OSTRAVSKÁ UNIVERZITA
FAKULTA SOCIÁLNÍCH STUDIÍ

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

Follow-up Master's Multiple degree programme in Inclusion Studies

Ref. No.: OU-173871/20-2026

FOLLOW-UP MASTER'S MULTIPLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

INCLUSION STUDIES

Study programme	Inclusion Studies
Type of programme	Master's degree (follow-up), Multiple Degree
Specialisation	No specialisation
Standard duration	2 years
Mode of study	Full-time
Language	English
Tuition fee for study in foreign language	UO no tuition fee, UBI 351,65€ winter semester 2026/27[1], USV no tuition fee

Explanatory Notes
UO – University of Ostrava, Czechia
UBI – University of Bielefeld, Germany
USV - Ştefan Cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania

Maximum number of applicants accepted: 21

Organisation of Admissions Process

Application for Admission

1. Applications for admission may only be submitted electronically. The submission deadline is **15 March 2027**.
2. Applicants are responsible for the information and attachments submitted.
3. We recommend that applicants **carefully read the instructions for completing** the application.
4. If an applicant is applying to multiple programmes/specialisations, they must submit the appropriate number of applications, including payment(s). It is not possible to transfer applications between individual study programmes/specialisations or their study modes.
5. An applicant enters their personal information and selects the study programme/specialisation, including the mode of study, for which they wish to apply (full-time study = what was formerly termed day study).

[1] It is a semester fee for transport and services including low-cost meals on campus during their stay at UBI. The amount is not known until the beginning of the academic year. It is generally around the same amount.

6. The system will assign the applicant a “specific symbol”, which they must use to pay an administrative fee in the appropriate amount by the specified date. The administrative fee is intended to cover expenses related to the admissions process.
7. An application is only considered valid if an applicant has paid the application fee and included their “specific symbol” in the payment — in addition to the correct bank account number and “variable symbol”. If the “specific symbol” is not included or is incorrect, the application will be cancelled as unpaid and declared invalid. If an applicant submits multiple applications, individual specific symbols will generate for each respective application.
8. If an applicant fails to pay the application fee by the specified deadline, the application for admission is deemed withdrawn.
9. **In the event of an incorrect payment**, the applicant is required to pay the application fee again, ensuring that the payment transaction is completed no later than the date specified in the admissions schedule. The applicant may request a refund for an incorrect payment; the written refund request must be submitted no later than one month after the final deadline for application submission, and proof of payment must be attached to this refund request. A fee of CZK 300 is charged for the refund of an incorrect payment.
10. Each applicant is required to verify online in the electronic application module that the application fee has been credited to the University’s account. Any discrepancies must be resolved no later than one month after the final application deadline. Later complaints shall not be considered.
11. If the application is submitted properly and the application fee has been paid, the applicant shall be invited to take the entrance exam via the University of Ostrava’s information system. The invitation may also be sent to the email address provided by the applicant in their online application.
12. The applicant may request that the paid application be cancelled, but in this case, the fee paid for services related to the admissions process will not be refunded.

Application Fee

1. The application fee is CZK 2,500 (EUR 100). The fee cannot be paid in cash. The deadline for payment is the date specified in the admissions schedule.
2. The application fee is intended to cover expenses related to the entire admissions process, regardless of the number of components of the entrance exam.
3. Each applicant is required to verify online in the e-application module that the application fee has been credited to the University’s account.
4. In the event of an incorrect payment, the applicant is required to pay the application fee again, ensuring that the payment transaction is completed no later than the date specified in the admissions schedule. The applicant may request a refund for an incorrect payment by submitting a written request for a refund no later than one month after the final deadline for application submission; proof of payment must be attached to this refund request. A fee of CZK 300 is charged for the refund of an incorrect payment.

5. If an applicant does not take the entrance exam or requests to withdraw their application, the fee paid for services related to the admissions process will not be refunded.

Application fee	
All study programmes:	CZK 2,500 (EUR 100)
Bank account no.:	931761
Bank code:	ČNB Ostrava 0710
Variable symbol:	201011
Specific symbol (Important!):	Generated for applicants upon submission of the electronic application—separately for each application
Information for international payments:	
Bank SWIFT code:	CNBACZPP
International Bank Account Number (IBAN):	CZ65 0710 0000 0000 0093 1761

Delivery of Documents

All documents related to the admissions process for the 2027/2028 academic year shall be delivered by the Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava (hereinafter “FSS UO”) via the University of Ostrava’s electronic information system — the “Electronic Application for Admission” application.
Please note that once a document has been uploaded to the applicant’s electronic file, no automatic notification is sent to the applicant’s email address.

Entrance Exam Dates

Regular entrance exam dates - review of attachments: by April 26, 2027, by the admissions committee, including members of the Academic Board.

Admissions Schedule

Harmonogram přijímacího řízení pro navazující magisterské program INCLUSION STUDIES Multiple Degree na Fakultě sociálních studií OU	
Application deadline	15 March 2027
Application fee payment deadline	no later than 15 March 2027
Deadline for submitting entrance exam materials—presentation video, proof of completion of a bachelor's degree program/transcript, and proof of English proficiency	15 March 2027
Date of review of the application and required attachments by the admissions committee including members of the Academic Board (applicants do not need to be present*)	No later than 26 April 2027
Publication of results (scores) on the Faculty website	from 27 to 30 April 2027
Delivery of Notification of Admission/Rejection in E-application	May -June 2027
Deadline for submitting the documents required for admission to the program—proof of completion of a bachelor's degree program, confirmation of health insurance coverage for your stay in Czechia, Germany and Romania	15 July 2027
Enrolment in the first year of study (on-line)	16 July 2027
Access to admissions materials (to be scheduled based on an individual request)	August 2027
Appeal process	July – October 2027

Information for applicants with special educational needs

The University of Ostrava (UO) offers and provides the following services:

- Information about study conditions at UO to applicants with special needs (SPP) via the website of the UO's Pyramida Centre.
- Individual consultations for prospective students interested in studying at UO, which can be arranged with the Faculty Coordinator.

Based on an electronic application in which an applicant with special needs requests that their specific educational needs be considered:

- UO coordinates services and provides technical and other support to students with special educational needs.
- UO provides counselling and advocates for the resolution of individual academic matters for students with special educational needs.
- UO works with Faculty Coordinators for Students with Special Educational Needs at individual faculties, as well as with staff from the faculty study departments, university library, and other UO sites to ensure that students with special educational needs can properly fulfil their academic obligations.

- UO provides library, information, and technical services within the UO's Pyramida Centre.

The Faculty Coordinator for Applicants and Students with Special Educational Needs is an academic who has been appointed to this position by the faculty dean.

The Faculty Coordinator, in particular,

- assesses the student's specific educational needs before the start of study and throughout the programme
- collaborates with the education counsellor and/or programme head of the relevant study programme in developing the student's individual study plan
- ensures that the departments involved in teaching special educational needs students are informed

BEFORE submitting an application to study at FSS, we recommended you consult with the Faculty Coordinator to help prevent potential failure in the selected study programme.

Faculty Coordinator at FSS UO

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Admissions Requirements

At minimum an accredited bachelor's degree at level 6 of the EQF does not have to be in a specific field, but must be compatible with a minimum of one of the qualifications:

Specification of professional qualifications:

- General understanding of research methods and ability to work on a problem in a subject area and using these methods: Bachelor's thesis or other assessment in which scientific working methods were demonstrated.
- Relevant practical experience in the field of 'inclusion studies': any form of practical experience.
- Two of the following knowledges, usually at least 5 ECTS each:

    - Basic knowledge of theories of inequality, difference or inclusion
    - Basic knowledge in theories of education or socialization or sociology
    - Basic theoretical knowledge of educational systems, social and cultural organizations or their (political) governance.

Knowledge of English

If the university entrance qualification or an English-language university degree was not obtained in Australia, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America, the Academic Board determines which certificates are accepted.

Proficiency in written and spoken English at a B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) via certificate. This level corresponds, for example, to an IELTS score of 5.5–6.5, a TOEFL iBT score of approximately 72–94, or the Cambridge B2 First (FCE).

Application video

Applicants must submit an application video in which they explain their academic CV in English and describe what they expect from the Programme and what opportunities they hope it will open up for them.

Health Insurance for a Stay in Czechia, Germany, Romania

Applicants must provide an original paper or electronic document confirming health insurance coverage valid for the duration of their studies in Czechia, Germany, and Romania.

The applicant has successfully met the requirements of the admissions process and has been admitted within the established limit on the number of students accepted, based on the ranking of the best entrance exam results in descending order.

The applicant acknowledges that his or her personal data, information regarding the course and outcome of the admissions process, and information regarding the course and results of his or her studies will be shared among all participating universities.

An applicant will not be admitted to the program if his or her admission, enrollment, or financial support would cause the University of Ostrava to violate its obligations under international sanctions to which the Czech Republic is bound. This applies in particular to obligations established by Act No. 69/2006 Coll. and EU Regulations No. 359/2011 and No. 267/2012; No. 833/2014 and No. 2024/1485; and No. 765/2006, all as amended.

Admissions Process:

Review of the application video by the admissions committee with members of Academic Board without the applicant's personal participation

1. Assessment of Professional Qualifications

The applicant must submit an officially certified copy of the document showing completion of a university study programme at minimum an accredited bachelor's degree at level 6 of the EQF. If the applicant takes the state examination during the 2026–2027 academic year, they must submit a transcript of completed courses (or courses enrolled in during the last semester); the required proof of completed higher education (a diploma at least at the bachelor's level corresponding to Level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) must be submitted no later than upon enrollment in the program.

It does not have to be in a specific field, but must be compatible with a minimum of one of the qualifications.

Specification of professional qualifications:

- General understanding of research methods and ability to work on a problem in a subject area and using these methods: Bachelor's thesis or other assessment in which scientific working methods were demonstrated.
- Relevant practical experience in the field of 'inclusion studies': any form of practical experience.
- Two of the following knowledges, usually at least 5 ECTS each:

    - Basic knowledge of theories of inequality, difference or inclusion
    - Basic knowledge in theories of education or socialization or sociology
    - Basic theoretical knowledge of educational systems, social and cultural organizations or their (political) governance.

Criteria of specification of professional qualifications	Points
The topic of the applicant's Bachelor's thesis or other assessment in which scientific working methods were demonstrated deals with the subject area of inclusion studies (0 – 3 points).	0-3
Relevant practical experience in the field of 'inclusion studies' is part of the bachelor's degree	0-1
Basic knowledge of theories of inequality, difference or inclusion - is part of the bachelor's degree (1 Point) - more than 5 ECTS (1 Point) - advanced knowledge (1 Point)	0-3
Basic knowledge in theories of education or socialization or sociology - is part of the bachelor's degree (1 Point) - more than 5 ECTS (1 Point) - advanced knowledge (1 Point)	0-3

Basic theoretical knowledge of educational systems, social and cultural organizations or their (political) governance - is part of the bachelor's degree (1 Point) - more than 5 ECTS (1 Point) - advanced knowledge (1 Point)	0-3
Total	**0-13**

An applicant may earn a maximum of 13 points for the assessment of professional competence.

2. Application video

The applicant is required to upload an application video in English to the designated UO storage platform, with a maximum duration of 3 minutes, a file size of no more than 1,500 MB, in one of the following formats: .avi, .mp4, .mov, .mkv, .hevc, in high video and audio quality, and with verifiable authorship by the applicant (verified by a passport with the same number as on the submitted application).
In the video, the applicant must address the following points:

- Summary of applicant's academic/professional resume and experiencies concerning with study in the MA programme Inclusion Studies: Which of your previous interests and experiences are relevant to studying in the MA program Inclusion Studies? Describe their relevance. (0 – 4)
- Motivation and expectations regarding Inclusion Studies: What do you expect from your studies in the MA program Inclusion Studies? (0 – 4)
- Motivation to study in the Czech Republic and at the University of Ostrava, at the University of Bielefeld (D) and at the Ştefan Cel Mare University of Suceava (RO). What do you expect from your international studies in three countries/universities (CZ-D-RO)? (0 – 4)

The purpose of reviewing and evaluating the application video submitted by the applicant is to assess the applicant's motivation, interest in the programme, and basic qualifications for studying Inclusion Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava. The applicant is required to submit the application video in the specified manner without undue delay after submitting the electronic application, but no later than 15 March 2027.

The applicant may earn a maximum of 12 points for the application video. The admissions committee primarily assesses motivation to study, prerequisites for study, and the ability to present one's views in English.

3. Assessment of English Language Proficiency

A certificate demonstrating proficiency in spoken and written English if the university entrance qualification or an English-language university degree was not obtained in Australia, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America, the Academic Board determines which certificates are accepted.

Proficiency in written and spoken English at a B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) via certificate. This level corresponds, for example, to an IELTS score of 5.5–6.5, a TOEFL iBT score of approximately 72–94, or the Cambridge B2 First (FCE).

An applicant may earn 0 or 5 points for demonstrating their English language proficiency.

Applicants can earn a maximum of 30 points in total, with the pass/fail threshold for the entrance exam set at 18 points.

If more students meet the requirements than there are places available, or in the event of equal ranking, the final grade of the Bachelor's degree is the deciding factor. If no clear ranking can be established thereafter, the decision shall be made by lottery.

Exemption from the entrance exam

The entrance exam cannot be waived.

Application Attachments

Applicants to the Master's degree programme in Inclusion Studies must submit the following materials:

I. by March 15 2027

1. Application video

The applicant is required to upload a application video in English to the designated UO storage platform, with a maximum duration of 3 minutes, a file size of no more than 1,500 MB, in one of the following formats: .avi, .mp4, .mov, .mkv, .hevc, in high video and audio quality, and with verifiable authorship by the applicant (verified by a passport with the same number as on the submitted application).
In the video, the applicant must address the following points:

- Summary of applicant's academic/professional resume and experiencies concerning with study in programme Inclusion Studies
- Motivation and expectations regarding Inclusion Studies
- Motivation for studying in the Czech Republic (CZ) and at the University of Ostrava, at the University of Bielefeld (D) and at Ştefan Cel Mare University of Suceava (RO).

The purpose of reviewing and evaluating the application video submitted by the applicant is to assess the applicant's motivation, interest in the programme, and basic qualifications for studying social work at the Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava. The applicant is required to submit the application video in the specified manner without undue delay after submitting the electronic application, but **no later than 15 March 2027**

2. A certified copy of a document showing completion of a university study programme at minimum an accredited bachelor's degree at level 6 of the EQF. If the applicant takes the state examination during the 2026–2027 academic year, they must submit a transcript of completed courses (or courses enrolled in during the last semester); the required proof of completed higher education (a diploma at least at the bachelor's level corresponding to Level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) must be submitted no later than upon enrollment in the program. The educational qualification does not have to be in a specific field, but must be compatible with a minimum of one of the qualifications.

Specification of professional qualifications:

- General understanding of research methods and ability to work on a problem in a subject area and using these methods: Bachelor's thesis or other assessment in which scientific working methods were demonstrated.
- Relevant practical experience in the field of 'Inclusion Studies': any form of practical experience.
- Two of the following knowledges, usually at least 5 ECTS each:

    - Basic knowledge of theories of inequality, difference or inclusion
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II. by 15 July 2027

1. A certified copy of a document showing completion of a university study programme at minimum an accredited bachelor's degree at level 6 of the EQF[2] does not have to be in a specific field, but must be compatible with a minimum of one of the qualifications:

Specification of professional qualifications:

- General understanding of research methods and ability to work on a problem in a subject area and using these methods: Bachelor's thesis or other assessment in which scientific working methods were demonstrated.
- Relevant practical experience in the field of 'inclusion studies': any form of practical experience.
- Two of the following knowledges, usually at least 5 ECTS each:

    - Basic knowledge of theories of inequality, difference or inclusion
    - Basic knowledge in theories of education or socialization or sociology
    - Basic theoretical knowledge of educational systems, social and cultural organizations or their (political) governance.

2. Original paper or electronic confirmation of health insurance coverage valid for the full duration of stay in Czechia, Germany, and Romania during studies.

Applicants who have completed their previous education abroad are generally also required to submit a certificate of recognition (nostrification) or a certificate confirming the equivalence of their foreign education. This does not apply if, in line with its international obligations, the Czech Republic has pre-identified from specific countries a foreign secondary or higher education credential to be automatically equivalent without any further official procedure. In such cases, the applicant needs to only submit a certified copy of the document. The procedure for verifying compliance with the requirement is defined in Rector's Provision No. 69/2019, which regulates the assessment of foreign education for the purposes of the admissions process (or any subsequent Rector's provision that replaces it).

[2] This applies only to applicants who, as of March 15, 2027, submitted only a transcript of completed courses for the entrance exam.

Address for attachment submission:

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Approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava on 3 November 2026
Place: Ostrava Date: 6 November 2026

Certified as accurate by: Scarlet Mánková, Head of the FSS Study Department

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