

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My fascination for the Czech Republic started right at the airport in Prague. A completely new world for me as the UHK gave me the first chance to travel the world, explore things, get in touch with new cultures and develop myself mainly in the human dimension. Everyone who accepts this challenge will leave as a better person in many aspects of life.

But of course, the beginning was a bit hard. I had to adapt myself to a bigger place, to a different transportation system, language, food, and so on. But all these challenges didn't shake my enthusiasm. I loved the Czech language and the classes so much that I could not stop reading the books for the classes. I swear I delayed delivering them back to the library because I wanted to learn more and more. The first thing that caught my eye was the organization of the international office and its competent coordinators. The coordinators support new students with every single issue, and more important than this is that they prepare in advance all possible solutions that new students may face in their stay.

Other amazing facts are the study programs. They are vast and very well thought. They are not complex at all, but of course, it demands effort. The study hours are not excessive, and I had time to travel, meet new people and try many traditional dishes of the Czech Republic. Personally, I was totally in love with řízek and smažený sýr. I still remember my first trips to neighboring countries by train as if it was yesterday. Of course, it is a must to visit beautiful Czech cities like Karlovy Vary, Brno, and Prague.



Throughout the time, things got really easy, and I got an invitation to make a trial in a Czech football team, and I successfully passed the test and signed a short-term contract with them. It was one of the most beautiful things that happened to me in the Czech Republic, and I will always remember that. I scored some goals and helped them a lot. Due to covid19, we had to stop with no date to come back. We were doing great and were in first place in the classification.

There are good conditions provided by the UHK and Palachovy Koleje, so there is nothing to complain about.

Of course, I made mistakes I was not supposed to make. But right after the mistakes, I was busy fixing and learning with them because that is how great men are built.

In the future, I will proudly say that the UHK was part of my human and intellectual evolution with its education of excellence.

