

Study Abroad in Prague

Exchange Programmes
at the Faculty of Social Sciences,
Charles University



**Charles
University**





Welcome to Prague!

With its mixture of tradition
and modernity, academic
excellence and internationality,
Prague will make you feel at home.

The TOP 10 Prague attractions chosen by Exchange Students

1. International

Prague is a city hosting not only many tourists but also expats and exchange students. You can be one of them!

2. Green and full of parks

Prague is one of the world's greenest urban areas, with nearly 200 parks.

3. Cultural

Are you a music, cinema or art aficionado? Or would you rather just stroll around the lovely city centre? Prague has all of that!

4. Affordable

Prague ranks among the world's top 15 cities according to the quality of life survey.

5. University city

Charles University is the largest from eight public universities in Prague. You can also meet students from 20 private and 10 international universities and colleges located here.

6. Safe

Czechia ranks as the twelfth safest country in the world to live in.

7. Night life

It won't be difficult to find your favourite pub in Prague. For example, there are staggering 87 pubs in Koněvova street alone!

8. Historical

Czechia is one of the countries with the highest number of castles in Europe. Prague Castle is the largest castle complex not only in Czechia but in the world. Czechia is a country of architecture with 17 properties inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

9. Public transportation

Prague's public transport system is one of the most efficient in the world including night lines.

10. Well-connected

Prague is the heart of Europe. Take advantage of this convenient location and criss-cross the continent. In all directions.

The Czech Republic & What You Should Know

Location: The Czech Republic borders with:

- Austria
- Germany
- Poland
- Slovakia

International cooperation:

The Czech Republic is a member of the:

- UN
- EU
- NATO

The Czech republic is a recognized member in international cooperation.

The most popular sport is

- Football
- Ice hockey
- Tennis

The Czech men's national ice hockey team is one of the Big Six, the major powers in world hockey.

Language: The official language of the Czech Republic is...

- English
- Slovakian
- Czech

Currency: The official currency is...

- Euro
- Czech Crown
- Pound

Czechia has not become a member of the Eurozone yet.

History: Czechoslovakia was founded in...

- 1918
- 1993
- 1968

Czechia was founded in 1993 after the dissolution of Czechoslovakia and a long period under a communist regime.

Franz Kafka, a Czech novelist famous not only for his novel *The Metamorphosis*, was born in Prague.

Soft **contact lenses** were invented by a Czech chemist Otto Wichterle.

The word "**robot**" has a Czech origin and was invented by the writer Karel Čapek.

Beer has a special role in the Czech Republic culture. Do you know Pilsner Urquell or Budweiser Budvar?

Did you know that **Škoda** automobiles are manufactured in Mladá Boleslav in Czechia?



The Tradition of Charles University (Univerzita Karlova, UK)

Charles University 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. Through your exchange programme at Charles University, you will experience studying at the oldest, largest and most prestigious university in the Czech Republic.

Today Charles University has 17 faculties in 3 different cities, 3 university institutes 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. Charles University is among the top universities in the world and among the 100 best universities in Europe (QS Top Universities Ranking).

Figures:

- More than **50 000 students**
- More than **10 000 students** international students
- **Over 200 academic programmes** are taught in a foreign language, mainly in **English** but also in German or French
- A total of **2 400 bilateral agreements** within the Erasmus+ programme framework
- **190 international partnership agreements** with foreign universities



It was my first time in Prague and I was really happy that I was given the chance to study at Charles University and live abroad. The beauty of Prague, interesting lectures and CU's great team made my time there really memorable. Marie, Georgia

Let Us Introduce You the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSV UK)*

FSV UK...

- Is the second newest faculty at Charles University, founded in 1990
- Is a regional centre of teaching and research in **economics, sociology, political science, international relations, area studies, media studies and journalism**
- Offers all BA/MA/PhD cycles for exchange students, and **more than 30 study programmes in English**
- Has one of the **highest international mobility** participation rates of all the faculties of Charles University
- **Academics** are among **the leading figures in the policy making, economic and social life of the region**
- **Has more than 1000 full-time international students and over 600 international exchange students every year**
- Offers nearly **500 courses taught in English available to incoming students**

You May Enroll in Courses of The Institute of:

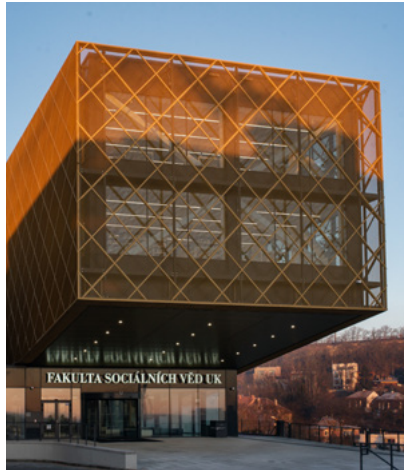
- **International Studies**
- **Political Studies**
- **Sociological Studies**
- **Economic Studies**
- **Communication Studies and Journalism**

* Why is **FSV UK** used as an abbreviation? In Czech our faculty is called **Fakulta sociálních věd, Univerzita Karlova**.

You Will Be Studying In One of (or All) These Three Faculty Buildings:



The main HOLLAR BUILDING is located in the very **centre of Prague** with a beautiful view of Charles Bridge and Prague castle.



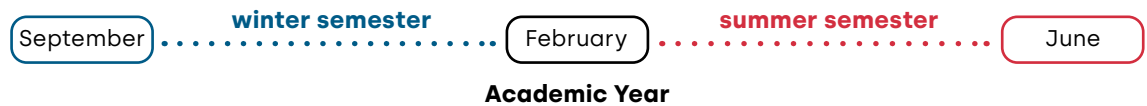
JINONICE CAMPUS is a newly reconstructed complex with its magnificent library building, which offers, besides a great view, a lot of study space.



OPLETALOVA BUILDING is just around the corner from Wenceslas square, Prague's commercial and administrative centre.

Academic Life at FSV UK

as an Enriching Experience for You



Note That:

The course list and syllabi are available in the [Student Information System \(SIS\)](#).

51 % of the credits must be taken at FSV UK.

The rest you may take at other faculties! Broaden your experience and say yes to something new!

If you change your mind about some courses, do not worry! There is an add/drop period.

There is an examination period lasting five weeks, during which there are no classes.

The Language Centre at FSV UK

offers a number of Czech and other language courses at various levels, from beginners to intermediate.

You can use faculty psychological support and other services by [Centrum Carolina](#).

FSV UK Courses

Highly Ranked Among Incoming Students



International Trade, International Finance and Economics of Global Business are connected with each other and particularly internationally oriented.

Cultural Studies: This course is led by a Czech cultural anthropologist and expert who conducted research in Papua New Guinea, the Altai, the Philippines, and India.

Global Politics of Development and Environment introduces students to two subfields of International Relations: Development Studies and Global Environmental Politics.

Current Issues in Game Studies: The course is not about being able to play games, but theoretically approaching them and perceiving them in their social context. You play and you learn at the same time.

Sociology of Sport: This course provides basic conceptual and heuristic tools to carry out a critical and theoretically informed research on sport-related topics.

... and many others!



*I really appreciate the range of courses that were offered. I must say that I truly found myself in the sense of what I want to study in the future since I had the freedom to choose what I like and the professors really motivated me. **Nadja, Slovenia***

*The course International Communication Management was outstanding. **Mathes, Germany***

*Dynamic courses. Students can participate a lot. **Paul, France***

What Will Your Voice be?



What Will Your Student Life Be Like at FSV UK?

... Full of activities, cultural opportunities, and fun!

You will join FSV UK Welcome week!

At the beginning of each semester a series of events are organised in order to introduce you to the university and social life at FSV UK, such as:

- Orientation day
- Intercultural awareness workshops
- Czech language crash courses
- Seminar on modern history of the Czech Republic
- Scavenger hunt in Prague
- Sport activities
- Welcome Party in September
- and Farewell Party in May

International Student Community:

- **ESN club** as the oldest and biggest international club founded at Charles University (CU).
- **Student clubs** led by local students.
- **CU Point** as your principal contact point with the university.
- **Buddy programme** as an amazing opportunity for you to be immersed in Czech culture with a local student!



I think it's very good to step out of your comfort zone a bit and try to be open to people and experiences. Tina, Slovenia

University facilities

University canteens: offer low cost, full meals with a varied menu.

Housing: You can apply for accommodation at one of the several Charles University dormitories around Prague, which offer comfortable accommodation for a reasonable price.

Libraries: You will have full access to the FSV UK specialized libraries, as well as the Charles University Central Catalogue with its printed and electronic sources

Student life: With hundreds of night clubs, cinemas, student festivals, exhibitions, and workshops you will have unlimited options for entertainment.

Living costs

Housing: A shared bedroom at the student dormitory costs approximately 5 000 CZK (200 Eur) per person/month.

Food: You can get a complete meal at the school canteen for 150 CZK (6 Eur).

Transportation: A student travel card costs 130 CZK (6 Eur) monthly.

Sport: With the CU Sport Centre Hostivař or with many other sport facilities you can keep your hobbies and healthy lifestyle while in Prague. You will enjoy Prague parks with jogging and cycling paths, open air sporting facilities and much more.

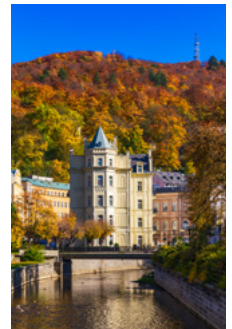
Tips for Weekend Trips from FSV UK

Kutná Hora, famous for its silver mining in the Middle Ages and magnificent cathedral

Český Krumlov, the crown jewel of Renaissance architecture in South Bohemia

Bohemian Switzerland National Park: woods, rock bridges and canyons

Karlovy Vary and the West Bohemia Spa triangle



FSV UK

Exchange Programmes

Which types of exchange programmes are offered?

- **Erasmus+** and **4EU+** Programmes
- **Inter-university Agreements**
- **Inter-faculty Agreements**
- **MEYS** (Inter-governmental) Programmes
- **CEEPUS** (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies)
- **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service)
- **AKTION** (Bilateral Cooperation with Austria)
- **Freemovers**
- **4EU+ virtual mobility**
- **VISEGRAD** scholarship programme

Is there an English knowledge requirement?

We accept all internationally recognized language certificates (at least B2) – Cambridge FCE, CAE, CPE, TOEFL language certificate, IELTS etc. Moreover, we also accept confirmation of your language level from your home university.



Are You Interested? How Can You Apply?

As we offer many different kinds of exchange programmes, please always contact your home university international office for the nomination process details.

The [FSV International Office](#) is committed to helping exchange students before, during and after their stay at FSV UK. We will help you with the application documents, provide you with useful information and organize a series of tailored activities throughout your stay.

Exchange Programmes	Email Address
Erasmus+ & E+ICM 4EU+	incoming@fsv.cuni.cz
Inter-university Agreements Inter-faculty Agreements	studyabroad@fsv.cuni.cz
MEYS Agreements CEEPUS Freemovers	inbound@fsv.cuni.cz
4EU+ virtual mobility	svoz@fsv.cuni.cz



*Remember there is no problem which can't be solved by the International Office.
Julien, France*

Now you may start planning your study abroad adventure!

Where can you find us online?

Useful Links



fsv.cuni.cz/en



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ESN CU Prague:
esncuprague.cz/about-us

Basic Czech words

English	Czech
Yes	Ano
No	Ne
Good Morning	Dobré ráno
Good Day	Dobrý den
Hello	Ahoj
Good evening	Dobrý večer
Goodbye	Na shledanou
Nice to meet you	Těší mě
How are you?	Jak se máš?
My name is	Jmenuji se
Thank you	Děkuji
I love FSV UK!	Miluji FSV UK!

