

The University

Vysoká škola ekonomická (VSE) consists of three buildings. The new one is very modern with a lot of cozy spaces for the students. Each of the five floors has some open spaces where you can spend the free time. All of the class rooms are good equipped with projectors and comfortable tables / chairs. They also have two big cafeterias in the new building. All of the cafeterias offer a high variety of lunches and snacks. The students can choose between Czech traditional food like goulash and dumplings or special vegetarian food. The older building was probably build in the seventies and in my opinion not as comfortable and good heated as the new one. The furniture was very old and it gives you the feeling that the socialistic time of the Warsaw Pact is still there. The university is good located in the center of Prague and 10 minutes away (or one stop) from the main railway station.

Around the university students can find a few copy shops, cafes and restaurants.

The Courses

Lucky I was, I could find perfect matches for all of my courses at the home university. After signing the learning agreement, I found out that some courses were not available or the classes were already full. After contacting the supervisor from my home university, I changed some of my courses and all of them were counted. Another problem which I faced at the beginning was that two courses were at the same day and same time. Besides ordinary lectures, which were not compulsory to visit, there were two three-days-seminars- in "Real Estate Finance" and in "Business Strategies".

The City

Prague is truly a beautiful city. I really enjoyed the time I spent there. I think together with Amsterdam and Berlin there is a positive hype which is built around this city. Talking about the architecture, it is a mix between Vienna, Berlin and some soviet cities. There are a lot of beautiful places to visit. Fortunately, the public transportation is very advanced. There are buses, trams and metro. Trams are driving the whole night. So if somebody spent a little bit too long outside, there is no problem to catch a tram back home. Besides, you can also take an UBER taxi, which is also not expensive at all. If you are a student under 25 years, you can buy a public transport ticket for around 50 euros for the whole semester. There are a lot of cultural places in Prague, like museums. Besides you can find a lot of restaurants with very tasty Czech food and the beer is cheap and tasty as well. In the city center there are a lot of exchange points, where you can change your money into Czech Crowns. Another good thing (compared to Germany) is that all the shops are also opened on Sunday. The only negative thing, which I can tell about Prague, is the weather. In the time I spent there were a lot of rainy days, which is pitty, because Prague is even more beautiful when the sun shines.

The Dormitory

There are actually two possibilities for a living in Prague. Either you go to the dormitory, or you apply for a ERASMUS flat. And it is always a tradeoff. If you choose a dormitory, you will get a cheap flat and a possibility to get socialized with the students all around the world. The negative side of it is the district, which is a bit away from the cozy places of the city. But if you choose an Erasmus flat, you may pay quite an amount for it. As far as I know, a friend of mine paid around 400€ for his shared apartment.

All the exchange students live in the dormitory Jarov III F. Basically, there are two types of apartments: single room and shared room apartments. I lived in a single room apartment. So I had my own room, as well as my flat mate. Shared the bath, toilette and the kitchen. Besides we had a balcony, where you cannot smoke 😊. All in all, as far as I remember, I paid around 250 dollars for a month. Besides the single room apartments, there are also shared apartments. In these apartments there are two people living in one room. The dormitory building has 12 floors with two elevators. The next mall is two stops away, university is around 15 minutes away by tram. The tram stop is right in front of the dorms