

Exchange Report – Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic
Fall 2018

This Fall 2018 semester I travelled to Prague, Czech Republic, to study at Charles University. The East and Central European Studies (ECES) Program I participated in at Charles University began on September 3rd and ended on December 15th. I chose to study at Charles University because of their courses offerings. As a third year student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences majoring in International Studies, I was drawn to Charles University because they offered courses related to my International Studies Major such as comparative politics. I was also drawn to Prague due to the city's historical charm being the 'heart' of Central Europe.

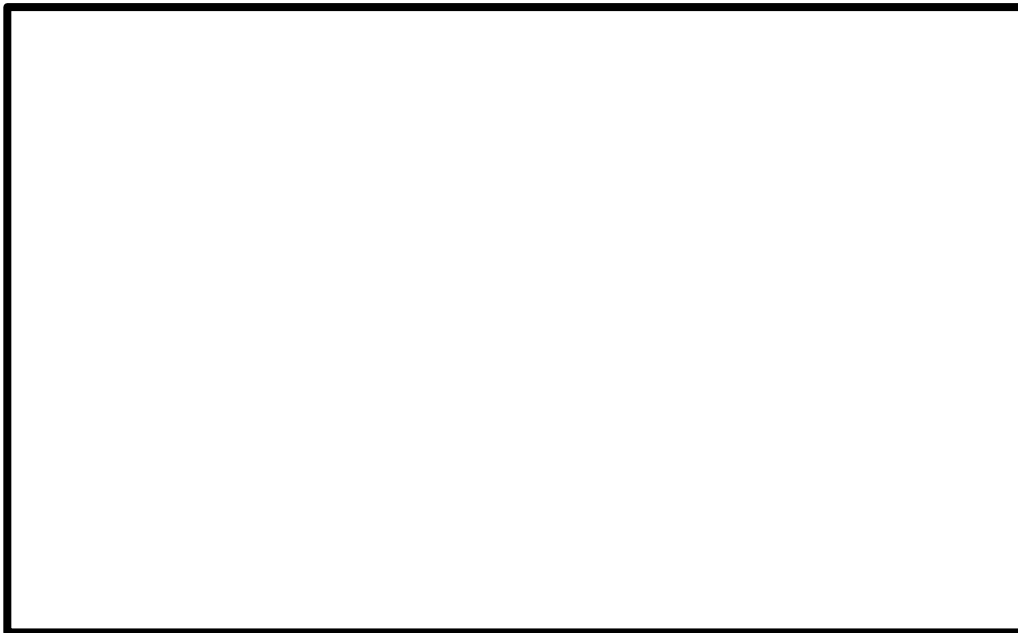
Where to Study

In my initial stages of deciding where to study abroad, I found it very useful to talk to my International Studies Advisor to learn about which universities offered courses equivalent to my major

Arrival & the Dormitory

I recommend arriving on the official arrival day so you can receive transport to the dormitory. I stayed at one of the Charles University dorms. It was located in Prague 6 and only a 10 minute walk from the Prague Castle. The neighbourhood was pretty quiet and calm. There was a park and a mini-mart only 1-2 minutes from the dormitory and the grocery store Billa was a 5 minute tram ride away.

and reflecting on my study abroad experience, I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to learn in an immersed environment. I was able to learn about the politics of Poland and Hungary, for example, and then visit those countries and explore their culture. This was the main highlight of my exchange as an International Studies Major. I believe Prague was the perfect study abroad destination for me. I made lifelong friends and got to travel to nine countries while working towards my degree at SFU.



This is a view of the Vltava River in Prague in September from Letna Park near the Metronome statue.

This photo was taken at the temporary ice rink at Letna Park in December. We were all in the ECES program and lived in the same dormitory.



