

UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES BRNO



Guide for First Year Students

Practical information you should know
before starting your studies at the
University of Veterinary Sciences Brno

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Organization of the Academic Year

VETUNI OFFICIAL TIMETABLE

1st semester (Winter Semester)

Official start of lessons: Monday, September 15, 2025

Teaching (13 weeks): September 15, 2025 to December 12, 2025

Exams will be held in the period of 5 weeks from January 5, 2026 to February 6, 2026

Academic vacation in the 1st semester from February 9 to February 13, 2026

2nd semester (Summer Semester)

Official start of lessons: Monday, February 16, 2026

Teaching (14 weeks): February 16, 2026 to May 22, 2026

Exams will be held in the period of 6 weeks from May 25, 2026 to July 7, 2026

Academic vacation in the 2nd semester from July 6, 2026 to August 31, 2026

Enrolment

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – September 5, 2025

Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology

Bachelor's program – September 11, 2025

Master's program – September 12, 2025

State Holidays in the Czech Republic in the 2025/2026 Academic Year

28 Sep 2025	Sunday	Czech Statehood Day
28 Oct 2025	Tuesday	Independent Czechoslovak State Day
17 Nov 2025	Monday	Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day
24 Dec 2025	Wednesday	Christmas Eve
25 Dec 2025	Thursday	Christmas Day
26 Dec 2025	Friday	Second Day of Christmas (St Stephen's Day)
1 Jan 2026	Thursday	New Year's Day & Restoration of Czech Independence
3 Apr 2026	Friday	Good Friday
6 Apr 2026	Monday	Easter Monday
1 May 2026	Friday	Labour Day
8 May 2026	Friday	Liberation Day (Victory in Europe Day)
5 Jul 2026	Sunday	Saints Cyril and Methodius Day
6 Jul 2026	Monday	Jan Hus Day

Organization of Study

ENROLMENT

All first-year students are required to attend enrolment in person on the date specified in their acceptance letter, unless they have arranged otherwise with their study officer. Make sure that you bring a valid identity card or passport. Students who fail to attend enrolment at the agreed time and date will have their studies terminated in accordance with the Study and Examination Regulations unless they provide written evidence of the reasons for their absence within 5 working days.

At enrolment you will be issued with a unique student identification number which is necessary for the issuing of your ISIC card and for logging into the university email and the STAG electronic information system.

ISIC CARD

This student identity card will be issued to you by the Centre of Information Technology (CIT, building no. 30, located next to the main entrance to the university campus). When you enrol, you will receive more information about the times and days when ISIC cards will be issued. The staff at the Centre of Information Technology will take a picture of you for the card, so you don't need to bring a photo with you. There is a small fee for the ISIC card, payable to the university bank account in advance – you should bring proof of payment with you when you go to have your card printed. Once you have your ISIC card, you can use it within the university to gain access to the library and computer rooms. You can also use the card outside the university to get student discounts – for example, on travel or in shops. You will keep the same ISIC card throughout your studies at the university, but if you want to use it for discounts outside the university, you will need to pay to renew the card each year.

<https://www.vetuni.cz/studies-education/information-for-students/isic-card-1>

Organization of Study

UNIVERSITY EMAIL ADDRESS

Your university email address is based on the student ID number issued to you at enrolment. After your first login, you will be asked to change your password, which you can do online. You will need to enter your username (your student number) and a temporary password you will also be given at enrolment. After this, you will be able to access your university email through your web browser using the Outlook web app or Office 365. Teachers, study officers and other university staff will contact you through this email address, so it is important to check your inbox regularly. Messages delivered to your university inbox by staff are considered to have been read.

EDUROAM

This is a WiFi network available in most of the university campus which enables internet connection from laptops, tablets and mobile phones. The first time you use it, you will need to log in using your username and password. Eduroam is a worldwide network, so you can also use it to connect to WiFi in other academic institutions around the world.

STAG

This is the electronic information system used to manage student records, academic schedules, course information and exam results, so it is a very important part of university life. Once you have your university email address, you will be able to log in to STAG and it is important that you check STAG regularly to make sure all your academic results are correctly entered there.

MOODLE

This is a virtual learning environment where teachers can create online courses, provide course materials (e.g. presentations, videos, hyperlinks) and upload tests to monitor and assess student performance. You can access it using the same username and password as you use for STAG. Some teachers may choose to provide materials through other platforms such as Microsoft Teams.

Organization of Study

CREDITS

The university operates a system of academic credits which is based on the European Credit Transfer System. For each individual subject you take during your studies, you will earn a number of credits. The number of credits for each subject is listed in the study plan and generally reflects the amount of work and effort a student is required to put into the subject.

Some subjects are assessed by a credit test and others are assessed by a final examination. Students have to register for credit tests and exams in STAG. You are allowed three attempts to pass a credit test or exam. However, it is very important to schedule your test attempts so that you have time to pass everything even if you need to retake a credit test or exam!

To progress to the next year of study, students must obtain the following number of credits:

- a) To advance to the 2nd year of study, a minimum of 50 credits
- b) To advance to the 3rd year of study, a minimum of 100 credits
- c) To advance to the 4th year of study, a minimum of 150 credits
- d) To advance to the 5th year of study, a minimum of 200 credits
- e) To advance to the 6th year of study, a minimum of 250 credits.

STUDY AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

<https://www.vetuni.cz/about-university/official-board/internal-regulations>

Organization of Study

GRADES

Marking criteria - verbal	ECTS	GRADE	Descriptor	English equivalent
Excellent A	A	1	Excellent knowledge and understanding and almost no omissions and errors.	Excellent
Excellent B	B	1,5	Excellent knowledge and understanding subject to rare omissions and errors	Very good
Very Good C	C	2	Good knowledge subject to a higher incidence of omissions and errors	Good
Very Good D	D	2,5	Acceptable knowledge subject to a number of omissions and errors	Satisfactory
Dobře E	E	3	Some knowledge and some basic understanding, but subject to serious omissions and errors	Sufficient
Good E	F	4	Poor knowledge and understanding below the standards required for passing	Fail

- Advice: Do not leave everything on the last minute! You are likely to have little time to revise or there may be no available dates to register for the examination.

Organization of Study

TUITION FEES

Bachelor's study program – 4200 EUR per academic year

Master's study program – 7900 EUR per academic year

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine –

The tuition fees can be paid in full at the start of the academic year or in four equal instalments spread through the academic year with the following deadlines: end of September, end of November, end of February, end of April. In the case of students newly entering the study programme, we ask that the first instalment of the annual tuition fees be paid early in order to secure a place on the course.

Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology –

The tuition fees can be paid in full at the start of the academic year or in two equal instalments spread through the academic year with the following deadlines: end of September, end of January.

STUDY PLANS

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

<https://fvf.vetuni.cz/pro-studenty-eng/masters-degree-programme/study-plans>

Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology

<https://fvhe.vetuni.cz/i-am-a-student/study-plans>

Sports at VETUNI

The Department of Physical Education and Sport offers a wide variety of sports and activities to students. The facilities on campus include tennis courts and a sports hall with a handball court, two basketball and tennis courts, three volleyball and badminton courts, a gym and a multifunctional room for aerobics, fitness training and table tennis. For more information, including registration for sports, the schedule of available activities and the opening hours for the gym, visit this link:

<https://www.vetuni.cz/about-university/information-about-university/other-workplaces/institute-of-physical-education-and-sport>

Please note that all students need to register before using the sports facilities – you can't just turn up and play!

There are two different ways to enrol in sports at the university:

- 1) By signing up for the elective subject Sport for one credit in the winter or summer semester. You can arrange this through the study office. Once you have this subject in STAG, you will need to use the sports club's own registration system to register for one specific sport from a limited range. There is a specific period for registration at the beginning of the semester – your study officer will inform you about this.
- 2) By becoming a member of the University Sports Club, for which you have to pay a small membership fee each semester. This gives you access to the full range of activities. You can join the sports club at any time, but you will still have to register online for individual sports. During the registration period at the start of the semester, you can sign up for two sports using the sports club's online registration system, but if there is free capacity you can then add more sports at a later date.

Please note that there may be an extra charge for some sports and activities which involve special equipment or external teachers or facilities. Students who wish to use the university gym must first join the University Sports Club and then pay an additional fee for the gym.

University Campus



1 Rector's Office, Career and Counselling Centre, Study and Counselling Centre, Social Safety Centre, Welcome Centre, International Student Centre, Mail Room

4 Professor Dražan Pavilion, Ruminant and Swine Clinic (Department of Swine), Large Animal Clinical Laboratory

5 Riding Hall

6 Institute of Lifelong Learning

7 Professor Klobouk Pavilion, Equine Clinic, Ruminant and Swine Clinic (Department of Ruminants), Large Animal Simulation Centre, Large Animal Emergency, **Lecture Hall – Large, Lecture Hall – Small**

10 Department of Sports and PE

11 Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology

12 Department of Animal Origin Food and Gastronomic Sciences (Hygiene and Technology of Milk and Dairy Products, Gastronomy), **Food Hygiene Lecture Hall - Large**

13 Department of Animal Origin Food and Gastronomic Sciences (Hygiene and Technology of Meat and Meat products), **Food Hygiene Lecture Hall – Small**

14 Humane Doctor - Dental Clinic

15 Department of Animal Breeding, Animal Nutrition and Biochemistry

18 MUNI – Faculty of Pharmacy

19 Department of Animal Breeding, Animal Nutrition and Biochemistry (Poultry Pavilion)

22 Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Department of Animal Genetics, CEITEC

23 Accommodation and canteen

24 Dean's Office and Student Administration Office of FVM, Dean's Office and Student Administration Office of FVHE, Study and Information Centre - Library, Institute of Lifelong Learning, Rector's Office - Vice-rector for Education, Department of Foreign Languages, Department of History of Veterinary Medicine,

25 Department of Ecology and Zoo Animals, Game, Fish and Bees Diseases

28 Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Department of Pathology and Parasitology, **Pathology Lecture Hall**

29 Auditorium

30 Centre of Computer Technologies

31 Department of Biology and Wildlife Diseases, **Biology Lecture Hall**

32 Department of Animal Protection and Welfare and Veterinary Public Health, Department of Plant Origin Food Sciences, **Animal Protection Lecture Hall**

33 Department of Pathology and Parasitology

34 Educational Slaughterhouse, **Anatomy Lecture Hall**

35 Gatehouse

43 Small Animal Pavilion, Small Animal Clinic, Avian and Exotic Animal Clinic, Small Animal Clinical Laboratory, Small Animal Simulation Centre, Small Animal Emergency, Small Animal Lecture Hall, Humane Doctors - General Practitioner, Gynaecology, Endocrinology, Pulmonary ambulance

44 MUNI – Faculty of Pharmacy

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46 Operations Student Centre - Lockers

Library

The University Library is located on the 4th floor of the Study and Information Centre.

For opening hours, visit this link: <https://www.vetuni.cz/studies-education/information-for-students/Universit-Library>

Students can access the library using their ISIC card and must register as library users by filling in and signing an application form (ask for one at the lending desk). Registration is free of charge for the school year. By signing the application form, students agree to follow the rules and regulations of the library.

As well as lending books and study materials, the library also offers other services such as photocopying, lending e-readers, headphones, etc.



How to address university teaching staff

In the Czech Republic, in contrast to many other countries, communication with teachers is relatively formal and it is normal to make use of academic titles and job titles to show respect for those who hold them. During your studies, you will probably come across the following Czech abbreviations for titles:

Professor – Czech abbreviation **prof.**

Associate Professor – Czech abbreviation **doc.**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – Czech abbreviation **MVDr.**

Holder of a Master's degree – Czech abbreviation **Mgr.**

Holder of a degree in a technical, economic or agricultural field – Czech abbreviation **Ing.**

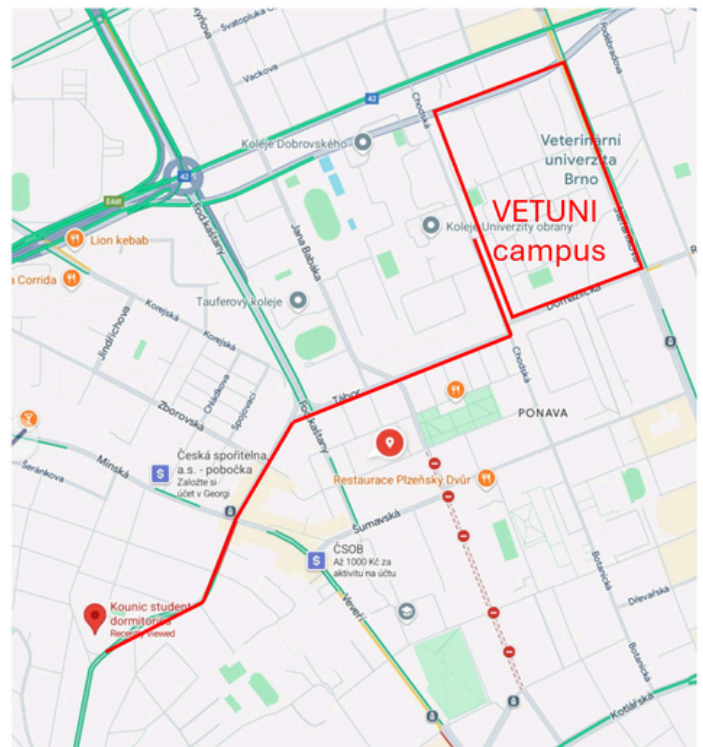
When a member of staff holds a number of degrees and titles, the title considered the most prestigious is normally used to address them.

Accommodation and Eating Facilities

Kaunic Hall of Residence of the University of Veterinary Sciences Brno

The hall of residence has a total capacity of 449 beds and is composed of two blocks: block A and B. The address is 45 Králova Street, 616 00 Brno.

<https://www.vetuni.cz/about-university/information-about-university/special-purpose-equipment/accommodation-and-university-residence>



Find the route here:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/p6aZi2o5CmgbhGto6?g_st=ac

Where to eat on the VETUNI campus

- University canteen (building no. 23) – open at lunchtime on weekdays with a range of hot dishes to choose from
- Snack bar “Krmítko” (on the ground floor of the Study and Information Centre, building no. 24)

FAQ

Do I have to retake subjects I completed in a previous study program?

Students may request recognition of completed exams and credits from a previous study program, provided they are not older than 5 years and the grade obtained was A, B, or C. The subject guarantor evaluates the request and recommends whether or not to recognize the subject. If the subject is recognized, the corresponding number of credits is granted. The final decision on recognition and credit allocation is made by the Dean.

Is full attendance required for lectures, practicals, field trips, etc.?

Attendance at lectures is not mandatory at VETUNI, but participation in practicals and other hands-on instruction is compulsory. The maximum permitted absence during the semester is determined by the subject guarantors and must be announced at the beginning of the semester. Students are assigned to a study group and the schedule for lectures and practicals is the same for all students in the group during the semester; students do not register for individual subjects separately.

I missed a practical class that requires 100% attendance. What should I do?

You need to provide justification for your absence (e.g., a doctor's note) as soon as you can and arrange with the subject guarantor for a possible make-up assignment in order to earn the credit.

FAQ

How do I register for an exam?

Exam registration is done electronically. Exam dates are published in the IS/STAG system, where the student selects and registers for a date. Deregistration is possible through STAG no later than three working days before the exam, unless the examiner sets a shorter deadline.

I didn't show up for an exam I registered for. Will it count as an attempt?

Yes, if you do not excuse yourself to the subject guarantor within 3 days of the exam date, the exam will be marked as "fail F (4; F)".

When can I register for a resit exam?

After an unsuccessful attempt (grade F), you may register for the resit of your choice – the resit dates are published in STAG.

I haven't passed the exam yet, and there are no available dates in STAG. What should I do?

Examiners must publish regular exam dates in STAG no later than four weeks before the exam period begins, and in a number equal to at least 1.4 times the number of students registered for the subject. Exam dates must be evenly spread throughout the exam period. Examiners are also required to offer resit dates, even outside the exam period, taking into account the number of students who did not pass the regular exam. VETUNI ensures a sufficient number of exam dates. It is the student's personal responsibility to take advantage of these dates during the exam period. Regular and resit exams can also be arranged outside the exam period by agreement between examiner and student.

FAQ

I failed an exam/credit test. What should I do next?

Register for a resit. You are entitled to one regular attempt and two resit attempts. An exam for a registered subject may be taken a maximum of three times. If you fail on the second resit, you may register for the failed subject again in the next academic year, provided you earn the required number of credits to advance to the next year.

I passed the credit test but failed the exam. Will I have to retake the entire subject including the credit test, or can I go straight to the exam next year?

If you passed the credit test but failed the exam, you will re-register for the subject in the following academic year and can go straight to the exam; the credit test remains valid.

If I fail an exam, can I arrange tutoring/consultation for that subject?

Yes, you can contact Career, study and psychological counselling (<https://www.vetuni.cz/studies-education/information-for-students/career-study-and-psychological-counselling>), which can arrange consultation or tutoring with the subject guarantor.

I failed the exam on the third attempt. What now?

According to the Study and Examination Regulations, each subject may be registered twice. This means you can register for the failed subject again in the next academic year, provided you obtain the required number of credits to progress to the next year.

FAQ

I didn't earn enough credits to proceed to the next year. Is there still a chance for me?

If you do not earn the required number of credits, you cannot be enrolled in the next year and your studies will be terminated. If you wish to continue studying at the faculty, you may reapply through the admissions process and request recognition of successfully completed subjects from your previous period of study.

My studies were terminated due to failure to meet the requirements for progression. What can I do now?

You can submit a new application for admission, and upon acceptance, request recognition of previously completed subjects. Successfully completed subjects and corresponding credits may be recognized if completed within the past five years and graded at least "good (C)". The Dean decides on recognition of exams and credit allocation based on the subject guarantor's evaluation.

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