

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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Hi, I am Nefise Şengül from Turkey. I am 21 years old, and I chose the University of Hradec Králové for my Erasmus. I stayed about nine months, so I really don't know where I can start my Erasmus adventure. It was wonderful even though it was during the covid period. The people I met in the dormitory are amazing. We couldn't go to the university buildings, so we met the people in the dormitory. I think the best thing is Palachova. You live with people who are from different parts of the world and share everything with each other. Teaching each other your country's culture, food, dance, and other things.

In the first semester of the university, I couldn't do so many things because of the pandemic. I generally hung out in the dormitory with our friends and also we couldn't travel to other countries so my friends and I decided to travel inside Czechia.



If I talk about Hradec Králové, I will say that the city is not very big and crowded. People are nice and, for me, nature is amazing. The classes were a bit difficult, but I got used to it because my classes in Turkey are also very difficult. Generally, I chose the classes that I don't usually have in my university as I wanted to learn different things. I am not used to oral exams because we don't have them in my country. The teachers were so nice and kind to me; I never expected this. They are so understanding.

In the second semester, the pandemic situation was getting better as summer was approaching. The restrictions were almost over. We traveled abroad and had the chance to see many countries. In June, Hradec Králové was amazing; the city came to life. Also, I studied Czech. The language is hard to pronounce but also funny. I am really happy to have learned a little bit about the Czech language. I generally write about positive things. We also had some bad memories, but it's not worth telling. I just focus on the good things. I would like to add that my Erasmus coordinator is the best person I know. She always helped me, and if I was worried about something, she handled it.

To conclude, I had such a good experience. I am happy to have done this. I have beautiful memories and friends. I will never forget this year. I learned so many things and heard so many different ideas. Thanks to the University of Hradec Králové, my teachers, my coordinator, and my friends.

