



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

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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* | |
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| faculty/college | Faculty of Science |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD |
| name study programme | Sociale Geografie en Planologie |

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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 | / 02 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | / 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 may seem as a lot of work, but when you dive into it once and make a clear planning of what you have to do and when you need to do it, it's not that hard. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |
| The Geo International Office is easily reachable by mail: if I didn't understand what I needed to do anymore, I sent a mail and I always got a clear response. In addition, documents are signed quickly. |



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| academic preparation |
| There was no need for academic preparation. |
| language preparation |
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| finances |
| The Erasmus grant, Travel Green Grant and the Public Transport grant helped me a lot during the exchange. In addition, I also borrowed money from DUO and used my savings. |

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| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| I really liked the Human Geography courses that were available at Charles University. The first two weeks we got the time to try a lot of different courses and decide which ones we really want to do: this was very handy, because sometimes courses seemed more/less fun on the website, while the reality was super different. I really liked that a lot of my courses were about Czech Republic and Prague itself: in this way, you learned a lot about the country and the city. |
| academic quality of education activities |
| The quality differs per course, but in general the quality is fine. It is definitely more easy than the courses I took in Utrecht. We did a few fieldtrips which were very interesting and educational! |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| Although it definitely takes longer to get documents signed via mail than in Utrecht, the support is still fine. You can also go to the Erasmus Office in person, but I never managed to find the office as it is quite hard to find. |
| transfer of credits |
| Charles University works with ECTS so the transfer is not a big deal. |

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| STUDENT LIFE |
| welcome & orientation programme |
| We had a Orientation Day in the week before the start of the semester. This day was very informative in terms of which documents you need to upload etc. I also met a lot of new people on this day which is super fun! |
| accommodation |
| I found my room via Facebook. I had a lucky shot as I had super nice flatmates who became my friends, a super nice apartment in Prague 7 (a good neighbourhood) and for not much money (345 euro/month). Looking for a flat yourself is really worth trying in my opinion. You can also fix super cheap accomodation via the university: however, these dormitories are super far away from the city, dirty and you have to sleep with someone else in one room. |
| leisure & culture |
| As the time you need to study is less than I am used to in Utrecht, I had a lot of spare time. I did a lot of nice activities and trips with my friends, both within the city and outside of the city (and even in other countries!). (Public) transport is super cheap so you are super free to go wherever you want. Going out in Prague is also amazing (and cheap beer!). |
| suggestions/tips |
| Go on (day)trips, try to avoid the 'tourist' clubs/places and have fun with your friends! |



| CONCLUSIONS |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| Definetely! In my opinion Prague was the best choice I could have made, because there are so many Erasmus students, the city is a capital but not too big, (public) transport is great, prices are low, the sun shines a lot, it is super safe (also at night), it has loads of super nice places, the university building is nice and the courses are interesting. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
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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!

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