

## Experience report Yaroslava Koshmanova

During my exchange year (Erasmus program), I was attending Brno University of Technology in Czech Republic. The period was from 09.09.2024 to 17.06.2025. My courses were Economics of Company, E-commerce, Management Information System, Finance and Accounting for Business Strategy, Business Intelligence, International Finance, Financial Management of Small Company, Human Resources Management in Small Company, Risk Management, International Taxation of Incomes, Strategic Brand Management. Additionally, I took sport courses such as Fitness Activity – Yoga, Suspension Training, Bouldering, Volleyball. I can highly recommend Finance and Accounting for Business Strategy, International Finance, Financial Management of Small Company, International Taxation of Incomes, Strategic Brand Management and Human Resources Management in Small Company. Also, sports were really good and I recommend to pick something for yourself, because there are lots of good options.

It was necessary to submit all of the documents in time and if person is not from EU, it is better to take care of visa in advance. If it is just for one semester, you do not need it, but if they stay for more than 1 semester, it is better to come there with visa already. Application was made through their website, so it was very easy. You just need to follow the steps. I did not look for any apartments, I stayed in student dormitories. My room was very nice, there were kitchen, bathroom and a bad with shelves. Also a desk and a closet. The room is for two people, so if you are going there with a friend or partner, you can live together.

I did not pay for my studies in Brno, accommodation costed me 200 euro, food was at the same price as in Germany, but I would say that prices for restaurants/pubs were much cheaper than in Trier. I came with my German insurance, but I would recommend to get travel insurance if person needs to go to the doctor on the regular base. Plus, you have to pay for public transport, it costed 1 euro per ride, but you can also buy a ticket for 1 or 3 months. You also have to pay a garbage tax, if you are even staying for Erasmus. Also, I would recommend to save some money in advance for some travels.

I was studying in Business school, and it was 3 minutes away from dormitories. Studies were okay, much easier than in Trier. The education format is a bit different from Hochschule Trier, since we did not have only final exams, almost all teachers expect you to attend lectures (otherwise they will not allow you to write final exam), also there are almost always some side projects. As I mentioned earlier, you can take some sport classes, they are free. And there are lots of activities for exchange students, so you almost never get bored!

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I would recommend to save some money and to not spend time only with the people of your nationality. Try to make some friends with different background.

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