

The Summer School of Slavonic Studies



The Summer School of Slavonic Studies is hosted by the Department of Czech Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, in a three-week period between late August and mid-September. The course is designed for those who pursue Slavonic or Czech Studies, for teachers, assistants, translators, for all who take interest in the Czech language.

PROGRAMME

The daily programme consists of five lessons devoted to language courses, lectures, and historical or educational excursions. For language courses, the participants are divided into three groups, depending on their level of proficiency:

A Beginners attend an intensive language course of five lessons a day (three in the morning and two in the afternoon) based either on English, or German.

B Intermediate students attend a three-lesson language course in the morning and a two-lesson seminar of their choice (reading literature, conversation, and grammar) in the afternoon.

C Advanced students attend a five-lesson conversation course and seminars in phonetics and grammar.

Lectures are given in Czech and cover various subjects in linguistics, literary history, Czech cultural history, and ethnography.

The programme also includes visits to museums, libraries and galleries, as well as trips to places of interest in South Bohemia. The contemporary cultural life is presented through cinema and theatre performances, concerts, exhibitions, etc. For sport-loving participants there is a variety of sports events.

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The Summer School participants take their meals in the university dining hall and are accommodated in double rooms in the K 4 hall of residence.

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The price of the three-week course (tuition fee, accommodation and full board, weekend trips) is **€ 1000, including registration fee**. The sum has to be paid into the Faculty of Philosophy bank account **No. 104 725 778/0300, v.s. 11411,**

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in České Budějovice by **31 July 2012**, or its equivalent in Czech crowns can be paid in cash in the faculty office.

Some of the participants are grant holders of the Czech Ministry of Education, or other Czech cultural institutions.



ENTRANCE CRITERIA

The number of participants is limited with a quota for grant holders ensured by international agreements. Applicants for these reciprocal scholarships should contact the pertinent authorities in their home countries as soon as possible.

Applicants will fill in the application form and send it to the secretariat of the Summer School of Slavonic Studies at the following address:

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The deadline is 31 May 2012 (grant holders).

Both grant holders and paying participants will be notified of the result by 30 June 2012

ABOUT THE CITY

České Budějovice, the administrative, economic and cultural centre of the region of South Bohemia, with at present roughly 100 000 inhabitants, was founded in 1265 by King Přemysl Otakar II. at the confluence of the rivers Vltava and Malše.

At the heart of the historic centre is the the square, one hectare in size, lined with ancient burghers' houses each with an arched passageway; most striking is the newly renovated Baroque town hall. In the square's central point is the Samson Fountain, with sculptures by J. Ditrich. Among the other significant landmark is the 72 m high Black Tower, until recently the highest structure in the town, which formerly served as a watch-tower and carillon. Now, its balconies provide a wonderful view of the entire town.

The oldest structure in České Budějovice is the Dominican monastery with its chapel of the Sacrifice of the Virgin Mary, located on Piarist Square. The entire historic core is lined with more or less visible remnants of its medieval fortification. Also worthy of note are the preserved landmarks of the Czech section of the former horse-drawn railway from České Budějovice to Linz, which has a small museum devoted to it. The town is the site of many large companies. The best-known of which are the Budweiser Budvar and Samson breweries.

Since 1991, the University of South Bohemia has existed in České Budějovice. Currently there are eight separate faculties at the university. In term of tourism, České Budějovice can serve, thanks to its convenient location, as a good base for travel throughout the entire South Bohemian region. Of especial interest in the immediate area is the UNESCO heritage site of the ancient town of Český Krumlov, and the village Holašovice. Natural scenery of striking beauty can be found in the Nové Hradky mountains, the marshes and fishponds of Třeboň, the thickly forested Šumava Mountains, and other areas. Another architectural jewel is the castle in Hluboká nad Vltavou.