

A Compendium of Educational, Social and Human Sciences (*PDF/YCESH*)

Winter term 2025/2026

Thursday, 1:15–2:45pm, room P52

We would like to warmly welcome all international students of the Faculty of Education to our lecture series entitled *A Compendium of Educational, Social and Human Sciences*. The lectures will be held regularly once a week (90 min lesson per week).

An exchange student who enrolls in the course may earn **5 credits** upon successful completion of the course requirements. For enrollment purposes the abbreviation of this course is *PDF/YCESH*. Lectures will be in English.

The aim of the lecture and workshop series is to introduce international students to various aspects of life and education in the Czech Republic and offer them the opportunity to compare it with their own national, cultural and educational background. The main idea is to facilitate interesting and beneficial multicultural experience for all participants.

Course requirements:

1) **Minimum participation: 80 % of the lectures**

2) **Submission of an essay:**

- at least **800 words** reflecting upon one of the **topics covered by the lectures and workshops**,
- write about what you found interesting/inspiring, and compare the facts you learned during the course with the reality you experienced while staying in the Czech Republic,
- follow the general rules of academic writing and draw on at least two sources (website, article, curriculum documents etc.).

- **IMPORANT NOTE:**

The essay must be submitted via e-mail to dr. Jana Kořínková at jana.korinkova@upol.cz, by 7 December 2025 (preferably as a Microsoft Word document). If you have any questions concerning the content or form of your essay, feel free to contact dr. Kořínková any time during the course.

PLANNED LECTURES INCLUDE (the schedule or content of the lectures is subject to change):

2 October	<p>Basic Aspects of the Czech Language: a Friendly Overview <i>Michal Kříž, KČJ</i></p> <p>The aim of the course is to acquire basic vocabulary and phrases used in the Czech language. It includes both theoretical input and practical exercises.</p>
9 October	<p>Introduction to Czech Life and History <i>Alena Vavrdová, KPV</i></p> <p>The objective of the lecture is to acquire a basic knowledge of the history and geography of the Czech Republic as well as an insight into life in the country.</p>
16 October	<p>First Aid Crash Course <i>Kristina Tománková, KAZ</i></p> <p>The crash course in first aid focuses on both the theory and practical training of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) across all age groups, as well as, on the use of an AED (automatic external defibrillator).</p>
23 October	<p>Ethnic minorities in the Czech Republic – Jewish, Ruthenian and Romani people. Their culture and literature <i>Eva Maria Hrdinová, ÚČJ</i></p> <p>The lecture focuses on the phenomenon of cultural, national or religious diaspora in three selected nations: the Jews, the Ruthenians (Rusyns) and the Roma. Cultural specificities and connections will be taken into account. We will also take note of the works of writers from these communities, such as Tereza Fabianová, Elena Lacková, and Karol Sidon. Students' own communication and writing outputs in terms of creative writing are also part of the class.</p>
30 October	<p>English as a Global Language <i>Josef Nevařil, ÚČJ</i></p> <p>The aim of this seminar is to briefly look at the history of English and the current changes it has been undergoing as a result of its globalisation. Additionally, we will attempt a peek into its near future.</p>
6 November	<p>The Legacy of the Shoah in Czech Literature of the Second Half of the Twentieth Century <i>Milan Mašát, KČJ</i></p> <p>In this course, we will examine the most important Czech fiction published in the second half of the twentieth century that has the events of the Shoah at its core. We will focus on authors of Jewish nationality (Frýd, Lustig, Pick), as well as those who are not Jewish but whose fate during World War II inspired them to create fictional texts (Fuks). The course will include work with excerpts from the works of selected authors.</p>

13 November	<p>Creative Activities in Music Education <i>Gabriela Žatková, Gabriela Coufalová, KHV</i></p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: Lesson takes place in a DIFFERENT building – in <u>Konvikt</u> (<u>Univerzitní street, No. 3</u>), room No. 2.14.</p> <p>Music games are part of the Different Hearing project focused on the development of creativity through different music activities and composing. Participation in the workshop does not require any previous musical knowledge or experience.</p>
20 November	<p>Prague Stories <i>Petr Anténe, ÚČJ</i></p> <p>The aim of the seminar is to distinguish between historical events and legends related to Prague by referring to texts originally written in Czech, English, and German.</p>
27 November	<p>Developing Mathematical Skills for Everyday Life <i>Martina Uhlířová, KMT</i></p> <p>In various situations in our daily lives, we need mathematical knowledge. The development of mathematical literacy is one of the fundamental requirements of contemporary school education. The focus will be on defining the concept of mathematical literacy and identifying its subcategories. Examples of specific activities aimed at developing mathematical thinking in both children and adults will also be presented at the meeting.</p>
4 December	<p>Czech Education: Teacher Training in the Spotlight <i>Eva Dvořáková Kaněčková, KPG</i></p> <p>The course introduces the tradition and current structure of the Czech educational system. A practical demonstration will allow comparisons based on ISCED. Special attention is given to pre-graduate teacher training, which can be discussed and compared with other countries in terms of criteria such as disciplinary focus, didactic competences, practice training etc.</p>
11 December	<p>Wrap-up <i>Jana Kořínková, ÚČJ</i></p> <p>In the last meeting, we will close the whole semester. Through creative reflective methods, we will reflect upon what we learnt and experienced not only in the lessons, but also in a real life in the Czech Republic. Be ready to share it with other colleagues.</p>