



Field report semester abroad

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Study programme at the EUF
European cultures and society
Combination of subjects (for Educational Students)
Country
Gemrnay
Partner university
Metropolitan university Prague
Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2016/17)
Fall semester 2019/20
Duration of the semester abroad (lectures and examinations)
5 months
Preparation
I mostly prepared for living in another country rather than studying at another university. Two months before I started to search for an apartment, which did not prove to be enough time to find something.

Studies at the partner university (e.g. period of lectures, language of instruction, courses offered, type of examination)

I enjoyed the study program and the courses offered thoroughly. It was roughly the same weekly work load as my sending institution, however, you were partly graded on your participation in class, which meant that you were forced to be more thoughtful in your weekly preparation. However, the exams were easier to pass than in my sending institution because of this.

The language of instruction was English and it was spoken to a high level by both the lecturers and the students.

Life in the host country (e.g. living, shopping, leisure, costs)

The life in Prague was my favourite part of the semester abroad. I really enjoyed Czech culture and people. I thought that Prague was an amazing cultural hub with many beautiful and interesting cultural activities. I enjoyed the night life and the jazz scene in Prague.

Cost of living was very affordable for a student and the Erasmus money did help make things more comfortable.

Practical tips/conclusion

Start looking for accommodation at least three months in advance, Facebook seems to be a really good place to look for shared apartments but if you're interested in living alone then I would recommend looking for something on a Czech website, do not type in the search in English because it will give you websites for expats which is usually more expensive.

Make sure to make Czech friends, your experience cannot be complete without making friends with locals. This cannot be stressed enough. It is difficult to make friends with Czech students at the university because we were often kept separate and had different classes. However, looking for friends outside of university is very important if you want to expand your horizons and experience the real Prague, not just the tourist attractions.

Taking a Czech class is strongly advised because a few words in Czech can get you a long way, since many Czech people do not feel comfortable speaking English. If you say a few words in Czech they will be more likely to help you or to give you better service.

Overall, I would highly recommend doing an exchange in Prague, I would stay a year rather than a semester because there is so much to discover and takes some time to get to know the country and people. Once you do you will fall in love. It's an amazing city with many interesting people to get to know and hidden gems round every corner, one must just learn where to look.

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