

Final report/Erasmus story

At the beginning, I didn't know where I wanted to go. My first idea was France, but from my options, none of the schools supported what I wanted to learn. Then I scanned and read every possible school that supported Philosophy or Ethics, and the one I liked the most was none other than the University of Hradec Králové in the Czech Republic. Why? Well, it had the most interesting and diverse courses out of all of them. Secondly, it was very close to my home country, Slovakia. The language is very similar too.

The good experience started even before I came to Hradec Králové. The coordinators were very nice, informative, and when I didn't know something or did something wrong, they helped me. They really tried to make your experience the best and as smooth as possible. When we arrived, they explained everything to us and even gave me a chance to study Czech courses because our languages were similar. They even showed us how and why to join Artemis + Erasmus Student Network (ESN), which was one of the best decisions I made. Nearly every week, we had some new program, sometimes multiple in a single week. The events were very diverse too, for introverts and extroverts alike. Do you like dancing, painting, sports, traveling, hiking, learning about new cultures, playing video games, or just talking with new people from across the world? They have got you covered. I met wonderful people and learned many things just from this. I can't recommend it enough. The Czech Republic is a beautiful country with gorgeous forests, rich history, and kind people. And Hradec Králové combines the best of the country. Oh, and it has the best, and I mean the BEST, dormitories that I have had the pleasure of staying in. Good Wi-Fi connection, modern furniture, its own kitchen, toilet, shower, balcony, plenty of space, and a wonderful view. I can imagine living here.

Now the most important thing. The study here was... amazing! Every teacher was passionate, helpful, and full of information to give us. They treated us with respect, as if we were on the same level as they were. They supported us and our creativity. They wanted to know our opinions. A personalized approach, I would say. Some of them even wanted to spend time with us after school unofficially. With one professor, we met once or twice a month at a restaurant. They gave me a new perspective on how to learn and what is possible. When I come home, I will try to apply some of the teaching methods that I learned at this university. Maybe I'll start an after-school club.

In conclusion, I learned many things at the University of Hradec Králové. I met wonderful people, saw amazing things, and grew as a person. If you're reading this and you're hesitating about going to the University of Hradec Králové or on Erasmus+ in general, Go! It's an amazing life experience. Finally, I would like to thank, in particular, Iva Raková, Mgr. Petra Chudárková, Ph.D., and prof. PhDr. Marek Franěk, CSc., Ph.D., for making my day.

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