

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My name is Briana Emanoele Bonetti, I'm 21 years old and during the Winter Term 2021/2022, I was an exchange student from Brazil living in the Czech Republic. Studying abroad had always been my dream, so when I received the opportunity to study in the UHK for one semester, I knew it was going to be the best experience of my life, and, so far, it really was.

I could try to describe some of the experiences I lived here but I know it would be impossible to really transmit what this exchange was for me.



The people I have met here from the most diverse nationalities, the daily life in the dorms, the places I could visit and learn about it, the English as the main language for communication, and the culture shock I had coming from Brazil to the Czech Republic are some of the things that have taught me far beyond the content I learned at the university.

I could not be more grateful for this role experience. Living in the Czech Republic and studying in UHK made me learn a lot more about

Central and Eastern Europe, its culture and history, something that wouldn't have been possible to deepen in my home university. Besides that, being an International Relations student in Brazil, this process showed me a new scope of this area of study and allowed me to expand my critical sense in relation to the world.

At the beginning of this year, due to the global health crisis caused by COVID-19, I was certain that I wouldn't be able to do this exchange. A month and a half before the Winter Term 2021/2022 started, I received the news that I could travel to the Czech Republic and attend the classes; nothing could be better.

I need to thank the International Office and, especially, my coordinator Vera Kourimova, for all the effort she made to help me make this dream come true. It was an incredible experience that I will never forget. I'm extremely happy for the beautiful moments I have lived here, all the amazing friends I have made, and the unforgettable places I have visited.

