



ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2013/2014
JANÁČEK ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS
AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 13 2013
INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

Where does the course take place?

The EILC course takes place in BRNO, Czech Republic at the Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts.

Address:

JAMU

Rectorate

Department of Foreign Languages

Beethovenova 2

662 15 Brno, Czech Republic

Web Site:

www.jamu.cz

<http://english.jamu.cz/>

Location (Google map): [JAMU](#)

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Courses Description

Objectives

Beginners/Pre-Intermediate:

Mastering basic Czech in everyday situations, basics of Czech grammar, ability to read easy Czech texts and headlines.

Intermediate/advanced students:

New vocabulary practised in useful topics, everyday conversation, more grammar rules and ability to understand the core of more difficult texts.

Beside that, the students will learn a lot not only about their schoolmates, but also about the Czech Republic, its history, traditions and present time.

Teaching methods

The teaching methods used are numerous, in fact all current methodological approaches are used. The most important is the communicative method, which makes students put the acquired knowledge immediately into practice. The method involves pair-work, grammar games, interactive games, gap-filling, conversation, listening, reading Czech books and newspapers, pronunciation games. Other methods (drills, audio-visual, translations, etc.) are also occasionally used, if they suit the needs.

The teachers usually use the textbook "Communicative Czech", level "Elementary" or "Intermediate", written by Ivana Rešková and Magdalena Pintarová. Besides this book a lot of other materials, often tailor-made by the teachers, are used, as well as adapted activities from supplementary materials for teaching other languages.

There will be a **final written test** based on what the students have acquired in the lessons. Besides, the students get a feedback from teachers throughout the course and in the case they ask for the students are given an additional tuition. Teachers make comments on the students' progress orally and individually. Having successfully passed the final test, students will get a Certificate – in value of 6 **ECTS credits**, recognized by European universities.

In total the course will consist of 146 hours. There will be 24 lessons of Czech language a week, so the total number within one course will be 96. Plus 50 hours per the course are intended for a cultural programme (films, theatre, sightseeing etc.).



Students will have an access to two classrooms equipped with computers connected to the Internet. The classrooms are open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. every weekday. English and Czech dictionaries are also available but students prefer either the Internet or their own bilingual dictionaries.

Each classroom also has a white board, a tape recorder, a CD player and/or a DVD player, projector and a video player. There is also a photocopier and a printer in the teachers' office, which students can take advantage of.

Extra Activities - Site Visits

We would also like to show the rich cultural life, historical traditions and, at the same time, modern achievements. Students will be offered trips to many interesting places including Brno's historical centre, castles (Austerlitz, Znojmo, Vranov, Pernštejn, Veverží, Špilberk and its casemates), unique historical towns (some of them on UNESCO list – Slavonice, Telč, Olomouc), natural phenomena (Moravian Karst – abbys Macocha and caves), and traditional events (an open wine cellars day in Čejkovice). Students may also take advantage of staying near Vienna (the capital of Austria) and make a trip there.

Students Reception

Students are expected to check in at JAMU hall of residence Astorka (address and location see bellow in „Accommodation“ paragraph) on Monday, August 19, 2013, from 8 a.m. (On priciple, in urgent cases it is possible to check in already from Sunday evening, August 18. However we ask students to let us know that kindly in advance).

The introductory session starts on the same Monday at 8,30 a. m. at JAMU, 2 Beethovenova street, Brno. On the first evening students are invited by the teachers to a club where they introduce themselves, get the basic information about the course and are offered dinner of five traditional Czech dishes made by the teachers. As of the next days, classes start at 8,30 a.m. every day (Monday – Friday) in the same place. Each participant will be given a map of the city centre and a tour of Brno will be provided to make students familiar with the city centre.

How to reach Brno?

By plane:

You can fly directly to Brno, there are regular flights from London/Stansted and Prague – Brno. You can get very simply from the Airport Brno to the very centre of Brno – to the central train station. From 05:30 til 22:30 you can use the direct bus No. 76 and from 23:00 till 05:00 you can use the night bus No. 89. The time travel is about 20 min. Then it is just



about a 10 minutes walk to your dormitory Astorka (for details see the section "Accommodation").

Visit: <http://www.airport-brno.cz>

By plane and coach/train:

You can fly to Prague, Vienna (Austria) or Bratislava (Slovak Republic) and then continue to Brno by coach or train. Whether you come by a coach or by a train, both stations are situated in the town center within a 10 minutes walk to your dormitory Astorka (for details see the section "Accommodation"). Brno is an important crossing station of European Railways and is easily accessible from various places. The bus and train connections can be found on www.idos.cz.

Visit:

http://www.prg.aero/en/site/uvodni_stranka.htm

<http://www.viennaairport.com>

<http://www.airportbratislava.sk>

<http://www.idos.cz>

<http://www.studentagency.cz> (for transport from Prague/ Vienna airport

Transport in Brno

As for public transport, Brno has a very efficient city transport system – provided by trams, buses and trolleybuses. Before each journey, you must purchase a ticket. Tickets are sold for example in vending machines at the tram/bus stops, at the tabacconist's or at tram or bus drivers (additionaly charged). The validity of a ticket is time and tariff zone limited. Inside the town it is enough to buy a 2 zones basic ticket (zones 100 a 101) for 15 or 60 minutes (depends on the distance and connection). Basic tickets for zones 100 and 101 cost 20,-CZK (valid for 15 minutes with transfers) or 25,-CZK (valid for 60 minutes with transfers). The ticket must be signed immediately after boarding a vehicle. The time (in minutes) of a journey from one stop to another is indicated at the timetables at tram, bus or trolley bus stations (a small number next to the name of each stop). If you travel by public transport with your suitcase (bigger than 20 x 30 x 50 cm), you should also buy a reduced 2 zones ticket for 15 or 60 minutes.



Notice: As an EILC student, you are NOT entitled to purchase a reduced student season ticket for one month.

As JAMU's dormitory is situated in the town center near the Department of Foreign Languages, where the courses will take place, you are likely not to have to use public transport every day.

Visit: <http://www.dpmb.cz/>

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by JAMU's own dormitory IVU Centre Astorka, which is conveniently situated in the same building as the library and only five-minute walk from the classrooms. Astorka is a modern and well-equipped hall of residence offering twin-bedded rooms and three-bed rooms, cooking facilities and access to the Internet. The fee is 9,- CZK per day for using the Internet and a computer (you have to bring your own laptop). It is possible to use a washing machine – the fee is 60,- CZK per hour.

The price for a twin-bed room is 323 CZK/per night/per person (= 2.261 CZK per week) and for a three-bed room 255 CZK/per night/per person (= 1.785 CZK per week). Astorka is very popular among students as they do not need to pay for a rather expensive city transport and they can meet and make friends with Czech students of JAMU. Payment is accepted either cash or by a credit card (Visa, Maestro, American Express). Accommodation must be paid when checking in. No deposit is required.

Address:

IVU Centrum Astorka

Novobranská 3

602 00 Brno

Reception - tel.: +420 542 592 111

Location (Google map): [Astorka](#)

Check-in:

August 19 2013, from 8 a. m. In urgent cases, it is possible to check in already on August 18 2013 in the evening. (In this case, please let us know that in advance).



Opening hours of JAMU Library:

August – CLOSED, **September** – OPEN Monday - Friday, 10 a. m. - 4 p. m.

Meals

There are many restaurants, cafés, fast food shops etc. in the city centre near the Department of Foreign Languages. Lunch menu in restaurants costs approximately 80,-CZK.

Description of Town

Practical information about life in Brno

Other practical information about life in Brno such as money exchange, credit card payments, health insurance etc. can be found on the JAMU English webpage or the webpage of the Brno Tourist Information Centre (TIC Brno).

Short History and Location

With the population of 400 000 people, Brno is a city with long history and rich cultural traditions. Brno, the capital city of Moravia arose on merchant routes leading from the Alps to northern Europe. The history of Brno has a substantially central-European character (Czech and German elements merged together) and there is a clear influence of Vienna (the capital of Austria). Brno was given town rights in 1243 by the Bohemian king Wenceslas I.

Brno is located in the south of Moravia, not far from Vienna. Brno is surrounded by beautiful countryside suitable for all kinds of sports – hiking, cycling, swimming, horse riding, etc. A lot of historical monuments, houses, churches and castles can be found both in Brno and in its surroundings. The Moravian Karst with its famous caves and an abyss is within an easy reach from Brno. Brno is also close to the main folklore centres of Moravia where traditions are still alive.

Main Local and Cultural Events

Brno offers quite a rich cultural life in August and September. There are lots of theatres, cinemas, clubs and discos. Events of the Brno Cultural Summer Festival are very popular and numerous (concerts, open-air performances, etc.).



Sports Facilities

All types of sports facilities are available – swimming pools, tennis courts, horse riding areas, cycle paths, in-line skating paths, hiking routes, golf course.

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Others:

JAMU will not arrange any insurance for EILC students, all students are highly recommended to arrange a appropriate insurance for their stay in the Czech Republic themselves in their home countries.

Students are expected to take part in the whole EILC course - that is from the start to the end of EILC course (August 19 – September 13 2013). In case you have no choice but to come later (after August 19 2013, for example due to an illness), we kindly ask you to let us know that (the date and the reason of your late arrival) in advance. Moreover, in case you have to leave the EILC course earlier due to a serious reason (for example you become ill), we ask you to let us know your intention of leaving the EILC course. Also, we will ask you to bring us a medical certificate.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy your EILC course at JAMU and your stay in the Czech Republic!!