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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly  
Newsletter for  
International  
Students



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## WELCOME (BACK) STUDENTS!

Dear students,

We are excited to welcome you back for the spring semester! As the days grow longer and the weather becomes more inviting, it's the perfect time to explore Brno and its beautiful surroundings. Participate on the [clean-up event organized by MUNI on 29 March](#), buddies will be waiting for you on the Mendel square.

All the best  
International Relations Office

# PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

## Orientation week



We welcomed new exchange and full-degree students in February during the orientation week. We wish them a great semester!



## 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 FSS and provide us with some pictures from the meeting with their school. Online presentation via zoom is also possible.

Scholarship of 1 000 CZK will be granted, please contact Michaela Nespěchalová at [63272@muni.cz](mailto:63272@muni.cz) for more information.

## FSS Student Radio - English interviews and podcast team is looking for new members



Would you like to have interviews with professors, alumni, current students, fun facts or record a podcast episode?

Please contact Michaela Nespěchalová at [63272@muni.cz](mailto:63272@muni.cz)



# MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT FSS



We are happy to share all the key details for MUNI MUN 2025:

Dates: April 11th to 13th, 2025

Venue: Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University. Joštova 218/10, 602 00 Brno-střed

Registration is open until March 10th.

For more information and to register for the conference, please visit our [website Model United Nations | MUNI FSS](#) or contact directly at [masarukmun@gmail.com](mailto:masarukmun@gmail.com).

## FSS MATES - SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

### Bring Czech speaker to the appointment

The Faculty of Social Studies has created a support system for students when they have appointments at governmental offices or doctors to provide translation services.

Please note, the FSS Mate is not responsible to make an appointment for students, nor to help students fill out applications (i.e. it is the students responsibility that they have all the required documentations required of the appointment).

Students can start requesting the services now, more information can be found [here](#).

## Social Media

### 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)

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 [masaryk\\_university](https://www.instagram.com/masaryk_university)

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

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

# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Be aware of the expiration

**If you have any questions or you decide to prolong your visa, stop in the office 1.14, we are happy to help.**

If you use private accommodation, always check in the [land register](#) that the property is classified for housing!

Students are responsible for 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. Please book your appointment in advance via this [link](https://frs.gov.cz/en) <https://frs.gov.cz/en>, appointments are very often taken for several weeks so it's not possible to book the appointment last minute. If you are not able to book the appointment, please go to the MOI office early in the morning (even before the opening hours) and be prepared that you'll wait for several hours.

It is necessary to submit an application before your current visa/resident permit expires, if you'll be even 1 day late, there is nothing to do and you'll have to leave the country and start the process from the beginning at the Czech embassy in your home country.

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

### 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. The required amount of funds has now increased to 115,810 CZK. However, due to current inflation, we recommend having at least 120,000 CZK. Please remember that all documents are accepted only as original with stamp and signature and in the Czech language.

- For information about applying for a Long Term Residence Permit for the first time, please go to the MOI website [here](#). It is 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](mailto: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 presentation 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.



# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT FSS

This month we will be starting our social events for International Students. In April and May, we will be offering different events. We hope to have you join us!

- April - hike - 27th April 2024- place and more details will be announced in April
- May - BBQ at Špilberk park- date and more details will be announced in April



## 19 March -careers in EU institutions

Join this unique event that is organized by our professor Monika Brusenbauch Meislová. The speaker Štěpán Pech will share smart hacks and success strategies for the careers in EU Institutions.

Come to the room P22 at 12:00

## 20 March -graduation ceremony

Bachelor's and Master's graduations will take place on March 20 at 9:00. Feel free to join your fellow International Students graduate in the audience.



# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT FSS



## 25 March - house plants swap

Would you like to expand or diversify your collection of plants at home or in the office? Come and swap them! On Tuesday, March 25, from 10 AM, you can bring your houseplants, seeds, cuttings, or even garden plants to the Atrium and offer them to your colleagues for free. In return, you can pick something new for yourself.

Even if you don't bring a plant, you are welcome to take one! Please include a short care guide with your plants (watering, light requirements) or even a little story about how you got them.



## 29 March - MUNI cleans up

Join national event [Let's Clean up the Czech Republic!](#) cleaning around the University Campus in Bohunice and visiting Botanical Garden Kejbala.

Meeting point: 29 March 1:00 PM  
Mendlovo náměstí, pea sculpture- meeting with buddies from the Faculty of Education  
Bring : gloves and food for the barbecue



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRNO

## Mint market 15-16 March 2025 and 28-30 March



After a winter break, Mint Market returns to Tržnice Brno on the weekend of March 15th and 16th. All three floors will be filled with fresh fashion, jewelry, design, delicacies, natural cosmetics, and other meticulously crafted products. The event will be open on both Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00.



Another Mint Market will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28th - 30th in the hall 76 of the Nová Zbrojovka komplex together with the festival GrowFest. Admission to the MINT Market is free, the GrowFest section is 50 CZK. The area is wheelchair accessible.

## Theatre night - 29 March 2025

The Czech Republic's night of open theatres and spectacular cultural experiences forms a part of the European Theatre Night project. For the details of the program [check this website](#).



## Folklore is not dead -30 March 2025

Folklore is not dead is back in Brno? This year's edition brings inspiring talks on traditional crafts, sustainable farming, rituals, and fashion.

Join us at KUMST, Brno, for discussions on embroidery, grazing 🐏, herbalism 🌸, and the revival of scarves 🧣. Enjoy a mini-market with folk costumes, a folklore flea market, and collective embroidery throughout the event. Buy your ticket [here](#)