



A short Erasmus Story

The entirety of my stay makes up five months in approximation. Whilst there are a plethora of memories and experiences worth sharing, the template given for this story would not permit. My story would thus take a thematic format with foci on academics, livelihood and intercultural exchanges.

Officially studies started on February 7, 2023, and my first class was a political methodology class which was very enlightening. Overall, I studied four main courses and attended block of expert seminars to meet my required credit hours. Following the flexible course criteria offered by UHK, besides my required courses, I was privileged to choose a course in philosophy (philosophy of natural sciences), enabling me to diversify my knowledge in other fields. In sum, the nature of delivery, student engagement, the logistics and tranquil ambiance in the lecture halls and UHK are worthy of eulogizes. The library system and personnel delivery are highly commendable. I recall the librarian at the time, one Barbora, effortlessly ensured a book I needed was ordered and delivered all the way from their national library in Prague without a fee.

I lived in the Palachova hostel throughout my stay and though it is not located on the same premises with my faculty, the transport system made mobility very easy. With the timeliness of the transport system in Hradec Kralove, I was always on-time with classes and events. Other aspects of livelihood came in handy as well because of the proximity of the hostel to the Albert supermarket, basketball court, a gym and laundry rooms available in the basements. Undoubtedly, the stable internet access and speed of connection is one that would be appreciated by students.

Lastly, the programs organised by the Erasmus Students Network (ESN) at the UHK, made it easy to engage, interact and share cultural and personal experiences with other students across varying blocs of the world. On a rather lighter note, I now have a fair idea about how people

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express their ebullience and relate to some subject matters. I have also had exclusive gastronomic delights having tried meals like gulas, bosch soup, svickova and others. The memories live on!



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