

## WINTER SEMESTER IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ - PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY

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Emilie :

The Erasmus experience was one of the best of my life. I discovered new cultures: Czech food, language and ice hockey, made new friends, travelled a lot but also studied!

At first, I wasn't too keen on the city... but in the end I fell in love with it and its people. The teachers were lovely to work with, the courses were interesting and the parties organized by ESN enabled us to meet lots of people and make friendships that we hope will last a long time. Everyone made us feel very welcome here.

The cost of living also makes it possible to do a lot of things, which for students is really great. We had the opportunity to travel to every corner of Europe!

I highly recommend this experience, which allows you to develop both intellectually and personally. I'm going back to France with my head full of memories.



Zoé :

I loved my experience in Hradec Králové! The city is very cute and the university is great. I spent a winter semester at the Faculty of Philosophy and I don't regret it!

The classes are small, which is different from France. I found it very interesting and educational.

In addition, while participating in Erasmus, I worked as a French teaching assistant in a primary/middle school. This experience made my time abroad truly unique! I recommend that French



and other international students look into this opportunity, as many schools are looking for native speakers to teach language classes.

As for the city, it's true that at first glance, Hradec Králové isn't a very big city, but ESN and the faculty organize events to try to make it more lively. Prague is an hour and a half away by train, and the ticket costs between €2 and €5, which is very reasonable. Prague is absolutely beautiful—it's impossible to get bored there!

I recommend everyone to go to the Czech Republic. We are welcomed by the faculty and the lifestyle is very good. I felt safe, and life is inexpensive.



At first, I was scared of the dorms because the staff didn't speak English very well and the apartments aren't very big, but in the end, all the students live there and it's great! We all get together in the common rooms or apartments. It's an experience not to be missed.

Erasmus also allowed me to travel extensively in Central Europe: Vienna, Dresden in Germany, Krakow, Wroclaw, Bratislava, and many cities in the Czech Republic. The transportation networks are very accessible, especially for students.

Zoé :)

Gladys :

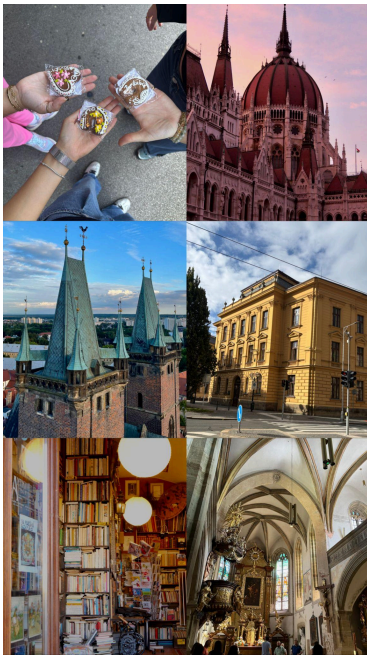
I'm 20 and I study political science in Lille, France. 🇫🇷

I spent the Winter semester 2025/2026 in Hradec Kralové at the Philosophical Faculty and it was the best experience of my life ! 🇨🇪

I really feel like I've experienced Erasmus in every part of it : discovering a new culture, trying to speak foreign languages, studying in English, meeting amazing people from all around the world, partying...



People from the faculty and professors were very welcoming to us. We knew that we could count on them if we had any problem. Small classes with Erasmus students were the best to improve our English and our knowledge in political science. I also chose a Czech course, which has been very beneficial for everyday life !



Hradec Kralové is only one hour and a half by train from Prague and close to the border with Poland so I think it was the best location to travel across Europe ! As the timetable is quite light, we had time to discover the country and to go to Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Germany and Austria. The cost of living is low for international students so train fares are affordable !

If you want to live your experience to 100%, come to the dorms ! Once in your life you will experience living in a small flat with 5 other students. Scary at first, but you will never feel alone and it is the best way to meet people and make friends. Just note that the apartment is empty and you need to manage it !

Come to the Czech Republic, you won't be disappointed !  
Gladys :)

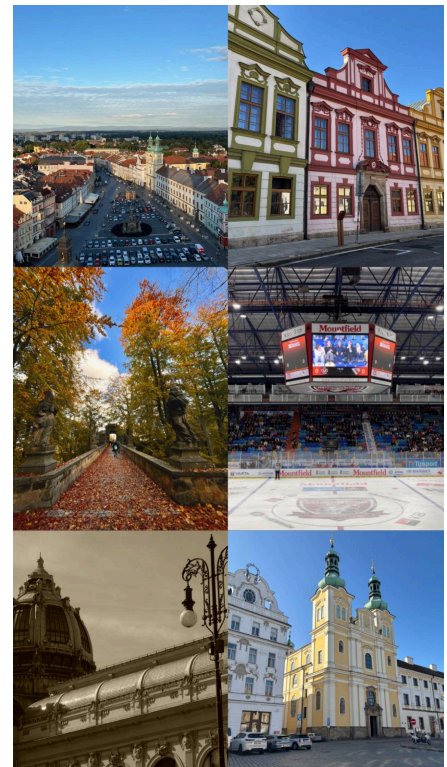
#### Hannah:

I'm a 21 year old social work student from Belgium. I came here to spend the winter semester of 2025/2026 studying at the Philosophical Faculty and don't regret it for a moment!

Going here for Erasmus was the best experience of my life. Going to a new country, meeting all of these amazing new people, trying to learn a new language and going on trips across Central Europe.

Everyone here at the university was very welcoming to us and truly gave us a safe space in this unknown country. The classes were well organised and really gave us the opportunity to improve both our knowledge and our language skills.

The city of Hradec Králové is not that big in and of itself, but the ESN organization here makes sure that you can get to know your fellow exchange students. The train network here is also



really cheap and easily accessible which allows you to visit cities such as Krakow, Bratislava and Budapest by train.

This experience has truly opened my eyes in so many ways and I would definitely recommend people come and experience Erasmus in Hradec!