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Gastuniversität:	Charles University, Prague
Gastland:	Czech Republic
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Media Studies
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	WS 2023/24
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1. Für welches Austausch- oder Förderprogramm fertigen Sie diesen Erfahrungsbericht an?

Erasmus (Europa oder Übersee)

2. Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation und Bewerbung bei der Gasteinrichtung)

The application process at both FAU and Charles University ran smoothly. The whole procedure is explained in detail by the Central Office for International Affairs at FAU on their website. After being selected for a place at Charles University by the international office at FAU at the end of December and accepting it, I waited until the end of March to receive a confirmation of my nomination from Charles University. The next step was to apply through their online platform. All details for completing the application process were provided by the Erasmus+ Team at Charles University.

3. An- und Einreise (Visum, Flug/Bahn/Bus)

Regarding the travel to Prague, I chose to go by plane because I was in my home country and that was the most convenient option for me. However, there is an opportunity to apply for the Erasmus+ green travel financial support if you choose other means of transportation, such as bus, train, or carpool.

4. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)

After being admitted, I immediately started looking for different housing options. Charles University arranges accommodation for all interested Erasmus students in dormitories at four different locations. Students can apply only for double rooms, most of which have shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. I, personally, preferred to search for private accommodation together with a friend of mine. We considered all the recommended options for private housing on the website of the university and got accepted at a dormitory run by a student accommodation provider called "student republic". We shared a double room at an apartment in which we lived together with three more girls. Overall, the conditions were satisfactory, and the rent was double that of the university dormitories.

5. Fachlicher Aufenthalt an der Gasteinrichtung (Lehrveranstaltungen, Praktikumsinhalte und -aufgaben, Sprachkurse, Stundenplan, Prüfungen, Abschlussarbeit)

Concerning the courses, lecturers, and the academic offer in general, I can say that I am really satisfied with the whole organization and coordination. Through the process of choosing courses and issuing Learning Agreements, the lecturers were very helpful, understanding, and fast in their responses to my emails. The university platform is easy to use, and the course catalog is diverse. Most of the courses combine different forms of examination, such as presentations, papers, homeworks, activity evaluation, mid-term exams, final exams, etc., but there are also courses evaluated just by a final exam. A positive feature of the Czech higher



education system is that exams are offered on at least three different dates, allowing the students to retake exams if they have failed. Usually, lecturers even offer an additional fourth date for exchange students who would prefer not to return after the holidays.

6. Betreuung an der Gasteinrichtung (International Office, Fachbereich, Praktikumsbetreuung)

Communicating with the International Office and the Erasmus+ Programme Coordinator was also really easy throughout the semester. They were always assisting and providing all the information that was needed, making the whole process much more effortless and enjoyable.

7. Ausstattung der Gasteinrichtung (Bibliothek, Computerräume, Laboratorien, Unterrichts- und Arbeitsräume etc.)

Regarding the university base, unfortunately, I can't share much as I mainly studied at home and in cafes outside the university. Both buildings where I attended lectures had relatively small libraries and study rooms that I only used for printing study materials. However, both buildings are located in central places in the city, and there are a lot of cafes with a great study and work environment.

8. Alltag und Freizeit (Sehenswertes, Kulinarisches, Geld abheben, Handy, Jobs)

Daily life in Prague is very dynamic, as the city is big and diverse, and one cannot keep track of all the events that are taking place. There are plenty of cultural attractions that are a must-see, and even in the winter season, the city offers plenty of outdoor activities, including concerts, ice skating, beautiful Christmas markets, etc. Moreover, there are student organizations that organize events for exchange students throughout the semester, such as international dinners, pub quizzes, board game nights, club nights, trips to other cities, etc. The city is very well connected, and transportation is quite affordable for students. In most cases, payments are also possible in euros, but paying in Czech crowns is recommended as everything is cheaper in local currency. After receiving their student (ISIC) cards, students can enjoy discounts on various activities, shops, and even in some restaurants and bars.

9. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien, finanzielle Unterstützung der Gasteinrichtung)

The cost of living in Prague is similar to that in Nuremberg. From my observations, rents are a bit higher if you don't live in one of the university dormitories. On the other hand, transport is quite cheap for students - for the four months I spent there, the transport card for the whole city cost me 20 euros. The prices of products in supermarkets and meals in restaurants are more or less the same as those in Nuremberg.



10. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

Overall, I would say that Charles University in Prague is a wonderful place for a semester abroad and I would definitely recommend it. Although at the beginning one can feel overwhelmed by all the documents and searching for a suitable accommodation, the whole process is very well structured so that students feel as comfortable and supported as possible. Charles University is internationally renowned and attracts thousands of exchange students every year, which in itself guarantees both a comfortable place for everyone and an unforgettable experience in Prague! :)

11. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

<https://fsv.cuni.cz/en> - Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

<https://is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/predmety/index.php> - Course Catalogue