

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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I felt that September 8, 2021, would be the beginning of the most special and beautiful year of my life, but I did not think it would be this perfect. My exchange started on September 8 and ended on June 29, and I successfully completed my classes at the University of Hradec Králové.

I think that the Erasmus program is not just about education; meeting people from different races, religions, and cultures, the things I have seen, and how much I have traveled have made me more tolerant. In my own personal development process, I am aware that I am no longer who I was when I came here, and I mean it in a positive sense. First of all, I learned how to share things with other people, embrace other cultures, learn a different language in-depth, live in a community different from my own, and cope with responsibilities and problems.

At the same time, I saw that the UHK values the opinions of its students and supports their development. I have seen this with the opportunities they provide and the lessons they teach. Their educational system is built on thinking and interpretation. They provide their students with the things that all humanity needs the most and I am extremely happy to have had the opportunity to study in such an institution as an exchange student because



I got and saw much more than education. The attitude and behavior of my professors and coordinators always made me feel like I was at home. They are the most important part of my Erasmus process for me. I am grateful to them for helping me in my quest to find myself, to the point that I will have the feeling of being a part of them in my further education.

Hradec Králové has become my second home and I know that now I have a home thanks to the friendships I have made in many parts of the world. It makes me so happy. In this whole year, I gained and learned a lot besides education. I am happy and at the same time proud to have established bounds with hundreds of people in a place very different from the Turkish culture, to make very close friends, to be able to help others and to represent my country, university, and myself correctly.

Thank you very much for everything, UHK!!!

