

5 September 2022

Dear students,

For the academic year 2022/2023, we have modified the price list for the accommodation of university students in the dormitories of the CTU in Prague. The new price list of dormitory fees is valid from

5 September 2022 and is available on the website of the Service Facilities Administration of the CTU. The prices for accommodation have been increased by a flat rate of approximately 16 per cent compared to the previous period. A one-off increase in dormitory fees of this amount is extraordinary in the conditions of the CTU in Prague. It has not been necessary to take such a step for more than 10 years, and I, therefore, consider it important to explain, at least briefly, the reasons that led to the increase in dormitory fees.

The operation of the CTU halls of residence in Prague is not subsidised in any way, which means that the Service Facilities Administration of the CTU has to make a profit on all the expenses of the halls of residence, and the dormitory fee contributes significantly to the total income of the Service Facilities Administration CTU. Unfortunately, the current situation was preceded by two years full of anti-coronavirus measures, which were challenging for all of us, but devastating in terms of the economic functioning of the colleges. Covid was smoothly replaced by the war in Ukraine and as a result, we have an extraordinary economic situation in the Czech Republic. We are witnessing a dramatic rise in the price of all our inputs, such as services, materials, energy and personnel costs. We have managed Covid by reducing expenses, we have virtually no reserves here, so now for the Service Facilities Administration of CTU, increasing the income from the dormitory fees was the only solution so that we could continue to guarantee the maintenance of the level of service as you are used to in our dormitories and at the same time have at least some opportunity to work on improving the environment in our dormitories.

Virtually all universities in the Czech Republic have had to increase their dormitory fees this year, and some have even done so repeatedly. In this respect, I consider it favourable that the price for students for accommodation at the CTU dormitories in Prague, even after the increase, remains at a quite acceptable level. In addition, the management of the CTU in Prague has agreed with the deans of individual faculties to support students for whom the increased dormitory fees would be unmanageable through scholarships.

Thank you for your understanding. I hope that you will remain in our good graces. I wish you all every success in your studies and personal life in the new academic year.

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