



## My Erasmus Experience

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Five months ago i was a little bit scared of what was going to be one of the best experiences of my life. I was scared because I was in a new country, with a new language and lots of new people; but i was very excited in the same time because.. well, it was a new country, a new language and lots of new people!!



For me, the Erasmus experience in Hradec Kralove was life changing. It opened my mind and made me see that i can do so much more and that there are so many oppotunities waiting for me. It pushed me over my boundaries and out of my comfort zone and it challenged my ideas and lifestyle.

I met people from all around the world and from so many different cultures and languages and I was amazed by the diversity that i have only heard of before this. I was surprised to see so many concepts and habits. How one is behaving, dancing, singing, eating, talking. I just looked around like a child

because there were so many things to learn.

I am going to sound like a nerd, but i loved the classes at UHK. I loved the open discussion as i think they are very important in sociology and i appreciated the professors for allowing them and encouraging us to have a dynamic lesson. Not only that, but also the

relationship between students and professors was rather a familiar one like we knew each other for a long time.

In this Erasmus, I learned how to accept more and share more. To comprehend the word „student” and realise that we don't have to be in competition all the time, but rather to be complementary to each other and make long-lasting friendships that are going to help us in the future for sure.

Back in my country, in Romania, when i tell people i study sociology, they look confused and somehow disappointed on me. Here, in Hradec, was the first time in my life when people looked at me with admiration for simply being in this field. This attitude of the others towards me gave me a new purpose and a new motivation that i really needed. I felt like home, i felt like i belong with these people and that we are going to change everything around us together.

When i will go back to Romania, my goal is not to change the world upside down, but to change minds and points of view, because this is what happened to me here and it feels amazing to let your brain work beyond what you see in your safe bubble.

Now i know a little bit more.

Now i feel a little bit deeper.

Now i want to change everything.

