

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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As a Brazilian student, I may say that the first thing that I felt when arriving in the Czech Republic was a culture shock. I have already traveled around some countries but the Czech Republic was different. However, this culture shock was something positive for me, because I was able to learn this very rich story that the country has.

When arriving in Hradec Králové, the feeling was the same. Honestly, I was quite scared, as I had never been far away from home for so long. But when I started getting to know the people around Palachova and the University, I began to feel like I was creating a new family, full of different cultures and perceptions of the world. I learned a lot in these five months here, not just in class, which I was very fond of (the professors were amazing and very heartwarming with me and I could learn a lot with them), but also with the friendships that I created living in Palachova.

I must say that I felt homesick sometimes, but this feeling was being less present with time. When I would travel to other countries, I could find myself, when tired; wishing to go back home, but this home now was the Palachova dorm with my roommates, which we would kindly call each other "my Palachova Family".



I am happy to have chosen UHK as the destiny of my exchange program of study. I felt very welcome by everybody, from the international office to my new friends and the reception of the dormitory. This is an experience I will never forget and will always have its own space in my heart, which will probably never be replaced.

I miss my family back in Brazil and my friends too but I feel that right now my heart is divided because I do not want to leave the family I created here in the Czech Republic. I am going to go back to Brazil now, but I am sure that I will feel homesick too, but this time the feeling will be towards Hradec Králové and the family I created there.



I will be forever honored and glad to be part of this experience and when anybody and everybody ask me if they should go or not study at the UHK, I will, for sure, say “yes, you must go there”.

Forever thankful,