

## Admission Procedure to Doctoral Study Programmes Conducted in English with Commencement in 2021 at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

### Doctoral study programmes at FSS MUNI conducted in English and their possible specializations:

- Clinical Psychology
- International Relations and European Politics
- Media and Journalism Studies (only full time)
- Political Science
- Political Science with Security and Strategic Studies specialization
- Psychology with Developmental Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Educational Psychology specialization
- Psychology with General Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Social Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Work Psychology specialization (only full time)
- Social Policy and Social Work
- Sociology
- Sociology with Population Studies specialization

The standard duration of study is 4 years, both for students based at the Faculty (full-time form) and those intending to study via an agreed distance-learning (combined resp. part-time form).

Students proceed with studies following the Recommended Study Plan and their Individual Study Plans, attend and complete compulsory and elective courses, and work on their publications and dissertation projects under the supervision of their supervisor. Students' study plans and progress are evaluated every semester.

Students need to obtain 240 credits in compulsory and elective courses. The maximum length of study is 8 years.

**The annual tuition fee for doctoral study programmes conducted in the English language is EUR 1,950.**

### Application deadlines:

#### I. Application for the Spring Semester of the 2020/2021 Academic Year

- An electronic application is open from **1 August 2020 to 30 November 2021** at following address:  
[https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast\\_studia=6&filtr-tyt-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find](https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast_studia=6&filtr-tyt-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find)
- **Deadline for submitting supporting documents:** **15 January 2021**
- **Date of Entrance examination:** **18 February 2021**
- **Commencement of studies** **1 March 2021**

**This application round is not open for students who need a student visa for studying in the Czech Republic.**

## II. Application for the Autumn Semester of the 2021/2022 Academic Year

- An electronic application is open from **1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021** at following address:  
[https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast\\_studia=6&filtr-tyt-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find](https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast_studia=6&filtr-tyt-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find)
- **Deadline for submitting supporting documents:** **31 May 2021**
- **Date of Entrance examination, programmes Sociology, International Relations and European Politics, Media and Journalism Studies** **24 June 2021**
- **Date of Entrance examination, programmes Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Political Science and Social Policy and Social Work:** **28 June 2021**
- **Commencement of Studies** **Mid-September 2021**

In the e-application, the topic of a proposal for PhD dissertation and **the name of prospective supervisor** have to be filled in. Applicants are advised to contact the Chair of the relevant Doctoral Board to discuss the content and relevance of their PhD project proposals as well as the name of the prospective supervisor: <https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/admissions/doctoral-studies>.

### List of compulsory supporting documents to the application:

Please insert the following documents to your e-application before the deadline:

- Outline of the proposed PhD project (ca 3 pages) stating the name of the prospective supervisor;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Notarized copy of Master's Degree diploma; The Masaryk University graduates can provide just non-verified copy. The holders of Master's Degree issued by universities outside the Czech Republic have to obtain an official document confirming that their prior degree can be recognized.<sup>1</sup>
- List of publications and papers if available
- For those who cannot be present at the entrance examinations:
  - Two letters of recommendation preferably sent by the referees themselves to our mail or e-mail contacts. Recommendations can be from academic authorities or recognized experts in the relevant field.
  - Proof of English - minimum level B2 or equivalent.

### Criteria for participation in the entrance examination:

- Submitting a complete application together with supporting documents before the deadline.
- Payment of a non-refundable administration fee of 700 Czech crowns.
- Holding of Master's degree in the social sciences or a closely related discipline. **The holders of Master's degree issued by universities outside the Czech Republic have to obtain an official document confirming that their prior degree can be recognized in the Czech Republic.**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There are three ways of recognition:

- a) Diplomas automatically recognized in the Czech Republic according to the international agreements without any further administration procedures (applies for Germany, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia) <https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition/bilateral>.
- b) General recognition of foreign higher education in the Czech Republic (so called general "nostrification"). See <https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition?lang=en> – valid throughout the Czech Republic, the fee is CZK 3,000.
- c) Limited recognition of foreign higher education provided directly at the Faculty and valid only for admission into the specific study programme at FSS. See <https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/additional-information/info-for-international-applicants>. The fee for this recognition is CZK 750.

**All applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to the admission interview via e-mail. Applicants residing outside the Czech Republic in countries with visa requirements may conduct entrance examination via online interview and/or written correspondence.**

**The content of the interview:**

- Discussion over the submitted dissertation project proposal with regard to the required academic level, its compliance with research projects and grants of the relevant department
- Examination of English language skills (level B2 of the European classification: Understanding the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics)
- Examination of knowledge of the respective research field as well as the eligibility of applicants for independent scientific and research activities.
- The entrance committee considers the documented publications as well.

Applicants residing outside the Czech Republic in countries with visa requirements may conduct entrance examination via online interview and/or written correspondence. The entrance committee will decide based on an assessment of the interview and/or examination of submitted documents.

**The minimum score for being accepted is 60 points (out of 100).**

The Decision concerning the results of the entrance examination will be delivered electronically. Successful applicants who need a visa for studying in the Czech Republic will get original of the Decision by post.

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