

# MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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When I think about writing a story for Erasmus, my mind drives me to the exciting days I have spent in Hradec Králové, Czech Republic. I am lucky to be part of this great opportunity; to share new experiences, different worldviews, and cultures from this great educational institution, from professors and friends from all over the world. Honestly speaking, I met my expectations about Europe, the Czech Republic, the University of Hradec Králové, and the city itself.



I arrived on September 20, 2021. Prague welcomed me with cold air; such a beautiful city with magnificent architecture, amazing infrastructure, and people. The weather is different in my country, but here, at that time the winter was coming, and people started to wear their winter jackets. On the same day, I traveled to Hradec Králové; the journey was amazing and I enjoyed the environment and the mechanized farms all along the way.

I got to Hradec Králové and it was as I expected: a clean, peaceful, and quiet city with amazing people. There are obvious differences compared to where I come from, different cultures, languages, and ways of life. One of the challenges was the language barrier, which impeded me from communicating with people that well. But those people who can speak English helped me a lot, especially in shops, supermarkets and showing roads.

The Philosophical Faculty is a real place for education, a well-organized institution with accomplished professors and a cooperative and supportive International Office and staff. I am truly grateful for coming here because the education system is a bit freer than in my country, where students can learn what they want, and this gave me the advantage of choosing interesting courses that are helpful for me.



Generally, my stay at the University of Hradec Králové was full of excitement and joy. Apart from the schooling, it helped me to get to know different students from different backgrounds, visit different historical sites, experience this beautiful snow falling which was new for me (as I am from the southern hemisphere). And I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me in the process of coming here and during my stay.

I would like to recommend all students to come here and experience this beautiful country, this beautiful city, and this beautiful faculty.