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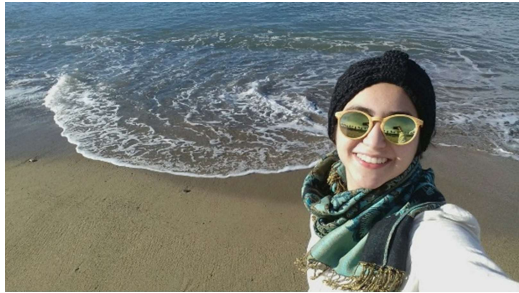
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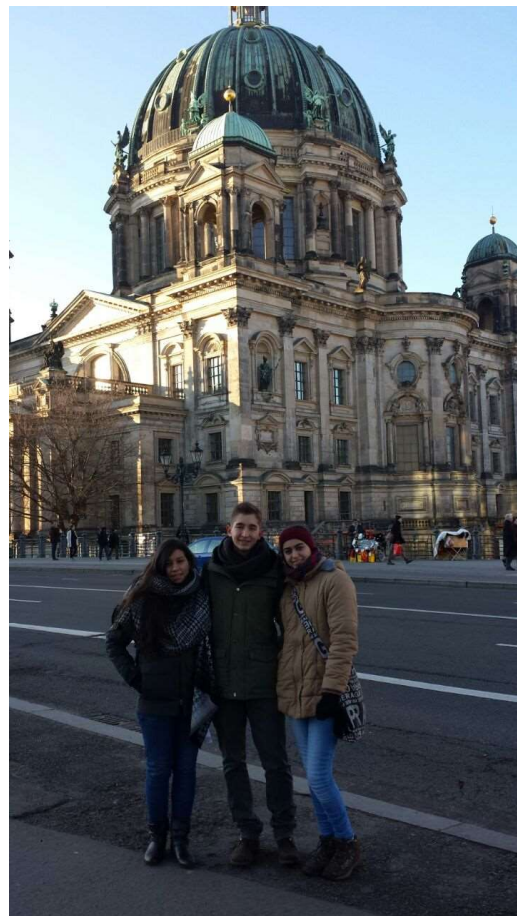
### A semester in UHK



I am Natalia Aparicio from Latin America, and the past five months are part of my unforgettable life experiences that will never be forgotten. This is because I have never been away from my parents and sisters for longer duration as this. This experience has taught and

prepared me on how to live without having the important things of my life around me. The exposure during these Erasmus period has shown me new things and it was also the first time I left America.

Also, the Czech Republic culture and I would say, in most European countries are totally different from the culture of my country. In my country the whole movement is more chaotic and crazy, and here in the Czech Republic, everything is more orderly and quiet especially in Hradec Kralove, which is an extremely quiet city. During these months, I enriched and acquired knowledge from classes that I never thought I would take due to the curricular differences of my university. Academically I learned a lot, I improved my English and I realized that I am able to understand other languages (like Portuguese, Italian). I also learnt about different ways of life from different countries. I understood their way of thinking, I understood better the reason for their way of life and I was more open minded.





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I made many friends in a very short time and I consider that they will also be lifelong friends. We learned to be a family in a very short time, always ready to support each other in whatever we needed. The study groups, the presentation groups, exam discussions, being nervous for not doing our presentations in our own language, went out for parties, danced to the songs of all countries, laughed until we shed tears, political debate, played with the snow, traveled with new colleagues, discovered the wonders that Czech Republic and Europe offers, shopped, cooked together, and demonstrated our cooking skills are some of the things we shared and that finally united us.

This experience, in my opinion, is one of the best schools in life. I thank the University of Hradec Kralove for this opportunity and Erasmus +. I hope to return to this country, and hoping that this is not the last possibility to come for another exchange program.

