

Experience report study abroad semester

How was it?

You may have heard this question more often now that you are at the end of your semester abroad. The International Center would also like to know how you evaluate your semester abroad and what you need to know. The experience reports will be published and serve to help orient others going abroad. The International Office would also like to use the contents for advertising purposes if necessary. We would therefore like you to keep this in mind when filling out the report.

1. General information

Please do not mention any personal information (name, e-mail address, etc.) in the experience report.

I agree to the publication of the report and the attached photos:

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Study program at EUF

European Cultures and Society

Discipline combination (if BABW)

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Host country

Czech Republic

Host university

Metropolitan University Prague

Semester abroad (e.g. winter semester 2016/17)

Winter 2022/2023

2. Your story

At this point you can now tell your stories from abroad. Often it is not so easy to tell about your experiences abroad in such a compressed way. We have therefore prepared some reflection questions to help you do this. At the end of the questionnaire, you will also find a free field for you to fill in, in which you are welcome to enter aspects that are not covered by any of these questions.

How did you prepare for the semester abroad?

Checked through the courses to see which ones interested me. Starting looking for places of residence straight away because some of the universities don't offer student accommodation

How did you establish social networks in your host country? Do you have any tips on how this can be achieved?

I emailed the international office throughout the Erasmus application process. Mainly got to know people in class.

Did you learn the local language, respectively how important did you think it was for your stay?

I didn't learn Czech as my timetable didn't give me time but I picked up some local phrases easily and everyone spoke very good English.

How was the study program at the partner university structured?

(e.g. premises, workload, language of instruction, examination forms, accessibility)

What intercultural encounters/competencies shaped your stay?

The study program was really good. Plenty of classes to choose from. The workload was intense as some courses were only 3 credits so I had to take more classes to make 30 credits. There were also graded homework's and mid-term assignments but I found the classes interesting enough that I didn't mind the extra work.

What intercultural encounters/competencies shaped your stay?

I'd say the city shaped the experience. Prague is an amazing city with really cool architecture and loads of stuff to do.

Which perspectives on the host country/country of origin have changed and why?

I didn't have a lot of perspectives before I went but I found people weren't very open but people were polite and friendly.

What was your daily life like where you were? (e.g. living, shopping, leisure, inclusion)

Prague is so easy to get around as there are trams, metros and buses. There are plenty of coffee shops, grocery stores and the prices were very good. I found a really good library to work in as well where I got a lot of work done in the week to make weekeneds free for plans.

What are the unique or special issues in the host country and what were the opportunities for engaging with these issues?

I didn't have any issues that were special to the host country

Is there anything else you would like to share? (e.g. anecdotes, criticism, etc.)

I'd say be prepared for rent to be very expensive in Prague and the Learning Agreement process was complicated especially with all the changes.

3. Photos

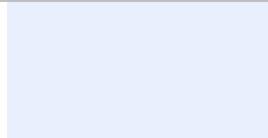
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- "A picture is worth a thousand words!" What does your picture say about the country and your semester abroad?

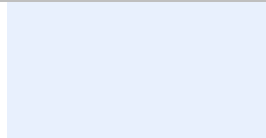
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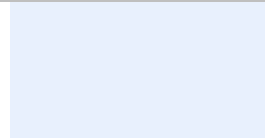
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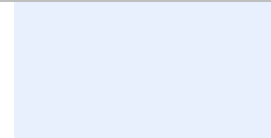
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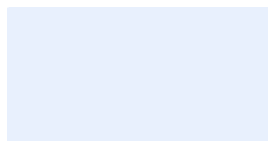
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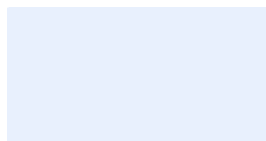
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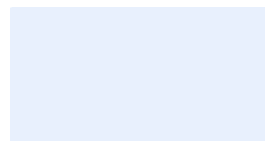
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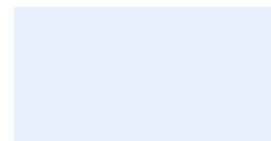
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