

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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Hi! I'm Isabel Rodríguez. I'm an International Relations student from Madrid. I've always loved traveling and learning about different cultures, meeting different people and above all, I love changing my routine and doing different plans. Therefore, the Erasmus+ mobility program was perfect for me and after all, I must say that it was exactly how I hoped it would be! The opportunity to study abroad, to meet people from the whole world, and to get to live in a place totally different from what I was used to was incredible.



Honestly, Hradec Králové wasn't my first option, but it hasn't disappointed me at all. The best part of it, I would say, is living in the dorms and being able to hang out with other international students 24/7. For me, one of the highlights of the Erasmus in this city was how close it is to Prague, and how easy it's to travel to other countries since we're in central Europe and there are very good transport connections.

This experience enabled me not only to complete my degree in the UHK, but also to explore and learn so much more about International Relations and my field of study from a different point of view: the Central European one. Since this country has had so much experience with communism and an interesting history, it's been very enriching to learn and experience the effects of this first hand.

On the other hand, I would say that the only drawback in my Erasmus experience was the weather! The coldness joined with the lack of sunlight affected me way more than I thought they would, as they limit a bit the kind and number of plans to do outdoors. However, I have no regrets about choosing to study here and I would one hundred percent recommend to anyone the experience of living and studying abroad for a semester in the Czech Republic because it's such a unique and enriching experience.

