The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical sciences, Brno & International Medicine Studies, s.r.o.

International Student Information Pack
Academic Year of 2017/2018
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About International Medicine Studies, s.r.o. (IMS)

International Medicine Studies, s.r.o. (IMS) is the international student recruitment and support services arm of the Faculty of Pharmacy (Faf) at the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno (UVPS). We specialize in helping international students apply and enrol in UVPS Pharmacy degree program. As part of our mission, we also provide support to international students throughout the academic year. Our on-going support ensures that a student’s investment in education abroad is as successful and comfortable as possible.

About the UVPS University, faculty of pharmaceutical sciences

The University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno (UVPS) was founded in 1918. It was the first university to be formed after the creation of the Republic of Czechoslovakia.
The Faculty of Pharmacy opened in 1991. Since its establishment, the faculty of Pharmacy has been one of three faculties of the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Brno.
The Faculty closely cooperates with the industry and runs a Faculty Pharmacy on the premises. It cooperates with private and public pharmacies in the country where students conduct their placements with the Chamber of Pharmacists and the Association of Pharmacy owners.

Degree program

The standard Master study program in Pharmacy is a five year program, based on a credit system which gives the students more flexibility: During the study a student must pass all the compulsory courses from the Curriculum, and get at least 300 credits (ECTS), in addition they should register to elective courses (at least 60 credits) of your interest.
The Faculty is a member of the Association of European Faculties of Pharmacy and its graduates meet all the requirements as defined by the European Union. In the initial two years students revise and broaden their knowledge of elementary natural and medical subjects to the level required for understanding specific subjects in the field of Pharmacy. Students attend lectures and seminars and take part in practical pharmacy placements. During the following years of study they work on their thesis. The program is concluded by defending the thesis and taking the final state examination. Once passing the state exams, the students are awarded the Master degree (abbreviated
Mgr.). The study program is compliant with the EU directive 2005/36/EC. Graduates awarded the Master degree can later take a thorough state exam including an advanced thesis defense. After passing, they are awarded the "Doctor of Pharmacy" degree (abbreviated Pharm Dr.). Graduates can apply for postgraduate study programs in five accredited branches of Pharmacy. After defending their dissertation and passing the final state examination, they are awarded a Ph.D. degree.

Entry Requirements for the program at UVPS

In order to be accepted to the university, you have to pass an Entrance Exam in Biology and Chemistry. Upon paying the application fee and sending your High School certificate and application form, you are automatically signed up for the Entrance Exam. (The Application fee consists of the Application Processing Fee and the Entrance Exam fee).

Application procedure – up to Entrance exam

1. Meeting with an IMS representative in person or via SKYPE.
2. Application fee and supporting documents get verified by our representatives and sent to Brno
   a. Full university application form FAF – signed by applicant and family doctor.
   b. Application fee payment – 185E/220E
   c. Copy of passport
   d. CV in English
   e. High school records and certificate in English or Czech language. The certificate must be authenticated by a notary or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the applicant's home country and by the diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic. According to Law 111/1998 Coll. and on the amendment and supplementation of other laws student is obliged to submit validated documents about his secondary education. This validation of secondary education is done by the Regional Government Authority, where the student should apply for the validation ("nostrifikace"). For the Southern Moravia region – Brno city the validation of secondary education, please contact: nostrifikace20@msmt.cz. Please see website.
   f. 2 passport size photographs
   g. Application to the Dean
3. Online Preparation Course
4. IMS forwards all completed applications to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical sciences for further review. Please note that all required documents (original or official copies), have to be delivered two weeks before planned date of the entrance exam. If this documentation is not delivered, students would not be allowed to take the examination. The only exception is the recognition of the high school diploma (please contact our representatives for more information).

5. Brno and IMS facilitate exams around the world

IMS will contact applicants by email to confirm receipt of completed applications. (Expect confirmation within one week of receipt of completed material.) Applicants who do not hear from IMS within the specified period can assume that their applications are incomplete. If you have any questions regarding the receipt of your application, contact Katarína Szikhartová: Katarina@ims-medstudy.com at the Slovakia headquarters.

After Entrance exam
1. Registration fee and Documents required for Final Registration (through IMS representatives)
   a. Registration fee payment – 650E. (To be paid once accepted to Brno).
      *Once you have passed the Entrance Exam and you are accepted, the university accepts students on a first-come first-serve basis. The number of places is limited and therefore it is best to secure your place sooner rather than later.
   b. Proof of passing entrance exam or proof of exemption
   c. Visa for non-EU citizens
   d. Copy of medical insurance (as per rules of EU – EHIC card for EU residents). Please see website.
   e. Tuition payment – directly to the university.

NOTE: Documents must be translated into English.
All forms can be found on IMS website.

Our Global Representatives
All international applications to Brno FAF are handled through IMS.
IMS is committed to ensure that our students around the world get access to appropriate higher education guidance and support. For a list of our representatives...
across the globe, please visit our website. If IMS does not have a representative in your home country, please contact our office at: info@ims-medstudy.com for assistance. All documents (please see supporting checklist) must be sent directly to local IMS representative. Local representative checks and collects required documents and then forwards them to the university. Scans are not acceptable. IMS currently has representatives in the following countries: Ireland, England, Sweden, Norway, Greece, India, Israel, France, Germany and Nigeria, Denmark, Finland, Poland, China, Dubai, Czech Republic, Slovakia.

In case there is no local IMS representative in your country, please send complete applications to:
International Medicine Studies, s.r.o.
Mlynské Nivy 73
821 05 Bratislava – mestská časť Ružinov.

Katarina Szikhartová: katarina@ims-medstudy.com

Entrance Exams
Entrance Exams are designed to demonstrate a student’s mastery of basic skills in Biology and Chemistry. Such mastery is a prerequisite for success in the degree program. The entrance examinations are done mostly online, and can take place at the Faculty of Pharmacy or at your home country. The exam is in English and the questions are in “multiple choice” and/or “fill-in-the-blank” formats and is of a secondary school level. Answers must be given in English. The prerequisite for taking the entrance exam is a high school certificate.
Exams are monitored and timed by FAF representatives; students have approximately 2 hours to complete each exam. Download a list of exam topics covered on the entrance examinations, along with sample questions, by visiting IMS website.
The test consists of 40 questions in Chemistry and 40 questions in Biology. The applicant must pass at least 60% of the questions.

Completed exams will be sent directly to FAF for evaluation. Applicants will be notified by email within days of the exams. Applicants who fail the exam can re-register for the June exam, or better yet, register for the Online Preparation Course to better prepare for the next exam.
Exam dates will be scheduled by the university according to the amount of applicants. Applicants are informed about the closest exam dates after complete application is received through post mail.

**Entrance examinations are held in terms according to the visa requirements:**
Students who need a visa: the entrance examination will be held in April. Complete application should be sent to IMS before March 31st.
Students who do not need a visa: the entrance examination will be held in June. Complete application should be sent to IMS before June 10th.
Please see [website](#).

**Online Preparation Course in English**
In order to best prepare your-self for this examination IMS has designed an [Online Preparation Course](#) to help students' master basic concepts in Life Sciences, focusing on the fields of Chemistry and Biology.
This course has proven results. We have helped students from around the world to achieve their ideal scores with our instructive, effective and intensive training course.
The course is also a great tool to succeed in your first year of studies, as it covers the main topics only briefly taught in the rigorous University course. Based on data gathered, students who took the preparation course achieved higher test scores.

During the course students are able to address expert teachers with questions or comments. Once registered, each student will receive a personal username and password to login.

**Registration to the Online Preparation Course**
Preparation course fee - € 750 Euros.
Students who register for the online preparation course, receive a discount on application fee, and should pay € 150 instead of € 185.
Applicants can sign up for the preparation course on [IMS website](#).

**Schedule for Academic Year 2017-2018**
Beginning of academic year: September 2017. The new students must arrive to the university 10 days prior to the beginning of the academic year for internal procedures of the university.
Fees and Deadlines

Application

The first deadline for submitting applications is **20th March 2017**. Entrance examination must be done within one month.

In case the capacity of study program is not fulfilled after this date, there might be further admission procedure, with the deadline for submitting applications by **31st May 2017**. Entrance examination must be done within one month.

Application and exam processing fee

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Applications received without proof of Application Processing Fee Payment or after the deadline will not be processed for admissions. See Appendix for payment instructions.

* Completed applications must be postmarked on the deadline to be considered for admission.
* Only complete applications will be processed.

The application fee is non-refundable at any case or event.

Registration

When you enroll on your new program, and embark on a new study journey, in a new country, IMS does not leave you to fend for yourself. Beginning with the option of taking the exam in your home country (please check the exam list), Local IMS representatives, based in your university city, are available to assist you in dealing with paperwork and other bureaucratic requirements, after you arrive. We can assist with any advice you may need concerning your accommodation, your health [including insurance], opening a bank account, cell phone operator, city tour once you will decide to see the city and the university, as well as all other issues that may arise in your daily living. All this is included in our once-off registration fee.

Registration fee - **€650**

IMS accepts registration fees until **September 1st 2017**.
Tuition

Tuition is calculated per academic year and covers the cost of education only. Tuition fee for academic year in which applicant will be admitted is fixed for all years of his/her study.

*See Appendix for tuition and registration payment instructions #2.

**Tuition Fee** €6700

It is required that the fee is paid prior to enrolment for the academic year with the deadline September 1st.

Based on application of student, the Dean can approve instalment plan for payment of the tuition fee in parts.

Visa Requirements

To find information regarding the visa process, please enter [this](#).

International students need a temporary stay visa. In many cases, the application must be submitted to the Czech Republic Embassy or Consulate in the student’s home country; check with your local representative and Czech embassy/Consulate before you leave home.

**U.K. Applicants**

Holders of a U.K. passport who intend to study in the Czech Republic for a long-term period may apply for a temporary stay permit at:

**Embassy of the Czech Republic in London, England (UK)**

26, Kensington Palace Gardens

W8 4QY

City: London

Phone: (+44) 20 7243 7913 Fax: (+44) 20 7727 7939

Website: [http://czechembassy.org.uk/](http://czechembassy.org.uk/)

Email: oeu.london@embassy.mzv.cz

**Norwegian Applicants**

Holders of a Norwegian passport who intend to study in the Czech Republic for a long-term period should contact:

**Embassy of Czech Republic in Norway**
Fritzners gate 14  
N-0244 
City: Oslo  
Phone: +00 47- 22 43 00 02  Fax: +00 47- 22 55 33 95  
Website: http://www.czechembassy.org/wwwo/?zu=oslo  
Email: oslo@embassy.mzv.cz  
Office Hours: 7.45 AM - 4.15 PM  

Swedish Applicants  
Holders of a Swedish passport who intend to study in the Czech Republic for a long-term period should contact:  
Embassy of the Czech Republic in Sweden  
Villagatan 21  
Box 26156  
114 32  
City: Stockholm  
Phone: +46-8-4404 210  Fax: + 46-8-4404 211  
Website: http://www.mzv.cz/stockholm  
Email: stockholm@embassy.mzv.cz  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 07.45-08.15 - 16.15-16.45 Monday - Friday: 08.00 - 16.30 (Public)  

Other Nationalities  
Visit here to locate the Czech Embassy near you.  

Living in Brno  
Brno is a dynamically developing city with many new comers who come here to study or work.  

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<td>€50</td>
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<td>Food and drinks (estimation)</td>
<td>€150</td>
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<td><strong>Total costs per month</strong></td>
<td><strong>€350</strong></td>
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*Excluding clothing, personal needs, public transportation, health insurance etc.
Housing
There are few options for housing in Brno. In general the price is around 380€-400€ for basic housing. This depends on your standards and preferences (location, equipment of apartment, etc). Here are a few links of real estate agencies in Brno which will help you:
www.rh-centrum.cz
http://www.remaxpro.cz/
FB: Living in Brno, Flat to rent in Brno, Real estate in Brno

Students Dormitory
A block with 3-bed-rooms with shared social accessories and kitchen and B block with double-rooms with shared social accessories, kitchen, telephone, STA and its own internet connection. The price is around 3200 CZK (with Internet) per month in block B and cheaper in block A.
For the registration to the dorms each student needs to bring with them 2 photographs, an ID card or passport and 2500 CZK (500- chip card, 2000- refundable fee).
For further information, visit their pages.

Health Insurance in the Czech Republic
International students must show proof of health insurance coverage within the Czech Republic in order to obtain a temporary residency permit.

Applicants from the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland: Free or reduced-cost necessary treatment is available with a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The EHIC only gives access to state-provided medical treatment and the scheme gives no entitlement to medical repatriation costs, nor does it cover ongoing illnesses of a non-urgent nature. Note that the EHIC replaces the Form E111, which is no longer valid.

Other nationalities: Medical insurance is mandatory; without this, entry may be refused. IMS will help students find basic health insurance, either in their home country or in the Czech Republic. More information can be obtained from the Czech Ministry of Health.
New comers 1 living in the Czech Republic receive health care:

- Free of charge (based on international treaties and bilateral agreements between states - applicable for example within the EU).

- Without direct payment based on public health insurance (mandatory health insurance) or for direct payment (e.g. non-EU citizens).

New comers without a permanent residency in the Czech Republic who are not employed in the Czech Republic cannot participate in public health insurance but they can sign up for a so-called contractual health insurance, which is independent of public health insurance.

New comers without health insurance may receive free medical treatment if they come from countries with which the Czech Republic has signed bilateral agreements – contracts about the provision of free health care, and only to the extent defined by such an agreement (particularly when such a treatment is provided to the strictly necessary extent).

Health Insurance Companies

Health insurance companies sign contracts with doctors and healthcare centers. After treating a particular patient, the doctor informs the relevant health insurance company, which pays for such treatment on the basis of health insurance.

There is only one state-controlled health insurance company called Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna (General Health Insurance Company). This insurance company has the largest number of the insured clients. The extent of care provided to patients from their health insurance is regularly defined by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.

Other commercial insurance companies decide on the extent of insurance covers, which allows for competition on the market.

The list of Czech health insurance companies is regularly updated by the Czech Republic Ministry of Health.

1 Students must have insurance and carry the card all the times. Once they need a medical/dentist examination or just simply to see the doctor – you must pay and save the receipt from the doctor to charge your insurance company.
Travel expenses
Travel expenses will vary depending on where a student is from and how often they intend to travel home. The method of transport - plane, rail or bus - will also have an impact on overall costs. We recommend the following websites to help you price out your travel costs:

**By airplane**

**Brno international airport** is a small regional airport with direct flights to London, the Netherlands and Munich.

**Vienna (Wien) international airport in Vienna** is about 2.5 hours from Brno.

**Prague (Praha) international airport in the Czech Republic** is about 3 hours from Brno.

**Bratislava international airport in Slovakia** airport is located approximately 2 hours from Brno.

**By train and bus**

Brno is easily reachable from nearly all European cities by train or bus.

- **Brno – Prague**: 211km
  - Price per train ticket one way, student: 8 – 19€
  - [https://bustickets.studentagency.eu/?1](https://bustickets.studentagency.eu/?1) (available for trains as well)

- **Brno – Bratislava**: 130km
  - Price per train ticket one way, student: 11€
  - cd.cz

- **Brno – Vienna**: 134km
  - Price per train ticket one way, student: starting at 10€

- **Brno – Budapest**: 326km
  - Price per train ticket one way, student: 14,40€
  - [https://cestovnelistky.studentagency.sk/?7](https://cestovnelistky.studentagency.sk/?7)
Useful Information

National holidays in the Czech Republic:
28. 10 Establishment of independent Czechoslovakia
17. 11 Fight for Freedom and Democracy Day
24 - 26. 14 Christmas
1. 1 New Year
5. 4 Easter

University Library
Building Nr. 24 at the UVPS Campus
Hours of Attendance: Mo-Thu 8:00 - 20:00, Fri 8:00 - 16:00
Tel: 541562080
- copying service and internet available

PC Room for students
Building Nr. 24 in the University Library and University Hall of Residence
- Internet room available

Public transportation in Brno
Web page with all public transportation information.

Pricing for students:
  ● The file is in english and you will find all details there.

Doctors and emergency numbers
General practitioner for adults:
MUDr. SAMOTNÁ Hana, telephone: 420 5 4156 2191
Nurse: Šebestíková Marie, telephone: 420 5 4156 2192

Monday 7,00 - 13 00 hod.
Tuesday 7,00 - 13,00 hod.
Wednesday 12,00 - 18 00 hod.
Thursday 7,00 - 13,00 hod.
Friday 7,00 - 13,00 hod.
How to open a bank account
There are many banks in Czech republic. Many students open accounts at ČSOB (but the choice is of course up to you). You can choose any bank – in each bank you will get a student account.
In order to open a student account:
1. You need an approval from university that you are a student. This you will get at the registration process.
2. With this confirmation you go to the bank. Take your ID (passport).
3. You will open the bank account.
4. If you wish for IMS assistance in this issue please contact us in advance.

How to choose a good cell phone provider
In Czech republic you have few options for the cell phone providers: Teléfonica O2, T-Mobile, Vodafone, Ufon. The best way is to go to each of them and to compare offers for students. Most of the students have T-Mobile or O2 (but again, the decision is up to you). Most of the students care the most for data. It is also good to have unlimited minutes into all operators networks. Some students just re-charge their phones after using credit and data.
*Click here for cell phone providers.

Places to see in Brno:
The big advantage of Brno is that it is really „multi culti“- cosmopolitan city
If you like concerts of various genres, theatres, modern or classic arts – you will find your taste.
If you love sports – especially bike trips – this Moravian region is one of the TOP in the country. You will be surprised by high quality of bike roads and various ways to go for perfect trips. Many are also connected with various wine tastings – since this region is also famous for its delicious wines.
If you like to eat traditional, exotic, European cuisines – you definitely found „The Place“.
The city itself has many historical and modern monuments which are really worth to go and see. Here are just few of them.
*there are many Tourist offices in the city, where people speak English and will give you local advices.
Old Town Hall - It’s the oldest secular building in Brno, and features an ornate Gothic Gate.
Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul - up Petrov hill to reach the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, which dominates the Brno skyline with its matching spires.

Spilberg Castle – really a place to go

Here are links of recommended places to see:  
https://www.tripadvisor.sk/Attractions-g274714-Activities-Brno_South_Moravian_Region_Moravia.html  

General Advi ces:

- Always take your passport with you anywhere you go (police can ask you to show it. If you do not have it – you will pay a high fine). If there is any problem – Solve it from the very very beginning. Do not wait for the „snow ball“.
- Do not hesitate to contact IMS person (see the last page with details) if there is any problem related to your VISA, Academical issues, health issues – or just of you need an advise. We are here to help you.
- Czech people are very nice, when they meet – they kiss on both cheeks.
- If you have a meeting with locals, do not be surprised if they will come late.
- The most common drink in Czech republic is beer. They are the 2nd world producer (after Germany). So at each party – you will find it.
- Czech people are really INTO sports – hiking, skiing, kayaks, etc.
**APPENDIX**

**Payment Instructions #1**

- **Application and Registration Fee:**

  **Early Admissions:** €185 + €650
  January 1, 2016 - March 15, 2016

  **Late Admissions:** €215 + €650
  March 16, 2016 - April 15, 2016

**The Application fee is not refunded at any case or event.**

Applicants who wish to apply to **two universities** can pay a reduced combined fee of €220 for early admissions or €250 for late admissions.

- **Registration Fee: €650**

  Registration fee will be paid to IMS right after acceptance to the program - *please see IMS application form for entrance exam.*

  The payments listed above should be made by bank transfer before the deadline indicated in one instalment in Euro (€) **currency.** Applicant’s full name must appear on the transfer form. **Transfer fees must be carried by the sender, not the beneficiary.**

  Account owner: International Medicine Studies, s.r.o.
  Mlynske Nivy 73
  82105 Bratislava - mestská časť Ružinov
  Slovak Republic

  Euro Account No.: 2922815272
  Bank Code: 1100
  IBAN CODE: SK70 1100 0000 0029 2281 5272
  SWIFT: TATRSKBX
  Bank details: Tatra banka, a.s.
  Hodzovo nam. 3
  81106 Bratislava
  Slovakia
* A Fee Transfer form is to be submitted with every payment (by email or post).

**Payment Instructions #2**
Annual Tuition Fee should be paid in one instalment (before the beginning of the Academic year) or maximum four instalments (during the relevant Academic year) to the University bank account:

- Tuition fee: €6700

**Tuition Fee should be paid to the University bank account:**
Ceskoslovenska obchodni banka, a.s.
Milady Horakove 6, Brno 601 79
SWIFT (BIC): CEKO CZ PP
IBAN CODE: CZ74 0300 0000 0001 5456 8547
Code of payment 19001012

Beneficiary’s name:
Veterinarna farmaceuticka univerzita Brno
Beneficiary’s Address:
Palackeho tr. 1/3, 612 42 Brno, Czech Republic
Bank name: Ceskoslovenska obchodni banka, a.s.
Bank address: Milady Horakove 6, Brno 601 79, Czech Republic

Bank account number for payments in Euros from abroad:
SWIFT (BIC): CEKOCZPP
IBAN: CZ84 0300 1712 8001 1722 7743
Code of payment: 3900151601 (can be different in case of instalment plan!)

Bank account number for payments in Czech crowns from abroad:
SWIFT (BIC): CEKOCZPP
IBAN: CZ74 0300 0000 0001 5456 8547
Code of payment: 3900151601 (can be different in case of instalment plan!)

Bank account number for payments in Euros in a bank in the Czech Republic:
Account number: 6102280/0300
Code of payment: 3900151601 (can be different in case of instalment plan!)

Bank account number for payments in Czech crowns in a bank in the Czech Republic:
Account number: 154568547/0300
Code of payment: 3900151601 (can be different in case of instalment plan!)