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My Erasmus in Hradec Králové

This semester I had the opportunity to do an exchange in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, at the University with the same name as the city. I came with a scholarship from the European Union, which included airfare, and I lived in the university dormitories for the whole semester. Although I spent only five months in this city, I take with me memories and experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life, both academically and personally.

I recommend this city for many reasons. First of all, the people are very nice and are always willing to help you when they see you need it. For that reason, language was never a barrier when communicating with the locals. Also, the university and organizations like ESN provide exchange students with various tools that help us to integrate, meet people, get to know the Czech culture, etc. and they are always available to help us with any problems.

On the other hand, the city of Hradec Králové is in my opinion ideal for this kind of experience: besides being beautiful, it is full of young people and students who give it a palpable vitality. It has many parks, lakes, restaurants, churches, nightclubs, libraries, etc. that make it possible to get to know it a little better every day. Furthermore, it is only one and a half hour away from Prague by train, so it is very easy to get to that beautiful city. On the other hand, the Czech Republic is ideally located for exploring Europe on short weekend trips.

I had a pleasant experience with the UHK (University of Hradec Králové). The varied and very interesting courses enriched my professional career in several ways. First of all, they allowed me to improve my level of English thanks to class discussions, readings and written and oral evaluations. In addition, the number of people in the courses made possible a close relationship with the teachers, who in turn were always ready to answer our questions in class and out of hours by mail.

Finally, I would like to share some tips based on my experience for those doing their exchange in UHK. First of all, be aware that even if you come in the summer semester the weather is going to be very harsh at the beginning. Secondly, I recommend arriving in the city a week before the start of classes, so that you can settle in and do all the necessary paperwork (such as

getting your transport card, or changing your mobile phone SIM) as well as getting used to the city. Finally, I recommend keeping up to date with your subjects throughout the semester so that the exam and hand-in period is not chaotic.

