Information for students of Charles University, Faculty of Physical Education and Sport (UK FTVS)

Dear students,

We are aware of the problematic situation you are all facing, and you have not had a chance to prepare for sufficiently. The extraordinary measures adopted by the Government of the Czech Republic on 11 March 2020 and their consequences bring a severe test for the lives of students and not only theirs. We would like to thank you for your efforts not only concerning your studies but also concerning your help to your families, friends, and people in need.

The Authorities of the Faculty work hard to adopt some conditions for your studies based on the measures taken across the Charles University. The introduction of a distance from of education was a fundamental step, and its processing was determined by the Dean's directive no. 8/2020. Considering the individual study programmes the Faculty offers, it is not an easy task requiring a great deal of understanding, empathy, and also flexibility from all of us. The ways of distance form of education in the individual study programmes and the courses each programme offers may differ; however, the self-study form is a common aspect of all programmes. At the same time, the massive introduction of distance education, especially online lectures and seminars, brought some difficulties (such as limits of used platforms, GDPR, copyright, etc.) as well. The Faculty and its particular departments, together with the University departments, are doing their best to solve the difficulties. The new situation is not only a great test but also an excellent opportunity for all students and employees of the Faculty to improve the quality and bring innovation to the ways of education.

Taking into consideration the current development of the emergency, the extension of the period of the emergency measures, restriction of the free movement of the people till April 30, and many others, we cannot expect the standard form of education to be restored soon. We are aware of your concerns and uncertainties connected with the studies you are facing at the moment. Following the current situation, we have taken some measures to bring the conditions for early completion of this academic year. The steps are reflected in the Academic Calendar 2019/2020, such as the extension of the deadline for the thesis submission to May 29, 2020, the expansion of the timeline of the study obligations check before the State Examinations to May 31, 2020, the changes in the dates of the summer semester, the examination period as well as the final exams. The changes also concern the schedule and organization of the talent examinations and the admissions for all Bachelor and Master study programmes.

In connection with the changes in the Higher Education Act and their impact on the Code of Study and Examination of the Charles University and on the Rules of Studies UK FTVS, we are prepared to continue the distance form of examination.

In conclusion, let us express our conviction that our efforts to cope with the current situation provide us with many opportunities for mutual understanding and closer ties, even though they are now predominantly distant.

With the wish of a good health and optimism,

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