

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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Dear students,

As the 2023/2024 academic year concludes, you can now enjoy the rewards of your dedication and hard work. On behalf of myself and my esteemed colleagues from the International office, I want to thank you for choosing to study with us. We wish you a fantastic summer filled with fun and sunshine. Take this time to relax, enjoy, and explore new opportunities, such as participating in summer schools, internships, and other enriching experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the faculty in September.

As my term as vice-dean comes to an end, I would like to extend my best wishes to my successor, Dr. Petra Mlejnková. May she have abundant energy, innovative ideas, and a supportive, engaged student community.

All the best,
Blanka Plasová

Vice-dean for internationalization

FACULTY INFORMATION

Faculty building closure

The FSS building will be closed throughout the summer, from July 1st to September 2nd, due to the water and sewage reconstruction of the FSS building in Joštova Street.

Access to the building for students should be restored on September 2nd. Please follow the faculty's profiles on social media and the FSS website for current information.

Teaching at the Faculty of Social Studies will begin on September 23rd. However, teaching at other faculties starts on September 16th.



FSS Library- closure

Closed from 1 July 2024 to 15 September 2024 due to renovation.

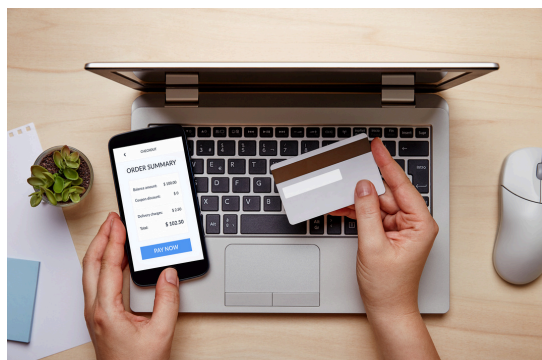
You can contact the librarians via email at library@fss.muni.cz during the library closure. Please check also this [website](#) for more details.

It will not be possible to return the books at the circulation desk or Helmut drop box during this time. You can send them by post to Joštova 10, 602 00 Brno. Please extend your loan period in your reader account or contact the library via e-mail at knihovna@fss.muni.cz to extend the loan period.

A list of online databases is available [here](#).

Tuition fee payment

The tuition fee payment is supposed to be done via the Shopping centre of Masaryk University by 15 September 2024.



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SUGGESTION BOX

Please help us improve for next year!

This is a chance for students to share suggestions, comments, or concerns with the International Relations Office, International Student Newsletter and suggestions of the events for the next academic year 2024/25 . We aim to ensure a positive experience for international students at FSS and welcome all feedback. If there's something you're especially pleased with, please let us know, so we can maintain it!
You can share any suggestions with us using this [form here](#).

GRADUATION

September 2024

Graduation will take place on 17, 18 and 19 September 2024 for students who successfully pass their final state exams and thesis defenses. Students have to register and pay the fee following [this link](#) by July 14. The faculty arranges virtual attendance for students unable to travel back to Brno so they can participate in the graduation ceremony.



CHANGES IN THE MASTER'S PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS



There are changes in the application process for our master's programmes. If you happen to know anyone interested in applying at FSS, please make sure you share only a little of your own experience, since the process is different.

Official [B2 English language certificate](#) is required and some programs require SCIO GAP exams. You can find the new requirements on our [website](#).

Application process for Spring 2025 starts on July 1.

FALL SEMESTER DATES

- Teaching in the autumn semester will take place from 23 September to 20 December 2024
- The examination period is from 2 January to 14 February 2025.

You can find all dates for the next academic year [on the webpage](#).

FSS MATES

Czech speakers for MOI appointments and more!

If you would like support at the Ministry of Interior, a doctor's appointment, or other such instances when Czech support may be helpful, you can sign up for an FSS mate to travel with you.

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

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

REMINDER: ENROLL AND REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER

During the summer holidays, don't forget to enroll for the upcoming semester and register for courses using the IS. Check the dates for the next academic year [on the webpage](#).

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.

A QUICK LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR

Faculty BBQs, hikes to castles, graduation, academic discussions, and the day of the faculty. Thanks for spending your time with us!



BRNO SUMMER EVENTS



Festival of Planets
July 8 - August 11

he Astrosphere, a new model displaying the entire starry sky as seen from Earth, will be the main attraction of the festival's sixth edition. This unique exhibit can be viewed at Kraví hora from July 8 to 14 and from August 5 to 11. The festival will also feature other giant models, open-air exhibitions, a summer cinema with a cosmic theme, and regular lectures. For more information, visit www.festivalplanetbrno.cz

Mendel festival
July 14 - 21

This festival is held to celebrate the birthday of Gregor Johann Mendel, combines culture and science, and involves a number of Brno institutions. The festival offers a rich program at Mendlovo náměstí including performances by The People, Tomáš Klus, HarMálek Orchestr and Poletíme? The expert program at the Mendel Greenhouse will cover genetics prevention. The festival also features guided tours of the Mendel Museum and free entry to the Museum of the Old Brno Abbey. For the full schedule, visit mendelje.cz.



Music marathon

August 8-11

From August 8th to 11th, the center of Brno will become a vibrant music scene. Vincent Peirani, French accordionist and jazz musician will captivate visitors along with many more interprets. Additionally, unique designer rooms by Kateřina Šedá will serve as small concert spaces for street artists. Don't miss the rock, musical, folk, and other exceptional performances. Check the [festival's website](#) for more details.



BRNO SWIMMING POOLS

Where to go swimming?

Brno Reservoir (Brněnská přehrada) is located on the outskirts of the city and is a popular destination for swimming. It offers several designated swimming areas, sandy beaches, and clear water. There are also water sports facilities and boat rentals available.



Riviera Swimming Pool (Riviera bazén) is an outdoor pool complex situated along the River Svratka. It features multiple pools, including an Olympic-sized pool, water slides, and various water attractions. It's a great place to cool off and have fun with friends and family.

Kraví Hora Swimming Pool (Koupaliště Kraví Hora) is a large outdoor pool complex situated on Kraví Hora hill. It offers multiple pools, including a diving pool and a children's pool. The facility also has spacious green areas for sunbathing and picnicking.



Dobrovského Pool (Dobrovského koupaliště) is an outdoor swimming complex and it offers a large swimming pool with both shallow and deep areas, making it suitable for swimmers of all levels. The pool is surrounded by a spacious grassy area. There are also facilities for beach volleyball and other recreational activities.

TIPS FOR SUMMER TRIPS

Moravian Karst

Explore the Moravian Karst, a picturesque karst landscape with an extensive cave system. Visit the famous Macocha Abyss and Punkva Caves, and take a boat ride, check [this link](#) in order to buy the tickets online.

- The Sloup-Šošůvka Caves are an impressive cave system known for its unique formations and underground waterfalls.
- The Kateřinská Cave is the longest cave in the Moravian Karst and offers a fascinating underground journey.
- The Sloupsko-Šošůvské Caves are a complex of interconnected caves. Visitors can admire the delicate dripstone formations, underground lakes, and the famous spectacular natural limestone barrier.

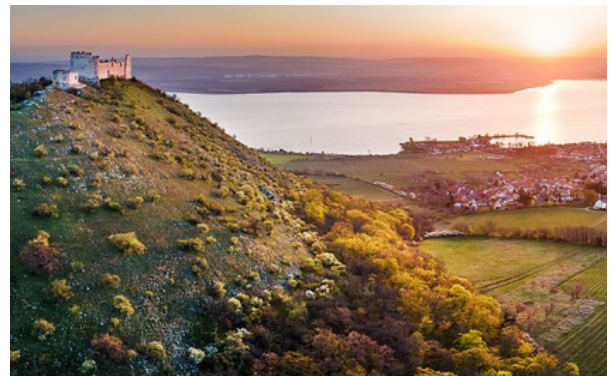


Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape

Discover the UNESCO-listed Lednice-Valtice area, known for its stunning chateaux, picturesque landscapes, and beautiful gardens. Take a boat ride on the serene artificial lake and explore the romantic architecture of the area. The town Valtice is home to the magnificent Valtice Chateau which showcases exquisite Baroque architecture and houses impressive art collections and a wine museum.

Pálava hills

Experience the natural beauty of the Pálava Hills, a protected landscape area. Hike through the rolling vineyard-covered hills, visit the medieval castle ruins of Děvičky, and enjoy panoramic views from the top of the Svatý Kopeček Hill.



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Telč

Discover the charming town of Telč, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the well-preserved Renaissance architecture, particularly the colorful houses surrounding the main square, and visit the beautiful Telč Castle. You can also check the MUNI premises and even [accommodation here](#).



Olomouc

Visit the historical city of Olomouc, famous for its impressive Holy Trinity Column, charming squares, and vibrant baroque architecture. Take advantage of the astronomical clock and the stunning St. Wenceslas Cathedral. Olomouc is only 1 hour from Brno; taking a bus or train is easy. The center is not very big, and you can see the main points of interest in a day. Take advantage of the park near the university center!

Znojmo

Visit the historical town of Znojmo, known for its medieval architecture and wine production. Explore the underground tunnels of the Znojmo Catacombs, enjoy wine tasting, and admire the panoramic views from Znojmo Castle. You can also visit the Znojmo Underground to see medieval tunnels and cellars. Take the chance to try the famous Znojmo wines and pickles. Znojmo hosts lively festivals, like the [Znojenské Vinobraní wine festival](#), starting on 13-15th September 2024.

