CSU's Czech Long-Term (90 days- 1 year) Visa Guide for US Citizens

Non-US Citizens should consult the Czech Embassy to determine Visa Requirements

Where to Start?

You will complete your application and gather your documents and mail them to your <u>Czech</u> <u>Consulate General</u>. For Colorado residents, this is the <u>Los Angeles Consulate</u>. It can take 60 days to process a Long-Term Student Visa from the time the Consulate receives your complete application. Students will not admitted to study in the Czech Republic without the visa.

Application Process

Step 1: Deadlines. If you are traveling abroad before you go, make sure you give yourself enough time to obtain the student visa. This could be up to 60 days, ~2 months. <u>Deadline to mail application</u>

- o Fall Semester: June 1
- Spring Semester: November 1

Step 2: Review <u>Application Instructions.</u> Pay special attention to the financial resource section, number 10.

Step 3: Fill out the application and do the following tasks:

- Take passport photo (2x2 inches)
- Get debit/credit card notarized
- o Get affidavit notarized
- o Obtain financial document for Number 10

Step 4: Finalize your application and mail it to the Consulate General

Detailed Instructions

- o Use blue ink pen on block capital letters ONLY
- Use 2x2inch passport photos- can get a Ram Card office or Laurel Hall.
- Read "Proof of Financial Resources" very carefully. This is by far the most common problem students incur.
 - The easiest method, if possible, is for students to have \$3000.00 in their own bank account proven with a bank statement and a notarized copy of their debit card.
 - Under all circumstances, students must provide a notarized copy of a debit/credit card in their name, even if the bank account they choose to access is in someone else's name.
- Students need Czech Insurance for their Visa. Check with your program provider for the details on this insurance.
- o Copy of Passport must be in color
- When you print the <u>application</u>, make sure you *scale to fit* so that you see 1-16 on the first page.
- When getting debit/credit card and affidavit notarized at Student Legal Services, bring your I.D. and Ram Card.

- Number 5: Place of birth should exactly match your Passport. Example If you were born in Fort Collins and your Passport says "Birthplace: Colorado", please write "Colorado" instead of "Fort Collins."
- Number 10: *If you choose A*: bank statements are run at the end of the month for the rest month, so plan ahead.