

NEWSLETTER

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STUDIES AND INTERNSHIPS ABROAD ON BUT

Welcome to the very first issue of the International Student Newsletter!

We decided to start this paper to create a place for sharing all things interesting and useful, regardless if you are our current student, one of our alumni or just planning to join us in the future.

Putting this whole thing together was a wonderfully creative process that we at OINT enjoyed very much. Our main goal is nothing less than to help you to enjoy your time in Brno at BUT as much as possible and we'd love to bring you a fresh batch of news, tips and fun facts every single month.

And what is it that you might be looking forward to today? The ESN introduce you to their organization and plans they have for the new semester, there is also a word from the Central Library of BUT and tips on what to visit in Brno and where to get the proper taste of Czech cuisine. There is this whole segment on an E-Application process, that is currently very much on and info about yours truly, this time with the focus on Ladislav Janíček, the Rector.

Enjoy that and much more,
Have fun reading,

P.S. We'd also very much like to have you involved in the process so please, feel free to contact us on our socials

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The Internationalization Team

→ New Country, New Life.

“Brno hlavní nádraží” - a phrase that marks the start of your new life and a beginning of a new adventure. Studying abroad is great and enriching but also hard because once you are here, nobody will take care of you and suddenly you are all alone on everything. Not many people are willing to speak with you and your phone has died. “Maybe it was not the best idea” you are thinking... but then, somebody is looking at you, smiling and waving... It is your buddy, a friend who has come to help you and he will take you to your new home, show you around and answer all your questions.

It was thanks to ESN that you found each other. But why and how? ESN is a student organisation driven by voluntary students, who have usually experienced mobility themselves and are very passionate about international education and the international environment. We in ESN are doing our best to make your mobility experience as smooth as possible. Have you ever tried how many names can you remember (or more likely forget) in one day? You can try it during our Welcome Week starting from 30th January. It is the first week of your new life. You will meet many other international students. Talk with others, those are the people who will become your family in just a few weeks. You can meet them at one of the many events ESN has planned for Welcome Week. But because Welcome Week is not just about serious stuff, you can join us at Panda Games or taste famous Czech beer. Not your cup of tea? Then we have something different for you - what would you say to Board Games, Bowling, or Ice skating or a trip to Znojmo? If you want to feel comfortable in Brno, you have to definitely join us at the City Rally on Sunday, when we will visit the most famous places you do not want to miss.

But, our plans do not end with Welcome Week. During the whole semester, you will have a chance to experience Tram and Boat Party (yes, you are reading right - we will have a party at šalina). ESN will guide you through the whole country - almost every Saturday you will have a chance to join us for a trip to smaller unique cities in the Czech Republic. Every Tuesday you can taste flavours from all over the world at our Presentations of Nations, where you will have a chance to get to know other countries including food and traditional dances. And that is not even half of our events - for sure you will find something that fits you the best.

The unique Erasmus experience and ESN is there to help you with the whole process, give you chances to meet new people (not only from BUT) and to make your experience unforgettable.



→ E-APPLICATION

Here you are: with the study programme picked, ready to become part of this big institution of BUT.

How to do so?

What do you need to know?

How much it costs?

We have the answers!

Come and join us

- and -

Sapere aude!

- **We go paperless**

The whole admission procedure at BUT is digital. Not only it saves tons of paper (and the planet in the process) but is also way way faster and more reliable than the old-school snail mail.

To start with your E-Application, visit:

<https://www.vut.cz/eprihlaska/en>

- **Short-term or Degree?**

In the next step, you need to decide whether you are going to stay with us as a Degree student or join us temporarily as one of our short-term students with Erasmus, CEEPUS or another international mobility programme

- **To your faculty!**

Regardless of your previous choice, the page will ask you to choose a faculty. You can do so without any commitment, scroll up and down, switch between the faculties and find everything there is about the programmes we offer.

- **Registration time**

All good so far? Perfection! Now it's time to submit your application. You can either register as a new applicant (first time registering) or log into your existing account with your VUTlogin. Registration itself is very simple indeed: just fill in your e-mail address and choose and confirm your password. The only tricky part is this „I'm not a robot“ type of question – bud don't fret, you've got this!

- **Who are you?**

To carry on with the registration, you have to fill in your personal details, home and mailing address, information about your previous studies answer our short questionnaire. There is also a designated step to consider one's specific needs. You can double-check the data inserted in the final summary

- **Time to pay**

Your application is in, now is time to settle the money: you can pay either by card or through bank transfer, the whole thing costs 700 CZK or 30 EUR. Once you succeed here, you're in!

So this is it. No brainer, huh? If you, however, still have some issues with the process, don't hesitate to contact us at application@vut.cz

→ LET'S EAT BRNO



Whether or not you've had the opportunity to try out Czech cuisine, one thing is certain: there's no better place to do so than Brno.

For quite some time, Brno has been considered the true centre of the Czech gastro scene and its various bars, restaurants, bistros and cafes are rightfully claimed to be the best ones in the whole country.

Every month, we'd like to show you some new interesting places to check out and get a taste of everything that Brno has to offer.

This time we're starting local with our recommendations: there are three tips on where to get the best Czech cuisine experience!

1. Lokál U Caipla (Kozí 115/3)

The real Czech pub with superb Pilsen on tap, placed in the very centre of Brno offers traditional dishes such as goulash, fried cheese (aka smažák), cooked ham hock, olomoucké tvarůžky (traditional Moravian curd cheese delicacy), hot sausages and many many more. Lokál is famous for its wonderful ambience and perfect service and we're absolutely certain you're gonna love it there.

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2. Pivnice U Čápa (Obilní trh 68/10)

Another place that makes you fall in love with Czech cuisine (and beer) is Pivnice U Čápa: this pub with a tradition of more than 60 years is a place that never disappoints. You can try their zelňačka (classic cabbage soup), home-smoked meats, absolutely divine svíčková (a beef sirloin roast with creamy root veggies sauce and dumplings) or just have a pint and munch on some of their wonderful starters.

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3. Vegalité (Slovákova 359/10)

Are you vegan, vegetarian or just simply don't fancy meat and still would like a glimpse of something Czech? We've got you covered! Vegalité specializes in meatless dishes, usually some Czech classics with a vege twist. The one-of-a-kind atmosphere is even cooler in the evenings when you can join them for live shows – at least once a month, there are punk concerts, cabarets and other fun stuff.

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We hope we've inspired you enough to try something new and that your encounter with Czech cuisine will be a pleasant one. Let us know your experience, send your ideas and pictures, we'll be more than happy to share them on these very pages.

Next time, we are gonna show you some of our most favourite beer places so stay tuned!



→ THE CENTRAL LIBRARY INTRODUCTION

Dear students, welcome to the new semester! Let us cordially invite you to visit our library which is located in the Technological Park, in the heart of the Faculty of Business and Management. First of all, you should know we are not a faculty library solely. As the name suggests, we provide some services and methodologies that other libraries do not. We take care of scientific sources, databases, the overall library system, information literacy education, and many other areas. Of course, we also provide rental and information services. In addition, we sell BUT merch! If you are interested in what we have to offer have a look at our catalogue:

[Catalogue](#)

You can pay in cash or by card. The sale takes place on working days until 3 PM. If you are about to have some leisure time, you can borrow some games or brain teasers. Please, note that you can play them only in the library. The game offer leaflet is available at the rental desk. What else can you find in our library? You can use two computer rooms with a copier and scanner. If you need more privacy or deal with your group projects, visit our team-study rooms; we recommend booking them in advance at our websites:

[Websites](#)

In addition, you can relax in our chillout zone where you will find some beanbags, anti-stress coloring books, and crosswords. For your studies and reading, you can use the mentioned study rooms at the sides of the library, or you can visit the big study room E219. Unless our training is taking place here, the room is fully available for you. We will be glad to see you during our opening hours from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Or if you cannot visit us personally, go to our virtual tour:

[Virtual tour](#)

→ DISCOVER BRNO



With Brno being your new home away from home, getting to know your environment is always a good idea. We'd like to show you Brno's well-known spots as well as some hidden gems that our region has to offer.

Every month, you'll get you three tips: We'll introduce you to one of Brno's landmarks, show you what to do in Brno indoors, and take you out of the town to get to know the beautiful country of Moravia. Are you ready?



Špilberk Castle

Where else to start than in the very centre of our city! Špilberk Castle is one of the two dominants of Brno skyline (the other being St Peter and Paul's Cathedral). It was established in the mid-13th century by the Czech King Přemysl Otakar II. Throughout its history, it served as a royal residence, seat of Moravian margraves, citadel, prison and barracks (in this exact order) and since the 1960s, it's been a seat of the Brno City Museum.

Today you can visit various permanent exhibitions, occasional displays and even former casemates. In the summer months, it hosts plenty of historical shows, concerts and theatre festivals, even now you can, however, climb up the hill and enjoy the breathtaking vista and see all of the city's surroundings.

Another thing not to miss is the castle's park. It's a great place to explore, have a picnic, go on a date or just simply stroll around. On your walks, you can pass the Memorial to Italian Carbonari, Brno's own famous poet Jan Skácel statue and even a herd of goats in the castle garden.

[Špilberk.cz](https://spilberk.cz)



The Little Prince of Eliška Podzimková

We doubt there are many of you not familiar with the story of the Little Prince, a one-of-a-kind masterpiece of the brilliant Antoine de Saint-Exupery. Now in Brno, you can experience the legendary classic in a very new way: Moravské zemské muzeum hosts a unique installation, the ingenious work of Czech animator, illustrator and visual artist Eliška Podzimková (@eliskap). The whole experience is magical and Podzimková's creation is a lovely interpretation of the famous Frenchman's book.

The installation works with augmented reality and is interactive out-and-out and – loyal to its original source – has the power to awe anyone regardless of their age.

mzm.cz



Tišnov

For our first trip out of the city, we're taking you to the cosy little town of Tišnov. You can get there by train in only about forty minutes and once there, you have a great time ahead guaranteed.

Among Tišnov's main sights, there is the town hall with its sgraffiti walls depicting various scenes from the history of the town, the Church of Saint Wenceslaus and its majestic baroque interior, or an impressive 30 m tall lookout tower.

If you'd like to move your body a bit, you can walk the High Justice Journey – a newly opened track lined with stops to commemorate the seven deadly sins. On a lighter note though, there is the Květnice hil, a double peak reaching altitude 470 above sea level. It's well-known for its karst caves as well as the occurrence of various crystals and gems. For this reason, Tišnov twice a year hosts a mineralogic exhibition where you can see and buy precious stones from all around the world.

And don't worry, Tišnov can accommodate even your belly cravings: you can try local craft beers there, have something to eat in Humpolka Pub or grab a coffee in Ztraceno Café.

tisnov.cz

Do you like our tips? Have you visited any of the places mentioned? Share your stories and pics with us!

→ **STUDENT AMBASSADORS WANTED**



Dear students,

As you surely noticed, the current academic year has passed its first half and we are slowly but surely starting to focus on the admission procedure for the next year's first-year students. Here at BUT we believe that our students are the most important and essential part of our university. That's you who we're talking about, you are the body and soul of this institution. That's why we've started our International Student Ambassador community: creating a common place for people who share our values and are more than happy to spread them out. And - of course - to learn something new and have loads of fun in the process!

We'd like to invite you to join our ISA community. Be a part of something important. Be the one who makes a difference.

Be sure that becoming our ISA ambassador won't be time wasted: you can experience work within the international team, develop both hard and soft skills and get a great addition to your CV too. And most importantly you can contribute to the overall development of the whole university.

If you are interested in joining the community, please, **contact Martina Halouzková** (halouzkova@vutbr.cz) to get more information.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Department of Internationalization

Rectorate of Brno University of Technology

→ GET TO KNOW BUT

Whether is BUT just part of your journey or your final destination, we're pretty much certain you'd like to know as much as you can about the institution that you can call alma mater. Every month, we'll introduce you to some of BUT's places, people or institutions.

Now – with this being our first issue, is there anyone better to start with than the very head of our institution?



Ladislav Janíček, Rector

“Students are an integral part of the academic community with huge knowledge and social potential. We have been convinced in the past that it is the students who, unbound by conventions and life constraints, are the bearers of active activity and the initiators of change. They have my full support.”

Native to Kutná Hora and father of three, Janíček is a truly fascinating persona. The BUT alumni with a specialization in aeronautics engineering, after some time spent in the private sector he switched to academia and became a university educator.

By any means, Mr Janíček's expertise isn't single-oriented. Even though he first started as a mechanical engineer, his interest in economics and management led him to dive into further studies: up to this date, he's gained degrees in mechanical engineering, quality management, business administration and laws.

With his waste knowledge in both engineering, economics and management, he pursued a teaching career – even today he serves as a guarantor of the Air Traffic Economics and Management programme at FME, while he also managed to reach the prestigious post of a university bursar, first at Masaryk University and later here at BUT.

When back at MUNI Janíček managed and supervised the development of their new campus, as well as the reconstruction and remodelling of various MUNI buildings (e.g. Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Education or Faculty of Social Studies residences). The very same approach and drive he applied some time later when he became a bursar of his alma mater BUT.

In 2022 Janíček changed his career direction once again: he took up the position of Rector of BUT.

Among other achievements, Janíček is also responsible for bringing foreign postgraduate degrees (MBA, MPA, LL.M) to the Czech Republic academia and establishing of CEITEC institute in Brno.

In his spare time, Janíček is a sport shooter, arctic explorer and an avid musician. He plays both the piano and organ and also composes: he authored a variety of pieces, some of which opened university galas and other events (and you can also look them up on-line 😊).



Travelling and studying abroad is one of the best life experiences you can give yourself. However, a whole range of administration and paperwork is also associated with it. Some matters are of a more formal nature, but most of them are quite fundamental and it is therefore in your best interest to have them in order from A to Z. One of these things is the visa issue. How to do it - and that it's actually not a science at all - we'll explain in the following text.

Are you a student from a European Union country, or Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Iceland? In this case, you have in total thirty days after your arrival in the Czech Republic to register with the foreign police (see the contact below). In addition, if you live in university dormitories, the accommodation provider will solve this matter for you. But you don't have to deal with any visa or residence permit.

If you are not from the EU, the deadline for registration with the foreign police is only three days. As in the previous case, these services will be provided by the accommodation provider if you decide to use the BUT dormitory.

Will you stay in the Czech Republic for less than 90 days? Then arrange a short-term visa. For a stay of more than 90 days, it is necessary to obtain a so-called long-term visa, which will allow you to stay in the Czech Republic for up to half a year and whose purpose, in your case, will be to study. On the website of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, you will find a detailed description of the entire procedure and possible contacts of competent persons. Info here.

If your stay in the Czech Republic will be longer than six months, you have two options to solve the situation: if the period spent in the Czech Republic is shorter than one year, you just need to extend your visa. However, if you are going to stay in the Czech Republic for more than a year due to your studies, apply for a long-term residence permit. In this case, you need to make an appointment at the Asylum and Migration Policy Department (see the contact below).

Still not sure what type of document you will need? On the BUT website, you will find an interactive questionnaire that will select the most ideal option for you. Take a look here. We believe that this information will be useful to you - and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.



Foreign Police
Cejl 712, 602 00 Brno-střed-Zábrdovice.

Ministry of the Interior - Department of Asylum and Migration Policy
Tuřanka 1554, 627 00 Slatina

→ APP TIPS

Here are some of our favourite apps to live Brno:



Moje VUT

Our very own handy little app that helps you throughout your studies. You can join classes online, check the opening hours of various BUT institutions, manage your schedule, watch your evaluation history and even get your canteen credits.

Available for: iOS, Android



Czech News in English

It's always good to be up to speed with whatever is going on around you. Although the majority of the media here is Czech-language, this actual app helps to keep up with all the events through their digest of Czech news.

Available for: iOS



IDOS

Everything you need to commute in Brno, travel around the Czech Republic or visit Vienna, all in one place? This is IDOS, an app that finds you the best links and connections, shows you the exact location of every stop and lets you buy the tickets as you go. One of Brno's must-haves!

Available for: iOS, Android

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Faculty coordinators:

Check the full list here:

<https://www.vut.cz/en/study-options/degree-studies-en/contact>

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