

Dear students,

The time of your arrival to Brno and Masaryk University is approaching and therefore I would like to give you more details about your arrival and the first days of your stay in Brno.

How to get to Brno from Prague or Vienna airport?

- 1- Take the **Student Agency** Express bus (from Prague to Brno, you will have to change a bus at main bus terminal Florence in Prague, from Vienna to Brno the bus is direct). There is a ticket office at Terminal 1 in Prague, in Vienna there is no ticket office, from either Prague or Vienna you can buy your ticket in advance and pay by credit card:
<http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz/Booking>
- 2- Take the train from Prague to Brno, in this case, you need to take the city shuttle bus to get to the centre and then take the underground (metro) to get to the train station (ask at the info desk at the airport for details). There are two possible train stations: Praha hlavní nadrazi, and Praha-Holesovice, you can check the train schedule online at <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>, switch into English (bottom right corner) and insert the data needed. The trip from Prague train station to Brno will take around 3 hours.
- 3- If you are taking the train from Vienna to Brno, then you need to take the bus from Vienna airport to the train station, take the bus that takes you to (Wien Meidling). From there, you can take a direct train to Brno main station (Brno hl.n.). To check the train schedule from Vienna to Brno, go to <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/> and follow the same steps as mentioned above. The trip takes around 1,5 hours.

If both cases (bus or train) from either Prague or Vienna, you will reach the same destination in Brno, that is Brno main station (in Czech: Brno hlavní nadrazi), from there, you could either take a taxi to Kounicova residence hall (it would cost you a maximum of 500 CZK - approx. 20 EUR), take a tram (ticket costs 25 CZK) or you can ask your tutor to wait for you there to lead the way to Kounicova.

How to get to the halls of residence on arrival at Brno?

Kounicova halls of residence (street Kounicova 50, Brno 602 00)

Below you can see the location of **Kounicova** on a map. If you decide to get there on your own from the main railway station in Brno, or the bus station by the Hotel Grand (these stations are very close to each other), take **tram no. 12 in the direction of “Technologický park (Park of Technology)”** and get off at



the stop called **“Klusačkova”** (it lasts about 13 minutes). When you get off the tram, you will go back about 100 meters along the same street, pass the traffic lights and see a tall yellow-orange building - student dormitories. The reception is inside just by the entrance.

Arrival at the halls of residence

You can **arrive at any time**, there will always be someone at the **reception 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. At the reception, they will have your name there and will give you the key of your room.

You will be given the **accommodation contract** in the office of the accommodation assistant (only in working days). In the contract, you can write a different date of departure than in your online application form and the ISKaM, in case you will have changed your mind. Once you sign the accommodation contract, you will have to pay for the whole period stated there on monthly bases.

In the halls of residence, there are **small studios fully furnished** (with two twin rooms double bedroom, WC, bathroom). Shared kitchens are in the corridor. You do not need to bring any pillows, blankets and bed-sheets. But bring your own towels. You can buy any stuff you need in some Brno supermarkets (Tesco, Interspar, etc.) You can also borrow kitchen utensils from former students who left them in the International Student Club. All rooms are facilitated with internet connection, I advice you to bring your laptop with you, don't forget to bring a LAN cable also, no WIFI service is available at Kounicova!

The price for a bed in a two-bed room ranges from 3600 CZK and 4000 CZK (approx. 150 Euro/month).

You will pay for your accommodation starting from the date based on your reservation, even if you come later.

The first payment for rent has to be done within the period of 10 days after your arrival to Brno. The following rents are to be paid by 10th day of each month. It has to be paid in time; otherwise you will be charged for late payment.

Enrolment with the Office for International Affairs

The enrolment is **obligatory** for all incoming degree students!

For enrolment, bring the following documents with you:

- your original diploma and diploma supplement
- a recognition of your previous education issued by some Czech university (<http://www.muni.cz/study/recognition/general?lang=en>),
- certified copies of all the documents mentioned above
- a copy of identification page of your passport (EU students can bring only their national ID card),
- a copy of your visa (for those who need visa),

Czech language courses

Information on Czech language courses can be found on our website. If you have not read them yet, please have a look at the attachment: <http://www.phil.muni.cz/kabcest/en/language-preparation.php>

Tutoring

During August, you will be (or have already been) contacted by a Czech **student tutor** who will help you to settle down in Brno. He or she can take you to the dormitory after arrival, help to arrange accommodation formalities (note that Czech dormitory staff usually speaks very little English so the tutor help might be valuable), give you a hand in registering for courses and with various things you will need at the beginning or during the semester. If no tutor has contacted you yet, write to tutoring@isc.muni.cz

Insurance card, national ID card or transport pass

It is obligatory for all foreigners staying in the Czech Republic to have their insurance cards and ID cards (or transport passes) **always with you**. Please carry it at all times, as you might be checked by members of the Police Office for Foreigners.

Important additional note: On your arrival, you will need some money to survive until you get your first scholarship payment, so please make sure to have some money on you (at least 15000 CZK which should be enough for one month). Your scholarship payment should be sent to you as soon as you open a bank account in Brno, opening a bank account can be done in just few minutes and you will need your passport and confirmation about your studies which we will give you after your enrolment. Money transfer usually takes few days, but I assume that you will receive the money during the first month of stay.

Have a safe journey and see you soon in Brno ☺