

CTU Financial Guide

for International Students

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

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CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE

HOW TO MAKE BOTH ENDS MEET IN PRAGUE

Prague is a magical city, but even here money doesn't grow on trees. The authors of this guide are students and graduates with some experience of studying abroad, mostly in countries where our budget was really tight, and we know how important it is for you to manage your finances well and make a careful financial plan for the period you intend to spend studying abroad.

Making both ends meet is not always easy, and we have done our best in this guide to give you an accurate picture of the cost of living for a student in Prague. As Benjamin Franklin once said "A penny saved is a penny earned", so we will also try to give a few hints on ways to save your money while you are here.

We are fully aware that accuracy plays a crucial role, and we update this guide at least once a year. However, things can sometimes change very quickly and we therefore recommend that you doublecheck on prices. Tuition fees may rise, and exchange rates will surely fluctuate. Even the price of food may rise (e.g. due to an increase in Value Added

Tax or in the price of petrol). We strongly recommend you to build these changes into your calculations and always allow at least 10–15 % budget flexibility. Being left in a foreign country "without a penny" or, even worse, being unable to complete your studies because of wrong financial estimates is something we want to help you to avoid.

Nevertheless, the cost of living is considered to be moderate in the Czech Republic compared with other countries with a similar standard of living worldwide, and in comparison with most European capital cities Prague still remains fairly inexpensive. There is a wide range of benefits and subsidies for students that you should make full use of.

We wish you a great stay and hope that you will always have enough money to enjoy many of the things that studies at CTU and life in Prague may offer.

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CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

Although the Czech Republic is a member of the European Union, the official currency is still the Czech crown (or “koruna”). In some shops, and especially in restaurants in the Prague city centre, euros are also accepted, but the exchange rate is normally not favourable, so paying in Czech crowns is recommended.

The coins come in the following denominations: CZK 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50. The bank notes are of the following denominations: CZK 100, 200, 500, 1 000, 2 000 and 5 000. A 5 000 crown bank note is rare, and you may encounter problems when trying to pay for goods and services, so rather ask the bank for smaller banknotes when exchanging or withdrawing a larger sum of money.

EXCHANGE RATE



As of May 2016, according to the Czech National Bank

You can check for the current exchange rate at the Czech National Bank website:



www.cnb.cz/en

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MONEY HANDLING

Although Prague is considered fairly safe, we do not recommend carrying large sums of cash with you. Credit and debit cards (VISA or Master Card) of all types are widely accepted in shops, supermarkets, restaurants, at petrol stations, reception desks etc. You may encounter problems using an American Express card.

Cash machines can be found almost everywhere, if you need to withdraw money. You will surely find one in any metro station. Just check in advance how much money various banks charge, as the charges may differ tremendously. They also depend on whether you are withdrawing money from an account opened in the Czech Republic (usually no charge for a withdrawal from your bank's own cash machine, and up to CZK 50 for a withdrawal from the cash machine of a bank at which you do not have an account) or whether you are withdrawing money from an account set up in your home country (the charge is significantly higher, but the exchange rate is probably the best you can get).

Travellers' cheques are rarely accepted. We do not recommend bringing your money to the country in this form.

Especially at the beginning of your stay, you may need to visit a bank. The usual opening hours at most Czech banks are 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Banks are useful if you need to change a large sum of money. Exchange offices, especially those located in the city center, often have unfair rates and make extra charges that you may not have noticed as they were written in very small print somewhere below the exchange rate board. At the bank, you may not get the best exchange rate, but your money will definitely be safe and you will not be surprised by extra hidden charges.

Please note that the currency exchange services at the Airport, Railway and Bus Stations is a bad bargain.

In order to avoid uncomfortable situations, specify the amount and rate of exchange before you give your money to the currency exchange employee.

**NEVER CHANGE MONEY ON THE
STREET – YOU WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY BE CHEATED.**

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The most known banks in the Czech Republic with a website in English are: [ČSOB](#), [Komerční banka](#), [Česká spořitelna](#), [Raiffeisen Bank](#), [GE Money Bank](#), [FIO banka](#), [Sberbank](#). There are also other well-known banks ([ING Bank](#), [mBank](#), [AIR Bank](#), [ZUNO](#)), but they do not have an English web page.

If you need to open a bank account at low cost and with almost no charged services, [FIO banka](#) would probably be the best, as they have no charges on the usual account management services. With larger institutions like [Česká spořitelna](#) or [Raiffeisen Bank](#), you will get full banking services, but you will also have to pay for bank account management as well as for transactions.

When opening an account, you will surely be offered a choice between a debit card and a credit card. We do not recommend choosing a credit card, as the interest on your potential overdraft will be high. For the same reason, we also advise against opening an overdraft account – it may help you overcome a period of financial difficulties, but the interest and charges at the end of the year are a nasty shock.

Here is a list of banks within walking distance from the main CTU campus in Dejvice:

- Fio banka, Čs. armády 22
- Česká spořitelna, Vítězné náměstí 9
- UniCreditBank, Vítězné náměstí 10
- GE Money Bank, Vítězné náměstí 2
- ČSOB, Banskobystrická 11
- Komerční banka, Jugoslávských partyzánů 12

LIVING EXPENSES

TUITION FEES

The tuition fees at the Czech Technical University in Prague depend on:

- the level of your studies (Bachelor, Master's or Ph.D. degree),
- the faculty of your choice.

To ensure accuracy of the fees, always contact your faculty.

The table below shows the tuition fees for the 2016/2017 academic year (amount in CZK per SEMESTER)

FACULTY	BACHELOR DEGREE	MASTER'S DEGREE	DOCTORAL DEGREE
Faculty of Architecture	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Biomedical Engineering	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Civil Engineering	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Electrical Engineering	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Information Technology	CZK 64 000	CZK 64 000	CZK 64 000
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
Faculty of Transportation Sciences	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000
MIAS School of Business	CZK 55 000	CZK 66 000	CZK 69 000

LIVING EXPENSES

ACCOMMODATION

CTU offers accommodation in various types of dorms. The price usually reflects the standard that you get. Each dorm has its drawbacks as well as its positive aspects. Also note that the dorm of your choice may already be fully booked, in which case you will be offered another dorm instead.

Prior to arrival at the dormitory, you have to pay a refundable monetary deposit and accommodation services for the month of September together with other charges by transfer to CTU SFA. (With the exception of exchange students, who pay this amount on the day of check-in, about CZK 12 000). Before occupying your room, you will be asked to pay a standard insurance fee of CZK 300.

Our international students are mostly accommodated at Strahov, Block 8 or at Masarykova kolej. These dorms have a higher standard, better conditions for a long-term stay, and a corresponding price.

In the other Strahov blocks, the accommodation and the facilities are only of a moderate standard, but students like to stay there for the sense of student community and also for the favourable price.

A high-speed internet connection with unlimited access is available in each room at all dormitories, mostly at a price of CZK 800 per semester.

Online reservation and specific information at:



www.suz.cvut.cz/en/rezr



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PRICE OF CTU DORMITORIES

DORMITORY	CATEGORY	TYPE	DORMITORY FEE (in CZK per day)
Podolí	**	Block C, F single	104
		Block C, F double	86
	*+	Block D, E single	98
		Block D, E double	82
		Block D, E triple	75
	**+	Block A, B triple	89
		Block A, B double	100
		Double+double room unit	100
	***	Single+single room unit	118
		Block A, B double	107
*	Block A, B four beds	56	
Bubeneč	*	triple	68
		single	75
Masarykova	***	Double room	136
	**+	Double + double room unit, double	127
		Double + triple room unit, double	126
		Double + triple room unit, triple	121
		Triple + triple room unit, triple	121
		Double + double + double room unit, double	125
		Double + double + triple room unit, double	125
	***	Double + double + triple room unit, triple	120
		Single (handicapped) **	110
		Single (handicapped) ** without physical disability	136
Sinkuleho	*+	Single	104
		Double	94
		Triple	80
		Four beds	72

DORMITORY	CATEGORY	TYPE	DORMITORY FEE (in CZK per day)
Dejvická	***	Single room	137
	**+	Single + single room unit, disabled, single	137
		Single + Double room unit, single	129
		Single + Double room unit, double	116
		Double + double room unit, double	114
		Single + single + single room unit, single	129
		Double + single + double room unit, single	129
		Double + single + double room unit, double	113
		Double + double + double room unit, double	113
		Triple + single room unit, single	129
Triple + single room unit, triple	100		
Triple + triple room unit, triple	90		
Strahov	–	Block 8, triple	80
	**+	Double + double room unit, double	116
		Double + double room unit, double* C	122
	*	Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, double	80
	–	Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, double	75
		Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, triple	56
		Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, five-bed room	55
		Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, seven-bed room	48
		Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, eight-bed room	38
		Basement room in blocks 2 through 10, ten-bed room	37
Hlávková	**+	Single + single room unit, single	114
		Double+double room unit, double	104
	***	Single room	132
		Double room	120
Orlík	***	Single room	137
		Double room	135

*** shower + toilet in the room

**+ shower + toilet shared in the unit

** washbasin in the room

*+ shared bathroom on the floor (higher quality furniture)

* shared bathroom on the floor





no "*/" shared bathroom on the floor or on higher floors (basement rooms)

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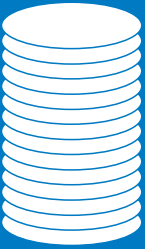
TRANSPORTATION

Getting around Prague is generally very easy, and the public transportation network is considered to be one of the best in Europe. When you first arrive, you will probably need a single ticket to get where you need, but as soon as possible (when you are registered as a student) we strongly recommend getting a season pass, even if you live and study on the same campus. **Being a university student aged 19–26 entitles you to a discounted season pass** (written confirmation that you are a student must be presented when applying for the student season ticket). All types of tickets are valid in all means of public transport – i.e. metro, trams, buses, suburban trains within Prague, and even the funicular railway to Petrin hill and some ferry boats across the Vltava river.

Single tickets (you can change as many times as you want) can be obtained from a ticket machine, from news stalls, from small shops usually called “Trafika”, or from any metro station, at the following price:

			
30-minute ticket CZK 24	90-minute ticket CZK 32	24-hour ticket CZK 110	72-hour ticket CZK 310

A student season pass costs:

			
Monthly pass (30-day) CZK 260	Quarter pass CZK 720	5-month pass CZK 1 200	10-month pass CZK 2 400

Information about the season pass:



www.dpp.cz/en/fares-in-prague

You can buy your discounted season pass at the Student House (Bechyňova 3) or at any advance ticket sales offices. Moreover, you can apply for the special city card called Lítačka at the Škodově Palace (Jungmannova 29).



www.dpp.cz/en/ticket-sales

Do not be afraid to come without cash. You can pay for the ticket at the Main train station or at the Vaclav Havel Airport Prague by your bank card (find the special ticket machine). Moreover, you can pay for ticket by card at the bus line 119. Just ask driver for that.

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TAXIS, BUSES AND TRAINS, PLANES

Other ways of getting around Prague include taxis or your own car. Taxis do not have a good reputation. Avoid catching a taxi on the street, except from a taxi stand labelled "TAXI fair place". If you decide to use a taxi, call a telephone taxi service. The main telephone taxi companies operate their lines in English, e.g. Taxi Praha, AAA, Profitaxi, and Halotaxi. If you take a taxi from the airport, the official AAA cars are fairly reliable.

AAA taxi Praha ☎ **14 014**

Tick Tack ☎ **14 222**



boarding time

up to
CZK 40



waiting time

up to
CZK 6
per min



distance

up to
CZK 28
per 1 km

If you would like to travel around the Czech Republic, you can use buses or trains. Trains are more comfortable but also a bit more expensive than buses. The prices are quite moderate compared to other European countries, and various discount schemes are available for students on buses and on trains. As the fare always depends on the destination, check the prices directly with the transportation companies.

For trains, go to



www.cd.cz/en

For buses and/or trains you can also use the IDOS system, which will not only help you look for timetables to your destination, but will also display the price of the ticket.

For buses, go to



www.jizdnirady.cz

Getting around Europe is relatively easy, and most favourite destinations can be reached within two hours by plane from Prague airport. A number of low-cost airlines operate from Václav Havel Airport Prague, e.g.:



Ryanair – www.ryanair.com
Wizzair – www.wizzair.com
EasyJet – www.easyjet.com
Smart Wings – www.smartwings.com

And of course there is Czech Airlines:



www.csa.cz/en

The best option would be Skyscanner – available in 26 languages, you can also compare the prices over a whole month to check the cheapest period.



www.skyscanner.com

LIVING EXPENSES

FOOD

Most students dine in the university canteens (called “menza”), where you get a reasonable choice of meals for a reasonable price and the service is really quick, which you will appreciate when running from one lecture to another. In a menza, the usual price of food (with the student discount) is CZK 60 for soup, main dish and salad.

This is what a usual student meal consists of. You can also buy fresh salads, cold drinks etc. at various prices.

Another option is self-catering. Some students prefer to cook for themselves, for various reasons. If you are used to spicy cuisine, you may find Czech food tasteless.

Some students prefer to cook in groups and taste various meals from different countries, while others are on a tight budget, and prefer to prepare large portions of very simple meals, such as pasta or risotto, that they can eat over a period of two or three days. Self-catering depends on the price of food in local supermarkets.

Here are the prices of the most common ingredients you can get to prepare your own meals:

PRODUCT	PRICE IN CZK
Bananas (1 kg)	35
Apples (1 kg)	25
Potatoes (1 kg)	15
Tomatoes (1 kg)	40
Cucumber (1 pc)	10
Onions (1 kg)	20
Milk (1 litre)	25
Butter (250 g)	35
Cheese (100 g)	18
Olive oil (1 litre)	120
Meat (500 g)	220
Chicken (1 600 g)	135
Pizza	125
Bread (1 kg)	30
Rice (500 g)	40
Spaghetti (500 g)	30
Sugar (1 kg)	20
Salt (500 g)	15
Flour (1 kg)	20
Bottled water (2 l)	15
Tea (bags, 25 pcs)	30
Instant Coffee (100 g)	140

VISA AND OTHER FORMALITIES

VISA FEES

Check if you need a visa and the current fees on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs webpage. Non-EU citizens generally need a visa.



www.bit.ly/1U8zCg5



Long-term
visa request
CZK 2 500



Long-term
residence permit
CZK 2 500

VALIDATION OF YOUR PREVIOUS STUDIES

Validation of a university degree is the validation of your previous studies, and is required if you want to study at a university abroad.

Nostrification of secondary education by Prague City Council 1 000 CZK. Nostrification of a university degree (BC, MSc, etc.) by CTU is free-of-charge. CTU can validate your original documents in English or a formal translation into English. No need to translate into Czech language. Validation of secondary education is done by Prague City Council – an official translation into Czech language is needed.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

Having a health insurance policy entitles you to free standard medical treatment or reimbursement of the standard medical treatment you may receive from a general practitioner or other medical specialist e.g. in a hospital. Prescribed medicines are usually also reimbursed by the insurance company, if not fully, then at least partially. Medicines and treatment are generally less expensive than in other European countries. Like Czech citizens, you have to pay CZK 90 fee for emergency treatment, but other standard treatments are usually free, including lab tests.

There are two types of medical insurance: Emergency medical care insurance, which is sufficient for your visa application and for the beginning of your stay. The insurance will cover all the necessary expenses for emergency medical care (including emergency dental treatment) in medical institutions in the whole Shengen territory. The second type of insurance is Comprehensive Medical Care Insurance. You will be required to conclude this type of insurance when you first extend your visa.

You have to choose one of the five insurers officially offering health insurance for foreigners: PVZP, Maxima, Slavia, UNIQA, and Ergo.



Medical insurance
for foreigners

From CZK 2 200 / 6 months

OTHER EXPENSES

BOOKS AND STUDY MATERIALS

Books and study materials usually cost anything between CZK 100–400 per item. However, you may be able to get them from other students second-hand or even make photocopies. Many study resources are available in large databases of scientific articles, which you can access for free e.g. in the National Technical Library. Some lecturers provide comprehensive online lecture notes, and textbooks will not be required at all for their courses.

For an average student, the estimated expenses for study materials and books are approx. CZK 2 000 per semester.

ENTERTAINMENT

Prague offers countless entertainment opportunities. As a student, you will have one great advantage – you get a student discount almost everywhere, in museums, at sports events, etc.

MOBILE TELEPHONY

Cell phone tariffs are rather expensive in the Czech Republic, which makes skypeing and IP telephony very popular. All three major operators on the Czech market offer tariffs for young people and for students. See the next page for examples of tariffs and packages that are offered.

INTERNET CONNECTION

Internet is available free-of-charge in most public spaces, in cafes and at universities. Most CTU dorms offer an unlimited high-speed internet connection for CZK 800 per semester.



Books
per item

CZK 100–400



Study materials
per semester

CZK 2 000



Mobile telephony
per month

CZK 249



Internet connection
per semester

CZK 800

OTHER EXPENSES

MOBILE TARIFFS

The three companies on the Czech market offer the following basics packages and also a range of "higher-end products".

FOR CONTRACTS WITH DURATION 1–2 YEARS



O2
www.o2.cz

from CZK 299 / month



Vodafone
www.vodafone.cz/en

from CZK 349 / month



T-Mobile
www.t-mobile.cz

from CZK 349 / month

OTHER EXPENSES

SPORTS

CTU owns many sports grounds and facilities, most of which are located on the CTU campuses. They are much cheaper than commercial sport facilities around Prague. At most sport facilities, you can get a student discount if you show your ISIC card.

Some usual prices are:

				
Gym, Fitness CZK 200 per hour	Squash CZK 200 per hour and court	Yoga CZK 100 per hour	Beach volleyball CZK 400–600 per hour and court	Swimming pool CZK 90 per 1.5 hours

CULTURE

In Prague you will have countless opportunities to visit theatres, museums, music clubs, opera, theatre performances, various festivals (music, cinema, dance, theatre), galleries, exhibitions and of course many famous historical sights. The prices vary tremendously, but are often very reasonable, if you show your ISIC card.

Some usual prices are:

				
Museum entrance fee CZK 50–200	Cinema ticket CZK 120–200	Opera CZK 200–2 500	Summer festivals CZK 800–1 500	Rock concert CZK 100–1 000

To find more events see



www.prague.eu/en/events

OTHER EXPENSES

ALTHOUGH STUDENTS USUALLY DRESS INFORMALLY MOST OF THE TIME, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DRESS FORMALLY AT EXAMINATIONS AND AT SOME SOCIAL EVENTS.

CLOTHES

You will definitely need various clothes if you intend to spend some time in the Czech Republic, as you will experience all four seasons, and there are significant variations in temperature in the course of the year.

Summers are hot, with temperatures around 25 °C, autumn and spring are rainy with temperatures between 20–10 °C, and winters are cold – some international students who are used to a warm climate may even say “extremely cold”, i.e. the temperature may fall to as low as -20 °C, though midwinter daily maximum temperatures are around 0 °C most of the time. Solid winter clothes are therefore recommended.

If you decide to buy new items here in the Czech Republic, the prices will be:

						
Mittens	Cap	Winter scarf	Jacket	Coat	Wool pullover	Boots
CZK 200–500	CZK 160–600	CZK 250–500	CZK 1 000–3 000	CZK 1 500–4 000	CZK 400–1 500	CZK 1 000–3 000

BUDGET FOR THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR

USD

TUITION FEES (PER YEAR)

MIN

USD 4 500

MAX

USD 5 700

FEES FOR FORMALITIES



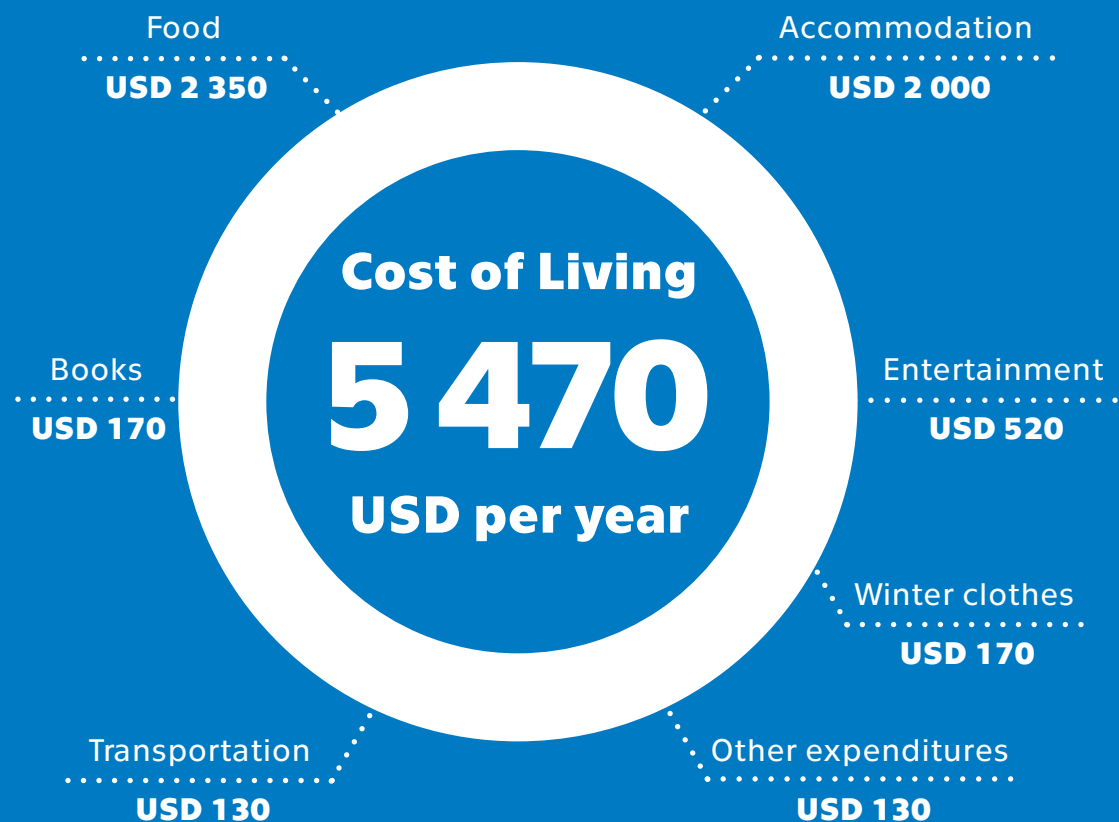
USD 100
Recognition of previous education



from USD 200
Health insurance per year



USD 160
Visa, admin fee, ID card



BUDGET FOR THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR

EUR

TUITION FEES (PER YEAR)

MIN

EUR 4 000

MAX

EUR 5 100

FEES FOR FORMALITIES



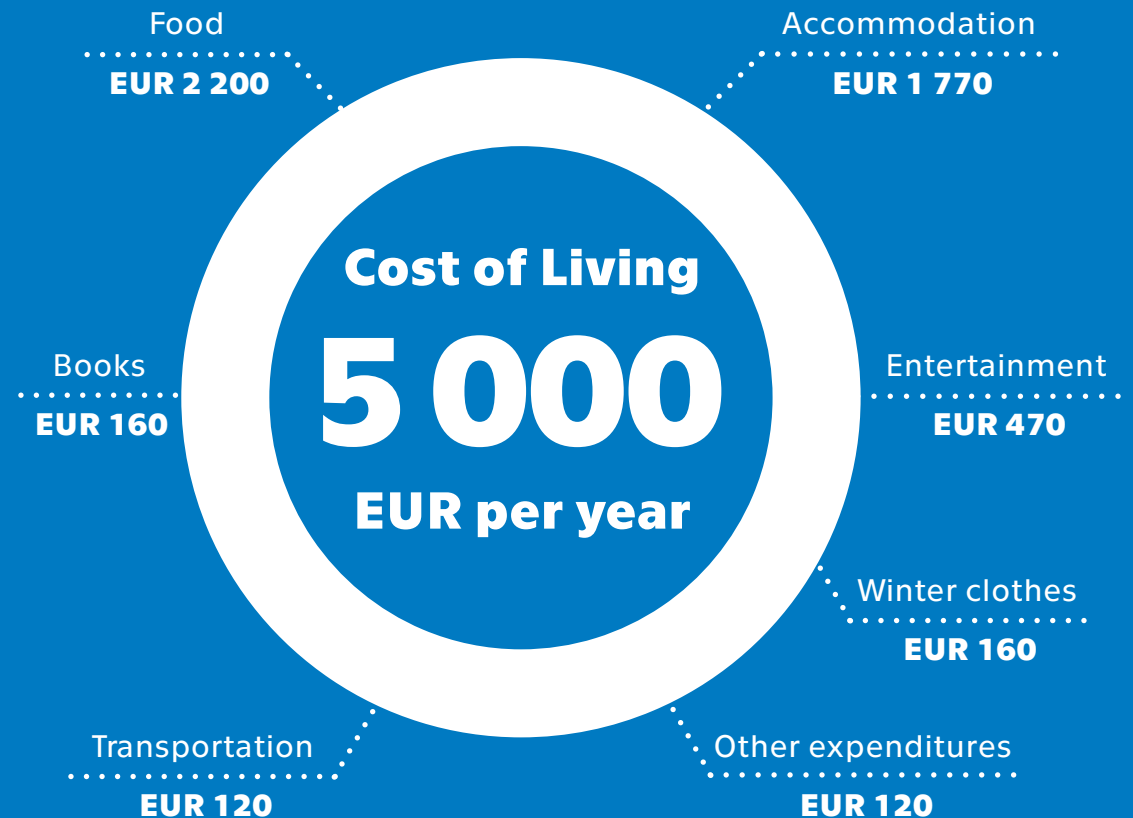
EUR 90
Recognition of previous education



from EUR 180
Health insurance per year



EUR 120
Visa, admin fee, ID card



BEING ON A BUDGET

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON A RESTRICTED BUDGET, WE OFFER A FEW HINTS THAT MAY HELP YOU SAVE MONEY.

1 Get an ISIC card as soon as possible

It is issued by the university to registered students, and provides access to a wide range of discount schemes. Usually up to 50% of entrance fees and around 5–20% discounts on various goods and services in shops, on trips etc. The entire list of discounts is available at



www.isic.cz/en/discounts

2 Share a room or a flat

Of course a single room is more expensive than a double, and a double room is more expensive than a triple. Some groups of students rent big flats with 3–4 bedrooms and share the rent between them. This can even cost less than the rent you pay at a university dormitory. Watch out for ads on the university notice boards, or create your own ad and display it in as many places as you can (not only in the university buildings but also e.g. at the National Technical Library).

3 Buy clothes at secondhand stores

There are plenty of these all around Prague. Especially if you need to buy winter clothes that are rather expensive in the clothes shops, you will pay just a fraction of the price. Or ask your Czech friends – they will always have a couple of spare items they can miss.

4 Use discount vouchers

You can get discount vouchers from many internet servers – most of them in Czech language, though (use Google translator). There are hundreds of discounts available every day in Prague and elsewhere in the Czech Republic.

The services range from hairdressers to lovely meals in local restaurants for half price or even less. Try “slevomat”, which aggregates the discounts from most of the discount servers.



www.slevomat.cz

HOW TO MAKE MONEY

SCHOLARSHIPS

You can find all possible scholarships and grants regarding your citizenship and field of study at the scholarship portal.

Students of CTU can apply for a scholarship after completing the first semester of their master study programme. The scholarship is awarded occasionally and on the basis of very good study records from previous semesters. Successful applicants receive a monthly grant, and the amount may vary up to CZK 10 000 per month.

Applicants apply to the Vice-Dean for International Relations of the faculty at which they are studying. The decision is made by the faculty.



www.scholarshipportal.eu

Scholarship portal



www.jobs.cz

Leading job portal in the Czech Republic, available in English



www.expats.cz/jobs

Website for the international community living in the Czech Republic



www.onrea.net

Portal for international on-line recruitment

GETTING A JOB

Students who are not EU passport holders are rather limited in the employment they can legally do in the Czech Republic. You should not assume that you can pay for your studies with a part-time job that you find in Prague. If you are a citizen from a non-EU country and you want to work while you study, it is possible, but as you are in the Czech Republic with a study visa, paid work cannot be your primary occupation during your stay. Remember, you are here for study purposes.

Full-time students at a university registered with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (e.g. CTU) only need to be registered at the Public Employment Office (Úřad Práce). This registration is made by the employer. (You can ask for legal advice, free of charge, in some offices for integration in Prague.)

When looking for a job, try asking your professors first – they may be looking for some personal assistance or even for some staff for their scientific projects. Asking your friends and other private students is obviously the easiest way, and it may sometimes work almost miraculously.

You may also try the conventional way, i.e. looking for a job through the job portals.



www.manpower.cz

Major recruitment agency



www.migrace.com/en

Association for integration and migration

HOW TO MAKE MONEY

iKariera also organises a job fair, which is held every spring on the main CTU campus. Watch their website for the exact dates:



www.ikariera.cz/job-fairs-ikariera

The CTU Career centre has a list of job offers; however, it does not usually help you actively with looking for employment opportunities. Rather, it provides employment services and supports students in career planning. Watch the career centre website for seminars and lectures in English that may help you to present yourself in front of prospective employers or to develop your soft skills. The seminars, lectures and consultations are free-of-charge.

A typical hourly rate for student jobs ranges from CZK 100 for basic administrative work to approx. CZK 350 or even more for highly qualified work, e.g. as a software engineer.

You should not accept a job with an hourly rate lower than CZK 75.



www.studyatctu.com/career-centre



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Sergio, Spain

It is easy to save a lot of money if you manage it efficiently. First of all, apart from eating in Menza restaurants at Strahov or Dejvická, the best is buying food and drinks by yourself in supermarkets like Tesco, Billa or Albert. You can cook whatever you want and share the meals with friends or foreign neighbours in the dormitories! I really enjoyed doing that because we had fun almost every day and I also discovered many different meals from all over Europe and even from the rest of the world, thanks to Asian or American students!

Buying clothes in a secondhand store is much cheaper and it allows you to develop your favourite fashion style. They always have a wide range of choice of even fancy trademarks!

The best way to save money is living in a student dormitory rather than sharing a flat, at least during the first semester of your stay. Dorms can be three times cheaper and offer a unique atmosphere created by hundreds of students from all over the world. You can have barbecues or dinners together. Everyone can contribute a small amount and have a great time. In addition, it can help you forget about people and things you miss in your country, at least for some weeks!



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Kim JiHoo, South Korea

I prefer restaurants that accept student ISIC cards, such as Pizza Einstein, where you can get discounts for pasta or 2 pizzas for the price of one.

Whenever I buy books or stationary in a big bookstore such as Luxor, located at Vaclavske namesti, I show my ISIC card for a discount.

I shop in New Yorker for cheap T-shirts. Sometimes, they sell T-shirts for CZK 60–70.

I eat in a menza (school cafeteria), where you can get fine meals at a reasonable price. Most menzas are open only 10am – 2pm on working days, but Masarykova Kolej is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

To call parents or friends abroad, I send a text message to arrange a time and talk to them on Skype.

Regarding public transport, Lítačka is a must. Even for short and infrequent trips, buying a one month student pass is cheaper than buying a 3 or 7 day ticket. To get the card, you have to have confirmation of your student status issued by the person who is in charge of foreign students at your faculty.



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