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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

FACULTY OF ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA IN PILSEN
THE CZECH REPUBLIC

WELCOME NOTE

Dear Erasmus student,

we are glad that you are thinking about spending part of your studies at our University.

The department of sociology, which guarantees study programs of Sociology and Social work, promotes modern approaches and emphasises practical aspects of education.

We offer plenty of interesting courses, intensive communication with teachers, friendly student environment, and Pilsen provides many places for your social and cultural life.

We believe that the time spent in Pilsen will be beneficial for you and you will enjoy it.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

DEADLINES AND COORDINATOR

The students applying for Erasmus study stay at the University of West Bohemia should send us:

APPLICATION FORM AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

within the deadlines:

for winter term:

May 15th

for summer term:

November 30th

THE MINIMUM ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING TO UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA IS:

TELC B2 LEVEL, CAMBRIDGE FCE, TOEFL 500 POINT (PAPER EXAM) OR OTHER EQUIVALENT.

The scan of the forms can be sent by email to Erasmus coordinator:

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

THEY PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT EU EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TAKE CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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CZECH REPUBLIC

COURSES

COURSES CURRENTLY OFFERED FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS, TAUGHT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT

Courses for Social work:

Social work with children and family

Contact as key feature of social work

Research methods for social workers

Other courses from our department:

Practicum in quantitative sociology 1

Sociology Reading Seminar

Central Europe and Modernity

Central Europe and Modernity

Critical Discursive Analysis

Penitentiary sociology

Population Studies

Sociology of migration

Critical Discursive Analysis

MORE INFORMATION:

HTTPS://OLD.ZCU.CZ/EN/ECTS/ECTS_PART1/STUDIJNI-PREDMETY/FF/

COORDINATOR

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
ERASMUS COORDINATOR

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THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY TO SUBSCRIBE TO OTHER COURSES TAUGHT IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE

Courses for Social work

SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILY

The aim of the course is to introduce social work with children and families. Students will be acquainted with the system of social and legal protection of children in the Czech Republic, social services for families and children and typical methods for social work with these target groups (case study, task-oriented approach, communication box, assessment of the situation of the child etc.). Students will get familiar with the historical context and current trends in this area of social work. Visits and discussions with social workers focusing on children and family will be part of the course.

CONTACT AS KEY FEATURE OF SOCIAL WORK

The course focuses on one of the basic tools of social work - contact. The aim is to make students familiar with the concept and essence of contact in social work, to show its specificity and help to reflect the specificity and limits of the relationship, its actors (social worker and client) and the importance of their context. More specifically, the course will focus on contact in low-threshold services. Emphasis will be placed on teaching through case histories drawing from social workers' practice. Important parts of the course are visits in low-threshold services and involvement in their activities.

Courses for Social work

RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

The course focuses on understanding the basic principles of qualitative and quantitative methodology as well as the principles of preparation and implementation of a research project. Students will learn to distinguish between different research approaches and will use practical training to get familiar with basic research methods: questionnaire survey and selected types of qualitative interviews.



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The Department of Sociology promotes modern approaches to sociology and social work.

The bachelor's study program in social work represents a practically focused humanities field, which aims to prepare students for the social worker's profession's qualified performance. In addition to the traditional scientific disciplines of philosophy and sociology, social work is a field that provides a significant overlap into direct practice. Professional practice thus forms an integral part of the study program. Besides, students also learn theories and methods of social work so that they are real experts in this profession after completing their studies. The standard period of bachelor's study is three years (6 semesters).

In sociology, we are emphasising the need for mastering both theoretical sociological knowledge and sociological methodology, including applied statistics and qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Our curriculum includes courses on both contemporary and classical sociological theory as well as practical and applied sociology. Our students are encouraged to work according to the principles of healthy methodological scepticism and paradigmatic tolerance. We offer both master's and bachelor's programs.

HTTPS://KSS.ZCU.CZ/EN/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

THE ACADEMIC YEAR IS DIVIDED INTO - WINTER AND SUMMER SEMESTER.

2020/2021

21st September till 23rd December

Winter teaching period

24th December- 3rd January	Winter vacation
4th January - 12th February	Winter exam period



15th February till 19th May

Summer teaching period

20th May - 27th June	Summer exam period
28th June - 22nd August	Summer vacation
23rd August - 31st August	Summer exam period

Academic year: 1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021

TIMETABLE

EDUCATIONAL TIME

Class	from	to
1	07:30	08:15
2	08:25	09:10
3	09:20	10:05
4	10:15	11:00
5	11:10	11:55
6	12:05	12:50
7	13:00	13:45
8	13:55	14:40
9	14:50	15:35
10	15:45	16:30
11	16:40	17:25
12	17:35	18:20
13	18:30	19:15
14	19:25	20:10



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

PORTAL, COURSEWARE, GOOGLE CLASSROOM, MOODL

Portál ZČU is central web site for managing your studies. Under bookmark Studium (My Study) refer to the schedule on writing examination dates, signs to the tests, the environment for submitting scientific papers, courses Preliminary registration for the following years and especially information about the study, including the scholarship system.

portal.zcu.cz

Courseware ZČU, this page brings together all the information about your current courses. Here you will find a description of your enrolled courses, information about the exam, schedule of teaching and learning materials including the syllabus. You can also find current announcements from teachers such as cancelled hour, or any other change in education.

courseware.zcu.cz

During the pandemic situation all courses were transformed into online version mostly in Google Classroom or Moodle. Both are accessible via student login. .

Google Classroom

UWB LIBRARY

University Library provides services to employees and students of University of West Bohemia and to public. In addition to traditional loan services and search services library offers access to many electronic information resources. Readers are also allowed to borrow and try E-book readers.

University Library is consisted of five sub-libraries. Four of them are located in Pilsen, one in Cheb. Each of them is focused on a specific thematic field of human knowledge. Here are addresses of two most used by students of our faculty:

Library Bory
address: Univerzitní 18, Plzeň
opening hours:
Mon-Thu 8.00-20.00
Fri 8.00-15.00

Philosophy and Law Library
study area and open stacks:
address: Sady Pětatřicátníků 16, Plzeň
opening hours:

Mon-Thu 8.00-20.00

Fri 8.00-15.00

For more information visit
[http://www.knihovna.zcu.cz/en/]



BUDDY PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Buddy system is a reception program of the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. Its aim is to provide help to foreign students with adapting to different conditions and reducing the culture shock.

The foreign student is assigned a buddy, a local Czech student, who is to help in case the incoming student needs an assistance. The "buddy" also becomes a guide helping the foreign student to get familiar with the city of Pilsen and the local student life.

Students registered in the Buddy system also organise events, trips etc. for the foreign students in the cooperation with the international department of

ESN (Erasmus Student Network)

You will find more info on: www.esn.zcu.cz.



BUDDY

Contact our Buddy:

See our webpage

She/he is an important source of information and will help you understand how both the university and the town are structured. Contact him/her before your arrival, as he/she can point out to you where to find important buildings, offices, classrooms, people and informations.

ORIENTATION WEEK

The Orientation week is always held one week before the semester starts. Within the frame of the orientation program, for students who newly join the university is introduced the social, cultural life of the town by having excursions round Pilsen organised by the presentation team of the Buddy system, students are taken to their departments and helped with setting study programs of their study plans. This time are also arranged all necessary things regarding to bank account, travel cards, student JIS cards and PC access.



OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CURRENCY

The official Czech currency is the Czech crown (koruna) (sign: Kč; code: CZK)
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50.
Bank notes: 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000.
You can exchange money in banks, exchange stalls or cash points, but bank cards are also increasingly being accepted.

MONEY

There is a good network of ATMs in the city called " bankomat". A wide variety of international credit and debit cards are accepted. Credit cards are widely accepted in petrol stations, midrange and top-end hotels, restaurants and shops. The main banks – Komerční banka, Česká spořitelna, ČSOB – are the best places to change cash and travellers cheques or get a cash advance on Visa or MasterCard. Other options are the private exchange offices (směnárna).

COST OF LIVING

It is estimated that students will require approximately 300 - 350EUR per month to cover accommodation, food and additional costs. Basic food is relatively cheap as is public transport and cinema or theatre tickets. Restaurant prices are reasonable (the price depends on the category and quality of the restaurant).

COMPUTER FACILITIES

You will be able to use university computers when you have completed e-registration and have registered for your courses. The university buildings and student-managed accommodation are enabled for wireless access.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Pilsen has quite a good transportation network with buses, trams and trolleybuses, running day and night. Public Transport travelling is very simple. The only thing to do is to purchase a ticket (via a vending machine or at newsagents´ shops or tobacconists, etc.). The price of the basic ticket is 18 CZK. One can also purchase a ticket from the driver in the carriage (but it is for higher price - 30CZK).
Another possibility is the purchase of the transfer tickets directly in the vehicles of the Public Transport by means of the electronic wallet of the Pilsen Ticket chip card or credit card.
For more information: http://www.pmdp.cz/en/

HEALTH INSURANCE AND CARE

State-run and private medical facilities exist in the Czech Republic.

Most of them have concluded a contract with an insurance company on provision and settlement of costs for healthcare and only provide insured patients with the essential care subject to settlement of the excess as stipulated by law; this relates to citizens of the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein who have a European health insurance card.

First aid, emergency and rescue service

Healthcare is also ensured in the event of sudden illness or injury outside of normal hours in the emergency departments in hospitals.

In cases of sudden serious illness when the patient cannot make his or her own way to the doctor and swift treatment is necessary, you must call the rescue service on the emergency number 112.

Pharmacies

Medicines to relieve flu or a cold and other similar medicaments can be purchased without a prescription. A prescription from a doctor is required to purchase other medicines.

A prescription from the emergency services is valid on the date of issue and the following day; prescriptions for antibiotics are valid for three days. All other prescriptions are valid for a week.

Insurance

Health insurance for foreigners from the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein

In order to be able to use medical care in the Czech Republic, you must have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). In terms of treatment in medical facilities in the Czech Republic, this proves that you are insured and that medical care will be paid for by your insurance company.

However, the insured party of one EU member country is only entitled to essential medical care within the territory of another member country according to the nature of the illness and expected length of stay. On the basis of the card, the insurance company will not pay for anything above the framework of essential care and will not even settle the excess stipulated by the local laws. This excess is payable at the following levels in the Czech Republic:

- Emergency treatment – CZK 90
- Visits to a dentist are billed in a specific manner.

(Source: http://www.czechtourism.com/a/health-service/)

STUDENT CANTEENS



The university canteens (Campus Bory - Univerzitní 12 and Kollárova 19) provide lunches and dinners over the week. Price is about 50 CZK/meal.
The canteen at Bory opens at 10:30 and closes at 14:30 for lunch. Dinners are served from 16:30 to 18:00. Canteen in Kollárova 19, opens at 10.30 closes at 14.30.

Besides the student canteens there are many eating places all over Pilsen - restaurants, pubs, wine bars, grills, fast food facilities (Mc Donald's), etc. There is no significant distinction between pubs and restaurants. The opening hours are varied (generally from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) as well as the prices (from 100 CZK/meal to 500 CZK /meal in the top hotel restaurants and night clubs).
A list of restaurants in the whole of West Bohemia is available on the Pilsen web pages.

(Source: http://international.zcu.cz/index.php?stranka=uvod-en-0&cat_id=367&)

PILSEN LOCATION

PILSEN IS LOCATED IN THE WEST PART OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC. THE CITY LIES ABOUT 78 KM SOUTHWEST OF PRAGUE AND ITS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND 80 KM FROM THE GERMAN BORDER.



CONNECTIONS

Pilsen is located in the West part of the Czech Republic. The city lies about 78 km southwest of Prague, and its international airport and 80 km from the German border.

Pilsen has an excellent connection with Prague but also with other Czech and European cities. There are a regular train and bus connection with Prague (time of travel from 1 hour till 1 hour and a half). Buses connect Pilsen with several European cities (f.e. London, Brussel, Paris and other cities in France, Germany, Switzerland, Slovak Republic et al.)

Prague and Pilsen connect a highway what makes travel between the cities quick and easy.

ENJOY PILSEN



For beer connoisseurs

The Pilsner Urquell Brewery
The Gambrinus Brewery
The historic Brewery Museum and the Pilsen Historical Underground
The unique pubs and taverns with their own tradition

For those interested in history and historic sights

The St. Bartholomew's Cathedral featuring the tallest church spire in the Czech Republic
The Renaissance Town Hall on Republic Square
The Franciscan Monastery with the Museum of Religious Art
The West Bohemian Gallery
(The galleries Masné krámy – Medieval Meat Market Hall – and Galerie 13 – Exhibition Hall 13)
The West Bohemian Museum, featuring permanent exhibitions of archaeology, history, the municipal armoury and puppets.
The Ethnography Museum
The romantic ring of parks surrounding the historical centre (Proluka – The Gap – and Mlýnská strouha – The Mill Ditch)
Měšťanská beseda (The City Clubhouse)
The Great Theatre
The New Theatre
Patton Memorial Pilsen
The Meditation Garden
The Great Synagogue, fourth largest in the world
The Old Synagogue
The Zoological and Botanical Gardens of the City of Pilsen
Techmania Science Centre and 3D Planetarium

Adolf Loos's interiors
Adolf Loos (1870–1933) is considered one the most outstanding Central European architects of the first third of the 20th century and a forerunner of functionalism, with a very progressive creative philosophy. In Pilsen, the creator of the famous Prague Villa Müller built about thirteen apartment interiors. Unfortunately, only some of them are still preserved. A new sightseeing route allows architecture aficionados to take a tour of some of these interiors.

For sportspeople
Slovany Swimming Pool
Borský park
Škoda Sport Park
Škodaland
Relax Park Štruncovy sady
Football stadium (Doosan Arena)
Ice hockey arena (ČEZ Aréna)



More information:
www.plzen.eu
www.visitplzen.eu
Hidden city: www.skrytemesto.cz
Tourist Paradise: tourist portal of the Pilsen Region: http://www.turisturaj.cz/en

(Source: http://www.plzen2015.cz/en/practical-information/come-to-pilsen)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

IN THESE DAYS THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED AND THERE ARE NO LECTURES ON A WEEK DAY

1.1.	New Year's Day
April	Good Friday, Easter Monday
1. 5.	Labour Day
8. 5.	Liberation Day, celebrating the end World War II
5. 7.	St. Cyril and St. Methodius Day, celebrating the arrival of the Christian missionaries sent from Byzantine Empire to Czech lands
6. 7.	Master Jan Hus Day, commemoration of the religious reformer's death at the stake in 1415
28. 9.	St. Wenceslas Day, in remembrance of the patron of the Czech State
28. 10.	Czechoslovakian Statehood Day, establishment of independent Czechoslovakia in 1918
17. 11.	Freedom and Democracy Day, commemorating the anti-Nazi student demonstrations of 1939 and the anti-Communist demonstrations of 1989
24. 12.	Christmas Eve
25. + 26. 12.	Christmas Holiday

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