



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2010-11

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

INSTITUTION NAME:	METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY PRAGUE	
ADDRESS:	DUBECKSKA 900/10, PRAGUE 10	
COUNTRY:	CZECH REPUBLIC	
EILC LANGUAGE	CZECH	
LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:	LEVEL I (BEGINNER) X NUMBER OF COURSES: 1 DATES: 6.9. – 1.10. 2010	LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE) NUMBER OF COURSES: DATES:
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. Nicknames for Prague have included *Praga mater urbium/Praha matka měst* ("Prague – Mother of Cities") in Latin/Czech, *Stověžatá Praha* ("City of a Hundred Spires") in Czech or *Zlaté město/Goldene Stadt* ("Golden City") in Czech/German.

Situated on the Vltava River in central Bohemia, Prague has been the political, cultural and economic centre of the Czech state for more than 1100 years. For many decades during the Gothic and Renaissance eras, Prague was the permanent seat of two Holy Roman Emperors and thus was also the capital of the Holy Roman Empire.

Today, the city proper is home to about 1.3 million people, while its metropolitan area is estimated to have a population of over 1.9 million.

Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, making the city one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe, receiving more than 4.1 million international visitors annually, as of 2009.

From: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prague>

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

There are hundreds of concert halls, galleries, cinemas and music clubs in the city. Prague hosts Music Festivals including the Prague Spring International Music Festival, the Prague Autumn International Music Festival and the Prague International Organ Festival. Film festivals include the Febiofest, the One World and Echoes of the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. Prague also hosts the Prague Writers' Festival, the Prague Fringe Festival, the World Roma Festival as well as hundreds of Vernissages and fashion shows.

Many films have been made at the Barrandov Studios. Hollywood movies set in Prague include *Mission Impossible*, *Blade II* and *xXx*. Other Czech films shot in Prague include *Empties* and *The Fifth Horseman is Fear*. Also, the music video to "Diamonds from Sierra Leone" by Kanye West was shot in Prague, and features shots of the Charles Bridge and the Astronomical Clock, among other famous landmarks. Prague was also the setting for the film "Dungeons and Dragons" in 2000.

Forbes Traveller Magazine listed Prague Zoo among the world's best zoos.

The Prague restaurant Allegro received the first Michelin star in the whole of post-Communist Eastern Europe.

With the growth of low-cost airlines in Europe, Prague has become a popular weekend city destination allowing tourists to visit its many museums and cultural sites as well as try its famous Czech beers and hearty cuisine.

Prague sites many buildings by renowned architects, including Adolf Loos (Villa Müller), Frank O. Gehry (Dancing House), or Jean Nouvel (Golden Angel).

From: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prague#Culture>

- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)

Arriving by Air

Prague Ruzyně International Airport is the largest international airport in the Czech Republic located on the northwest edge of the city, about 15 km from the city centre. It has regular connections from/to major European cities. Travelling to the city centre is quite easy by buses, cars or shuttle vans, which run regularly at fixed intervals. The departure stations are located in front of the Arrival Terminal.

Although taxis are available at the airport, students should be aware that taxis operating in front of the terminal building are usually very expensive.

You can also hire a city shuttle van to take you directly to your dormitory. The fixed rate is 480 CZK for 1-4 people or 960 CZK for 5 or more people, and it is generally cheaper than taking a taxi. Write down the address of your dormitory to show it to the shuttle driver since communication may be difficult if you do not speak Czech.

The City of Prague Transport Authority operates the bus No 119 (which runs every 10 minutes from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.) between the Airport and Dejvická Metro Station. The city bus is highly recommended as a cheap and effective way of travelling from/to the airport. It takes about 25 minutes and the bus is comfortable. It is necessary to buy a 26 CZK ticket. You can buy it in Terminal 2 of the Prague Airport. At Dejvická Metro station it is possible to transfer to underground line A which takes you to the city centre.

You can also take bus No 100, which operates from the Ruzyně airport to Zličín Metro Station (line B). It takes approximately 15 minutes. This service operates daily from 5:45 a.m. to 11:39 p.m. The buses go every 15 minutes (every half an hour on weekends).

Arriving by Bus or by Train

Bus is the cheapest mean of transportation within Europe. There are various bus connections between major cities of the Czech Republic and other European cities. Most international buses arrive at the Florenc Bus Station (metro lines B and C) which is the main bus station in Prague. In the terminal building you can find schedules, ticket offices and some travel agencies. A few buses terminate at the following metro stations: Roztyly (line C), Černý Most (line B) and Želivského (line A).

Most trains arrive at Praha Hlavní nádraží (Main Railway Station, abbreviated Praha Hl.n.). A few of them arrive at other railway stations: Praha–Holešovice, Praha–Smíchov or Praha–Masarykovo nádraží. Each of these stations has its own easily accessible metro station.

More information: <http://www.idos.cz>

Arriving by car

It is necessary to buy and display the obligatory motorway vignette when driving on the Czech highways. Vignettes can be purchased at the post offices or petrol stations. The maximum allowable speed in towns and villages is 50 km/h, 90 km/h on roads and 130 km/h on highways. No consumption of alcohol at all is allowed before or during driving. Seat belts must be fastened and lights must be turned on during the entire journey.

- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

Prague has a transparent network of trams, buses and the Metro. All types of public transport tickets can be bought next to all Metro stations, and in the Terminal 2 of the Prague Airport. Basic tickets are also available in most tobacco shops, hotel, receptions, at some tram stops and bus stops.

Limited (20 minutes) – 18 CZK

Basic (75 minutes) – 26 CZK

1 day (24 hours) – 100 CZK

Reduced tickets for students cost 260 CZK monthly (confirmation from local university is required).

The yellow validation machines print the date and the time on the ticket. From this time the validity period begins. It is possible to transfer between lines and means of transport without revalidation of the ticket (except with the "Limited" 18 CZK ticket).

Passengers should buy a ticket before getting on to a bus, metro or tram. The ticket must be validated as soon as you enter the vehicle. A ticket inspector may check the validity of tickets any time during the journey, and is authorised to ask you to present a valid ticket.

• **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION**

Metropolitan University Prague, o.p.s., is a public benefit corporation founded in 2001 that ranks among the private universities with the longest tradition in the Czech Republic. The institution receives substantial attention from university applicants. Recently, our university has been accepting approximately 1000 new students every year, the total number of students in the 2008/2009 academic year being 4200 among them around 350 international students.

Currently MUP offers advanced education in seven Bachelors, six Masters and one Doctoral Degree specialisations, in present and distance learning programmes. MUP has thus become a university that offers a complete tertiary education at the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level in the specialisation of International Relations and European Studies both in Czech and English. International academic staff and students of the University provide a diverse academic environment which enables the students' learning even beyond their courses and seminars. The University is completely bilingual, and all students' support and services are offered in both Czech and English. We warmly welcome students and academic staff of various backgrounds to participate in a vibrant, energetic and friendly university environment situated in the heart of Europe.

• **ACCOMMODATION**

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTELS, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK

Students will be accommodated in hotel Chodská, Chodska 22, Prague 2 – Vinohrady. Rooms provide beds for two persons at the price of 4 500 CZK (cca 180 euros) per person for one month. It takes 5 minutes to the nearest tram station and then 15 minutes by tram line 16 to the final station Spojovaci where the Foreign Language Centre of MUP is.

More info: www.hotelchodska.cz

• **MEALS**

- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)

There is a school canteen in the Jarov building where the language course will be held. It offers lunches for 55 CZK (cca 2 euros). It is possible to register for breakfasts and dinners as well. Students can also use a lot of students' canteens and restaurants in the center or near to hotel Chodská, daily meals can be purchased for 150 CZK (cca 6 euros) but this can vary for individuals.

• **RECEPTION OF STUDENTS**

- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)

The welcome meeting will take place in the main hall at Jarov on 3rd September at 10:00 a.m. Students will receive all the necessary information, textbooks, codes to the e-learning program, and they will be informed about the course programme and structure. They will also learn basic phrases in Czech so they can introduce themselves.

• **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES**

- SITE VISITS

Prague is traditionally one of the cultural centres of Europe, hosting many cultural events.

Significant cultural institutions:

- National Theatre (Národní Divadlo)
- Estates Theatre (Stavovské or Tyršovo or Nosticovo divadlo), premiere of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* was held there
- The Rudolfinum (home to the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra)

- The Municipal House (home to Prague Symphony Orchestra)
- The Smetana Theatre (home to the Prague State Opera (Státní opera))
- National Museum (Národní muzeum)
- Museum of the Capital City of Prague
- Jewish Museum in Prague
- Mucha Museum
- Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague
- Náprstek Museum (Náprstkovo Muzeum)
- Josef Sudek Gallery
- National Library
- National Gallery

- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)

Sport Club

Since 2006, MUP Sport Club forms a vital part of the university. The club is a member of the *Czech University Sports Association*. The objective of the Sport Club is to offer MUP students (including students with disabilities) leisure time activities, as well as to give them a possibility to represent the university at various academic (local and international) sport events and competitions.

More info: <http://www.mup.cz/aj/pha/information-about-the-sports-club/98>

- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)

There are many cinemas, theatres and music clubs. The number of cinemas in Prague is still increasing. There are old cinemas (for example on Wenceslas Square, for example Blaník, Lucerna, Světozor) and the new huge complexes with at least 10 separate halls (for example in Hostivař, Černý Most or in Slovanský dům). Many cinemas offer students special prices every day from 4pm except at weekends.

Prague has got a lot of theatres; larger ones as Národní, Stavovské Divadlo, Státní Opera, then smaller theatres such as Divadlo v Celetné, Divadlo v Dlouhé and then very small theatres, with an intimate atmosphere: Divadlo v Řeznické or Rubín. The price of the tickets is rather high. At Národní Divadlo or Státní Opera you can pay 400 CZK for one ticket more than. In the smaller theatres tickets cost usually 200 CZK at the most.

There are also lots of music clubs offering many different kinds of music: rock, punk, jazz, house, jungle, hip-hop. Some of these clubs are: Lucerna Music Bar, Guru, Rock Café, Futurum, Jazz club Železná, Karlovy Lázně (dancing club), Klub 007 Strahov.

And there are also venues for classical music: the Municipal House (the Prague Spring Festival begins here in May), Rudolfinum, Státní Opera.

In Prague you can also see lots of exhibitions of pictures, photos, sculptures etc.

More info: <http://www.czechsite.com/music.html>

Note: where more than one course is organised at each level, this form should be copied and completed for each course

PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION

COURSE NO:

LEVEL:

I: Beginner course

II: Intermediate course

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD:	6.9. 2010	1.10. 2010

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

Course is designed for complete beginners whose aim is to reach A1/1 language level according to the CEFR. The course's objective is to develop the socio-cultural skills of its participants, to compare socio-cultural traditions in European countries and to acquaint students with the culture of the Czech Republic in the context of European culture. The communicative approach was chosen as the sole pedagogical method for this course, with a special focus on practising the target language in realistic situations. Grammar will be presented with the aid of model structures and practised in language games with a communicative aspect. All types of interaction will be incorporated in this course (individual, peer, group and whole class).

- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

X YES NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

The course will take four weeks. There will be 6 teaching hours (45 minutes long) every working day, altogether 114 teaching hours (28th September is a public holiday). Out of these 114 hours, 90 contact hours will take place in the classroom including hours of practice conversation and the rest, 24 hours or more, will be spent on field trips around Prague. Students will also spend more than 20 hours working on individual preparation by using our newly developed e-learning program. 30 contact hours per week will be divided into several subjects: 20 hours of essential grammar, 6 hours of grammar and vocabulary in use, 4 hours of conversation and project-based learning. Students will use Czech Express 1 textbook which will be provided by Metropolitan University Prague. All students will be asked to do some level of homework, with the aid of the internet and the e-learning program. Students will practice grammar, vocabulary, listening and reading in our e-learning program. They will spend approximately 20 hours using e-learning and about 4 hours preparing projects in project-based learning lessons. The course will consist of these topics: greetings and introductions, family, shopping, daily routine, transportation, famous people, culture, advertising, home and lifestyle, and holidays.

- DURATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	h. 114
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	h. 90
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	h. 0 (included in hours in classroom)
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) – FIELD TRIPS	h. 24
HOURS IN E-LEARNING PROGRAME	h. 20

- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)

The final test will be 90 minutes long and will have three parts: reading, grammar and vocabulary, writing and speaking. Productive tasks such as matching and multiple choice exercises will all appear in the test.

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After successfully passing the test (reaching a minimum score of 60% out of 100%), the students will obtain a certificate about their CEFR level and 6 ECTS credits.

• COURSE FACILITIES

- TEACHING AIDS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS
TRANSPARENCIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER : (SPECIFY) E-LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- LIBRARY

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	09 - 20
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY – FRIDAY
ADDRESS	DUBECKSKA 900/10, PRAGUE 10, ROOM 115 AND 116

- LANGUAGE LABORATORY

YES NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	
OPENING DAYS	
ADDRESS	
COST	

• CULTURAL COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

During the fourth and final week of the course, the students will spend most of their time on field trips. They will visit important cultural institutions in Prague, such as the Municipal Library, the National Gallery, the National Theatre, etc. These field trips will introduce the students to cultural life in Prague and the students themselves will have a chance to practice their language skills in various prearranged tasks.

- DURATION

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	h. 24
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• TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

	NUMBER OF...:
TEACHERS	3
ADMINISTRATORS	1
STUDENTS	-

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