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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE FACULTY TOUR



PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Orientation week

During the September 2024 Orientation week, the International Relations Office (IRO) welcomed new international students. This semester, 143 Exchange students arrived, the highest number in the last five years.

The international students were invited to numerous presentations about Masaryk University, an introduction to the Czech Republic, services for students in MU and Brno, protection of students rights at MU, the student advisory center, and general study rules at MU.

On Wednesday, September 11, Exchange students were invited to meet the Erasmus coordinators and were explained all the details about their studies, including a presentation of the FSS library.

As part of the Orientation week's activities, on September 20, students were given a guided tour of the Faculty of Social Studies.



FSS MATES

Do you need the Czech language during appointments at governmental offices or with doctors?

Recognizing that there are times when language assistance is helpful, the faculty has launched the FSS MATES programme.

Students can sign up for this support [here](#).

The appointment must be AT LEAST 5 business days in the future - i.e. cannot be the same week.

FSS Mates is a volunteer service, we cannot guarantee a student will be available at all times, but will do our best to find someone to help you.



IT EQUIPMENT LOANS

Don't have a computer due to the floods? The faculty is offering help to the students who were affected by the September floods or if they are in a difficult social situation. The faculty is responding to the current issues with the availability of technology that students need for their studies and is offering loans of laptops, tablets, webcams, and headphones. Find more information [here](#).

MUNI CANTEENS

Where to go to eat, for a a coffee or for a snack? Choose from [6 canteens, cafeterias](#) and other catering facilities of Masaryk University. In all canteens you can take advantage of discounted prices for MUNI students.

The closest canteen from our faculty is located at [Moravské náměstí 617/9](#) and includes a veggie bar as well.



PLANNED EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Ekofilm festival



1-6 October

The 50th anniversary edition of EKOFILM, Europe's oldest environmental film festival, will traditionally take place in Brno from October 1 to 6, 2024. The festival's theme, "How (Not) to Kill Nature," reflects the impact of human activities on nature, including conflicts, industry, and the revitalization of affected areas. The festival will also focus on current war conflicts and the nature restoration law.

The full programme can be found on the festivals [website](#). The language of the events is listed clearly, often discussions will be held in Czech (such as the opening discussion), however many of the films are in English or with English subtitles. Additionally, there are concerts throughout the week, and since music is international, we invite you to join in on the fun!



Matriculation ceremony- 3 October

As many international students may not know, the matriculation ceremony is a formal academic ceremony at a university where newly enrolled students in their first year of full-time studies are officially welcomed as members of the university's academic community, and they receive matriculation certificates. The ceremony is attended by academic dignitaries and the newly enrolled students themselves. It is not open to the public, and no guests are allowed to participate. It is free of charge and it is highly recommended for all new students to remember this momentous occasion that marks the beginning of an exciting academic journey.



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FSS International Snack- 9 October -3:30 pm- Atrium



The FSS International Student Barbecue was cancelled due to long-term technical problems at the Špilberk barbecue point.

However, we would like to invite you to the FSS International Student Snack that is planned for 9 October (Wednesday) from 3:30 pm in the Atrium.

Please register by Sunday 6 October [using this form.](#)

International students can bring their local food or snacks to make the event more colourful.

International Office will serve finger food and prepare some activities to make the inside event more interesting.



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Study in Taiwan

**10 October, 12:00- 14:00,
room P31**

You're invited to an engaging presentation by Professor Hsu Chan Kuo from [NCKU](#) and learn about study opportunities in Taiwan.

Erasmus Days Presentation

14 October 14:00-15:30 P52

Did you know that full degree students are able to participate on mobility options outside the Czech Republic during their studies?

FSS encourages all students to participate, whether it is a summer school, internship, or semester abroad! Find out your options on the FSS [webpage](#), and for more university wide agreements, on the [website](#) for the Centre for International Cooperation.

Join our presentation on 14 October from 14-15:30 in P52 where we will discuss the options and have students share their experiences. More information was sent via -email.

This is part of the larger Erasmus Days celebration at MU, see the full programme [here](#).

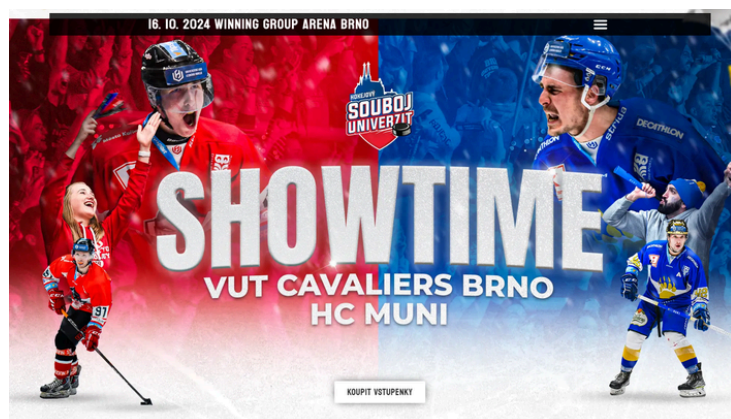


Open day

19 October 2024, 9-16:30

Do you have any friends interested in social sciences or still exploring the options? Either way, join us for Open Day on October 19th at our faculty!

Meet our students, get insights into different study programs, and receive tips on life in Brno. Get [more information here](#)



University hockey tournament

16 October

Join us for an exhilarating day of ice hockey action at university ice hockey tournament between Masaryk university and VUT! Whether you're a player or a fan, this event promises excitement on the ice and camaraderie in the stands. Save the date, and let's make this tournament a memorable and thrilling experience. Tickets are available here.

Masaryk MUN

Call for applications in the
MUNI MUN 2025
organizing team



If you're passionate about global politics, event planning, or just want to gain some experience at leading Model United Nations in Czechia, this is your moment! MUN is looking for motivated students from Masaryk University to help make next year's conference unforgettable.

Here are the open roles:

- * Logistics: Ensuring smooth operations throughout the conference.
- * Public Relations: Managing external communications and media relations.
- * Branding: Shaping the visual and promotional identity of MUNI MUN.
- * Academics: Assisting with the content and academic framework of the conference.
- * Sponsor Outreach: Securing partnerships and sponsorships to bring the event to life.
- * On-spot: Solving issues effectively first hand at the conference.

Apply by 31.10.2024 11:59 PM through [this form](#)

Faculty hike

26 October -11:30 -15:30

The Faculty of Social Studies would like to invite all FSS students to join us on a hike around the Brno Lake to Veverí Castle. We plan to take the ferry boat back.

Students should plan to meet at the anchor at the bottom of the lake at 11:30. The hike to the castle is 8.5km and will take between 2.5-3 hours. Our halfway point will be at Veverí Castle. Do not be scared though - there is only a total of 200metres elevation! You can see the hike [here](#).

Once arriving at the castle, we will have time for some food and drinks and to explore. You should pack water and snacks for the hike.

Entrance into the castle is 50czk, and the ferry back is between 55-110czk depending on your transportation card.

Meeting location: large Anchor at the lake (Trams 3 and 1 to Přístaviště) [exact location](#).

Let us know if you plan to join us [here!](#)



CZECHOSLOVAK INDEPENDENCE DAY

October 28

Following the dissolution of Austrian-Hungarian Empire many new states were established. On October 28, 1918, Czechs and Slovaks agreed to establish their state: Czechoslovakia. Today, the Czech Republic still celebrates this day, even though the country Czechoslovakia no longer exists. Flowers will be placed at Masaryk's statue in remembrance.

Similar to September 28, Statehood Day, stores larger than 200 square meters have to stay closed.

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VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

November 16 - 18:00 UTC+1

International Office with the team of student ambassadors is organizing a Virtual Open Day to present the bachelor and master programs at the Faculty of Social Studies.

Please share this [registration link](#) with your friends and invite your high schools to this event.

This is the [Facebook event](#) you may share as well.

The Virtual Open Day will be streamed directly to the [YouTube](#) channel

The program will include:

- Live presentations of the programmes
- you can ask questions which will be answered in live by the students or the international office
- Easily accessed from your computer, tablet or smartphone

GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER?

what not to forget...

There are numerous deadlines in your final semester that you must meet if you want to graduate, and they are different for each programme. Here are a few examples of things you should make sure you know when (and how) to do - and if you don't know ask your programme guarantor!

- submit thesis topic
- submit thesis draft
- submit final thesis (generally 1 month before defense)
- file intent to submit thesis
- file intent to take state exam

MASTERS APPLICATIONS

Spring 2025 enrolment
close 31 October

Students interested in applying for one of our Masters programmes should submit their application by 31 October.

More information [here](#).



PHD APPLICATIONS

Spring 2024 enrolment close
30 November

Students interested in continuing their studies into the doctoral level are invited to apply for a PhD programme. The application requires approval by your prospective supervisor, as well as other steps - so if interested be sure to get started soon!

More information [here](#).



BRNO EVENTS



Jobspin job and relocation fair

5 October

- at 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at "kongresák.space" (BVV Brno Trade Fairs), Hlinky 487/35
 - For English-speaking candidates with global experience.
 - Meet top international employers.
 - Workshops, networking, and CV consulting.
- FREE entry! Check the [website](#) for details

International film festival Brno16

2-6 October - Art cinema



BRNO16 is an international short film festival and one of the oldest of its kind in the Czech Republic, running continuously since 1960. The festival showcases a diverse range of short films, including live-action, animation, experimental, student, professional, and non-professional works.

The 65th edition of BRNO16 will take place from October 2 to 6, 2024, at the Art Cinema on Cihlářská Street and Cinema CIT on Radnická Street. For more details, visit the [festival's website](#).



Mint Market

19 October

On Saturday, October 19th, Brno Market Hall will host over 100 small and emerging brands offering fresh fashion, jewelry, design, delicacies, and natural cosmetics—all made locally and sustainably. Visitors can enjoy a friendly atmosphere while refreshing their wardrobes. Open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with free, barrier-free entry.