

Requirements for Czech Language Exam for Foreigners

Applying to Study at JAMU FM

http://www.jamu.cz/documents/hf/studium/pozadavky_cj_cizinci.pdf

The B1 SERR Czech language entrance exam may be taken at the Department of Foreign Languages, JAMU FM prior to the talent exam on a date set for the respective entrance examination period.

(B1 SERR level according to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic) "The applicant can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. They can deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. They can produce a simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. They can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.")

The following certified B1 SERR exams are also recognized:

1) Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies

Charles University in Prague

http://ujop.cuni.cz/cce/index_cs.php

2) Department of Czech for Foreigners

Masaryk University in Brno

<http://www.phil.muni.cz/kabcest/indexcz.php>

The exams may also be taken in certain Czech centres at embassies in the applicants' home countries.

The following is also recognized:

3) Czech language Maturita exam passed in the Czech Republic

Description of the Czech language exam at JAMU FM:

The test includes a written part focused on grammar and vocabulary, a reading comprehension part and listening and a part focused on the applicant's writing skills.

1 With regard to the specific nature of studies at the JAMU Faculty of Music, the test is focused mostly on vocabulary, including vocabulary related to music and culture. The test tasks include replacing words by synonyms and antonyms, explaining the meaning of common phrases in own words, gap fill and completion of Czech texts. Attention is also paid to the knowledge of the meaning of conjunctions, prepositions and their correct fitting in sentences, the ability to use correct verb prefixes (*přejít, vyjít, projít*, etc.), the ability to respond to questions, react to social situations, etc.

- 2 The grammar part tests conjugation of verbs (e.g. the verb *být, mít*), modals and other common verbs including reflexive verbs, in all tenses. Imperative, conditional, active and passive voice, frequently used verbal aspect pairs.
- Noun declension, gender marking (*učitel - učitelka, král – královna*), etc. Declension of personal and reflexive pronouns, adjectives, comparison of common adjectives and adverbs.
- 3 An important part of the test is comprehension of an authentic written and spoken Czech text (from a textbook, newspapers and magazines), and comprehension is tested by questions or writing a summary.
- 4 Spoken interview focused on general conversation topics.

Evaluation:

Score: 150 points for the vocabulary and grammar test including comprehension test, 50 points for the interview. 60% is the required minimum.

To successfully pass the exam it is necessary to achieve simultaneously a) a total min. 90 points (60% of the points) from the first three parts and b) a min. 30 points (60% of the points) from the fourth part.

The validity of an issued certificate at MF JAMU is in the event of a successfully passed exam:

- **till the end of February (the exam is undertaken before a bachelor's entrance exam**
- **or**
- **till the end of June (the exam is undertaken before a follow-up master's entrance exam), and always the subsequent year.**

The term of the Czech language entrance exam at the Music Faculty of JAMU:

*For bachelor's degree programme: 31st January 2020 and
for a follow-up master's degree study programme: 17th June 2020*

(see the info in the Application form for the Czech language entrance exam for the corresponding study programme)

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