

FACT SHEET 2023/2024

INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

PARTNERS OUTSIDE EU

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of university	University of Ostrava (UO)
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	WINTER (fall) semester	SUMMER (spring) semester
Welcome week	11 September – 15 September 2023	5 February – 9 February 2024
Instructional period	18 September – 22 December 2023 (Refer to faculty for more details)	12 February – 10 May 2024 (Refer to faculty for more details)
Breaks	23 December 2022 – 1 January 2024	6 April – 10 April 2024
Examination period	2 January – 9 February 2024 (Refer to faculty for more details)	13 May – 21 June 2024 (Refer to faculty for more details)

- Dormitory check-in: usually 2-3 days before the start of the Welcome Week.
- It is highly recommended to international students to attend the Welcome Week organised by CIC (Centre for International Cooperation) and ESN Ostravská (Erasmus Student Network).

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

	WINTER (fall) semester	SUMMER (spring) semester
Nomination deadline	1 April 2023	15 September 2023
Application deadline	15 April 2023	30 September 2023
Nomination procedure	<p>Students must be officially nominated by their home institution. Please fill in our nomination form at https://forms.office.com/e/j9Dmw25dtG</p> <p>Fill in a new form for each nominee.</p> <p>Please be informed that the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music is available only for students whose field of study is either fine art or music. Faculty of Medicine accepts limited number of students.</p> <p>Nominations for General Medicine may be sent also in April for the Spring semester of the next academic year.</p>	
Application procedure	<p>When a student is officially nominated by his/her home institution, the student is instructed to access the UO application system. The application is processed online. Mandatory uploads are (no hard copies needed):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Copy of passport. (2) Copy of English Language Proficiency. (3) Unofficial copy of student's transcript. (4) For Faculty of Fine Arts and Music: a portfolio or a music record 	

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

GPA requirements		We accept students with GPA of 2.0 and above				
English language requirements						
CEFR B2	TOEIC 605	TOEFL Pape 513	TOEFL CBT 183	TOEFL IBT 65	IELTS 5.5	Cambridge exam FCE
Course catalogue		University of Ostrava requires Exchange students to adhere to the following rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimum of 20 ECTS credits (30 is a typical full-time load)- Minimum of 55% of credits must come from one faculty www.osu.eu/22821/courses/ * To be updated in March for adademic year 2023/2024				
Grading system		The grading system is evaluated on a six-point scale; letter and numerical grades are given. Grades are given for examination results and for meeting course requirements. Courses without examinations are labeled „zápočet“ www.osu.eu/25035/grading-system/				
Transcript of Records		International students are required to pick up an original document of their Transcript of Records at UO before the departure. We do not send original document of the Transcript of Records by courier.				

VISA AND HEALTH INSURANCE

(www.osu.eu/20955/visa-and-health-insurance/)

Visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accepted exchange students will receive an Acceptance Letter from the University of Ostrava (hard copy). The Acceptance Letter will be sent to the partner university. • Students have to apply for a student visa (long-term study visa) at the nearest Czech embassy or consulate. • Please note that the long-term visa process can take more than 2 months. • Visa application requirements for residents of non-Schengen countries • List of Czech Embassies abroad
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students must have valid travel medical insurance which covers their entire stay in the Czech Republic. <p>IMPORTANT (please check out information at this link): New medical insurance requirements for incoming students/academics from the third countries due to Covid-19</p>

HOUSING

UNIVERSITY OPERATED DORMITORY

Jan Opletal Halls of Residence	Website	https://koleje.osu.eu/
	Google maps	https://goo.gl/maps/JUSroXBUlJ58DCQe9
	Cost	3 000 – 4 000 CZK (135 – 180 USD)
	Contact	accommodation@osu.cz
Rooms are offered in double and triple occupancy. There is a shared bathroom and kitchen facility. Students who are not staying for the spring semester are supposed to leave the dormitories no later than 31 January of the given year.		

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

The Halls of Residence in Poruba	Website	www.vsb.cz/ubytovani/en
	Google maps	https://goo.gl/maps/AVs41NUuk19fMjfm9
	Cost	3 250 – 5 250 CZK (145 – 235 USD)
The Halls of Residence at the university campus in Poruba are operated by another university which is located in Ostrava called VŠB - Technical University of Ostrava. Suitable for students studying at the Faculty of Medicine due to its location near to the Faculty Hospital.		

Kampus Palace	Website	www.kampuspalace.cz/en
	Google maps	https://goo.gl/maps/tJzC8htRiQa8U1Er7
	Cost	3 500 – 5 400 CZK (160 – 240 USD)
This new and modern facility is near the town square. It is very popular and frequently overbooked.		

Student Hall of Vista	Facebook	www.facebook.com/studentskekolejeostrava/
	Google maps	https://goo.gl/maps/Q8cbP9V9EtaLRSAY7
	Cost	3 100 – 6 000 CZK (140 – 270 USD)
Single, double and triple occupancy is offered. This facility is located about 20 minutes by tram from the city centre. The residence offers standard or standard plus rooms.		

ESTIMATED COSTS OF LIVING

Below is an estimate of the cost of living in the Czech Republic per month. The actual cost can differ depending on the student's life style. Please note that all costs below are subject to change without prior notice.

Housing	3 000 – 6 000 CZK (135 - 270 USD)	
Meals	6 200 CZK (280 USD)	Subsidized student meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are available at the restaurants within the Jan Opletal Halls of Residence and Kampus Palace.
Transportation	300 – 650 CZK (14 - 60 USD)	ODIS card (public transport card) - a ticket valid for 1, 3 or 5 months uploaded to a public transport card; price depending on the kind of selected travel zone; for students up to 26 years old.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

How to get to Ostrava	We recommend you to take a train from Prague to Ostrava which is the most frequent and practical choice. General information: www.osu.eu/how-to-get-to-Ostrava/ From Václav Havel Airport Prague to the Prague main train station: www.prg.aero/en/train * There is no pick-up service from Václav Havel Airport Prague to Ostrava.
Buddy system	All international students may ask to be assigned to a “buddy” who will help them to adjust smoothly to the life and culture of the Czech Republic. The buddies usually pick up the international students at the train station in Ostrava and take them to the accommodation. The buddy system is operated by the international student club ESN Ostravská (www.esn-ostravska.cz/buddy). Students may register to this service usually within one month before their arrival to Ostrava using a registration link sent by a Buddy Coordinator via email.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Accommodation scholarship	International students have a possibility to apply for an accommodation scholarship before the set deadline. The students must study a full quarter at the university and be physically in the Czech Republic. Student must also have a Czech bank account. More information may be required after arrival to Ostrava at the specific UO faculty.
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