

BRNO AND THE UNIVERSITY

Brno, the metropolis of Moravia and the second largest city in the Czech Republic, is a center of international trade fairs, industry, science, technology and art. We can find here a number of museums, archives and libraries. The Brno Philharmonic has won an outstanding reputation for the city throughout the world. Brno theatres are also very well known.

Many famous personalities were born, lived and worked in Brno: Josef Dobrovský, Gregor Mendel, Leoš Janáček, Viktor Kaplan, Roman Jacobson, Milan Kundera, Bohumil Hrabal, Jan Skácel and many others.

One of the most important scientific and educational institutions in Brno is Masaryk University. It was founded in 1919 as a result of over fifty years of struggle within Czech society to establish a second Czech university. Initially there were four faculties: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Sciences. In 1946, the Pedagogical Faculty was founded, in 1991 the Faculty of Economics and Administration, in 1994 the Faculty of Informatics, in 1997 the Faculty of Social Studies, and in 2002 the Faculty of Sports Studies. From 1960 to 1990, the university was called Jan Evangelista Purkyně.

DEPARTMENT OF CZECH FOR FOREIGNERS

Department of Czech for Foreigners, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University was established in 1993 on the basis of the 25 years of experience that Masaryk University's Faculty of Arts had hitherto gathered from its Summer School of Slavonic Studies. Due to burgeoning interest in Czech studies, the Department came up with several new courses in addition to the month-long course.

Department of Czech for Foreigners offers these studies:

- 1) **Language and Professional Preparation for Studies at Czech University**
- 2) **Summer School of Slavonic (Czech) Studies** (4-week intensive Czech language course)
- 3) **Czech Language Courses for Foreigners** (in-person classes or online classes)
- 4) **Bachelor's Degree Programme of Czech Language and Literature with specialization Czech for Foreigners**
- 5) **Didactic and Practical Course**
- 6) **Intensive Course of Czech for Foreigners** (2-week winter course)
- 7) **Scholarship semester stays** (scholarships of the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University and of the Department of Czech for Foreigners, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University)

Chair and administration of the Department of Czech for Foreigners:

<u>Head:</u> PhDr. Eva Rusinová	<u>Secretary (economic affairs):</u> Jaroslava Vybíralová	<u>Student officer:</u> Bc. Petr Šipka
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Summer School of Slavonic (Czech) Studies

(54. edition)

July 24th – August 21st, 2021

The Summer School of Slavonic Studies is organized by the Department of Czech for Foreigners, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University since 1967.

Programme of the Summer School

The focus of the lessons is five academic hours in the morning and consists of an intensive language course, special seminars and lectures.

Three types of language course are available:

- intensive course for complete beginners based on English or German (on condition of sufficient interest),
- a course for pre-intermediate students – two hours of basic Czech, two hours of conversation and a one-hour special course every day; lessons are in Czech,
- a course for intermediate, advanced and very advanced students – two hours of basic language instruction followed by a one-hour special seminar dedicated to translation and stylistics, two hours of Czech linguistics, literature, history, ethnography, etc.

In the afternoons, Summer School students can attend linguistics and literature seminars, lexical-stylistic exercises, seminar on interpretation of a literary text and informal seminars on music, history of art, history of Brno, etc. Beginners I and II have the opportunity to attend additional lessons of linguistic exercises in order to develop the knowledge they have attained in their morning lessons. A special linguistic and literary seminar has been prepared for the most advanced students. The rest of the programme offers hours of singing, dance lessons and relaxation exercises. Evenings are reserved for presentations of Czech films.

The programme also includes day-long excursions to places of historical interest in the Czech Republic.

For those interested, the Department of Czech for Foreigners is prepared to organize individual work in archives and libraries or individual consultations with professors and other staff from the Faculty of Arts.

Organisation of the Summer School

The Summer School is also open to holders of scholarships granted by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and Masaryk University, those funded by other cultural institutions, as well as to paying participants.

Participants are accommodated in the university summer hotel. On school days (Monday – Thursday, Saturday) breakfasts and lunches will be served in the university canteen.

For paying participants **the full price** for the four-week course is **35 000 CZK** (covers registration fee, tuition fee, accommodation, meals (half board) and costs associated with excursions).

The non-refundable registration fee of 4 000 CZK is payable by July 18th at the latest.

After submitting the application the given amount must be transferred to the following account kept in CZK:

Bank account holder's name: **Masarykova univerzita,**
Žerotínovo nám. 9, 601 77 Brno, Czech Republic

Account number: **85636621/0100**

Bank address: **Komerční banka (Regionální pobočka Brno)**
nám. Svobody 21, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

IBAN: **CZ43 0100 0000 0000 8563 6621**

SWIFT: **KOMBCZPP**

Variable symbol: **2174001017**

THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO PAY THE BANK CHARGES

The remainder may be either transferred to the above-mentioned account or paid in cash (in CZK) after the participant's arrival to the secretary at the Summer School office.

Paying participants who have already arranged private accommodation in Brno may attend the Summer School for a **reduced price**:

REDUCED PRICE = registration fee + tuition fees + meals + excursions**26 000 CZK**

A registration non-refundable fee of 4 000 CZK is payable by July 18th at the latest. After submitting the application the given amount must be transferred to the above-mentioned account. The remainder may be either transferred to the above-mentioned account or paid in cash (in CZK) after the participant's arrival to the secretary at the Summer School office.

Conditions of acceptance

The number of places in the course is limited to approximately 150 participants. Some places are reserved for holders of scholarships granted by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on the basis of bilateral cultural agreements. Candidates for these scholarships should send their application to the relevant authorities (usually the Ministry of Education) in their own countries. Other places are reserved for self-paying participants.

The filled-in application form must be sent by post or e-mail to the address of the Department of Czech for Foreigners to arrive **no later than July 15th, 2021**.

Upon receiving the application form, the Secretariat will immediately inform both holders of scholarships and paying participants whether they have been accepted by sending them the Letter of Acceptance.

The chosen option (full price or reduced price) must be clearly marked on the application form.

Conditions of acceptance are the same for scholarship holders as well as for paying participants.