

Admission Procedure to Doctoral Study Programmes Conducted in English with Commencement in 2020 at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

Doctoral study programmes at FSS MUNI conducted in English and their possible specializations:

- Clinical Psychology
- International Relations and European Politics
- Political Science
- Political Science with Security and Strategic Studies specialization
- Psychology with Developmental Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Educational Psychology specialization
- Psychology with General Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Social Psychology specialization
- Psychology with Work Psychology specialization
- Social Policy and Social Work
- Sociology
- Sociology with Population Studies specialization

The standard duration of study is 4 years, both for candidates based at the Faculty (full-time form) and those intending to study via an agreed distance-learning (combined resp. part-time form).

Students proceed with studies following the Recommended Study Plan and their own individual plans, attend and complete compulsory and elective courses, and work on their publications and dissertation projects under the supervision of their supervisor. Students' study plan and progress is evaluated every semester.

Students need to obtain 240 credits in compulsory and elective courses. Maximum length of study is 8 years.

The annual tuition fee for doctoral study programmes conducted in English language is EUR 1,950.

Application deadlines:

I. Application for the for the Spring Semester of the 2019/2020 Academic Year

- Application form for all programmes is open from **1 August 2019 to 30 November 2020** at following address:
https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast_studia=6&filtr-tyt-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find
- Deadline for submitting supporting documents:
 - Sociology programme 27 January 2020
 - All other programmes 31 December 2019
- **Date of Entrance examination: 6 February 2020**
- **Commencement of studies 17 February 2020**

This application round is not open for students who need student visa for studying in the Czech Republic.

II. Application for the Autumn Semester of the 2020/2021 Academic Year

- Application form for all programmes is open from **1 January 2020 to 30 April 2020** at following address:
https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/info?lang=en&filtr-oblast_studia=6&filtr-typ-studia=D&filtr-forma-studia=&filtr-fakulta=1423&filtr-jazyk=eng&vyhledat=Find
- Deadline for submitting supporting documents:
 - Sociology programme 15 June 2020
 - All other programmes 31 May 2020
- **Date of Entrance examination: 25 June 2020**
- **Commencement of Studies Mid-September 2020**

In the e-application, the topic of proposal for PhD dissertation and **the name of prospective supervisor** have to be filled in. Applicants are supposed to contact relevant department in order to discuss their PhD project proposals

List of compulsory supporting documents to the application:

Please insert following documents to your e-application prior the deadline:

- Outline of the proposed PhD project (ca 3 pages) stating the name of the prospective supervisor;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Notarized copy of Master's Degree diploma; The Masaryk University graduates can provide just non-verified copy. The holders of Master's Degree issued by universities outside the Czech Republic have to obtain an official document confirming that their prior degree can be recognized.¹
- List of publications and papers if available
- For those who cannot be present at the entrance examinations:
 - Two letters of recommendation preferably sent by the referees themselves to our mail or e-mail contacts. Recommendations can be from academic authorities or recognized experts in relevant field.
 - Proof of English - minimum level B2 or equivalent.

Criteria for participation in the entrance examination:

- Submitting a complete application together with supporting documents by the deadlines.
- Payment of non-refundable administration fee amounting 650 Czech crowns.
- Holding of Master's degree in the social sciences or a closely related discipline. **The holders of Master's degree issued by universities outside the Czech Republic have to obtain an official document confirming that their prior degree can be recognized in the Czech Republic.**¹

¹ There are three ways of recognition:

- a) Diplomas automatically recognized in the Czech Republic according to the international agreements without any further administration procedures (applies for Germany, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia)
<https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition/bilateral>.
- b) General recognition of foreign higher education in the Czech Republic (so called general "nostrification"). See <https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition?lang=en> – valid throughout the Czech Republic, the fee is CZK 3,000.
- c) Limited recognition of foreign higher education provided directly at the Faculty and valid only for admission into the specific study programme at FSS. See <https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/additional-information/info-for-international-applicants>. The fee for this recognition is CZK 750.

All applicants who meet the criteria and invited to attend will be informed in writing to their e-mail address. Applicants residing outside the Czech Republic in countries with visa requirements may conduct entrance examination via skype interview and/or written correspondence.

The content of the interview:

- Discussion over the submitted dissertation project proposal, with regard to the required academic level, its compliance with research projects and grants of the relevant department
- Examination of English language skills (level B2 of the European classification: Understanding the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics)
- Examination of knowledge of the respective research field as well as the eligibility of applicants for independent scientific and research activities.
- The entrance committee considers the documented publications as well.

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The minimum score for being accepted is 60 points (out of 100).

The Decision concerning results of the entrance examination will be delivered electronically. Successful applicants who need visa for studying in the Czech Republic will get original of the Decision by post.

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