

Spring Semester at University of Economics, Prague

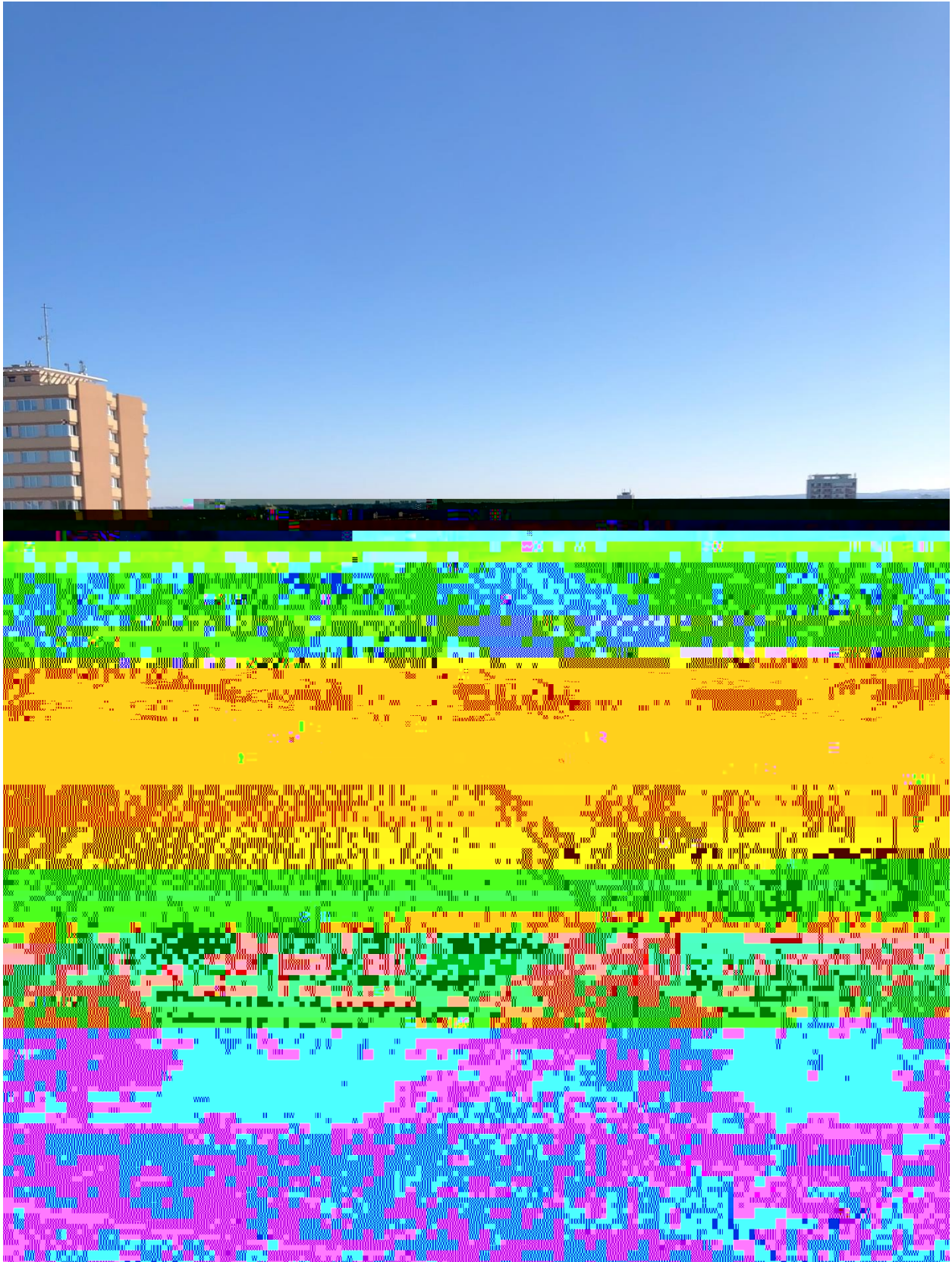
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Preparation for Exchange

If you are planning on completing your exchange semester at the University of Economics in Prague, I would highly recommend it. Before you go, there are a few things that you'll want to do in order to make sure you get the most out of your exchange.

First, do some research. The city of Prague has a very interesting, and very old, history. Knowing a little bit about where you are and what the culture of the city is like will make your sight-seeing so much more enjoyable (and a little bit eerie sometimes).

Note that they do not use the euro in the Czech Republic. Although most places take card, you'll



Morning view from my dorm at VSE

Prague is a very safe city. You shouldn't have to worry about being out late at night or taking the tram ride home. That being said, obviously you don't want to let your guard down. The city is notorious for pick-pocketers.

Travel Plans

You'll likely want to travel all around Europe and going to Prague is great for this since it is so central. You can find pretty cheap flights, especially if you book in advance. For example, I got a \$30 round trip flight to Budapest when I booked it three weeks in advance. Unfortunately, because of COVID19 I never got to attend this trip, but hopefully you will have better luck.

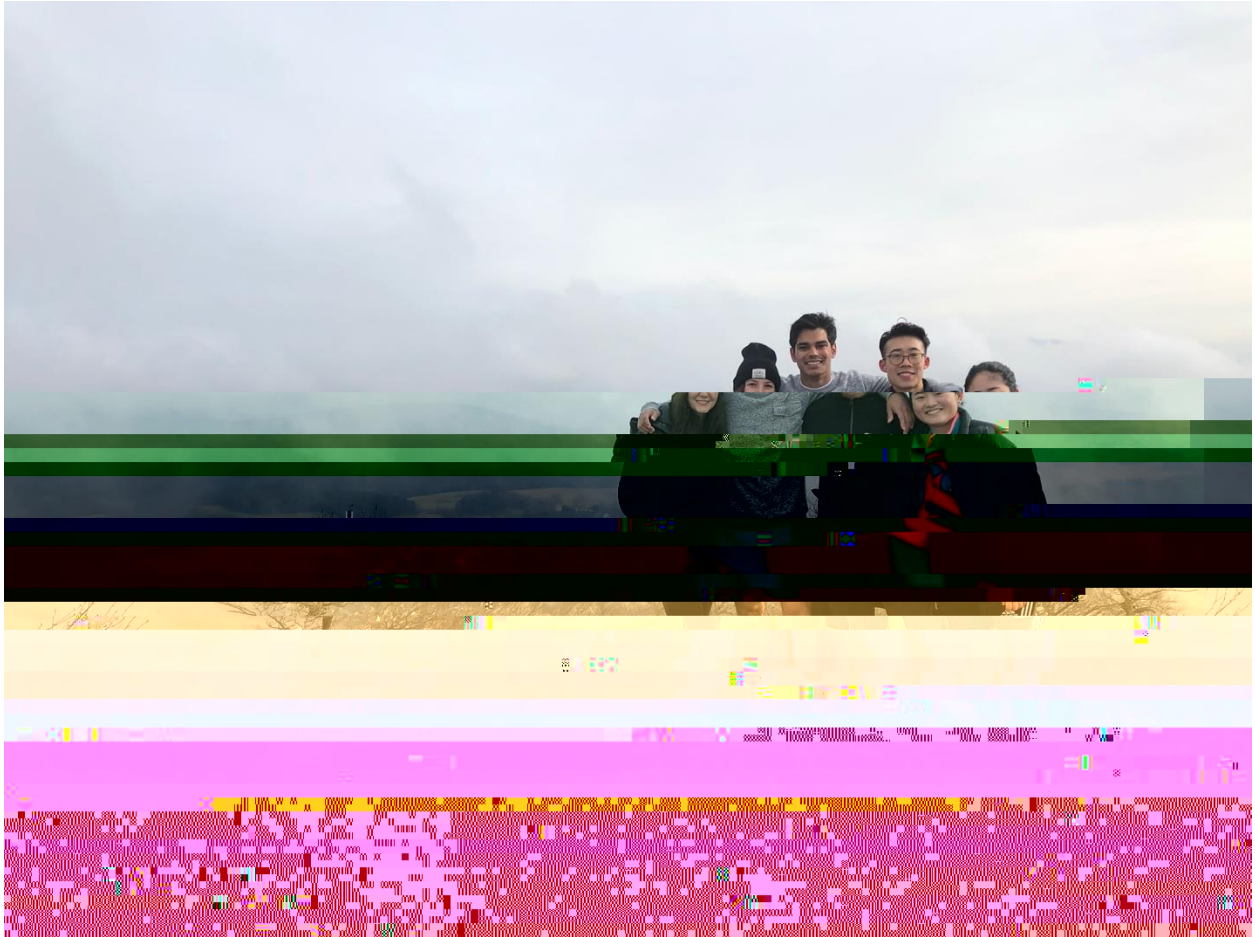
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mean a real pilsner, it came from Pilsen. The Pilsen brewery tour is a really cool experience, beer drinker or not.

Things to Note about Prague

Obviously, people speak Czech in Prague. That being said, almost everyone will also speak English. This is especially true for younger people. Although you could get by with only English, try learning a few phrases at least of Czech. There are some intro Czech courses offered by the university. I recommend taking one if it fits with your schedule. The locals appreciate the effort!

Try to participate in the ice-breaking weekend. This is a weekend long camping trip in which the university takes 100 exchange students or so somewhere deep in the Czech countryside. It was a really fun filled weekend, and a great chance to see a part of the country you otherwise wouldn't. Spots fill up pretty fast, in about an hour or so actually so keep an eye out for registration.



A view from a hike we did during ice-breaking weekend.