

Admission procedure to doctoral study programs conducted in English with commencement in 2025 at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

Doctoral study programs at FSSMUNI conducted in English and their possible specializations:

- International Relations and European Politics
- Media and Journalism Studies (only full-time)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Policy and Social Work
- Sociology

The standard duration of study is 4 years, both for students 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 Individual Study Plans, attend and complete compulsory and elective courses, and work on their publications and dissertation projects under the supervision of their supervisor. Students' study plans and progress are evaluated every semester.

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

The annual tuition fee for doctoral study programs conducted in the English language is EUR 1,500.

Application deadlines:

I. Application for the Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year

- An electronic application is open from **1 August 2024 to 30 November 2024** 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:** 15 January 2025
- **Date of Entrance examination:** 30. 1. 2025 - 5. 2. 2025
- **Commencement of studies** 17 February 2025

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

II. Application for the Autumn Semester of the 2025/2026 Academic Year

Application deadlines:

- An electronic application is open from **1st of January 2025 to 30th of April 2025** 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:** **31. 5. 2025**
- **Date of Entrance examination:** **23. 6. 2025 - 27. 6. 2025**
- **Commencement of studies** **Mid September 2025**

Criteria for participation in the entrance examination:

- Payment of anon-refundable administration fee of **800 Czech crowns**.
- Submitting a complete application **and supporting documents** before the deadline, **without these you will not be admitted to the exam**.
- Holding of Master's degree in the social sciences or a closely related discipline prior to enrollment in studies. **The holders of a 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

All applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to admission electronically. Applicants residing outside the Czech Republic in countries with visa requirements may conduct an entrance examination via an online interview.

List of compulsory supporting documents to the application:

Please insert the following documents into your e-application before the deadline:

- **Outline of the proposed PhD project** (approx. **3 - 12 pages** - see conditions for individual programmes) **with the name of a possible supervisor**,
- **Curriculum vitae**;
- **Notarized copy of Master's Degree diploma**; The Masaryk University graduates can provide just a non-verified copy. The holders of a 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
- **Consent of the future supervisor** (sample for the Consent can be found here <https://www.fss.muni.cz/media/3329150/consent-of-the-future-supervisor.docx>)
- For those who cannot be present personally at the entrance examinations, **you can ask for online examination after uploading those documents to your e-application and contacting braunerova@fss.muni.cz:**
 - Two letters of recommendation to be sent preferably by the referees themselves to our mail or e-mail contacts. Recommendations can be from academic authorities or recognized experts in the relevant field.
 - Proof of English - minimum level B2 or equivalent.

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 800.

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.

Applicants residing outside the Czech Republic in countries with visa requirements may conduct an entrance examination via an online interview. The entrance committee will decide based on an assessment of the interview and examination of submitted documents.

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

Pass mark for admission (maximum 100 points)

Environmental Studies	60
Media and Journalism Studies	60
International Relations and European Politics	60
Political Science	60
Psychology	60
Social Policy and Social Work	60
Sociology	60

Maximum number of admitted full-time applicants	present form	combined form
Environmental Studies	4	2
Media and Journalism Studies	5	0
International Relations and European Politics	7	1
Political Science	10	2
Psychology	21	8
Social Policy and Social Work	5	5
Sociology	12	2

We recommend

- Before submitting the application, ask for a consultation at the department of the relevant program, e.g., whether your topic is in line with the research profile of the relevant department
- Bring your Master's thesis to the entrance exam.
- The electronic application includes the **title of the dissertation topic and the name of the expected supervisor**. Find a supervisor according to their research profile and consult with them about your potential project proposal. You can also contact the chair of the relevant Doctoral Board in this matter. The list of Doctoral Boards of individual programs can be found at <https://www.fss.muni.cz/en/faculty-of-social-studies/admissions/doctoral-studies>

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

An applicant who has successfully passed the entrance examination for an English language study programme is **obliged to pay a fee of EUR 750 for the first semester** of study in a study programme conducted in a foreign language through the MU Business Centre. [The due dates for payment of fees are determined by the Masaryk University Faculty of Social Studies Measure No. 6/2024.](#)

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