

Charles University

Info Sheet

Webpage for Exchange Students	Erasmus+ Fakulta sociálních věd UK (cuni.cz)	
Term Dates	Arrival	Within the week before the semester commences
	Fall Semester (Semester 1)	September to February
	Winter/Spring (Semester 2)	February to June
Quick-Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles University was founded in 1348, making it one of the oldest universities in the world. • It is the largest and most renowned Czech university and is also the best-rated Czech university according to international rankings. • There are currently 17 faculties at the University (14 in Prague, 2 in Hradec Králové and 1 in Plzeň), plus 3 institutes, 6 other centres of teaching, research, development and other creative activities, a centre providing information services, 5 facilities serving the whole University, and the Rectorate - which is the executive management body for the whole University. • Charles University has nearly 50 000 students - roughly a sixth of all students in the Czech Republic – enrolled in more than 300 accredited degree programmes that offer over 630 different courses. The University has over 7,000 students from other countries. • Located in the heart of Europe, the Czech Republic is often considered to be one of the most beautiful countries on the continent with unique charm and character, architectural treasures and rolling hilltop landscapes. 	
Language of Instruction	English	
Courses	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS. In the search engine students are required to choose Faculty of Social Sciences</p> <p>Guidelines for the selection of courses: Subjects (cuni.cz)</p> <p>University Calendar: Academic calendar - Charles University (cuni.cz)</p> <p>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, Study Abroad Academic Coordinator (or equivalent) and the student.</p>	
Housing	<p>Students can apply for accommodation at the CU Dormitories when submitting an online application. The double rooms are a standard. The capacity of single rooms is very limited and can be considered based on special reasons (health issues mostly). It is required to send a request addressed to the European Office along with the relevant documents approving such a need.</p> <p>For more information about the CU Dormitories check out the website: https://kam.cuni.cz/KAMEN-165.html</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation. • Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.
Health Insurance	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an EHIC/GHIC card which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a UK GHIC card. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the BU Letter Request Form.</p> <p>Please note that some non-European partners request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the practical arrangements webpage.</p>
Travel Insurance	<p>BU offers a comprehensive BU travel cover to all outgoing students. After reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</p>
Visas & Permits	<p>When travelling to Czech Republic you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at Charles University. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Czech Republic, and the purpose of your stay in Czech Republic amongst other criteria.</p> <p>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</p> <p>Please, be aware that visa administration process in the Czech Republic can take up to 60 days after submitting the required documentation to the embassy/consulate. Students are hence advised to start all necessary steps well in advance.</p> <p>More information about residence permits and visas are here: https://cuni.cz/UKEN-366.html#13</p> <p>You should also refer to UK Foreign Travel on Czech Republic and can find further information on the GoingGlobal webpage.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</p>
Approximate Costs	<p>Tuition fees:</p> <p>Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p>

	<p>Costs to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket • Accommodation • VISA application fees if applicable • Insurance if applicable • Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.) • Textbooks and stationery <p>Estimated living expenses: Please visit Costs of living - Charles University (cuni.cz) for an approximation of living costs in Prague.</p>	
Funding	<p>Turing Scheme Funding Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit Turing Scheme Bournemouth University for more details.</p> <p>Student Maintenance Loan If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p>Student Finance England Travel Grant You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the Student Finance England Travel Grant website, or contact Student Finance.</p>	
Campus Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library (with computer area) • Buddy programme • Sport facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wireless internet • Student clubs • Cultural events