Summary

The bachelor’s thesis deals with the motivation of choice of the children’s names of foreigners and of children from ethnically mixed families living in the Czech environment. It is divided into two parts – theoretical and practical.

The theoretical one presents the concepts of first name, onomastics, anthroponyms and others. Furthermore the bachelor’s thesis describes the development of maiden names, their distribution by origin, individual motivation of name’s choice and the rules of recording those names into the register office.

The practical part is based on the results derived from filled in questionnaires. The results are evaluated from several different points of view. The key one is evaluation based on distribution of respondents by continents, onwards the “European” results are compared with the “non-European”. Parents’ length of stay in the Czech Republic is taken into account as well as the possibility of the existence of ethnically mixed parental couples accompanied by the motivation of the choice of two maiden names. The results are expressed as a percentage and also clearly shown in the various tables that are part of the bachelor’s thesis.