as well as to those who have successfully completed the exam period. With the spring semester fast approaching, our team and dedicated academic staff are excited to see you back in classes. We hope this semester brings you enriching learning opportunities, meaningful connections, and plenty of enjoyable social activities.

Wishing you a fantastic and successful semester ahead!

Michaela and all of us from the International Relations Office

PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Faculty Open Day - 17 January



The Open Day at FSS was an exciting and informative event, offering prospective students a deep dive into the dynamic academic atmosphere. Two student ambassadors from the English programs shared insights about study options, courses, the admission process, and guided a tour of the faculty and the campus radio station.



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 FSS bachelor and master alumni. Check these interviews on the website in the [alumni section](#). Check also the videos with the fresh alumni on the [faculty Instagram](#).



FSS podcast



You can listen to the interview with the visiting professor Veli-Pekka Tynkkynen. Head to our Spotify channel called [FSS lounge](#).

Are you interested in recording some podcast episodes? Do you want to get involved even if you are not a good speaker? Do you want to help with audio and video cutting? Contact 63272@muni.cz

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 **10 - 14 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
- Speedfriending
- 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
- Karaoke
- Brno City Tour
- Priority at Second-hand Shop
- Free entry vouchers + discounts
- MU gifts
- ESN Welcome Party

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

FACULTY INTRODUCTION

Wednesday, 12 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:

- 10:00: Presentation after tour in the **P21**
- **Tour of faculty after the presentation**

Faculty Social Media:

 [fss.muni.eng](https://www.facebook.com/fss.muni.eng)

 [fss_masaryk](https://www.instagram.com/fss_masaryk)

 [MUFSS](https://www.youtube.com/MUFSS)

 [MUNI_FSS](https://twitter.com/MUNI_FSS)

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 room 1.14

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: 20 March 2025 (Thursday)
- May/June state exams: 9-11 September 2025

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 2025/2026.

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

The application deadline is 16 February 2025 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.

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER CALENDAR

Please check the important dates of Faculty schedule [here](#) and the webpages of your departments, especially you are going to finish your studies this semester. Check the deadlines of the thesis and application for the state exams.



DEADLINE FOR THE TUITION FEE

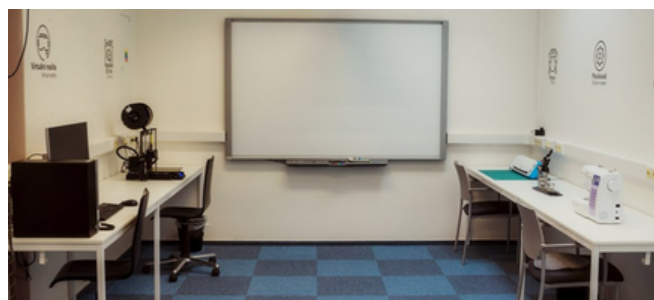
Please remember the tuition payment deadline - **February 10th**. Note that you cannot be enrolled in the semester without prior full payment.

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LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Maker space at the Faculty of Arts is available to all MU students and staff after completing a short training. You can try a virtual reality, 3D printer, sewing machine, cutting plotter and button maker. Please make a reservation and [check this webpage](#).



ART WORKSHOP - 19 FEBR

Come to the workshop on called he Art of Seeing: An Intersectional Perspective on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion , which transcends the traditional art-viewing experience.

Check more information on this [webpage](#).

THE MUNICIPAL WASTE FEE IN BRNO IN 2025

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.brno.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 900 CZK per payer for the calendar year 2025 - FEE TO BE PAID BY 31/5/2025

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.brnoid.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 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.**

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- Confirmation of Studies
- Enrollment / Registration for courses
- Study Regulations
- Matriculation Ceremony

Contact Hours

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- Confirmation of Studies
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- Study Regulations
- Graduation Ceremony

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