

MY STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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My name is Umar Ibrahim. I will start this Erasmus Story by appreciating the European Union and also the University of Hradec Králové for giving me the opportunity to study here in the Czech Republic for a semester. My stay here in the Czech Republic was really worthwhile and memorable; it all started from my studies. The system of studies here is very much different from my home University. At first, when I arrived, it was very hard for me because the teaching method by the lecturers was different, but after some time, I got to adapt to the system here. Also, the culture here is very different, and I was surprised because in Nigeria, my country, people are either Muslims or Christian, but here in the Czech Republic is very different. I haven't even seen a mosque (Muslim Worship Center) ever since my arrival to this country.

The Erasmus Programme really changed my perspective of thinking because, by coming to this country, I met a lot of people from different countries. As a political science student, I got to know the system of governance practiced by so many European Countries due to my interaction with so many friends.

In encapsulating this story, I would like to say that this Erasmus program really changed a lot about me down to my reasoning faculty and how to tackle some really difficult situations, and also, I would like to say that the dormitory wasn't really convenient enough due to the renovations going on; it was always noisy and the wifi connection was also poor.

I will love it if the European Union can continue this program and hosting people from so many different countries because this Erasmus Programme is not just for study purposes, but it brings about unity amongst people from different cultural backgrounds.