



**FACULTY OF
SOCIAL STUDIES**

Masaryk University



**Study Social Sciences
at Masaryk University**



Masaryk University

Founded in 1919 and named after T. G. Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia, Masaryk University is a modern university with an established tradition. Today, it comprises nine faculties – Economics and Administration, Education, Informatics, Law, Medicine, Science, Social Studies, and Sports Studies – and more than 200 departments and institutes. The university premises are concentrated close to Brno's old city centre as well as in a new campus area.

Masaryk University has become one of the fastest growing and most sought-after universities in Central Europe. The university is dedicated to the overall support of research and innovation, focusing as well on the transfer of knowledge to the spheres of applied science and commercial use. This mission is clearly visible in the superb teaching and research facilities of the new university campus and in the first Czech polar station in Antarctica.

Studies at Masaryk University are truly international. Ten percent of its degree students come from abroad, and each year there are hundreds of exchange students from around the world. Masaryk University was the first in the Czech Republic after 1989 to introduce a structured three-cycle (Bologna) curriculum and the ECTS system of credits. From its inception, the university has been the alma mater of some 186,668 alumni who report high satisfaction and good career prospects in graduate surveys.

38,166 students
9 faculties

Departments

Department of
Environmental Studies

Department of International
Relations and European Studies

Department of Media
Studies and Journalism

Department of Political
Science

Department of Psychology

Department of Social Policy
and Social Work

Department of Sociology



Faculty of Social Studies

The place where
tradition and
social science
innovation connect

The Faculty of Social Studies was established in 1998 and it is among the newest and most dynamic parts of Masaryk University. Its social science tradition dates to 1921, when I. A. Bláha, who studied under Émile Durkheim, established the Department of Sociology. Sociology and psychology were originally taught at the Faculty of Arts, but together with other disciplines they created the Faculty of Social Studies in the late 1990s.

Today, the Faculty of Social Studies comprises seven departments and four research institutes. It educates more than 3,600 students in fulltime and part-time forms of study. In its teaching and research, the Faculty maintains high academic standards based on long-term cooperation with universities around Europe and overseas.

The Faculty is located in the city's historic centre, its building offering students and employees excellent conditions for study and work. It houses modern lecture halls, a comprehensive library, several computer labs, specialized desktop publishing studios and multimedia rooms, as well as a student club with a cafe and gallery for student activities. The redesigned atrium at the heart of the building, marvelous in its layout and architectural design, is a popular location for social gatherings.

Studies in English

More than
100 English-taught courses
each semester

From the very beginning of Masaryk University students have been drawn to the social sciences, attracted by the opportunity to investigate new social and political topics, research the profound social changes taking place, and study how individuals adapt to the complexities of the contemporary world.

On the following pages, you will find information about English-language graduate programs at FSS, available at both the Master and Doctoral levels – many of them offered in cooperation with other European universities.

Complete information about international studies at FSS can be found via our website:
www.fss.muni.cz -> **Admission**

Or contact the Admission Office: admission@fss.muni.cz

The Admission section of our webpage provides full information related to the application, admissions procedures, degree recognition, as well as visa and entry permits, health insurance, housing, living in Brno and answers other relevant questions. Further information can be found at Masaryk University's webpage for international students:
www.muni.cz/study/international_students

Application Deadlines

Bachelor programs

28 February

Master and Doctoral programs

30 April (for September enrollment),
30 November (for February enrollment)

Master's degrees

The Faculty offers several English-language programs at the Master's level, some of them in international cooperation as double or joint degrees. The standard length of studies is two years (four semesters), and the workload consists of 120 ECTS credits. Study is open to students holding a Bachelor's or equivalent degree in social science or the humanities. The annual tuition fee is 3000 euro.

Program title	International cooperation	Degree and title awarded	Department
Cultural Sociology	student exchange	Master - Mgr.	Department of Sociology
Energy Security Studies	student exchange	Master - Mgr.	Department of International Relations and European Studies
European Governance	double degree	Master - Mgr. / MSc	Department of International Relations and European Studies
European Politics	student exchange	Master - Mgr.	Department of Political Science/ Department of International Relations and European Studies
International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology	joint degree	Master - Mgr., MA, LM, Mag. soc.	Department of Sociology
International Relations. Europe in the Visegrad perspective	joint degree	Master - MA, Mgr.,	Department of International Relations and European Studies
Sociology	student exchange	Master - Mgr.	Department of Sociology

Cultural Sociology

The Cultural Sociology Master's degree is intended for students with a strong interest in the development of contemporary societies, who want to research the cultural aspects of processes, events, materiality, migration, globalization, popular culture, identity and societal transformations.

Understanding cultural sociology as a specific method of inquiry makes us sensitive to the social and historical impact of the relatively autonomous world of meanings, and it brings to our attention the cultural aspects and background of social practices, historical events, material objects, institutional arrangements and behavioral inclinations. The study of history, memory, civic culture, identity formation, gender and sexuality, race, colonialism, nationalism, and protest cultures are strengthened by orientation in this new influential paradigm.

The program builds on a well-established tradition of research and teaching in the field of cultural sociology at Masaryk University's Department of Sociology and its flourishing international cooperation with European and overseas universities. Its graduates are prepared for jobs in diverse spheres from cultural management to state administration to research centers and academia.

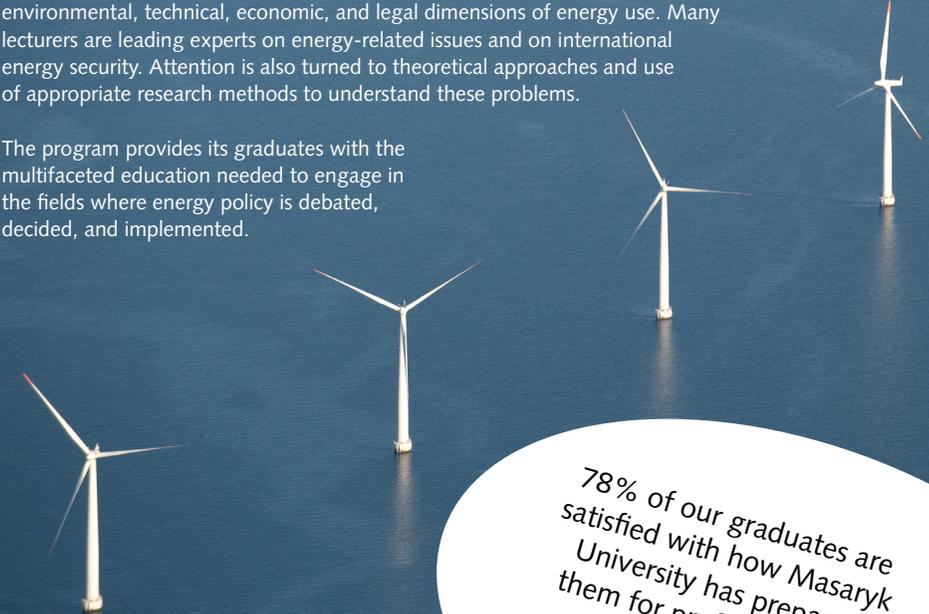


Energy Security Studies

The Energy Security Studies program responds to demand from the public and private sectors to provide highly qualified graduates capable of critically analyzing the situation arising in the fields of production, consumption, and transport of energy in the context of related economic and political issues.

The curriculum of the program builds on the analysis of EU and central European energy markets, impacts of new trends in the energy sector, new actors in energy markets, and the dynamic relations between leading world producers, consumers, and transit countries. In addition to these topics, the curriculum also focuses on environmental, technical, economic, and legal dimensions of energy use. Many lecturers are leading experts on energy-related issues and on international energy security. Attention is also turned to theoretical approaches and use of appropriate research methods to understand these problems.

The program provides its graduates with the multifaceted education needed to engage in the fields where energy policy is debated, decided, and implemented.



European Governance

Double-degree program

Partner university:
Utrecht University

On critical topics ranging from the regulation of financial markets to managing the transition to greener economies, and from fostering the economic growth of welfare states to cross-border policing – this Master's program will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to manage today's intricate issues of European governance.

Moreover, you are prepared to deal with and work within the complexity of European administration and policy both in Brussels and at home.

As a student of this program, you will study and live in two fascinating European cities. Year one is spent at Masaryk University, which has particular expertise in the consolidation processes of democracy and economy that have transformed Central and Eastern Europe since the late 1980s, and continue to do so. Year two takes you to Utrecht University in the Netherlands, which is ranked among the best in Europe.



The two semesters spent in Utrecht focus on the study of European governance from multiple perspectives, including law, economics, public administration, and organization science.

During your studies, you will be trained to analyze complex problems from an interdisciplinary approach. As a trained professional ready to combine knowledge with practical skills, equipped with a double degree from the two partner universities, you will be ready to pursue diverse careers both in Europe and overseas!

European Politics

This Master's program, taught jointly by the Department of International Relations and European Studies and the Department of Political Science, offers you a comprehensive course of study in the fields of comparative politics and European integration.

The curriculum includes theories of international relations, research methodology, empirical analysis, and comparative studies of political developments and the party systems in European countries. Your expertise is enhanced by the theoretical and empirical analysis of different international organizations and their interactions, or the study of the European Union and its enlargement. You can focus specifically on the region of Central and Eastern Europe and explore the experiences of post-communist societies, or centre your attention on other regions and problems.

Jobs for European Politics graduates are often found in professional spheres ranging from research, teaching, consulting, and advising to work in state administration and diplomatic services or the institutions of the European Union. As a highly specialized expert, you can work as a journalist, analyst, political advisor and lobbyist, or seek a career in the private sector using your analytical skills and excellent knowledge of the European political environment.



International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology

Joint-degree program

Partner universities:
University of Graz
University of Zadar
University of Trento

Are you fascinated by the dynamics, the complexity, and the interaction between social, cultural and economic processes and systems? Would you like to analyze scientific topics within the field of cultural sociology by applying state-of-the-art theoretical and methodological approaches? Or apply your knowledge and scientific skills in inter- and trans-disciplinary teams on complex issues?

This program's course of study is strongly linked to the Sociology Department's focus on the cultural aspects of migration, urbanism, gender, memory, performativity, and materiality. Specific topics of research range from organizational and popular culture to religion and urban studies, yet the two topical areas which give the program its particular profile are the study of ethno-national boundaries (such as migration and transnationalism) and the study of collective memory (such as generational memory and collective trauma).

The International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology is a four semester (two year) full time Master's program. You will enroll at one of the partner universities, and spend at least one semester (the third semester is designed for mobility) at another partner university within the consortium. Upon graduation, you will receive a joint diploma from all four partner universities!



International Relations. Europe in the Visegrad perspective

This joint Master's degree program offers the unique opportunity to study international relations at the leading universities of the four countries that together form the so-called Visegrad group: Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia. As a student, you will spend one semester at each partner university where you will not only learn about, but also directly experience, the specific political and cultural environment of each country.

Experienced faculty from the four partner universities, as well as visiting professors and guest lecturers from renowned international academic and diplomatic institutions, provide insightful and inspiring instruction about major developments in contemporary international law, economics, politics, and culture in light of the European integration processes as seen from the standpoint of the Visegrad Four.

For your thesis work, you can focus on truly interdisciplinary and international topics and get advice from experts at the four universities. As a graduate holding the program's joint diploma, you will be a highly qualified specialist ready to pursue employment in areas dealing with the Central European region and in international relations at large. Apply and experience four cities in one program!

Joint-degree program

Partner universities:
Jagiellonian University
in Krakow
University of Pécs
Matej Bel University
in Banská Bystrica

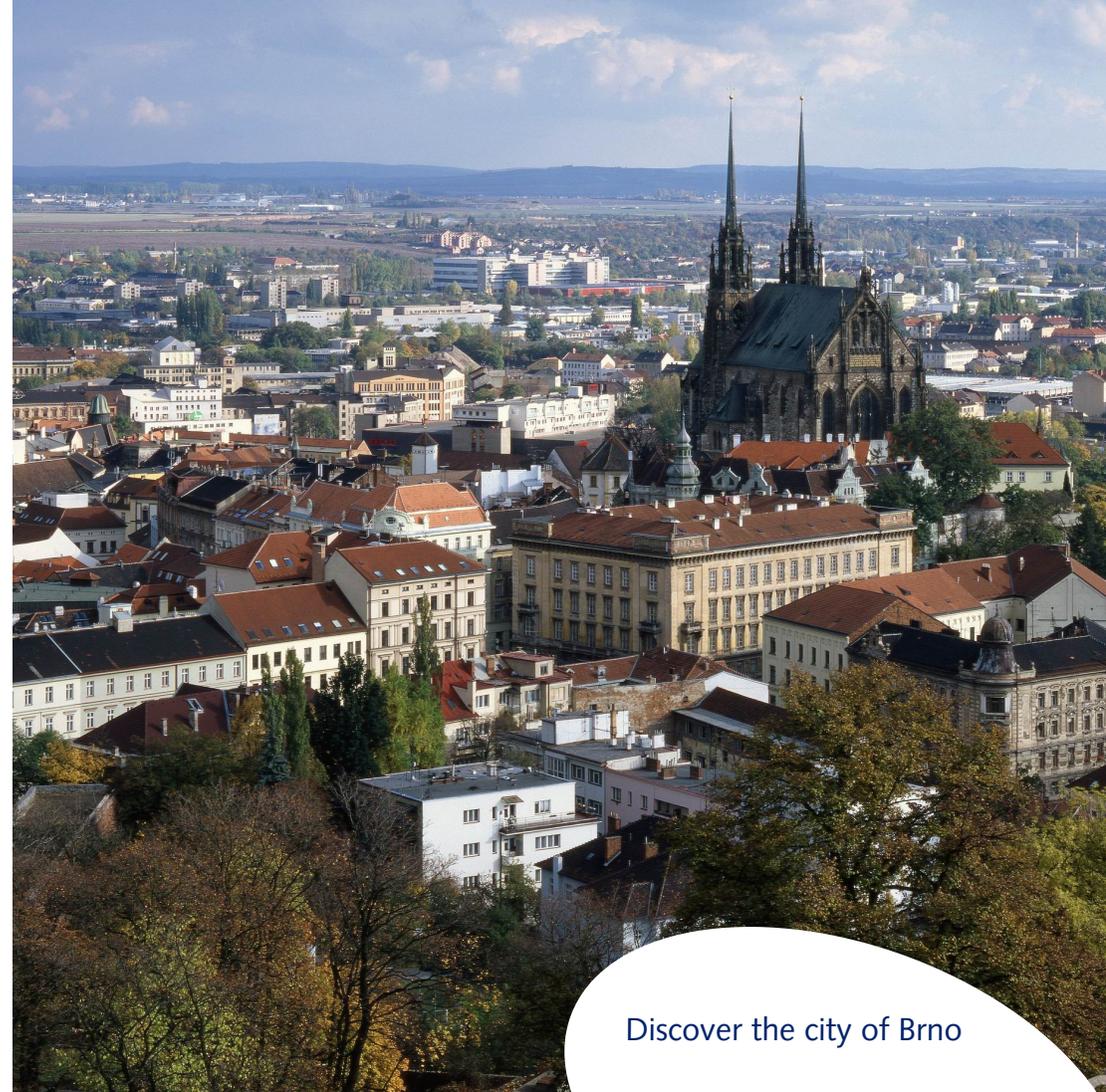


Sociology

The Sociology Master's program offers a rigorous course of instruction that will prepare you to investigate and understand the complexities of contemporary societies. The curriculum includes courses in classical and contemporary sociological theory, practical training in quantitative and qualitative research methods, and cultivation of your critical thinking and writing skills. The program has been carefully designed to offer you a rich and complete sociological education, while simultaneously offering flexibility and opportunities for you to follow your personal interests.

You will discover great diversity in the topics taught by the department faculty, including demography, religion, science and technology, education and health, social exclusion, urban studies, gender studies, environmental studies, stratification, ethnic minorities, migration, popular culture, the study of post-socialist societies, the problems of democratic transitions, and the analysis of other contemporary social issues within European and global contexts.

In addition to the program's core courses, you are free to create a course of independent study in cooperation with a teacher, and to use a semester for study at universities throughout Europe as an exchange student. A diploma in Sociology prepares you for advanced graduate study, or for a professional career in fields ranging from state administration, marketing, and business to education, journalism, and the non-governmental sector.



Discover the city of Brno

Doctoral Degree Programs

Four year PhD programs are available both in the full-time and combined (distance-learning) format. They are open to students holding a Master's degree in the social sciences or a closely related discipline. Doctoral students play a significant role in research and development in the department in which they study. They become internal members of research teams and their work on doctoral theses contributes to the scholarly findings of the Faculty.

The annual tuition fee for the doctoral study programs taught in English is 1950 euro.

Degree programs offered in English at doctoral level include:

- European Studies
- International Relations
- Political Science
- General Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Social Policy and Social Work
- Sociology

In addition to the joint and double programs mentioned above, the Faculty has also garnered membership in other international degree programs, such as the interdisciplinary European Master's Programme in Human Rights And Democratisation (E.MA) and in the joint European PhD on Social Representations and Communication.

Departments
can offers scholarships
that fully or partly
cover the tuition fees.



Studies in Czech

If you are proficient in the Czech language, you are eligible for all degree programs and study combinations at the Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD levels. The tuition fee for your enrolment in Czech-language degree programs, provided you complete your studies within the standard time limit, is covered by a subsidy from the Ministry of Schools, Youth and Sport.

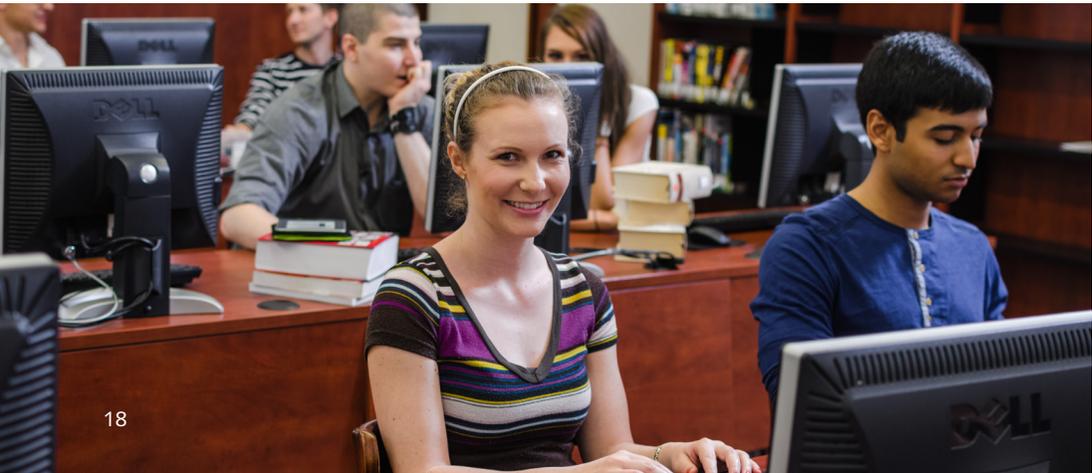
The disciplines open for study in Czech at the Faculty of Social Studies include Environmental Studies, European Studies, International Relations, Media Studies and Journalism, Political Science, Psychology, Social Policy and Social Work, and Sociology. Recent additions to the Faculty include degree programs in Energy Security Studies, Gender Studies, Security and Strategic Studies, and Social Anthropology.

If you are interested in the Czech-taught programs, please see our website and contact us for more information.

www.fss.muni.cz → Admission

In case you want to study the Czech language in intensive courses, you are welcome to contact the Admission Office for more information at:

admission@fss.muni.cz



Scholarships

While all students in the Czech-taught degree programs within the standard length of studies are subsidized by the Ministry of Schools, Youth and Sport, students of English-taught programs are advised to seek support from sponsors and foundations to cover the tuition fees and living expense.

Each year, several international students manage to obtain scholarships from the Erasmus Mundus Action II or other programs and foundations.

University scholarships and subsidies are available to all full-time students; e.g. subsidy for meals in the canteens, accommodation subsidy and bursar program. Also various mobility programs and scholarships to support study-abroad semesters and shorter periods are

International Cooperation

Masaryk University places a strong emphasis on international cooperation and student and teacher mobility. In recent decades, the university has established solid and stable links with a number of prestigious foreign universities and research institutions. The university is involved in many mobility programs, including Erasmus+ and several consortia of Erasmus Mundus Action II, ISEP, CEEPUS, and others. In addition, numerous bilateral agreements provide for student exchanges with partner universities in Asia, Australia, and the Americas. The Faculty utilizes its own bilateral exchange with US and Russian universities and other partners and supports student international mobility from its own scholarship fund. Its membership in several international joint study programs further enriches students' opportunities for quality education, state-of-art knowledge, and international mobility. Every summer, the Faculty organizes various summer schools and programs, both for locals and students from abroad.

In 2016, two full scholarships will be awarded to students of Cultural Sociology Master program.

available. Besides, the Faculty of Social Studies has a wide range of scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded for publications, summer schools and conferences abroad and other activities contributing to the representation of the university. In addition, the departments can offer scholarships on the basis of their own criteria that fully or partly covers the tuition fee in certain semesters of studies. Students are informed about the scholarship programs regularly.

Research

The Faculty of Social Studies is ranked at the very top of social science research in the Czech Republic. Our faculty engage in a wide spectrum of research projects, the results of which they bring to the classroom and disseminate to society at large. As a result, the instruction in all departments is enriched by the latest information and theory from both basic and applied social science.

Faculty members publish regularly in international journals and anthologies, present at international conferences, and publish books and monographs. Our researchers and teachers are very active in international research networks and projects, and in the course of its fifteen years of existence, the Faculty has hosted dozens of international conferences, providing space for discussion of the latest social science findings.

Our long-term partners for international collaboration include prestigious universities and research centers from almost every European country, from the Russian Federation (including the Russian State Social University in Moscow and Ural State University in Ekaterinburg), from the USA (such as the University of Maryland, Missouri State University, the University of Texas at Austin, and others),

More than 70 on-going research projects have been awarded funding from Czech and international sources

Israel (the University of Haifa and the Interdisciplinary Centre Herzliya), Taiwan (the National Chiao Tung University and National Cheng Chi University), India (the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai), and others.

Just to illustrate the diverse academic interests that can be found at FSS, our projects funded by EU 7FP or Horizon 2020 include: "Employment 2025: How Will Multiple Transitions Affect the European Labour Market?," "CATCH-EyoU - Constructing Active Citizenship with European Youth: Policies, practices, challenges and solutions," "bEUcitizen - All Rights Reserved?," "Constructing Sexuality and Gender in Czechoslovak Sexological Discourses," "EU Kids Online III," "European Union Council Presidency and its Role in Decision Making Processes of the European Union," "Impact of Local Welfare Systems on Female Labour Force Participation and Social Cohesion," and "Understand and Discuss the EU."



University Facilities

Success in study and research is fostered by good facilities. Masaryk University offers nine modern Faculty libraries with thousands of books in English and other languages, digitalized catalogue systems, and electronic sources. The Faculty library is located on the building's first floor and offers an extensive collection of Czech and international social science journals and books, several study rooms, and a self-study gallery, a small PC room, WiFi connection. Librarians are on staff to assist not only with book loans but also with access to electronic resources and databases.



Masaryk University's EUNIS Elite Award-winning online information system eases the management of your studies, from enrolling in courses and submitting homework to communicating with classmates and teachers. It also enables Eduroam, the world renowned university-wide WiFi system, which is accessible in all university facilities. Social Studies students have access to three PC rooms at the Faculty, as well as the university-wide PC room located across the street, which is open non-stop. Students working on multimedia projects can use specialized studios and laboratories.

Accommodation is provided for all who need it. International students usually live in modern university dormitories that offer double rooms furnished with bathroom and kitchenette. Frequent and inexpensive public transport puts the university's residence halls within easy reach. In addition, there is a well-developed market providing private rental housing of various types. Proper nutrition is equally important: university canteens and cafeterias serving warm lunches and dinners are newly coupled with pizzerias and restaurants.



Extracurricular life

Masaryk University boasts a high number of student clubs and associations, from the university singing choir to theatre companies and political debating societies. At the Faculty of Social Studies, internet-based Radio R is run by students (with the university offering equipment and space), which broadcasts diverse programming and music. International students produce a weekly English-language radio show. Sport fans can also exercise and practice in gymnasiums, sports fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, fitness centers, and other facilities owned by the university or the city of Brno.

The university's International Student Club is among the most active clubs in Europe and ESN. Its activities range from tutoring, informal language courses, and country presentations to parties, trips, and excursions within the Czech Republic and to neighboring countries.



What our Students Say

Emma Smit, The Netherlands, student of European Governance

„Europe is a phenomenon that can be best addressed from not only a public administration point of view but also from a law and economic approach. Masaryk University offered lectures from this interdisciplinary perspective. Furthermore I find it of added value to focus on classic courses about the EU for instance but also to learn more about the position of Europe as an international actor. If you are interested in contemporary Europe and want to know more about all its aspects I would definitely recommend European Governance to you. If you have an open mind about foreign cultures and want to explore what it is like to live and study in Central Europe then you will have the time of your life in Brno.

The city has a cosy atmosphere which you can compare to the liveliness of a city like Utrecht. Living here gave me the opportunity to study and live in Central Europe and that helps you to understand the diversity of Europe even better.“

Sanjoy Kumar Chanda, Bangladesh, student of Sociology

„Masaryk University is the second home for overseas students. From the viewpoint of ongoing master student, I have found that sociology department offers a wide variety of courses, helpful faculty and staff, and many research opportunities. To me the academic program of Sociology is very constructive and department welcomes preserving the democratic rights of students. Master degree program in sociology includes both coursework and thesis. Students are encouraged to choose their thesis project related to their home country. Junior sociologists have a platform to present their new social inventions at seminars. To promote the study of sociology, department maintains collaboration with different international universities and offers scholarships based on merit. Last but not the least, MU offers nice accommodation and catering services for international students.“

Godwin Kwasi Awuah, Ghana, PhD student of Social Policy and Social Work

„After a year of study in the doctoral programme of Social Policy and Social Work, I am confident to say PhD studies at the Faculty of Social Studies is structured to provide outstanding doctoral training while addressing the needs of international students. I have had immense direction in relation to my research work, from a very affable and competent supervisor who relates to me as a colleague. An intriguing experience with my supervisor is the promptness my research works and mails are responded to despite having a very busy schedule. I have also benefited from two of several grant programmes aimed at enhancing studies at the faculty which is accessible to both nationals and international students on same priority level. As a PhD at FSS, I am also actively involved in a study related project as a specialist to equip me with the requisite practical skills in my area of study. The international office has also been very swift in responding to my administrative needs whenever I call on them. It has really been a great first year at FSS!“



Brno and South Moravia

Brno, a city in South Moravia with a population of about 400,000 inhabitants, is an ideal base for exploring Central Europe. Thanks to its strategic location, capitals such as Prague, Bratislava, Vienna, Budapest, and Warsaw are within easy reach by train or bus. In addition, Brno has direct air connections with several European cities.

The city is large enough to possess all the benefits of a major European centre, but small enough to retain its coziness and charm. The historical centre echoes that of Vienna, complete with cobblestone pedestrian zones and fascinating architecture spanning the whole period from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Hometown of the distinguished composer Leoš Janáček and the founder of genetic science, Johann Gregor Mendel, the city has something for everybody. Among its

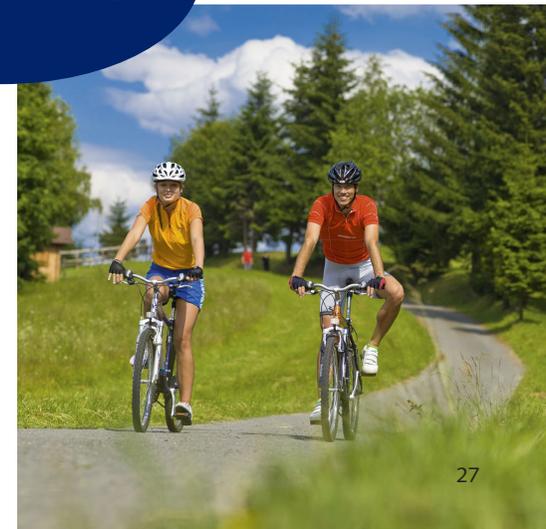
tourist attractions you will find masterpieces of modernist architecture, including the UNESCO protected Villa Tugendhat and other outstanding functionalist works. The skyline is dominated by Špilberk Castle and the cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul and other interesting sites.

Home to six public universities and more than 100,000 students, Brno is truly a city of youth offering non-stop cultural activities and entertainment. It enjoys a vibrant cultural scene and lively nightlife, including restaurants and pubs, theatres, concert halls, galleries, music clubs, and sports facilities. The population of Brno is a multicultural one, with diverse and active expatriate communities, composed of both international students and professionals.

The South Moravian Region is rich not only in its economic potential, but also in its cultural and historical roots. Among its attractions are well-preserved castles and chateaus, beautiful countryside landscapes, and nature parks. The region thus offers outstanding opportunities for hiking, bicycling, and skiing. The area around Brno is the Czech Republic's main wine-producing region, with numerous ancient cellars, and the region's many wineries are now linked by a new network of nature-friendly bicycle trails.



www.brno.cz
www.jizni-morava.cz
www.czechtourism.cz





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