



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

Every student receiving an Erasmus+ STUDIES grant has to submit a UU report as well. Writing the UU report is one of the university's conditions to receive and keep the grant. Only after submitting this report your Erasmus+ grant will be awarded definitively.

Your report will be **published** (anonymously!) on the [UU study abroad destinations webpage](#) to inform UU students preparing an exchange or research period abroad. Not all of them are Dutch-speaking, therefore we prefer to receive reports **written in English**.

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| family name* | |
| first name* | |
| student number* | |
| permission to publish contact details** <i>See end note for * and **</i> | <i>optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)</i> |
| | my e-mail address <input type="checkbox"/> yes: @ my weblog <input type="checkbox"/> yes: my Facebook account <input type="checkbox"/> yes: other (social) media <input type="checkbox"/> yes: or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> my contact details cannot be published on the UU webpage, but I do give the International Office permission to forward my e-mail address to individual students interested in my host university abroad: @ |
| faculty/college | Geosciences |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD |
| name study programme | Human Geography and Spatial Planning |

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| destination city & country | Prague, Czech Republic |
| how did you travel to your destination? | Train |
| name university abroad | Charles University |
| start date | 05 / 02 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 24 / 06 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

You are requested to write on the following topics. Text boxes will expand automatically while typing!

| PREPARATION | |
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| exchange application process | The application process went smoothly, it was clear what was expected. The only thing you have to be aware of are the early deadlines for applying etc. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University | The international office of Geosciences always replied rather fast and there was always a possibility to have a Teams meeting in case of some more complicated questions. Thank you Mirjam! |



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| academic preparation |
| I did not partake in any academic preparation. |
| language preparation |
| I did not partake in any language preparation either - the language of instruction at Charles University is English. |
| finances |
| I cannot give an extensive overview of the average monthly living cost in Prague as it differs a lot depending on how much you party etc. Next to that my exchange took place during a period of tremendous inflation due to the coronacrisis and the war in Ukraine. My private student accommodation in the city center (next to Muzeum and the central station, which is about the most central location you can get) was about 390 euros a month. This was a bedroom in a shared student flat of 5 people. You can get cheaper (150 euros a month for the dorms) and more expensive flats. The pricies of groceries are comparable to the Netherlands. Restaurants, bars and clubs are super cheap, as many might know. Public transport is 5,5 euro a month in Prague for students. |

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| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| The study level was definitely lower than at UU. Three out of my four courses were masters courses and it was not that hard to receive full marks for them. I also followed political science courses next to my human geography courses, these were harder than the human geography courses. Do not put a lot of effort in choosing courses before going on Erasmus - this it what I did. It's not worth the effort. You're going to change all your courses when you arrive due to overlap and you have two weeks to still switch courses. |
| academic quality of education activities |
| On average lower than UU level yet really depends on the courses you're taking. There are big differences in quality between the different courses. I would advice you to follow a lot of different courses in the first two weeks (while you can still change) and then choose the ones you like most. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| Counselling was okay, they always answered my questions. Sometimes it took a few days. |
| transfer of credits |
| Don't know yet. I still have to transfer them. |

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| STUDENT LIFE |
| welcome & orientation programme |
| There was an introduction day for all Erasmus students of the Faculty of Science. I'd advice you to attend this day, you get a lot of information and a tour through campus. You can also already meet some people! The Erasmus club also present themselves - they organize some activities throughout the semester. |
| accommodation |
| I did not live at the dorms. I only know they were far out of the city mostly (40 min public transport) and did not always hear the best stories about the quality of living there. They are cheap however and you can make a lot of friends at the dorms. |
| leisure & culture |
| If you're going on Erasmus to meet people from different countries and cultures - you should definetly choose Prague. There's so much to do. Big Erasmus organizations (different ones), every day there are |



suggestions/tips

tons of activities you can participate in. Next to that, Prague offers everything: chill bars, museums, amazing parks, cafes, techno clubs, jazz bars, cheap restaurants and raves. There's something for everyone!

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would recommend the city of Prague and its university above anything else. This Erasmus experience was unforgettable - I met the most amazing people ever and the city keeps on giving. Super chill teachers at the university as well.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Choose Prague for the most amazing experience you will ever have!!!

Save this UU report for your own records and upload the report in your Erasmus+ file/application in Osiris within 30 days after finishing your study abroad period and in ANY case before the final deadline!

NOTE: Please upload in Word (.docx) so we can delete your *personal details between processing for grant purposes and publication on the website for future UU exchange students. **Contact details will only be included if and where permission has been given.