



FACULTY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Charles University



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Student Manual

for exchange and visiting students
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INTRODUCTION

1. WELCOME TO CHARLES UNIVERSITY!

Charles University (UK) was founded in 1348 by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV as the first university to the north of the Alps and to the east of Paris. It belongs among the oldest and largest universities in the world and it is the oldest and also the largest university in the Czech Republic.

Today Charles University has 17 faculties in 3 different cities, 3 university institutes, 6 further centres for educational, scientific, research, development and other activities or for provision of information services, 5 university-wide special facilities and the Rectorate as the administrative centre of the whole University. The Faculty of Social Sciences is the second youngest faculty, founded in 1990.

The University as a whole has over 51 000 students with more than 7 000 students originating from foreign countries. There are over 300 accredited degree programmes and 660 study disciplines. Charles University covers the full spectrum of fields – medicine, pharmacy, science, humanities and social sciences, theology and sport at bachelor, master and doctoral levels. Over 150 academic programmes are taught in a foreign language, mainly in English but also in German or French.

The University is also dedicated to international cooperation with prestigious educational and research institutions. Charles University as a whole has signed over 1900 bilateral agreements on the Erasmus programme framework and 250 international partnership agreements with foreign universities where the Faculty of Social Sciences is directly involved.

2. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Shortly after its creation in 1990 the Faculty became a regional centre of teaching and research in economics, sociology, political science, international relations, area studies, media studies and journalism.

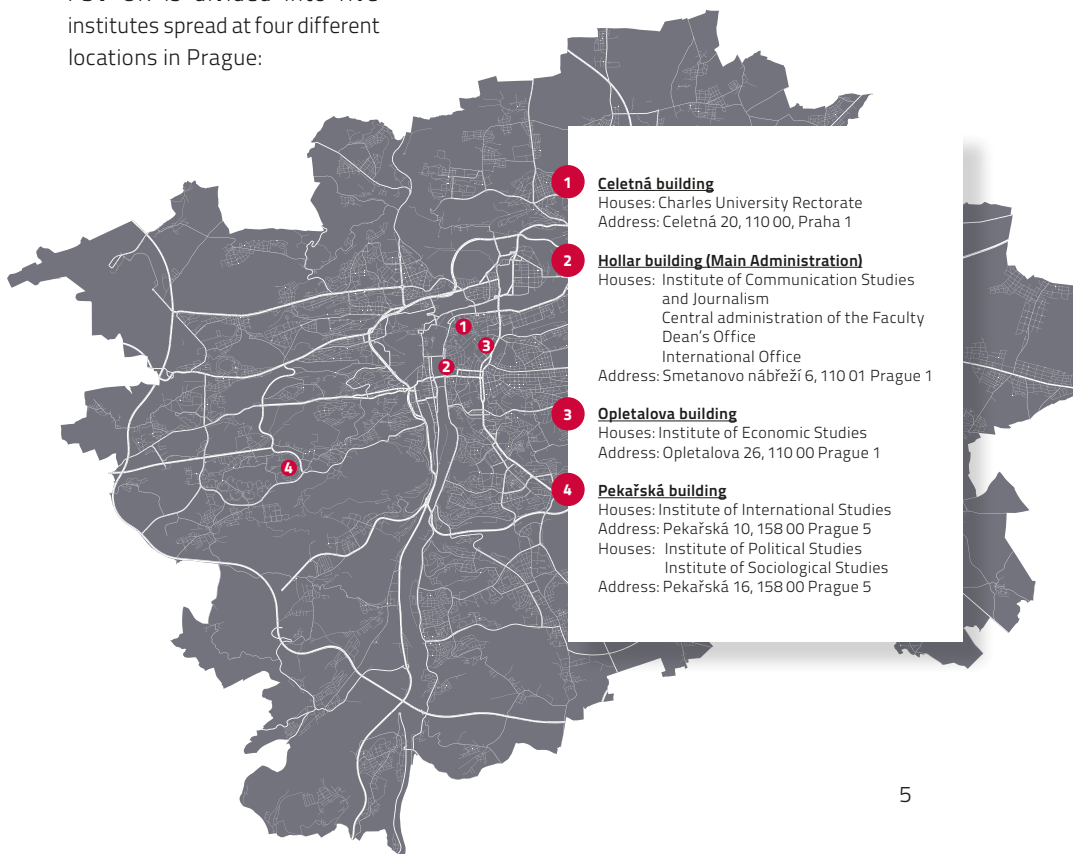
Currently the Faculty has around 5 000 full-time students. Approximately 550 of them are enrolled in one of our English-language degree programmes. FSV UK has one of the highest international mobility participation rates of all the faculties of Charles University. Each year it welcomes around 600 exchange students from all over the world.

FSV UK emphasizes the development of international cooperation firstly by developing and strengthening scientific bonds, student, and academic mobility and secondly by offering English-language degree programmes.

Our mission is the promotion of learning and the protection of knowledge, the cultivation of free thought, independent academic research and the support of the creative spirit of human society.

LOCATION

FSV UK is divided into five institutes spread at four different locations in Prague:



- 1 Celetná building**
Houses: Charles University Rectorate
Address: Celetná 20, 110 00, Praha 1
- 2 Hollar building (Main Administration)**
Houses: Institute of Communication Studies
and Journalism
Central administration of the Faculty
Dean's Office
International Office
Address: Smetanovo nábřeží 6, 110 01 Prague 1
- 3 Opletalova building**
Houses: Institute of Economic Studies
Address: Opletalova 26, 110 00 Prague 1
- 4 Pekařská building**
Houses: Institute of International Studies
Address: Pekařská 10, 158 00 Prague 5
Houses: Institute of Political Studies
Institute of Sociological Studies
Address: Pekařská 16, 158 00 Prague 5

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Address: Smetanovo nábřeží 6, 110 01 Prague 1 (Hollar building);
rooms no. 216a and 216 / 2nd floor

Office Hours:	
Monday:	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
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Friday:	9 am – 11 am

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. ACADEMIC YEAR

The Czech university year is traditionally divided into two semesters: Winter and Summer Semester. Each semester is followed by an examination period lasting 5 weeks during which there are no classes.



WINTER SEMESTER 2021/2022	27th September 2021 – 11th February 2022
Registration for classes in the Winter Semester (exclusively through the on-line SIS Student Information System)	17 th September from 12 pm CET – 6 th October 2021, 12 am CET
Registration and orientation for visiting and exchange students (see detailed schedule from International Office)	27 th September 2021
St. Wenceslas Day (Faculty closed, Bank Holidays)	28 th September 2021
Beginning of classes in the Winter Semester	29 th September 2021
Classes	29 th September – 22 nd December 2021
Independence Day (Faculty closed, Bank Holidays)	28 th October 2021
Dean's Holiday (Faculty closed)	16 th November 2021
Freedom and Democracy Day (Faculty closed, Bank Holidays)	17 th November 2021
Christmas Holiday	23 rd December 2021 – 2 nd January 2021
Pre-examination week for teachers to make up missed classes and to hold early exams	3 rd – 7 th January 2022
Registration for examinations through the on-line Student Registration System (SIS)	From 1 st December 2021
Examination period	10 th January – 13 th February 2022
Course Evaluation for the Winter Semester 2021/22	17 th January – 20 th February 2022
SUMMER SEMESTER 2021/2022	8th February – 30th June 2022
Registration and orientation for visiting students (see detailed schedule from International Office)	8 th – 11 th February 2022
Beginning of classes in the Summer Semester	14 th February 2022
Registration for classes in the Summer Semester (exclusively through the on-line SIS Student Information System)	4 th February from 12 PM – 20 th February 2022 to 12 am CET
Classes	14 th February – 13 th May 2022
Dean's Holiday (Faculty closed)	30 th April 2022
Easter Friday (Faculty closed, Bank Holidays)	15 th April 2022
Easter Monday (Faculty closed, Bank Holidays)	18 th April 2022
Rector's Sports Day (Faculty closed)	11 th May 2022
Registration for examinations through the on-line Student Registration System (SIS)	From 1 st April 2022
Pre-examination week for teachers to make up missed classes and to hold early exams	16 th – 20 th May 2022
Examination period	23 rd May – 30 th June 2022
Course Evaluation for the Summer Semester 2021/22	23 rd May – 5 th June 2022

2. REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES AND EXAMS

<https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/exchange/life/academic-information/course-registration>

Students are able to enrol for classes during an assigned period (see below). During this time students are free to attend any courses and add or drop classes according to their preference. After the end of the registration period, adding new classes will not be possible.

In academic year 2021/22 the registration periods for exchange students will be as follows:



Winter Semester: 17th September from 12 pm CET – 6th October 2021 to 12 am CET

Summer Semester: 4th February from 12 pm CET – 20th February 2022 to 12 am CET

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

The Registration for classes can only be made through our **Student Information System (SIS)**. Students can log into the system with the password they obtained via email. The SIS serves students, academic staff and applicants for study at Charles University; it provides comprehensive information on study-related matters. The SIS is basically a database of all classes, their syllabi and schedules as well as all UK students and lecturers. The SIS serves as an electronic record of studies.

To register for a class, log in to the SIS, choose "Subjects and Schedule Registration" and click on "Enroll (my own)" in the green menu at the top. Search for a class by applying the various filters and check the details and outline of the courses by following the

links [courses]. Tick the particular class in the left column and click on "Enroll". Make sure you enroll only into the courses that state Course for incoming students. After a successful registration, a yellow message "Subject enrolled" will display and the course will appear under the "Enrolled" button in the top menu. All registrations show as "preliminary" until the end of the registration period. Later this message disappears.

The registration for classes during the prescribed period is a prerequisite for the successful completion of a class!

Schedules of courses also show up on the list of enrolled courses in the right column. If not, go to the course outline by following the link under the course code and check the schedule in the central right menu.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES

To withdraw from a class, go to the "Enrolled" list again and click on the blue icon with a red minus sign. This option is available only within the assigned registration period. If you need help you can [contact your IO coordinator](#).

FULL CLASSES

If a class is full, the enrolment button will switch to a waiting list option. You can be added on the list any time before the end of the registration period. When a place in the class has been vacated, the next student on the waiting list will be automatically registered for the class.

CLASSES AT OTHER FACULTIES

You can register for **less than half of your classes with other faculties** of Charles University. Their registration period is sometimes different and you may need to wait one or two weeks before their registration system opens for students from other faculties. Find their registration dates at their websites. Some faculties, however, do not allow students to sign up for a course electronically via Student Information System by themselves. In that case, check with the professor if you can join the class even though you are from FSV UK. If the professor approves it, please send an email to our [IO coordinator](#) to be added manually to the list of students.

CLASS CODES AT FSV UK

All classes offered at FSV UK are identified by a unique class code, which not only allows students to find them quickly online, but also provides useful information about the class. The codes we use at this Faculty always comprise of 3 (sometimes 4) initial letters, followed by 3 numerals, e.g. JEB026, JSM629, JMMZ001. (The structure of class codes at other faculties can differ, these explanations apply only to classes at FSV UK)

The way to read the class code is as follows:

The first letter of the code identifies the Faculty at which the class is taught. All class codes at the Faculty of Social Sciences begin with the letter J. Other Faculties have different initial letters (e.g. A for the Faculty of Arts). If the class you want to take does not begin with the letter J, it is not taught at this Faculty.

The second letter of the code usually identifies the Institute where the class is taught. E = Economics, J = Journalism/Media Studies, M = International Studies, P = Political Science, S = Sociology. Exceptions to this rule are class codes beginning JLB and JMMZ (explained below).

The third letter of the code tells you whether this is a Bachelor-level class or a Master-level class intended primarily for Master's students. B = Bachelor, M = Master (as simple as that). If you look at the examples at the start of this document, you should now be able to tell that JEB026 is a Bachelor-level Economics class, and that JSM629 is a Master's level Sociology class.

The numerals at the end of the code have no special significance, they are simply the number of the class.

NON-STANDARD CLASS CODES

Classes beginning JMMZ are primarily classes from our double-degree programme with University College London, though we also use the code for some local classes. If there is no scheduled time for an English-language class beginning JMMZ and a note in the field "Explanation", it is taught at UCL.

Classes beginning JLB are courses of Czech as a Foreign Language, intended primarily for our exchange students. They are not part of our standard curriculum, and they are therefore subject to a fee. Registration for language classes is done exclusively through

the on-line SIS Student Information System. In most semesters we will run several groups simultaneously from Beginner to Intermediate level.

Classes with JTB/JTM codes are newly accredited courses from the Institute of International studies and mostly replace courses with codes JMM/JMMZ.

Classes with JKB/JKM codes are newly accredited courses from the Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism and sometimes replace courses with codes JJB/JJM.

3. EXAMS

Two types of examinations exist at FSV UK. An exam can be taken in an oral or written form. Written exams may involve taking a test or producing a paper on a specified topic. Most exams are scheduled for the period after classes. Some courses, however, require students to do mid-term exams as well.

Most final exams, especially oral ones, give students an option to choose one out of several exam dates. This date has to be registered for in Student Information System in advance. If students fail, a retake can be

done in the same semester before the end of the current exam period. Please note that students are allowed to retake the exam only in case of a failed exam. Students are not allowed to retake the exams just to improve their results. More information about student rights and obligations are available at the [Faculty website](#).

4. GRADES AND GRADING SYSTEM

In the Czech university system, courses are either completed by an examination or by other study requirements. Due to modifications of the internal FSV UK has changed the system of classification from 1-4 grading scale to **internationally recognized A-F grading system**, often referred to as ECTS grading.

The recommendation for using the A-F classification is as follows: To evaluate the student's performance in percentage (0-100 %) and providing the evaluation accordingly 0-50 % = F, 51-60 % = E, 61-70 % = D, 71-80 % = C, 81-90 % = B, 91% and more = A

Where a course is completed by a study requirement other than an examination, it is not graded, but it is recorded as Zápočet /non-graded credit in a non-examination subject/. This is in effect a Pass in a two tier Pass/Fail grading system.

Grading Scheme		Description
A/B	Excellent	Excellent performance. The student has shown excellent performance, originality and displayed an exceptional grasp of the subject.
C/D	Very Good	Very good performance. The student understands the subject well and has shown some originality of thought. Above the average performance, but with some errors.
E	Good	Good performance. Generally sound work with a number of notable errors.
F	Fail	Fail. The student has not succeeded in mastering the subject matter of the course.
Z - Zápočet	Pass/Credit	Pass. The student receives credit for the course but no specific grade.

Grading system can differ per each faculty.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

All grades will be listed on a Transcript of Records which gives a summary of students' results and which can be used for a later transfer of credits at your home university. It becomes available as soon as all grades are released in the Student Information System. Please note that we do not issue Transcript of records automatically. If students are not able to collect it before they leave the Czech Republic, it can be sent to their address upon emailed request.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Be aware that at Charles University plagiarism and cheating are strictly prosecuted. In extreme cases they may result in expulsion from the university. FSV UK uses the Urkund anti-plagiarism software for verifying that all master and bachelor theses (as well as randomly selected written coursework) are free from plagiarism. Master and Bachelor theses are checked for plagiarism automatically as they

are entered into SIS. Please make sure all information, data, graphs and numbers in your work taken from external sources are explicitly quoted and correctly referenced. Various guides and manuals on research methods, academic writing, quotations and acknowledgement of sources and bibliographic citations are available at [FSV UK website](#) for your reference.



UNIVERSITY LIFE

1. STUDENT ID CARDS

Charles University student ID cards serve as evidence of the holder's relation to UK and to one of its faculties. These chip cards contain personal data, a bar code, a photograph and a signature strip. The cards are used for access to the FSV UK buildings and to some FSV UK computer labs and libraries. Students also use their student cards to pay for printing and copying as well as in the UK cafeterias.

In order to be able to use the card for printing, copying and also in the UK cafeterias, the student must put credit on their student card. Please note that the card basically operates with two different accounts and thus you need to put in credit separately for printing and for the use in cafeterias.



When students enrol at Charles University, they can choose between two types of student identity cards:

- regular UK student ID card
- UK – ISIC card

ISIC card is the only internationally recognized student identity card. Its holder gains access to a wide range of benefits and discounts. See more information about [ALIVE card](#). The UK student card itself is issued free of charge, the student ISIC card is issued for a standard [annual fee](#). The ISIC issued in the academic year 2021/22 is valid until 31st December 2022. Detailed information on UK student cards can be found on the [UK website](#).

2. UNIVERSITY COMPUTER LABS, LOGINS, PASSWORDS, WI-FI

COMPUTER LABORATORIES

The Opletalova building: Room 016

Location: In the basement area, under the staircase – straight ahead.

The lab is freely accessible. Entrance with a student ID card.

Opening hours:	The lab is freely accessible.
Monday–Thursday	8 am–7.45 pm
Friday	8 am–4.45 pm

USER'S SUPPORT STAFF AT FSV UK

Hollar: room no. 214

Opening hours:	
Monday–Thursday	9–11 am and 1–3 pm
Friday	9–11 am

Opletalova: room no. 014

Opening hours:	
Monday–Thursday	9–11 am and 1–3 pm
Friday	9–11 am

More information is available [here](#).



USER'S ACCOUNT

Each student at FSV UK is issued a computer account for the PCs at the Faculty; it is activated once the initial password provided has been changed. Please do not share your login information with other students; students bear the responsibility for the misuse of their account in case of insufficient protection of the password.

Please note that a students' account is automatically terminated once the studies have been completed. Students' account may also be temporarily blocked or terminated in cases of the violation of the rules regarding the use of the computer technology of the Faculty.

THE LOGIN AND CHARLES UNIVERSITY CENTRAL AUTHENTICATION SERVICE (CAS) PASSWORD

Students are issued an initial password at which they are required to change within 5 days in CAS - Charles University Authentication Service. The initial password does not allow access to applications, but it enables you to set your own password, with which you can then access all the applications used in CAS. There are two types of login: a name login (sequence of letters and number(s)) and numerical login (printed on your student ID right under your photograph).

FORGOTTEN LOGIN

Hollar Library and computer lab in Opletalova (016) have computers (visibly labelled with a sign Logins) allowing access to an online library application where students can look up their name login based on knowing their numerical login. Students may also obtain their login information from the User Support staff during office hours.

FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

A password can be reset in CAS in two ways:

1. You can ask for your initial password to be generated (and printed out) at any card service centre. Again you will be required to change the initial password within 5 days at the following address: <https://ldap.cuni.cz>
2. Use the form on <https://ldap.cuni.cz/reset> to fill in the required personal data (first name, last name, personal ID number, date of birth, the last four digits of your student ID number* and a valid email address) and type in your own password. If all the personal data match, you will receive an email to the address indicated in the form, containing a link to a page where you will be asked to confirm your password.

The password set as described in paragraph 2 (i.e. using the web form) is sufficient to access the central SIS. However, this password is considered less secure than the password activated as described in paragraph 1, and for this reason it does not allow access to the University Eduroam and the JINONICE domain.

LOGIN PROCESS TO THE COMPUTERS AT FSV UK

If students have an access to the CAS, they are also granted access to all the PCs at FSV UK. In Hollar and Opletalova buildings, students must use their numerical login to access the PCs.

WI-FI

A wireless network is available for student use throughout the Hollar, Opletalova and Pekařská buildings. The WI-FI network can be accessed through EDUROAM. Information on how to connect including step-by-step guide is available on Faculty's intranet, section Guides and Manuals.

NETWORK PRINTERS

Each of our computer rooms, and each of our libraries, is connected to a central print server. Students send the required document/web-page to the central print server, where it is held in a line until the student gives the server an instruction to actually print the document/s.

To print the documents, students will need their student ID card. Students place their card on the electronic reader next to the printer/copier. This will automatically identify the student, print out any documents that are waiting on the server, and deduct the appropriate charge from the credit on the card. Obviously, students should make sure they have enough credit to cover their print requirements.

Students need to add credit to their ID card. They can do so directly in the libraries in the Hollar and Opletalova building. In Pekařská building an automated machine next to the printer/copier in the building lobby can be used.

* IO will be able to provide you the information on your national ID number.

3. LIBRARIES

The Faculty of Social Sciences has three libraries of its own. The Central Library in the Hollar building (Smetanovo nábřeží 6, Prague 1) serves as a methodology center for scientific information as well as a library which leads materials from the field of journalism, media studies and marketing. Opletalova Library (Opletalova 26, Prague 1) specializes in economic literature. Pekařská Library (U Kříže 1, Prague 5 Jinonice) is primarily focused on sociology, political science and international studies. The registration is available online. Please click [here](#).

While you are studying at FSV UK, you can borrow books, read newspapers and magazines (both current daily press and archive issues), study university theses, use electronic information resources, get advice about the methodology of your scientific research, benefit from a rich digital library, use reprographic services (printing, copying, scanning) or library services (interlibrary loan service, assistance in searching). The library is also provided with study places and a computer room equipped with high quality audio and video technology – all to ensure efficient studies.

Moreover, our library offers a wide range of [electronic resources](#) through [e-Resources CUNI Portal](#). The library provides access to the world's largest information databases (many are available throughout the CU but there are also unique technical databases only within FSS) – EIS is accessible



through the [Portal of Electronic Sources](#). It's up to you whether you want to look at the latest subject field research or read the current issue of The New York Times or The Economist.

HOW TO BORROW BOOKS?

To search for documents (books, theses, journals, newspapers...), use the [online catalog](#). The availability of requested publications is shown in the "Library (no. of items)" (FSV UK). Via catalog you can also make a reservation or order a book.

A large portion of the collection is located in external storage (Krystal, Lešetice), from which the documents can be requested via the online catalog. The latest publications can be found in the reading rooms (marked in the catalog as "Reading Room"). The delivery time ranges from 3 days in Krystal and from 3 weeks to a month from the depositary in Lešetice. Registered readers can borrow books for 30 days.

The maximum number of external loans is 30 titles. It is essential to respect the lending period or a penalty for late return is charged

(according to a valid price list). If a requested book is not available in our libraries you can use the interlibrary loan service. Requested titles will be borrowed from other libraries outside of Prague (free service) or from abroad (paid service). Requests should be sent to mvs@fsv.cuni.cz.

HOLLAR BUILDING

The Library in the Hollar building exerts the functions of a centre for scientific information and it manages in-house and outside loans from the specialized journalist collections. These open-shelf collections are partly, along with the handbook library, located in the reading rooms. The most of the collections is located in depositories and loans are realized on request in advance. Always check the opening hours of the library at their [website](#) before you decide to go there. This is how you make sure that they are opened.

OPLETALOVA BUILDING

The Library in the Opletalova building collects economic literature. The library is relatively small and serves rather as a reference library and reading room. Originals and journals are available open-shelf in the library's reading room and for in-house loans only. Books for outside loans are located in the depository and need to be ordered in advance. Always check the opening hours of the library at their [website](#) before you decide to go there. This is how you make sure that they are opened.

JINONICE BUILDING

This integrated library serves primarily the FSV UK departments located in the building (Institute of Sociological Studies, Institute of Political Studies, Institute of International Studies) and some other departments and faculties of UK. Jinonice library has a reading room. Always check the opening hours of the library at their [website](#) before you decide to go there. This is how you make sure that they are opened.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN PRAGUE

Charles University students can use all the libraries of other faculties for free. Information about these libraries is always available on the websites of each faculty. There are also further libraries in Prague such as National Library of the Czech Republic (so-called [Klementinum](#)) or [Municipal Library of Prague](#).

We recommend also [NTK Library](#) near Dejvicka, where you can also book a study room and some of the rooms are available during night hours.

Last but not least, close to the IES building, it is possible to visit the [CERGE-EI Library](#) (Politických vězňů 7), which is the best equipped library in economics in the Czech Republic.

4. HOUSING AND CAFETERIAS

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Charles University owns and operates several halls of residence around Prague where students can find comfortable accommodation for reasonable price. There are double-rooms with shared bathroom and toilet facilities. Each hall of residence offers basic facilities such as a kitchen, a fridge, an internet access and a laundry and hanging room, some would also feature a common room or a gym and an adjoining cafeteria.

Unfortunately online housing application system has not been finished yet and thus students who wish to stay in one of the halls of residence have to apply through

the International Office or European office at Charles University.

The allocation of rooms is the responsibility of the management of the halls of residence. Should you wish to share a room with your friend, please contact the European Office at Charles University or ask at the accommodation office upon your arrival. Accommodation is provided for the period of your studies. It is available approximately a week before the beginning of your studies. It is recommended to inform the Accommodation Office via email about your arrival should you wish to come earlier or should you wish to make any changes in your contract.

UNIVERSITY CANTEENS

Charles University student canteens can be found all around Prague and generally are close to either one of the UK faculties or halls of residence.

Canteen Právnícká (Cafeteria at the Faculty of Law),

Nám. Curieových 7, Prague 1

Canteen Arnošta z Pardubic Voršilská 1,

Prague 1, daily offer of vegan food.

Canteen Kajetánka Radimova 35/12, Prague 6.

Canteen Komenského Parlérova 6, Prague 6.

Canteen Hostivař Cafeteria at the Halls of Residence

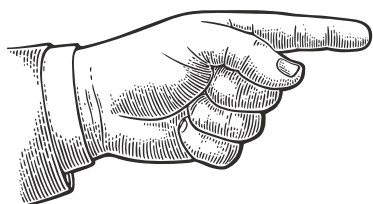
Hostivař, Weilova 1128, Prague 10



Student canteens are quite affordable since the price for lunch menu consisting of a soup and a main dish is usually around CZK 100 / 4 €. Typically students would have a choice from 4 or 5 options and sometimes even a dessert is included. It is possible to use a reservation system either directly at the canteen or online to order a specific choice for the next day.

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

Our International Student Advisor Office provides information services in English to assist international students during their period of study. We can help you with the practical aspects of living in Prague and counsel on general matters related to your studies. If you need any information and don't know whom to ask we may serve as your first point of contact. In case of more specialized or more serious matters we will refer you to the right individual who will be able to assist you further.



International Student Advisory Offices can be found at:

Student Residence Švehlova, ground floor

Office hours: Monday 2 pm – 4:30 pm

Address: Slavíkova 22, 130 00 Prague 3

Student Residence Hvězda, Block III, room 10

Office hours: Wednesday 2 pm – 4:30 pm

Address: Zvoníčková 5, 162 08 Prague 6

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students of Charles University who are interested in receiving psychological counselling in English can make an appointment through a [website](#). This service is available to all students free of charge. Currently, we offer counselling sessions in English only during winter and summer semester. Contact person: Milan Polák, e-mail: counsel@ruk.cuni.cz

SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS

In need of help, the student can contact Charles University using the email address: **emergency@cuni.cz**. In case of an urgent crisis dial emergency **phone line 112** (Integrated Rescues System) or **contact your Embassy or Consulate**. For the contact list of embassies and consulates, please visit the following [website](#) in the section Diplomatic Missions/ Foreign Missions to the Czech Republic

Please note that these contacts are not intended for study issues!

We recommend saving emergency contacts on your phone immediately upon arrival.

Further information is available at [CUNI website](#).

6. STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS AT FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



Erasmus Student Network Charles University Prague (ESN CU Prague)

is a student organisation, which organises various social, cultural and sports events for both international and Czech students, and generally helps international students with their stay in Prague. During the Orientation Week you will be able to join many interesting events and activities such as City Rally, Sightseeing tour, one day trips outside of Prague, welcome party and many others. Aside from social events and various trips and excursions, which give students a chance to explore the Czech history, cultural heritage and nature, the following activities are among the most important the ESN CU Prague organizes:

- **Buddy program** – provides international students with a helping hand from the local students thus making their stay in Prague more comfortable and enjoyable. Contact: buddy_fsv@esncuprague.cz.
- **Orientation week** – organized at the beginning of both the winter and the summer semester, students have the opportunity to meet future fellow classmates, discover the university and the beauty of Prague.
- **Trips** – during whole semester ESN CU is organizing one-day and weekend trips around Czechia and neighbour countries.
- **Events during whole semester** – all exchange students are very welcome to participate in events ESN CU organises during whole semester - pub quizzes, parties, film clubs, art clubs and many other.

ESN CU Prague [contact information](#). Email: info@esncuprague.cz



Political Science Club (Faculty of Social Science, Charles University) was founded by students of the Political Science Institute in 2009. It is fully governed by the students and its main objective is to make communication between students and the Institute/Faculty easier. Other activities held by the club include organizing debates on a variety of current topics, sports events and field trips such as skiing trip, kayaking trip, biking trip, or the annual meeting of the club. Furthermore, the club regularly organizes parties and the annual Political Science Ball for the whole institute. You can find us on social media, search #pkfsvuk of [Facebook](#), Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.



E-klub is a student association based at IES organizing various types of events for students of the Institute of Economic studies in Prague, including special lectures and workshop in collaboration with major firms, sport tournaments, theater evenings, movie nights, unforgettable parties and various outdoor adventure trips. Incoming students are welcome to attend our events. Follow their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eklub.ies.cuni/>, Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/e_klub_ies/ to stay updated!



Miroslava is a group of sociology students at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, who like to organize events for their classmates. Their mission is to "Create a wonderful enjoyment for others, and after a few years friends can remember the beautiful student years - parties, events, friends, love." During Winter semester they organize breakfast, sociobeer, sociocinema and other exciting activities. Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/miroslavaiss>.



SIMS is an informal association of elected students from the Institute of International Studies, whose task is solving students' problems, and being a bridge linking the gap between them and teachers. SIMS also organizes social and educational events (not only) for IMS students. These events include a welcome party, a Christmas party, a traditional beer session with teachers, a duel of vintages, a karaoke party, lectures on current topics, a breakfast. Follow them on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StudentskaSamospravaIMS/>.



Students of ICSJ is a group of enthusiastic students of communication studies and journalism. They organise discussion series, seminars and other activities where all international students are welcome. Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/studenti.iksz/>



REGISTRATION WITH THE FOREIGN POLICE AND VISA

Thankfully, student visas are now a thing of the past for EU/EFTA nationals. If you are citizen of an EU/EFTA country you do not need to apply for a visa. The only thing you need to do if you wish to study in the Czech Republic for a period longer than 90 days is to register with the Foreign Police upon arrival.

REGISTRATION WITH THE FOREIGN POLICE UPON ARRIVAL TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Students who live in one of the Charles University dormitories will be registered automatically by the Accommodation Office, so they do not need to register in person.

Students who live in private housing will have to register with the Foreign Police themselves.

Students who are EU/EFTA nationals should make the registration within 30 days.

To register with the Foreign Police, a student will need the following documents:

- Passport
- Registration Card: available at registration
- Health insurance valid for the Czech Republic

Students should register at the branch of the Czech Foreign Police in Prague 3, Olšanská 2. The given office can be best reached by taking the red/C metro line to “Hlavní nádraží” station, and then trams no. 9 or 26 to “Olšanská” stop.

The Foreign Police Office hours:

Monday & Wednesday	8 am – 5 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	8 am – 3 pm
Friday	closed

VISA SEEKING STUDENTS

All students who are not EU/EFTA citizens must have a visa in order to study at a Czech university. This includes students from EU candidate countries, and from countries whose citizens do not need a visa in order to enter the Czech Republic as a tourist (e.g. the USA). In most cases it will also include foreign nationals who are currently resident in another EU country.

Under current Czech immigration legislation, applications for student visas must be submitted to the Czech Embassy or Consulate in the student's country of origin before their departure for Prague. It is not possible to apply for a visa on the territory of the Czech Republic, or even to pick up a visa you have previously applied for. Charles University cannot and will not register students from non-EU/non-EFTA countries who do not have a student visa, even if they are able to enter the country without a visa as a tourist. Even when you have the visa you are legally obliged to register with the Prague office of the Czech Foreign Police within 3 days of your arrival.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Charles University together with the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic opened a MOI office at the address Hládkov 682/9, Prague 6 (Komenského Hall of Residence building). This office deals exclusively with international university students from countries outside the EU studying in Prague. Students and academic staff can arrange all their requirements associated with residence permit at this office.

Prior telephone reservation is necessary in order to get an appointment (+420 974 801 801). You may also registration online [here](#). All callers are kindly requested to inform the phone operator that they are university students.

Ministry of Interior Office hours:	
Monday to Thursday	8 am – 4 pm
Friday	8 am – 12 pm



LIFE IN PRAGUE



FSV UK does not have its own Department of Sports and Physical Education. However students can participate in sport activities organized by the Faculty of Arts and also Faculty of Law. Among the most common sport classes are volleyball, basketball, floorball, squash, aerobics, badminton and swimming, but also yoga, tai-chi, ping pong, zumba or bouldering.

All necessary information on sport classes on offer can always be found at the Faculty of Arts department of Physical Education [website](#). Students who wish to participate in some of the sports classes will have to register at the website using their CAS login and a Pekařská domain password.

The Faculty of Arts Department of Physical Education really only communicates in Czech thus signing up for sports activity and finding out details might be a bit challenging in the beginning. If you would like to join a sports class from the very beginning of your studies we recommend you ask either a Czech fellow student or a member of the [ESN CU Prague](#) to help you.

You can also use public and university sports facilities (swimming pools, saunas, squash, fitness centres) at the [Sport Centre Hostivař](#) (close to the Hostivař dormitory, Bruslařská street 1132, Prague 10). For other sports facilities available for the general public all over Prague please see ESN CU Prague website.

2. HEALTH CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EU CITIZENS

All EU nationals should be able to cover the cost of standard medical treatment through their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), through form E111, or through a Provisional Certificate. However, in order to obtain treatment under the provisions of European regulations, students must make sure to contact a medical institution that has a contract with the Czech public health insurance system (most of them have, but some institutions are purely private). Also, students must take their EHIC or form E111 with them as well as an ID (eg. passport, ID card, driver's licence). Otherwise, the physician can insist on cash payment.

We recommend to all students from the EU to acknowledge their Health Insurance Card for the case they need to visit a doctor during their stay in the Czech Republic. Visit any Health Insurance provider in the Czech Republic to get your EHIC card acknowledged; we recommend e.g. VZP, the most frequent service with seats listed [here](#). Please, remember to get the EHIC card acknowledged as soon as possible, so that you do not need to visit a health insurance provider once you are really feeling unwell. The doctor may not treat you without having this acknowledgment.

If you need treatment by a specialist,



the general practitioner will refer you to one. In urgent cases visitors can go to a hospital directly with the EHIC/E111. In case of urgent medical transport, or treatment by a doctor from the emergency services, it is also necessary to present your EHIC/E111 or Provisional Certificate.

Standard dental care is generally covered by the health insurance system as in other EU countries, however, some forms of non-essential (cosmetic) treatment or higher quality materials require extra payments.

Other kinds of medically related care, e.g. non-urgent treatment, or medically assisted transport home following serious illness or injury, are not covered by EHIC/E111, and for these eventualities, we recommend students take out extra medical travel

insurance with an insurance provider in their home country.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR NON-EU CITIZENS

Students from countries outside the EU are not covered by the EHIC/E111. However most students will have already purchased international travel medical insurance as it is one of the prerequisites for receiving a student visa. For students who have not done so it is recommended to purchase insurance from a Czech provider. Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna (VZP) is generally recommended as they have the widest health-care network.

In the Czech Republic, non-prescription drugs and medicines are sold only in pharmacies and generally are not available at supermarkets. Pharmacies may be recognised by the prominent green cross displayed over the shop-front.

Further information including contact details for selected health care centres able to provide service in English language is available on the Faculty's website in the section Academic/Practical Information.

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Prague offers an excellent public transport system consisting of three metro lines (A green, B yellow, C red), tram network and buses. There are several kinds of tickets, which you can use in Prague. Tickets are available from many newsstands and tobacconists, ticket offices in the metro, and from automatic machines in the metro and at selected bus and tram stops. Single tickets cost from CZK 24 to CZK 32. The CZK 32 ticket is valid for 90 minutes of unlimited travel. You may change between trams, buses, the metro and trains (in area of Prague) as you wish. You do not need to have a new ticket, regardless of how many times you change, until the time period runs out. **Use a CZK 32 ticket to get from the airport to the hall of residence or intercity tram/bus station.** After boarding a bus, tram, or upon entering the metro, tickets must be date-stamped in order to make them valid. **You will need a special ticket for larger luggage!**

To date-stamp your ticket: Look out for the little yellow boxes with a green arrow, which are available at the entrance to the Metro, and on all trams and buses. Place the ticket in the slot below the arrow, with the blank strip on the bottom edge uppermost. You will



hear a faint whirring noise, and the ticket will emerge with the time and date when you started to travel. Your ticket is not valid without this time and date. You may be fined if you are caught travelling with an unstamped ticket. Please also try to hold the ticket the right way up when you are stamping it. Some ticket inspectors can be very nasty about this!

Finding your stop: Throughout the Prague public transport system, the names of each stop are announced in the public address system before the doors open. At each stop, the system will first give the name of the stop where you have arrived, and then say what the next stop is (in Czech, of course). In the more modern trams, buses and Metro trains, there is also a computer display which gives information about the stop that you have reached. However, this feature is not yet universal.

Travel passes: Cut-price is available for students under the age of 26. Students 26 or over have to pay full price, regardless of their student status. Thanks to an agreement between Charles University and the Prague Public Transit Company, the university's electronic ID card can now also be used as a student ID for purchasing cut-price student travel passes. Students can simply take the ID card you will be issued at registration to the ticket office at any of the major Metro stations, and make your purchase. However, students need to wait 24 hours after their card is issued to allow the data transfer.

Students 26 and over do not qualify for the student discount. However, it is still possible for them to buy a normal season ticket – Lítačka <https://www.litacka.cz/en>. For more information please visit the websites of the Prague Public Transit Company. Prague Public Transit Company website: <http://www.dpp.cz/en>.

Vaclav Havel Airport websites: <http://www.prg.aero/en/parking-transport/transport/public-transit/>

4. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

There are 14 days throughout the year that are by law defined as public holidays and are considered non-working days. Faculty buildings will be closed and no classes will be held on these days. Groceries , shopping centres and other stores might be closed. For the academic year 2021/22, the public holidays fall on the following days:

28th September	Tuesday	St. Wenceslas Day
28th October	Thursday	Independence Day
17th November	Wednesday	Freedom and Democracy Day
24th December	Friday	Christmas Eve
25th December	Saturday	Christmas Day
26th December	Sunday	St.Stephen's Day/Boxing Day
1st January	Saturday	New Year's Day
15th April	Friday	Easter Friday
17th April	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
18th April	Monday	Easter Monday
1st May	Sunday	May Day/Labour Day
8th May	Sunday	Liberation Day
5th July	Tuesday	Cyril and Methodius Day
6th July	Wednesday	Jan Hus Day



USEFUL CONTACTS

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CARD SERVICE CENTRES

Charles University (CU) Point

Address: Celetná 13, Prague 1

Card service centre at the Faculty of Law

Address: Faculty of Law, nám. Curieových 7,
Prague 1, (ground floor, room no. 34)

Card service centre at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics

Address: Faculty of Mathematics
and Physics, Ke Karlovu 3, Prague 2
(second basement floor, room no. M266)

Detailed information on the opening hours
of these centres is available on the [website](#).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

European Emergency Number: 112

Ambulance: 155


Police: 158

Fire Brigade: 150

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