

# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly  
Newsletter for  
International  
Students



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Dear students,

Summer is here! ☀️

We hope you're enjoying the sunshine and making the most of your time in Brno or wherever you're spending your holidays. Before we all dive into full vacation mode, here are some updates, tips and opportunities from FSS.

Thank you for being a part of our international FSS community. We're already looking forward to welcoming you back in September

All the best,

Michaela Nespěchalová and all of us from the International Office

# FACULTY INFORMATION

## 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 9-11 2025**

Graduation will take place on 9-11 September 2025 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 13. The faculty arranges virtual attendance for students unable to travel back to Brno so they can participate in the graduation ceremony.



## APPLICATIONS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER 2026 ARE OPEN



[Application process for Spring 2026](#) started on 1 July 2025.

There is 1 change in the requirements for the Master's program Public and Social Policy and Human Resource , no specific prior education areas are required and all bachelors can enter this program.

You can find the requirements on our [website](#).

# FACULTY INFORMATION

## Earn 1,000 CZK for promoting FSS at your high school

Are you planning to visit your home country this summer? Take the opportunity to promote the Faculty of Social Studies at your former high school — either in person or online — and receive a 1,000 CZK scholarship! Stop by the International Office to pick up printed materials or request an online presentation. To receive the scholarship, simply send us a few photos and a short description of your visit or presentation. Contact [63272@muni.cz](mailto:63272@muni.cz) for more details.

## Construction work during summer



Following the construction works of the past two summers, another round is underway: Since the end of June, planned construction modifications have been taking place in the faculty building, including the installation of electronic door openers. The work will continue until September 5.

Study department and the International Office will remain open every day.

## FSS Library- closure

Due to construction work, the FSS Library is closed this summer starting from June 23. However, library services will remain available throughout the holidays for staff and PhD students. Library staff will be present at the workplace during the summer, and can also be contacted via email or phone. You can find the detailed summer opening hours on the [library's website](#).

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 1 September 2025. Your study will be active only after the complete payment of the tuition fee. If you have any questions, please contact [lpolasko@fss.muni.cz](mailto:lpolasko@fss.muni.cz)



# FALL SEMESTER DATES

## ✔ Before the Semester Starts

- **Apply for term enrolment:**  
 *May 19 – September 22, 2025*  
(Required step to continue your studies!)
- **Pay fees & complete online registration:**  
Do this as soon as possible to activate your student status!
- **Course registration (pick your courses):**  
 *June 30, 2025 (17:00) – September 1, 2025*  
You can register even if your study isn't active yet – just make sure to complete it later!
- **Course enrolment (system confirms your registered courses):**  
 *September 2 (17:00) – September 14, 2025*
- **Course changes (add/drop classes):**  
 *September 15 – September 28, 2025*
- **Seminar group enrolment (for courses with seminars):**  
 *September 2 (17:00) – September 28, 2025*
- **Timetable available:**  
 *August 29, 2025*  
Check it in IS and plan your weekly schedule!

## 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.

# TIPS

## Document validity tracker

Renewing your visa or residence permit is stressful – that anxious voice at the back of your head telling you that you might have missed something is all too familiar. A new tool on the Information Portal for Foreigners can help ease that worry.

With the document validity tracker, you can save your passport or residence permit in your personal profile and receive an automatic email reminder 90 days before it expires.

Set up document tracking here: [j](#)



# 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](#).

# VISA

## Prolongation

- 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.

- Do you struggle with the documents?

Contact the International Office either in room 1.14 or contact us via email: [admission@fss.muni.cz](mailto:admission@fss.muni.cz).

# 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

## Mendel festival - July 8 - August 11



Science, music, and cultural festival celebrating the legacy of Gregor Mendel.

Main concert day (19 July) features Tata Bojs, Richard Müller, Emma Smetana & Jordan Haj, and others – with free entry.

Also includes lectures, family activities, and special tours at the Augustinian Abbey.

More information: [www.mendelje.cz](http://www.mendelje.cz)

## Month of Author Readings - July 1 - 31

A daily literary event featuring international and Czech authors. This year's theme is exile. Recommended evenings:

- 8 July: Fatemeh Ekhtesari (Iran/Norway), poet and human rights activist
- 12 July: Aaiún Nin (Angola), non-binary poet and multimedia artist
- More info: [www.autorskecteni.cz](http://www.autorskecteni.cz)



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Fatemeh Ekhtesari: Solitary Confinement and Verres  
Unbound Speech

20.30 – Czechia  
Radka Denemarková: What's in the air

1.07. Wednesday / Wednesday



## Groove Brno – Funk & Soul Festival - July 11-12



Located at: Koží horka (Brno Dam)

Two-day outdoor festival with live funk, soul, and jazz-fusion concerts by international and Czech artists. The program includes food, chill-out zones, and body-and-soul activities.

Details: [www.groovebrno.cz](http://www.groovebrno.cz)

# BRNO SUMMER EVENTS



## Brasil Fest

July 31 – August 3, city center

Brazilian culture comes to Brno through concerts, performances, and the main carnival-style parade on 2 August.

Full program: [www.brasilfestbrno.cz](http://www.brasilfestbrno.cz)

## Summer at the Cabbage Market Every Thursday and Saturday

Open-air live music performances with a mix of genres from jazz and folk to DJ sets in one of Brno's most scenic squares.

[Facebook event page](#)



## Festival of planets - July 7-13 and August 4 -10



A science and space-themed open-air exhibition of large-scale planetary models.

New highlight: Litosphere – a model of Earth without water.

Special event on 7 July at 18:00: discussion with Czech astronaut-in-training Aleš Svoboda.

Details: [www.festivalplanetbrno.cz](http://www.festivalplanetbrno.cz)

# 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.



# TIPS FOR SUMMER TRIPS

## 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.

