

Metropolitan University of Prague

Is it worth it to take the exchange student programme during pandemic?

YES! But let me tell you the whole story about it...

Let's start from the beginning. My name is Marek Pakeš and as you might know till last year the only university for exchange student programme in Czechia was one for design in Zlín. This was for me, as a BE-IT student, completely out of the scope and I decided that it would be nice to bring another opportunity for people who would like to see Czechia and especially Prague, because who wouldn't? Great sightseeing, awesome cuisine and even better beer. Basically everything that an exchange student needs :)

So as I am Czech originally, I used my mother language and contacted the International office of the Metropolitan university of Prague. This institution is one of the best private school in Czechia and they are focusing on education in economics, politics and journalism. Head of the office Mgr. Jana Berousková is awesome and I would like to give her a shout-out, she helped me with the whole process of negotiating the terms, to resolve all the issues with the paperwork and she is very proactive and do not hesitate to ask her about anything. It was a pleasure to cooperate with her and our head of international office Anne Dibern.

After all the paperwork was done I got the opportunity to choose between various subjects and I even got the opportunity to take one of the master degree subjects. Let me tell you more about them.

International business negotiation - taught by an expert in the field, experience negotiator Mgr. Šípková and you will learn a lot about different cultures and their approach to negotiation, various strategies, tactics and during seminars you will even get the opportunity to practice your knowledge on case studies where you can impersonate of the party and try by your own how exciting but also challenging the whole process can be

International business techniques - taught by great speaker Ing. Melnikovova who will tell you everything about the legal requirements which are necessary for all the business, about the types of transportation, customs policies and many more. I understand that this subject is more theoretic but it connects well with the others and you always need to know the theory first to use it in practical measure

International Marketing - taught by very interesting teacher Ing. Hayad who may sound strange at the beginning but he is great teacher who knows a lot about current trends in marketing and will explain it to you as you will be ready to jump into the field after his classes

Principles of World Economy - again taught by Mgr. Šípková and in this subject who will learn a discuss current but also past situations in the world economy, its struggles, globalization and regional principles which puts the image of the local situation into greater perspective

International trade 3 - taught by amazing doc. Ing. Fialová who herself publishes books about the business cycle which is the topic of this subject. You will get the knowledge about the territorial and market business cycle and an opportunity to choose your own market and territory to present and discuss in class

European Region - Comparison of Economics - last but not least, my favourite one, taught by incredible speaker and former economic advisor (among others) of first Czech republic president Václav Havel, PhDr. Tomáš Sedláček. In the subject you will pick up the part of Europe and you will together with your classmate present positive and negative point of view on the region or the topic and afterwards, you will in open discussion with the teacher and your classmates emphasis on the problem and learn through the discussion and comments by the teacher about the European economy and many more. Personally, this subject was the best among other great ones and I highly recommend you to take it. And don't forget to say "Hi" from me to the teacher when you will introduce yourself in the first class

I can't tell you much about the housing as I was doing the online lessons from my home in Prague, but what I know from Mgr. Berouskova, it is not a problem to find it, receiving school will help you with it and prices are very friendly compared to Denmark.

In conclusion, Prague is a great city and MUP great university. It is a shame that I couldn't attend the classes in person because of the COVID situation in Czechia but I got to say: It didn't undervalue the experience at all. You will feel welcomed in the classes, you will meet students online from the university itself and also the others from different exchange student programmes all around the world and you will most definitely enjoy your semester in a beautiful city like Prague really is.

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