



# Stay at Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava in frame of Erasmus+

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# What was your main reason for choosing to study at Silesian University (SU)?

My main reason was the very fast and kind e-mail answer. The SU supports students with disablities and the language institut has a good reputation in Würzburg.

#### How long did you stay at SU? (in months)

6 months.

#### What was your first impression after you arrived here?

Thats a lovely little town, liberal and kind people.

#### How did you get used to your new study and living environment?

My erasmus buddy and more important friends I find in my seminar and at my accomodation helped me with the language and all questions.

#### Can you compare your home university and SU? Is there anything unique about SU?

It is smaller, lesser students in the seminars I studied.

#### How did life in Opava seem to you? What was the city like?

Life in Opava was free, freer than in Germany, exspecially in Corona years.

It was slow in a good way. The city had many lovely places and restaurants.





# Are the living costs in Opava lower or higher to your home city?

Much lower.

# What was the local food like? What were your favourite dishes?

The local food was not so different than in my home.

#### In your opinion, what are the best places to visit in the town and region?

Hradec Castle and Ostrava (and for a longer trip Prague). Sadly I could not visit very much. Visit the lake in Opava.

#### Do you have any advice for future exchange students?

Do trips with the Ostrava students group, Instagramm ist used more than WhatsApp, don't hesitate to ask if anything is wrong or unclear.

#### What was your best experience?

The best experience was to visit the winter market with new found friends, see the bright lights and have a good time.

#### How do you think this opportunity to study abroad impacted your live?

The impact is huge, maybe because of this I will change my place of living to Czech republic.

I found new friends and I am much more confident in generel and in trying to speak english and communicate. I found a new perspective on my field of study and its benefital for my future persepctive with jobs.

# Were you satisfied with the list of courses offered by the university? Would you add any course to the list? And if so, which?

I was satisfied. Sadly I could not attend the course of learning czech language. I think its important this course happens.





# Accommodation at Hradecká dormitory (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Welcome/orientation activity (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

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<u>Trips/events organized by the International Department/buddy (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)</u>

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International Coordinators (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

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Teachers (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

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Library (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

**Transportation (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)** 

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Entertainment, culture (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

**Gastronomy (1 - very dissatisfied, 5 - very satisfied)** 

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Did your buddy keep in touch with you during the whole semester?

No.





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