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Obs. Please note that all information given in the brochure is subject to change and that the actual pandemic of coronavirus COVID-19 may have an impact on your study stay in Brno.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Erasmus Student Exchange Programme “Bridging East and West” (BEW) aims to create a space for artistic and educational exchange between European guest students and the specific surroundings of a Central European cultural tradition and atmosphere. By implementing methods and experiences of Czech cultural practice in an internationally oriented artistic teaching process, the “Bridging East and West” programme is designed and developed within the process of collecting contributions from students of European theatre schools, constantly analyzing their inputs, needs and preferences and framing them in the wider context of a Central European history of ideas and artistic uniqueness.

As incoming students do not have a sufficient knowledge of the Czech language to follow courses together with JAMU students and their level of skills and knowledge may be different, BEW has been established in order to create a performance project realized by international students, who are not integrated into faculty departments due to high number of incoming students that our faculty receives every semester.

The project is held during the winter and summer semesters for the following study specializations of theatre studies:

- Theatre Directing
- Theatre Dramaturgy
- Dramatic Acting
- Musical Acting
- Physical Theatre
- Set and Costume Design
- Lighting Design
- Audiovisual Media and Theatre
- Radio and TV Dramaturgy and Scriptwriting
- Theatre Management
- Stage Management and Technology
- Theatre and Education
- Theatre and Education for the Deaf
- Dance and Movement Theatre and Education

We also have a Ph.D. programme in the Czech language for students doing their research in the following areas: Acting, Directing, Dramaturgy, Scenography, Theatre Management and Theatre and Education. For Ph.D. students an individual research programme can be agreed for exchange purposes.

2. ADMISSION PROCESS

The approximate dates of the semesters of the academic year are:

WINTER SEMESTER: from the end of September to the end of January

SUMMER SEMESTER: from February to the end of June

The closing date for applications to the Erasmus exchange programme for the next academic year is always 15th April.

Before this date applying students need to be **officially nominated** via e-mail by their international coordinator at their home school. Applications from students who have not been nominated by school will not be accepted.

Before the deadline we ask applying students to **submit online application**:

<https://is.jamu.cz/application/info?lang=en;op=n;utyp=Z;beh=73;vcskdl=1>

In the online application, please add following attachments:

- Learning agreement
- Letter of Motivation
- CV
- Portfolio
- Proof of knowledge of English
- Additional information (letter of recommendation etc.)

After receiving all the applications, the entrance committee will decide on admissions. Applicants will be informed of whether or not they have been accepted by 10th May by acceptance/rejection in the online application and by e-mail. We ask all applicants to make sure they state correct e-mail address in the online application.

For more information please consult the International office (Mrs. Petra Riou, e-mail: riou@jamu.cz).

2.1 Important notice for students from outside the EU/EEA countries/Switzerland

Applications from students from outside the EU/EEA countries/Switzerland cannot be accepted after the application deadline in any manner due to the long application period for a Czech long - term visa. On receiving original documents (letter of acceptance and confirmation of accommodation), these students are asked to apply immediately for a long - term visa at the Czech Embassy/Consulate in their home countries. We draw students' attention to the long - term visa application period, which is 90 days by law. For this reason, we recommend strongly that international students contact as soon as possible the Czech Embassy/Consulate in their own country to obtain the latest information and requirements concerning student visas. Possession of a student visa is a condition for entering the Czech Republic and studying at JAMU.

We ask accepted students from outside the EU/EEA countries/Switzerland to send us a copy of their Czech long – term visa by 31st August.

After your arrival in the Czech Republic you should register with the Czech Foreign Police within 3 working days.

3. COURSE DESCRIPTION

obligatory classes

3.1 Performance Project

Type of lecture: workshop
Semester: winter, summer
Credits: 4
Teacher: Pavol Seriš

Performance Project:

Objectives

The main idea is to create a cooperative group of students from different fields of the performing arts who will, together with the teacher and in cooperation with other classmates and teachers, produce a piece of theatre comparable to a professional theatre production.

Each semester will be ended with one unique theatrical production. An existing dramatic text will not be a starting point of the process. The topic and the genre of the piece will be decided by the members of the class during the lessons. All of the students will perform in the final performance. The production will be created as an authorial theatrical piece. This way, the students will get a chance to produce their own work from the beginning (exercises, improvisation, writing) till the end (the performance in front of a live audience). Cooperation of the students and the teacher is crucial for the whole process. The teacher will focus on two main areas that he combines in his own professional theatre practice: physical theatre and writing.

Requirements

Experienced students (at least 2nd year of study)

Study Method

The teacher will supervise cooperation between students and advise on the methods used. The fruit of this project will be a public performance at the Theatre Faculty or another space at JAMU or elsewhere in Brno.

Documentation

The project should be recorded on DVD.

Methods of Evaluation

The process and achievements are discussed with the teacher and classmates.

3.2 Brno Theatre Map

Type of lecture: weekly lectures + theatre visits

Semester: winter, summer

Credits: 4

Teacher: Klára Škrobánková

Objectives

To research Czech theatre from the point of view of a student's study specialization.

Requirements

Experienced students (at least 2nd year of study)

Seminar

The seminar "Brno Theatre Map" is focused on exploring contemporary theatre productions in Brno in context with Czech theatre in general. The module puts emphasis on critical reflection of such productions through essays and

debates. After a general introduction into problematic of contemporary Czech theatre, students are progressively acquainted with variety of genres and poetics represented by nowadays theatres in Brno, including student theatres of JAMU (Studio Marta and Theatre Orlí Street). By regular writing of essays on the seen productions, students are encouraged to reflect productions in context with their field of study and with theatre in their home - countries. Their analytical, critical and verbal skills are cultivated through discussing their opinions in debates lead by a teacher.

Seminary paper

The seminar's final output is represented by students' collected essays on particular theatre productions completed with conclusion which summarizes their opinions on the theatre in Brno, highlights trends they recognized and compare them with theatre in their home countries.

3.3 Actor's Training

Type of lecture:	Weekly training
Semester:	winter, summer
Credits:	6
Teacher:	Adam Mašura, Dalibor Buš

Course Description

Practical course oriented for a psycho-physical actor's training as a mean leading to an articulation meaning through body, voice, energy and scenic presence of performer. The course consists of intensive works sessions and its aim is to open basic theatre questions, theatre possibility, identity and sense. Through exercises inspired by various theatre traditions the students acquaint with basics of works on actor's techniques and mechanism of reshaping training exercises to improvisation and fixed études.

3.4 Czech for Foreigners

Type of lecture:	Weekly lecture
Semester:	winter, summer
Credits:	2 (+ 2 for the Intensive course of Czech)
Teacher:	Michal Kubina

Objectives

This course provides a basic outline of the Czech language today. The aim of the course is to enable students to understand both written and spoken language

and for them to become active, competent users in everyday communication. Students will be introduced to the system of Czech grammar – grammatical gender of Czech nouns, questions, numerals, prepositions, declension, conjugation, present, past and future tenses of verbs. Knowledge will be practised in practical communication situations. Students will learn to use basic social phrases, talk about their family and its members, describe a person or a place, order in a restaurant; they will practise dialogues in a shop, at a railway station, at a post office, at the doctor's, ask the way, make bookings on the phone, etc. Other topics can be included with respect to the needs and wishes of students.

JAMU organizes an intensive one-week course of Czech for new incoming students before each semester. This course is for 2 ECTS credits.

Content

- basic social phrases
- describing a room, asking the way
- family, description of a person
- food, restaurants, shopping
- culture, towns and cities, hotels
- the human body, at the doctor's
- daily routine, days of the week, seasons of the year

Study method

Work with a textbook is supported by interesting exercises dealing with topical issues, group work, listening exercises, working with texts, speaking exercises, songs, games, working with dictionaries, etc.

Methods of evaluation

At the end of the course students take a test based on the topics covered in the seminar.

Literature

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Desetiminutovky CESTINA pro cizince. Praha: Klett 2008

Hadkova, M. : Czech in 30 Days. INFOA 2006 Hanzova, M.:

Ucime se cesky. Albra Uvaly 2002.

Hola, L.: Czech Step by Step. Praha: Fragment 2001.

Remediosova , H. – Čechova , E: Do You Want To Speak Czech?

Liberec 2005.

3.5 Circus Skills

Type of lecture:	Weekly training
Semester:	winter, summer
Credits:	2
Teacher:	Adéla Kratochvílová

Objectives

Basics of traditional and new juggling with balls, rings, scarfs and clubs, contact juggling and poi juggling. Partner acrobatics and movement skills. Individual and group development of techniques, cooperation and creativity. Juggling props as substitute objects for a theatre expression.

3.6 Ensemble Singing

Type of lecture:	Weekly training
Semester:	winter, summer
Credits:	2
Teacher:	Petr Svozílek

Description

Rhythmic and intonation exercises, singing exercises, auditory analysis, musical terminology. More complex (three - four - part) arrangements of songs of a wider genre range and different styles. Connection with ensemble acting, eventually with dance performance. An emphasis on natural, stylistically correct expression and communication. Developing of musicality and ability of natural connection of the speaking and singing voice by searching of common attributes (voice emphasis, articulation, voice colour). Public performances accompanied on piano.

Objectives

The tuition of ensemble singing is an integral part of the music education of students in dramatic acting; in practice, they encounter an issue of singing in a polyphonic group very often. A systematic preparation increases students' chances for employment in theatres, where the musical-dramatic works are currently often performed: musicals and drama plays with a strong musical component. The ability of the singer - actor to perform a required character within the team cooperation is significantly deepened. The student will learn how to lead their part and at the same time respond adequately to other colleagues on stage.

3.7 Erasmus+ Practical Project

Type of lecture:	one-week intensive course
Semester:	winter
Credits:	1
Teacher:	Theatre Management and Stage Technology/Drama Acting/ Theatre Direction and Dramaturgy departments

Description

The project directed by students consists of a realization of street theatre performance, which is a part of the opening ceremony of the new academic year. Students from the different Faculty departments prepare together a street parade in the city centre of Brno, where they present short sketches, physical theatre, music and circus performances.

Objectives

Integration of new students into the academic milieu. Cooperation with students and teachers from different departments of the Faculty. To create a street theatre performance together under students' direction.

3.8 Other voluntary subjects offered according to study specialization

Objectives

To offer subjects specific to an education at the Theatre Faculty of JAMU according to the study specialization of each exchange student. The set of subjects will be launched and presented to all international students in detail after consideration of the study preferences of students admitted to the Bridging East and West Erasmus exchange programme.

Students can attend other courses with Czech students at the Theatre Faculty or with international students at the Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University. These include:

Bridging East and West				
Compulsory/ Optional	Course Title	Semester	ECTS	Teacher
Compulsory Courses	Performance Project I, II	Winter, Summer	4 per semester	Seriš
	Brno Theatre Map I, II	Winter, Summer	4 per semester	Škrobánková
	Czech for Foreigners I, II	Winter, Summer	2 per semester	Kubina
	Intensive Course of the Czech language	Winter, Summer	2 per one week	Kubina
	Ensemble Singing I, II	Winter, Summer	2 per semester	Svozílek
	Actor's Training I, II	Winter, Summer	6 per semester	Buš, Mašura
	Circus Skills I, II	Winter, Summer	2 per semester	Kratochvílová
	Erasmus+ Practical Project	Winter only	1 per one week	All the departments
	English, French, German, Spanish, Russian	annual	2 per semester	Foreign Language Dep.
	Voice Training	Autumn, Spring	2 per semester	Čonková
Optional Courses	Fitness Dance	annual	1 per semester	Halberstadt, Havelková
	Modern Czech Theatre and Culture*	Summer only	5 per semester	Drozd, Škrobánková
	Lighting Design - workshop	annual	2	Dep. of LD
	Classical Dance	annual	2 per semester	Halberstadt
	Modern Dance	annual	2 per semester	Strnad
	Jazz Dance	annual	2 per semester	Strnad
	Tap Dance	annual	1 per semester	Knotková
	Basics of Photography	annual	1 per semester	Žižka
	Painting, Drawing	annual	1 per semester	Baránek
	Technical Drawing	annual	1 per semester	Guzdek
Costume	annual	4 per semester	Scenography dept.	

Please note that some optional course indicated above may be subjected to capacity limits and may require certain level of talent preconditions. All changes reserved. An updated course list will be sent to incoming students before the new semesters starts.

***Modern Czech Theatre and Culture** – course taught at the Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University. A course description: The history of modern Czech theatre provides numerous examples of complex relations between art and society, stage and audience, which form a vital part of the living theatre. This course deals with the Czech theatre as such, as well as its outstanding playwrights, actors, directors and designers, but also with the way the theatre has reflected so many social and cultural aspects of Czech history. The course does not aim to cover the complete history of Czech theatre, rather present topics crucial for the development of modern Czech theatre.

3.9 Studies at the Theatre Management and Stage Technology Department

Subjects and lectures provided by the Theatre Management and Stage Technology Dept. 2020/2021

Winter Semester

Theatre Production – practical course (1 ECTS)

Supervised by Petra Vodičková

Shadowing of a Brno student during a practical production of a performance in one of university's theatres (MARTA or DNO). The expected output is a written report reflecting the production process. A comparison with a similar experience at the home institution of the student will be preferred (if possible).

Practical project typology:

- dramatic acting production within theatre Marta studio: exchange student is member of big creative team and could shadow production manager (student) or exchange student could shadow technical creative team (lights, sound, stage management),
- musical acting production within Theatre Orli Street: exchange student is member of big creative team and could shadow production manager (student) or exchange student could shadow technical creative team (lights, sound, stage management),
- dramatic acting production within faculty venues – small scale projects: exchange student is shadowing and cooperating with production manager,
- audiovisual theatre project: exchange student is shadowing and cooperating with production manager, output is audiovisual (small film, a trailer for a theatre performance etc.).

Event Production – practical course (1 ECTS)

Supervised by Adéla Dědová

Shadowing of a Brno student during a practical event production of the International Conference Doctoral Studies of Theatre Schools (biennial conference organized by Theatre Faculty). The expected output is a written report reflecting the production process. A comparison with a similar experience at the home institution of the student will be preferred (if possible). Practical project.

Czech Culture Policy and Theatre Infrastructure (4 ECTS) – theory course

Teacher: Blanka Chládková, Petra Vodičková, visiting teachers: Hanka Průchová, Daniela Zarožňanská

Introduction to Czech culture policy and theatre infrastructure (Blanka Chládková). Study visit focused on operation and management of Brno professional theatre Centre for Experimental Theatre, example theatre performance and discussion with artistic team and professional production team included (Petra Vodičková).

Part I – Czech culture policy and theatre infrastructure – 4 lectures (360 minutes)

Part II – Operation and management of Brno professional theatre – study visit

Team member of the SETKANI/ENCOUNTER

(international festival of theatre schools)

(4 ECTS)

Supervised by Adéla Dědová and Petra Vodičková

The student will participate in the preparatory period of the festival being a member of organizational team. Festival organization is fully brought by the student team in bachelor programme under the supervision of the Board of the Festival and teachers.

Summer Semester

Theatre Production – practical course (1 ECTS)

Supervised by Petra Vodičková

Shadowing of a Brno student during a practical production of a performance in one of university's theatres (MARTA or DNO). The expected output is a written report reflecting the production process. A comparison with a similar experience at the home institution of the student will be preferred (if possible).

Practical project typology:

- dramatic acting production within theatre Marta studio: exchange student is member of big creative team and could shadow production manager (student) or exchange student could shadow technical creative team (lights, sound, stage management),

- musical acting production within theatre Orlí: exchange student is member of big creative team and could shadow production manager (student) or exchange student could shadow technical creative team (lights, sound, stage management),
- dramatic acting production within faculty venues – small scale projects: exchange student is shadowing and cooperating with production manager,
- audiovisual theatre project: exchange student is shadowing and cooperating with production manager, output is audiovisual (small film, a trailer for a theatre performance etc.).

**Team member of the SETKANI/ENCOUNTER
(international festival of theatre schools)
(4 ECTS)**

Supervised by Adéla Dědová and Petra Vodičková

The student will participate in the preparatory period and postproduction of the festival being a member of organizational team. Festival organization is fully brought by the student team in bachelor programme under the supervision of the Board of the Festival and teachers.

SETKANI/ENCOUNTER – festival week (6 ECTS)

Supervised by Adéla Dědová and Petra Vodičková

A busy and demanding week of the festival – students are working within the organizational team. Plans and dreams become a reality.

Festivals – comparison and reflection (4 ECTS)

Supervised by Blanka Chládková

Case studies (field and desk research) of the different theatre festivals focused on theatre schools and universities (SETKANI/ENCOUNTER and Zlomvaz/Prague etc.), case study methodology included.

3.10 Studies at the Stage and Costume Design (Scenography) Department

A special set of subjects will be offered to students of Stage and Costume Design (scenography). Our faculty has a great deal of experience with international students within the Scenography department. The Scenography set of subjects will consist of the following courses:

Drawing

Miklošková – 2 ECTS credits

Technical drawing

Guzdek – 1 ECTS credits

Drawing

Jan Baránek – 1 ECTS

Sculpture I

Jan Baránek – 1 ECTS credits

To acquaint students with materials and elemental techniques, development of space perception, devolvement of idea (concept, conception) to space, elemental proportion and volume

Short space exercise

Plaster, paper, plasticine, wood. Study of smaller objects – clay.

Sculpture II

Jan Baránek – ECTS 1 credits

Work with clay – modelling of head from live model, familiarization with technique of casting

Photo and video

Žižka – 1 ECTS credits

Besides the subjects mentioned above, students may also attend other courses by individual agreement with the mentor/teacher concerned.

4. CONTACTS

If you need more information,
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