

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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*"My experience as
an Erasmus student
in Hradec Králové
during an
international
pandemic"*



As many of my colleagues, the choice of coming to study at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové had a lot to do with the accessibility of the information on their website. This might happen to be a minor thing to some people but when you are a student who is struggling to gather information for your Erasmus application, seeing a very well-done website and people who answer emails very quickly become a blessing. When the pandemic started, I decided to stay in Hradec instead of going back home to Bucharest. I felt safer here, even though I was away from my family and friends. The experience was new for both students and professors and I was happy to see how they handled things here. Everyone, from professors to the University staff seemed concerned with how to make things easier for the students. I was taking a bunch of different classes, from Philosophy classes to Sociology and Postcolonial Studies classes, some of which I have never studied before and was super excited to start with. The exams went smoothly, almost all of them held online on the platform they use for their classes: Moodle.

I have made friends from the Czech Republic, Brazil, Bolivia, Croatia, and many other places. We've told each other stories that will last longer than our stay in Hradec and we shared the promises of seeing each other soon.

I truly wish that whoever decides to come to Hradec for their Erasmus will only enjoy the happy moments and will not have to deal with another pandemic.