



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Animal Sciences
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	02-02-2022 until 30-06-2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Czech Republic
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Prague
<b>University (exchange)</b>	Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to gain new experiences and try living in a new country independently.

### What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

I heard great reviews about Prague and wanted to visit this country. The university offered a wide range of courses related to my interests.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

Can be done with train, bus or plane. It is cheapest by bus but takes a long time.

## 4. University and studying

### Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	IZI010E - Introduction into Animal Husbandry (FTA – SS 2021/2022)	5	Can be found online on their website	5	Taught not only about basic farm animals but also about tropical animals and other more rare animals to farm. The teacher was amazing.
2	IAI010E - Animal Behaviour (FTA - SS 2021/2022)	5	Can be found online on their website	4	Interesting, probably the hardest course, yet still very easy to follow.
3	ABA25E - Botany (FAFNR - SS 2020/2021)	5	Basic taxonomy, anatomy and cell	5	The most interesting course to me as it is not my

			information about plants		expertise, however the information was basic.
4	ZEX120E – Conservation Biology (FES – SS 2021/2022)	6	Can be found online on their website	3	A very short course, very easy.
5	ZEX101E – Fundamentals of Ecology (FES - SS 2021/2022)	5	Can be found online on their website	5	Very interesting, teacher was really cool. Exam was easy.
6	ASA22E - Animal Production and Environment (FAFNR – SS 2021/2022)	5	Can be found online on their website	3	Easy course, however, still we had to do presentations and write a paper on a chosen topic which was very interesting. Very kind teacher.

**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Most of the lessons were mandatory and in person. Examinations were very basic, however you still had to know the topics. Workload compared to WUR was very low. Materials were slides and lectures, some teachers recommended books.

**What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)**

The lecturers were always ready to help, post working hours or even in the weekends, which was a lovely surprise. Local students are quite conservative and look unapproachable, however they will help you if you need any assistance. WUR is more multicultural, inclusive, people are more warm and open. Here it felt more like every student was on its own.

**What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)**

There is a sports centre, a canteen with Czech food, all the faculties are on the same campus (unlike Charles University's). They have a beautiful arboretum and a mini 'zoo' where you can pet the animals.

## 5.Housing-travelling-living

**What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)**

Hard to find private rooms, it is easier to find a room to share with another person, however I have heard that a single kitchen with a single stove is shared with 40 people. I lived in the city, found a landlord and rented a place, which was way more expensive. The rent rates compared to Wageningen are good, especially for living near the city centre. The rents are incomparable (way cheaper) to bigger city room rents in the Netherlands.

**What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)**

As someone who is East European, Czech culture, cuisine, habits and manners were very similar to Lithuania. I would say it is very different from the Dutch, however it is hard to describe the differences, it is more of a subjective experience.

**Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?**

In Wageningen you can find a place for 266 euros a month for a room. I paid 430 euros for a bigger room in Žižkov, right next to the TV tower in Prague 3 which is 10 minutes by tram to the city center, 15-20 minutes walking to the city center and has everything you need in 3-5 minutes walking.

**Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)**

From all the countries I have travelled to (around 18), this country has the best public transport infrastructure in my opinion. Especially in Prague. It is very cheap. I paid I think, 15 euros for 3 months of unlimited travelling by tram, metro and bus in Prague city. Night buses, night trams are always available. I travelled 40-50 minutes to my University.

## 6. Free time

**What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)**

I loved all of the cafes here, each and every one of them is special and unique, some you won't find on googlemaps, so I recommend just exploring and finding the cutest places.

**What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?**

The nature places in Czech Republic, especially the nature preserves which are all over the country.

**Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)**

Obviously, the prices in the city centre are higher than outside of the city centre, however there are really good restaurants in which you can have a really good high class full meal and a drink for 15 euros. Going out, I did not enjoy any of the mainstream bars and clubs that all Erasmus+ people go to. I recommend going to events in Anakli or Fuchs.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Oral examinations since I have never had those before. They sounded very intimidating but actually it is easier than a written exam.

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Definitely the friends I have made here, the nature I have seen, the parties I went to.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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