

SUMMER SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC STUDIES

Faculty of Arts of Charles University

Institute of Czech Studies

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The 59th session of the **Summer School** of Slavonic Studies (the LŠSS) held under the auspices of the Rector of Charles University prof. MUDr. Tomáš Zima, DrSc., MBA is designed for the specialists of the Slavic and Bohemistic field, postgraduate and undergraduate students, translators and for everybody, who is interested in the Czech language, literature, history and culture. In addition to a survey of contemporary research in Czech language and literature and Czech history, it provides many cultural opportunities. A wide range of instruction, including practical language courses, optional seminars and specialized lectures, will be offered by teaching staff from Charles University and from research institutes of the Czech Academy of Science. The Executive Committee of the LŠSS, presided over by PhDr. Jiří Hasil, Ph.D. will ensure the academic standard and content of courses given at the School.

TERM

24 July - 21 August 2015

The LŠSS starts on Friday 24 July 2015. The official opening ceremony /and placement test/ is scheduled for Saturday 25 July.

Classes begin on Monday 27 July, and end on Thursday 20 August. The closing ceremony will take place on Thursday afternoon 20 August. The day of departure is Friday 21 August 2015.

PLACE

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, nám. Jana Palacha 2,
Praha 1

PROGRAMME

Instruction takes place each morning **9:00–13:30**, from Monday to Friday, and consists of:

- A. practical language courses,**
- B. optional seminars,**
- C. specialized lectures.**

The programme features **25** lessons (of 45 minutes) of language classes, excursion, cultural field trips, and independent study. A total number of lessons is 120.

Students will be divided into four levels according to the results of the initial ***placement test***. The aim of the test is to determine the level of proficiency in grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension of written text. A short conversation with a lecturer is also a part of the test.

Within each level, students will be divided into several courses according to the number of participants and their proficiency. In the beginning, low-intermediate and intermediate levels, the differentiation will be according to the language of instruction, which may be English, French, Russian or German. Instruction in the advanced level courses will be exclusively in Czech.

After four weeks of the Summer Language School students will get *the certificate of achievement with an evaluation report* (A, A – : Excellent; B, B – : Very Well; C, C – : Good). They can achieve 8 ECTS credits.

Students will have a possibility to study at the language laboratory. The secretariat of the LŠSS will assist anyone interested in independent research in archives, libraries and it will arrange individual consultations with Czech specialists, as far as possible.

The LŠSS instruction is completed by a social-cultural program organized in the afternoons, evenings, and during weekends. Participation in these activities is voluntary. In the clubroom of the residence hall, screenings of Czech films, evenings of Czech music, as well as evenings of singing Czech folk songs will be held. The LŠSS also organizes visits to historical monuments and galleries in Prague. Every Saturday students can choose one of two field trips and every Sunday one of two afternoon trips to attractive places in the Czech Republic, including historical towns, castles, chateaux, monasteries, spas, and places of natural beauty.

COURSES OFFERED

I. ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Students will have a five-hour intensive course of the Czech language. Optional seminars and specialized lectures are not offered. Of all the beginners, applicants who have some experience with the Czech language are preferred.

II. LOW-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Students will have a five-hour intensive course of Czech language daily. Optional seminars are not offered. However, students can attend some of the lectures in English or German.

III. INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Students will have a three-hour language course daily. For the remaining two hours, they can choose one of the optional seminars, e.g.:

- interpretation of authentic texts (reading and conversation),
- conversation for advanced level,

Students can attend the lecture series on Czech history and culture, delivered in English or German.

IV. ADVANCED LEVEL

Students will be offered a two-hour course in the Czech language daily. The Czech language course focused on orthography could be offered for proficient compatriots. For the remaining one hour, they can choose one of the one-hour optional seminars, e.g.:

- Czech literature,
- conversation for proficient level,
- Czech life and institutions.

The last two hours will be given to lectures on Czech linguistics, Czech literary history, or Czech history and culture in Czech. The lecture series in English or German is also available.

COSTS, PAYMENT and DEADLINES

For the four-week course including tuition, accommodation, meals, excursions and cultural activities **internal** participants will pay **35 000 CZK, or equivalent in foreign currency** (32 500 CZK tuition + 2 500 CZK nonrefundable registration fee).

Participants in the LŠSS will be accommodated in the student residence hall Kajetánka at Radimova 12, 169 00 Praha 6. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided in the dining-room of the residence hall.

External participants who can provide their own housing and meals in Prague will pay for external tuition including excursions and cultural activities the amount of **18 000 CZK, or equivalent in foreign currency** (15 500 CZK tuition + 2 500 CZK nonrefundable registration fee).

To register with us:

- 1) please **fill in the application form and pay a nonrefundable registration fee 2 500 CZK by 15 June 2015.**
- 2) **after receiving the payment we will send you the admission letter with detailed information.**
- 3) the deadline for **payment of the tuition is 30 June 2015.**

Payment options:

- account name: **Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Filozofická fakulta, nám. Jana Palacha 2, 116 38 Praha 1**
- name and address of the bank: **Komerční banka, Celetná 567/30, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic**
- swift code: **KOMB CZPP**
- account number: **35-85631011/0100**
- payment type number (purpose of payment): **611000**
- IBAN FORMAT Komerční banka: **CZ 6001000000350085631011**

When transferring your payment mind please that you send 35 000 CZK or 18 000 CZK net price. All the bank charges you must pay in addition to this sum (Code OUR). Your bank will advise you of their individual charges as each country has different rates.

Owing to high bank charges, we suggest the possibility of paying the whole sum of 18 000 CZK or 35 000 CZK (or equivalent in any foreign currency) all at once by 15 June 2015.

It is possible to pay tuition fees directly at the Komerční banka, or in the cashier's office at the Faculty of Art and Philosophy (room number 123) using Euro/Master Card, Visa Card etc., or in cash after arrival.

On all correspondence and on your payment confirmation **you must include payment type number 611000 and the name of the participant of the Summer School** in order could indentify the payer. The name of your parents, or friend, the institution, or university etc. is not suitable.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Appropriate financial aid can be applied for only in the student's country.

The LŠSS will also be attended by reciprocal *holders of scholarships* from **the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (MŠMT ČR)**, or the Rectorate of Charles University. More information is available in the International Relation Office at students' home universities.

Please consult the diplomatic representatives in your country for information about visa requirements for entering the Czech Republic; these are different for each country. Participants should attend the Czech Embassy in a particular country with the admission letter and apply for their student visa themselves.

We also strongly advise you to obtain health coverage in your own country for the entire period of your stay in the Czech Republic.

For this information brochure, application forms and further information, please contact us at:

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