

CTU MIAS Research Report

CTU (Czech Technical University)/ **MASARYK INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES** in Prague.

CTU is one of the largest and famous universities in the Czech Republic. It has eight faculties (Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Nuclear Science and Physical Engineering, Architecture, Transportation Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Information Technology) plus six additional institutes. One of these institutes is Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies, which aim is to link technical studies and economics with the humanities.

University faculties are located throughout the city. The business school itself is located in Prague 6 that is not far from the city center and just next to the Masarykova dormitory, where I was staying during my exchange program. Business faculty offers wide range of subjects taught in English. You also can challenge yourselves and participate in projects like “Current Issues in Business” organized by Visegrad Fund or “Modern Logistics Learnig” (MLL). They have also many other projects and researches in other departments.

During my exchange program I took two master courses: Social competencies in Project management and Meetings and Negotiations in English. These courses are very practical and useful in your future career. The first course gives you an understanding of the competencies that project manager needs to achieve better results in this position. This course was led by two female professors what was little bit confusing because every time you go to class you don't know which professor to expect in the class, and their requirements and style of teaching were totally different. That makes it difficult to adjust to the course. At the same time this course doesn't give you a score or mark, you need just pass it to get 3 credits but me personally spent more time and effort on this course than on second, that gave me a mark and 6 credits. To pass the course we were required to write personal development plan, to do the presentation about one of the behavioral competencies for Project manager and to write a short research paper, what actually prepare you how to write your own thesis. I have noticed that students in the Czech Republic have the same problem with managing sources in their paper as students in Russia or Belarus. So this is additional benefit of this course for students who didn't start to write their thesis or have never write a paper. Second course also very useful because in daily life we all meet with different people and have to negotiate whether it's a business meetings, group meetings at work or just communication in personal life. The problem for me with this course was the same as with the first one. Two professors who were teaching material simultaneously.

Besides classes, school provide many activities. You can join one of the sport classes, where you have to register because the capacity is limited. They provide some classes for free some with small fees. You can choose maximum two sport activities. They offer yoga, bodybuilding, Irish dance, Zumba, wall climbing and many more. Also university has Student Association club that organize many outdoor activities like one or two days trip in the Czech Republic, skating, language exchange meetup, parties. Also they create the club where you can enroll as a teacher of your native language for other students who want to learn your language. So you can try yourself as a teacher and meet more friends.

Benefits of the exchange program:

- New environment
- Different study experience

- More diversity
- New experience

Overall impression is good! Personally, I think, any exchange program is very useful and beneficial for students. Especially for these who have never been abroad. It teaches you to be independent, better manage your time and resources, adapt to the new environment and meet a lot of new friends from all over the world. However there are still some issues that universities need to take into the consideration. The main problem was to get sufficient information before arrival. It would be nice to have a “to do list” before you go there, because there were some deadlines for the administration stuff, that I was not aware of, and found out just from other students accidentally. For shy students or students with a problem to communicate with strangers it might be a problem to find out this kind of information. Anyway a really enjoy the exchange program and my time in Prague and Masarykova dorm (one of the best dorms in this university). Prague is a very beautiful city with a long history, also it has a very good transport communication and very cheap for student below 26 years old, including trains between the cities. I hope this information helps.

Best Regards,
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Рисунок 1 Halloween party at Masarykova Dorm with my best roommates ever! (Poland, Bulgaria, Chili)

ISC trip to Karlštejn Castle & Velká Amerika with exchange students. It was awesome.





Рисунок 2 trip to the Czesky raj