

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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Well, it's hard to simply describe an Erasmus experience. For sure it has been one of the most memorable times of my life. The opportunity given by the UHK and the European Union is one in a lifetime, and it must be taken!

Hradec Králové is a small town in the countryside of the Czech Republic. It is charming, beautiful, and full of surprises! Public transportation is perfect; there are many parks and fields to walk around and hang out in, bars in the city center, affordable stores, and, of course, a great university! The cost of living in the city is low, especially if you are staying at the dormitories of the UHK: Palachova. The scholarship given by the University (Erasmus+ in my case) is pretty enough for you to live in the city and even plan some nice low-cost trips!



For me, one of the most interesting experiences of this Erasmus was living in the dorms. I shared the room with a Turkish student, and in the other room of the flat, there was a South Korean and a Russian student... And the whole building is full of rooms like that, with students from Ghana, Namibia, Argentina, Spain, Italy, Brazil, Ukraine, etc... The cultural exchange that you're exposed to because of this situation is amazing. I was able to learn a lot from different countries, languages, costumes, and traditions. I made friendships that will last forever!



One other incredible aspect of this experience was the possibility of traveling around Europe. I could travel across countries like France, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Portugal, UK,

Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, Poland... And of course, within the Czech Republic as well, to beautiful cities like Český Krumlov, Plzen, Pardubice, and the astonishing capital Prague. The strategic position of Czechia makes it a lot easier to accomplish the dream of knowing different countries.

Besides that, the classes at the UHK contributed a lot to my curriculum and my professional development. I improved my language skills, read different authors, and learned from local teachers... Yet the most important was that I could see the different points of view of multiple nationalities about various topics. This really opened my mind to different opinions and different realities.

So, if I could use just one word to describe my Erasmus experience, it would be **amazing**. To go on an exchange is a *must* experience for everyone who has the opportunity.

