



## **AN ERASMUS STORY**

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Greetings to the readers. During these months of staying in Hradec Kralové, Czech Republic, I have encountered different forms of teaching and thinking, both at the faculty where I studied and the Palachovy Koleje where I stayed. These months, I have greatly revalued the teachings of my professors, and I have fond memories of the classes of the " 20th Century Czech History" professor, a clear example of academic excellence. It is necessary to mention that my professors were of great help; they not only provided academic support, but their life experiences were essential for an internal analysis of students as future professionals.



The environment the reader will appreciate that the academic environment is very

interesting in Hradec Kralové. You learn things from a different perspective and in a more dynamic way, and you also have the possibility to choose elective subjects. The months spent in the residence have taught me several things, from mutual respect for different cultures and ways of life to the reinforcement of my skills originating from my home country. Every passing day, the universal language, English, becomes fundamental for your day-to-day interactions. One must come with high expectations and tranquility at the same time. I greatly cherish the memories of my travels within Europe. During those brief stays, you learn to manage not only money but also time and social behaviors (if you are traveling in pairs or groups). It is valid to say that having an itinerary is very helpful, relying not only on information from platforms and social media but also on the advice of university peers and professors long before embarking on long trips.

The experience at Hradec Kralové University will be unforgettable for my professional career and personal life. I am thankful to God and destiny for placing me temporarily in this amazing country. To future applicants, I encourage you to open yourselves to new experiences and to strive to become what you set out to be (as I learned from my high school in Bolivia) ... Excelsior!



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