

Erasmus+ story

This stay in Hradec Kralove was for me wonderful. I didn't expect that Erasmus experience would look like this. It was my first Erasmus+ exchange and I think not the last one.

Starting with the university and studying experience. It really wasn't what I expected, but it wasn't bad. Unfortunately, most of my selected subjects/classes didn't open upon my arrival, so I was forced to change my study plan a bit. It was very frustrating, but despite that, everything turned out ok. The classes that I was attending were really good. I liked the freer style of the lectures here. Teachers weren't only talking to us and giving lectures. It was based more on conversation—a true conversation where you can express your opinion and you are not judged whether it's a bad or good statement. You could make mistakes. And during this stay, I got to learn the basics of the Czech language; the classes with Martina were amazing. Now, after going back to Poland, I want to continue learning Czech. The overall vibe at the university was also pleasant—everyone was kind and you felt welcome there.

Moving on from the university to my life outside of classes, my time in Hradec Kralove and Czechia overall was simply unforgettable. Living in Hradec Kralove was a great experience because the city has a beautiful, calm atmosphere, but it is also full of life thanks to all the students.

The best part of this journey, however, was the people. I met amazing friends from all over Europe and the world. We spent so much time together, sharing our daily lives, cooking together and traveling. Through these interactions, I made new connections that I know will last long after our exchange ends. Talking with people from different backgrounds gave me fresh perspectives on many things and made me look at the world differently. This experience changed me by being more open to cultures and people, teaching me to understand and respect our differences.

Looking back, I realize that Erasmus is truly an amazing program. It is not just about studying abroad; it is about building a community and experiencing firsthand what European values are all about—unity, diversity, and mutual respect. This whole experience is something I will never forget, and it has definitely shaped who I am today.