“Study medicine in Brno!”
Isabel, Portugal
Dear students,

If you decide to study medicine in Brno, you will get not only a top-quality professional education with all the facilities of the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University, but also the possibility of enjoying a rich cultural life.

About the City of Brno

Brno is a highly interesting mediaeval city transformed into a comfortable and modern metropolis in southern Moravia. In the central part of Europe, in the Czech Republic, it is the second largest city in the country. At the same time it is the centre of Moravia, one of the historical counties of the Czech Crown. Situated in a picturesque landscape, it has an area of 230 square kilometres, on hills of between 190 and 425 metres above sea level.

Brno has many interesting sights which have been carefully preserved. Numerous legends have been woven round these places. In view of its position on the boundary of the Bohemian-Moravian highlands and the lowlands, the city has beautiful surroundings and a moderate climate. Near the city there is a large artificial lake for recreation accessible by public transport, and the itself city is surrounded by forests on three sides. Nearby you can also find stalactite caves belonging to the famous Moravian Carst era.

The Moravian vineyards stretch to the south with their typical wine cellars. In winter you can easily get to the highlands, which is an ideal place for skiing. There are two rivers running through Brno, the Svratka and the Svitava. The city is the home of many renowned Czech writers, poets, composers, artists, and architects, who have created its abundant cultural history. There are large sports centres, racing arenas for cars and motorcycles, and a large exhibition area where many exhibitions and international trade fairs have taken place every year. The city is also due thanks to its many historical and reconstructed buildings, shopping centres, restaurants, pubs, cafes, wine-bars and wine-cellars, business and leisure centres, well-kept parks and valuable artefacts placed in public areas. Thanks to its location at the very heart of Central Europe, getting to Brno is quite simple, whether by plane, train, coach, bus or car. It takes 2.5 hours from Prague airport and 2 hours from Vienna airport by car or bus.

Further interesting information on Brno can be obtained at: www.brno.cz

“Brno has everything I want in a student city”
David, Ireland
Masaryk University

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About the Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine was founded in 1919 as one the first faculties of Masaryk University. Presently, the Faculty of Medicine includes 66 institutes and clinics, employing 1077 personnel. In the two faculty hospitals (Faculty Hospital of Brno, St. Anne’s Faculty Hospital) there are 3100 beds accessible for teaching. The total number of students is about 4,500.

All the theoretical departments of the Faculty of Medicine are located within the new University Campus that was built between 2000 and 2010 close to the largest Faculty Hospital. The Campus, containing 42,200 m² of tuition and research space, has gradually become the modern educational, research and development base of Masaryk University.

All the pavilions are equipped with the most up-to-date instruction and laboratory technologies. Besides instruction, there is top-level research with student involvement taking place in many of the institutions.

Among the architecturally most interesting developments of this stage of construction is the Library of the University Campus, which forms the heart of the whole campus.

The library’s capacity is more than half a million volumes. The various types of study and reading rooms, including computer centres, may seat almost 600 students. The building also involves an academic bookstore and a refreshment room.

Because of its location, the campus is an extension to the large compound of the Faculty Hospital of Bohunice. Through this connection, the mutual co-operation of the individual institutions in both instruction and research is greatly facilitated. Close to the campus, were also built the supporting facilities necessary for living – Campus Square is the centre for business and shopping. The Campus also includes the research and teaching institutions of the Faculties of Science and sports grounds and buildings of the Faculty of Sports Studies.

Hospitals are component parts of the faculty. They provide a place for the practical instruction of students.
St. Anne’s Faculty Hospital is situated on the premises of the oldest hospital in Brno. It originated in monastic buildings in 1786. In 1866, its reconstruction from the side of Pekařská Street was completed by T. Hansen. Today is one of Brno’s architectural treasures. Since the 1990’s, St. Anne’s Faculty Hospital has been gradually reconstructed to the level of a health-service institution meeting the requirements and therapeutic needs of modern medicine.

The individual departments and clinics of St. Anne’s Faculty Hospital provide tuition and practical training for medical students. The International Clinical Research Center (ICRC), a cooperative project between the Mayo Clinic and St. Anne’s University Hospital in Brno, began in 2008. This unique medical research project is based on the International Space Station model and represents the Mayo Clinic’s first large-scale international collaboration. ICRC Brno will focus on cardiovascular and other state-of-the-art medical research.

For detailed information on the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University see its website www.med.muni.cz

The professional qualifications of the teaching staff at the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University, as well as the hospital facilities built up conceptually and in a modern style (including their equipment), guarantee the highest quality preparation of future physicians. Besides the principal health and therapeutical programmes, the clinics in Brno are also involved in highly specialised projects.

Many faculty teachers are outstanding in their research work, their results being well known even outside our country. They guide students interested in this field towards these investigatory activities. Every year competitions for the best student’s scientific work are held.

"It’s exciting to get to learn in so many specialized hospitals" Magnus, Norway

The Masaryk Oncological Institute closely co-operates with the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University through the University Oncological Centre. This institute is among the top-ranking oncological workplaces in the Czech Republic.

The Faculty Hospital of Bohunice is the largest hospital in Brno. It was gradually finished during the 1980’s. In numerous buildings of the hospital – situated in a well-groomed park – there are 17 clinics educating and preparing students for the medical profession. The Faculty Hospital also includes the Children’s Medical Centre in Černá Pole and the Centre for Reproductive Medicine in Oblíni tr.

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Studies

Degree Programmes

The Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University in Brno offers several curricula. The Master's study programme of General Medicine takes six years and the programme of Dentistry five years. These programmes are taught in Czech and for international students who are self-payers, in English.

About 800-900 Czech-speaking students are admitted annually to the Faculty of Medicine and, additionally, and around 100 overseas self-paying students. After passing the state examinations at the end of their study, students are awarded the degree of MUDr. (Medicinae Universae Doctor) or MDDr. (Medicinae Dentalis Doctor) or Bc. (Bachelor of Health Sciences). The degrees are fully recognised in the EU and in most other countries – at least for limited registration, but students should ask the authorities or professional bodies in their countries for information about the conditions for full registration and recognition of the degree required to practice medicine there. The Faculty is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools published by the WHO (final updates, 2007) and in Avicenna Directory of Medicine.

Specialists in oral medicine are educated in the study programme of Dentistry, which is compatible with current European standards. After five years of study students will be awarded the corresponding degree of MDDr. (Medicinae Dentalis Doctor). They will be qualified to practise in all fields of dental care. About 60 Czech-speaking and 15 foreign students are admitted annually. There are also 3-year programmes available in Health Care and Nursing, which lead to the degree of Bachelor (abbreviated as Bc). These programmes are more practically focused and include specialisations in Human Nutrition, Nursing, Therapeutical Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy, Optics – Optometry, Midwifery, and Laboratory Technician. Graduated Bachelor students may continue with 2-year advanced studies leading to the Master's degree (abbreviated as Mgr.).
Courses
The medical curriculum consists of 6 years of study. It is “subject-oriented”. The first two years involve courses in the fundamental theoretical subjects (Medical Terminology, First Aid, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biology, Anatomy, Histology and Embryology, Neurosciences, and Physiology). The 3rd year includes the subjects: preclinical education (courses of Pathological Anatomy, Pathological Physiology, Immunology, Microbiology, Community Medicine); and courses providing practical skills training, prior to the clinical phase, are also included (Clinical Examination in Internal Medicine and Clinical Examination in Surgery). Pharmacology is taught in the 6th and 7th semesters. The following 2 years involve studies of clinical subjects (Internal Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Neurology, Psychiatry, Dermatoveneroology, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Orthopaedics, Forensic Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Oncology, and Intensive Care Medicine). The 6th year is an internship in Internal Medicine (7 weeks), Surgery (3 weeks), and Family Medicine (5 weeks of work with a general practitioner for adults and one week of work with a general practitioner for children). The tuition during the pre-clinical part is organised weekly and examinations are only taken during the examination period at the end of the semester.

Beginning from the 7th semester, tuition in the clinical courses is organised in one or two week blocks. The seminars, practical training and bedside teaching are concentrated in morning blocks with a daily duration of six hours. Obligatory lectures are held in the afternoons and eligible lectures are usually held in late afternoons or in the evenings.

The curriculum also contains obligatory summer vacation practical training after the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years.

Admissions of students
Every applicant must have completed successfully at least 3 or 4 years of studies at a secondary school ending in a school-leaving examination (maturity examination). Students are admitted on the basis of an entrance examination which includes written multiple-choice tests in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics or Mathematics.

The number of Czech applicants in the last three years was about 4,500, the number of those accepted applicants ranged between 450 – 500.

Examinations, grading system
To complete a course means to fulfil its requirements in one of the following ways: course-unit credit, colloquium, examination or state doctoral examination.

Oral examinations and written tests are used for the evaluation of knowledge. Examinations are formed and held by departments. There is usually an examination at the end of each course.

The examination often consists of a written and an oral part. A component of some clinical examinations is also a practical exam involving patient cases. In addition, the student knowledge and practical skills are constantly evaluated during seminars and practical work, mainly using shorter tests or essays.

The final evaluation – State Doctoral Examination – consists in five exams (Public Health, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Internal Medicine and Surgery) which the student has to pass during the 11th and 12th semesters.
International Students

English programme
The study programmes in General Medicine and Dentistry are offered in English. Students studying in the English programme are obliged to pay a tuition fee, see www.med.muni.cz. Students coming to the Faculty of Medicine under the Erasmus Programme may join the study in this English programme free of charge, see http://czs.muni.cz/cz/out/home.

Conditions of admission for student self-payers
Every student must have successfully completed at least 3 or 4 years of studies at a secondary school (high school) ending in a school-leaving examination. Evidence of their secondary school results and a school leaving certificate are required. The students are accepted on the basis of a written entrance examination in the following subjects: Physics or Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology. The entrance examination takes place in Brno, usually in May. Students must apply for admission to the Faculty of Medicine via an electronic version of the application form available on www.med.muni.cz. Applicants from selected countries can contact our representatives and take the entrance examination in their home countries (see the list on the web page).

The fees
The English study of General Medicine costs €9,000 per year and the study of Dentistry costs €10,000 per year (each year of study consists of two semesters). This sum applies to those who pay the entire tuition fee for the whole relevant academic year. The tuition fee can also be paid in two parts - the student can pay separately for each semester. In this case the price is raised by administration expenses, and each semester of General Medicine in English costs €4,750 (€9,500 for a whole year of General Medicine) and each semester of Dentistry in English costs €5,250 (€10,500 for a whole year of Dentistry).

Accommodation
Student hostels providing accommodation and catering for foreign students are situated in Vinařská Street and Kounicova Street. Both residence halls belong among the most modern in the Czech Republic and are located near Campus and near the centre of town. Twin-bedded rooms and rooms with three beds are equipped with a kitchenette containing a refrigerator and a cooker, a separate bathroom, and a toilet. Scholarships for accommodation in the students’ halls of residence are provided to self-paying students by Masaryk University. More details on: http://www.skm.muni.cz.

Cost of living
The Czech Republic does not provide any social benefits to foreign citizens in the course of their university studies. Scholarships and subsidies of the Czech Republic for meals in students’ refectories cannot be provided to self-paying students. These students have to support themselves when studying, including full payments for meals. The Czech currency is “koruna” (Czech crown, CZK, Kč). One Euro (EU) = 25 Kč. 1 USD = 19 Kč. Money can be exchanged at any bank or change office. Using credit cards, cash can be obtained from cash machines. Credit cards are accepted in shops, hotels, and restaurants. The expenses of foreign students for accommodation in the student halls of residence (one room for two or three students) are about 150 EU per month, the amount being subject to change due to economic situation, while the meals 3 times a day in an academic refectory cost about 5–6 EU per day. The Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University has applied to the U.S. Department of Education for eligibility to participate in federal student financial aid programs. Review of the application is in process.

Health insurance
Students have to take out their insurance individually with any health insurance company in their home country or with the General Health Insurance Company in the Czech Republic or elsewhere, where they have to pay for all the health care themselves. Students who are not E.U. citizens and stay in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days. They are obliged to present a health travel insurance plan purchased with the Czech insurance company. This insurance has to cover the dates indicated on visa sticker. Make sure the purchased period is not shorter than indicated on visa sticker in your passport. Students will be supposed to show the contract with the Czech insurance company plus confirmation of the payment of the insurance at time of their check in with the Czech police for foreigners (within 3 working days after arrival of student to the Czech Republic).

Clearing of temporary stay
All non-EU foreigners who come to study in the Czech Republic have to get visa. It is necessary to apply for the clearing of a temporary stay at the Czech Embassy in your respective home country as soon as possible (it takes about two months), so this document should be obtained before travelling to the Czech Republic.
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