

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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It is really complex to explain in five hundred words what my stay at the University of Hradec Králové meant to me and my growth as a political science student. I probably couldn't ever synthesize it, because I can't still realize how much this meant to me.

In short, it was a full life in six months; something I will carry forever and ever in my heart as well as my professional skills like improving a language. Beyond all the learning transmitted by the university teachers, it is the environment the key thing; that feeling of always being at home, always being safe. It may be because the university is small, but as the rector has explained on several occasions, it allows them to focus much more on students.

From the news that I got the scholarship, the visa process, the scheduling of flights, the first day of classes, the last day of classes, everything has been parsimonious and charming. A small city, but with everything you need; a beautiful country, with all kinds of new places to visit, different faculties, with many courses for you to choose from. So many invited professors and activities, I even got to know the ambassador of my country in the Czech Republic, how cool is that! Also, I had the opportunity of having teachers of different nationalities, with different backgrounds, classmates from all over the world, roommates with all kinds of traditions. It was just wonderful. It's actually sad that I have to go back to Chile so soon, but at the same time I'm sure we will meet again very soon UHK.

In the end, there is nothing more than gratitude towards the university and the exchange process. You make me feel like this was always my place in the world during these six months, I'm going to miss that very much. Thank you for the opportunity, UHK, and if you are reading this while you are considering this university, I'm telling you: do it, come here!

