



## *My Erasmus Story*



I am delighted to be able to share my Erasmus experience, which has been one of the most memorable moments of my university life and I guess, of my life. I am glad that I was able to participate in this program and to be part of the Univerzita Hradec Králové for one year. Thanks to it, I had the opportunity to considerably improve my English skills and to take courses with very nice teachers, but I also had the chance to travel to many different places.

My year abroad was incredible and went off without a hitch. I had the chance to visit beautiful places, such as the Adršpach rocks, Vienna, Budapest, Berlin, Bratislava, Krakow and of course Prague and many places in Czechia. Each of these places had its own charm and I had a great time exploring these different cities.



*My group of friends during the first semester // Ice hockey game against Pardubice*

I am also grateful to have met some incredible people throughout this year. I met students from Colombia, Brazil, Ghana, Chile, Peru, and many other countries. However, my closest friends consisted of French, Finnish, and German. We shared unique experiences all together, from discovering new places to tasting new cuisines, playing laser games and watching (and of course supporting) ice hockey games with the Mountfield HK team and so much more. The transition between the two semesters was quite hard because most people left, but the second semester also went very well.

Finally, I am also pleased to say that I have improved my English skills considerably during my year abroad. I had the opportunity to communicate with

people from different countries, which was enriching for me in many ways. Learning English here was much less stressful because it was not anyone's first language. So there was a lot less pressure. Also, the courses I took were interesting and relevant to my studies and the teachers' teaching style was excellent for learning new things.

I also had the opportunity to participate in weekly French conversation classes with students from the SNP school in Hradec. It was very nice to speak with them and to participate in their progress.



Last "English for Humanities and Social Sciences" class

All in all, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to participate in the Erasmus program and I am convinced that this experience will have a lasting impact on my entire life. I'm glad that I chose Czechia to have this experience. Everyone was so welcoming and kind. I highly recommend this experience to all students looking to expand their horizons and experience new cultures and if I had to do it again, I would do it again without hesitation!!!

*Děkuju moc UHK a Hradec Králové, budete mi všichni chybět !*

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