

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My trip to the Czech Republic was delayed at first because of the pandemic situation. Peru, my home country, was going through severe hardship; also, it was among the blacklist countries. So, I ended up arriving more or less a month later than expected.

The beginning was not easy either. I had to take courses in Political Science because the courses of my specialty (Philosophy) were taught in the face-to-face modality. Additionally, my English-speaking level was not good enough to hold long conversations either. However, I had finally arrived and I knew that I had to take advantage of my stay in Hradec Králové.



Although I missed the first events organized by the ESN, quickly I realized that there were plenty of things to do during my stay, and soon everything started to run better than expected. Lecturers introduced me to different interesting topics and I could even find a topic to work on my thesis project when I return home. Furthermore, my stay in the Czech Republic has given me the opportunity to practice my English skills, and now I feel way more confident with them than before.

On the other hand, I could get to know a lot of people from different backgrounds. All of them with their particularities and valuable life experiences. I was pleased of talking with them and meet together in different parts of the town and the country. The photo you can see here, for example, was taken during one of our walks around the city, which is incredibly beautiful, especially in autumn.

Finally, I want to thank all the people who made my stay more comfortable, fun, or better in any sense. I have already mentioned my lecturers, but there is also my coordinator, Tomáš Herčík: he is a very reliable and kind person. His orientation was absolutely crucial for me. Also, I want to thank my ESN buddy, Edita, for her support and her companionship. To the workers of the UHK and the dorms, to my flatmates, and to all the new friends I met during my stay.