

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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The Erasmus students exchange program has been a program that my school, Nile University of Nigeria, has been involved with for a couple of years, especially my department, the department of political science and international relations. I got to know about this great program, of course, from past students who have attended and also benefited from the program, and also my great and able school had a part to play in my coming to the Czech Republic for the program. My home university linked me up with my coordinator Věra, with whom I have been in contact even before arriving in the Czech Republic, and who also has been of great assistance from how I traveled to the Czech Republic, how I have registered all the courses I offered in the university, to how I received my lectures appropriately.

I arrived in the Czech Republic on the 11th of April 2021 night, from about 11 pm to 12 am in the early hours of the following day. I first arrived in Prague before I was accompanied by some buddy to Hradec Králové with my luggage helped by the buddies who accompanied me. I arrived at Hradec Králové late at night already having the dormitory receptionist who attended to me in the most friendly and appropriate way of attending to a visitor, very calm, welcoming and accommodating. Late in the night, I signed all documents necessary for me to sign before the receptionist could hand over the keys to my quarantine room because I needed to be isolated about a week before I could go out and take a negative COVID test, which I was also accompanied by a buddy to take. Of course, my buddy was of great help and importance because I barely had money on me as at the time I arrived in Hradec. He took me to take the test and also lent me some money to be able to pay for it. It was a bit difficult to settle in a new and very different environment, most especially a continent I have never been to, but also it was very interesting all the processes I had to follow to be able to settle in very well. The help of the buddies provided to me by my good coordinator was of good help, and also the lecturers helped in settling in even more comfortably.



Although the educational system is quite different from the one down in Africa, I still managed to understand and pick a lot that has been taught by my able professors in the university. I also met different people with different cultures and beliefs here in the Czech Republic, people of different races, different continents, and different countries. Of course, this beautiful program has added so much to my life experience, how to live with different kinds of people. I got to know the behaviors of different kind of people, their religion, what they love to eat, their perspectives on life in general, how they prefer to dress, and most importantly, the good and bad based on their beliefs. In addition, I have to admit that the lecturers around here have been very professional in how they go about their work, making sure the students understand appropriately what they have been taught by the professors.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who has been part of my journey in the University of Hradec Králové, especially my coordinator, who was of great assistance, and the organizers of the program, I encourage them to continue with the great work because this particular program, in a world of unrest that we find ourselves in, now will have a very huge part of bringing peace, harmony, and unity to the whole world by uniting people from different parts of the world. God bless the Erasmus student exchange program.

