

Hello,

My name is Raj, and I spent my first semester of my fifth year studying abroad in Brno, Czech Republic.

### ***My Academic Experience***

At Brno University, there were many French students, so I often found myself spending time mostly with them. The courses were not particularly difficult. By attending classes regularly, the exams remained manageable. The professors were very friendly and always available to assist students.

The courses I took were:

- Building Constructions 3 (S)
- Fire Safety of Buildings
- Financing of Construction Orders
- Introduction to Building Design 2
- Reconstruction and Renovation of Historical Buildings
- Modern Building Materials
- Project – Building Constructions (S)

I recommend these courses, except for the "Building Constructions (S)" project. It is not a traditional course but rather an individual project with guidance from a professor. However, I faced some difficulties in contacting the teachers and getting support for this project.

### ***Life in Brno***

Since I couldn't get accommodation on campus, I had to rent an apartment outside the university. However, I strongly recommend staying on campus, as the rent is more affordable, and the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) is based there, making it easier to integrate and meet new people.

Public transport is very affordable: around 30 euros for three months. It's easy to get around by tram or bus, and even ride-hailing services are reasonably priced, with fares around 5 euros, depending on the distance.

As for the climate, winter is slightly colder than in Paris, but it remains bearable.

### ***Exploring the City and Traveling***

Brno is a small city—you can walk across the city center in 15 minutes. Despite its size, it has some interesting monuments to visit and offers a pleasant living environment. Its main advantage is its central location in Europe, which makes traveling very easy. During my stay, I had the opportunity to visit Prague, Vienna, Krakow, and Athens.

Brno is a great city for a semester abroad. This experience allowed me to meet people from all over the world and broaden my knowledge through both university courses and travel.