

<u>This is us</u>

The Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic, hosts hundreds of foreign students each year. The city of Plzeň offers a rich cultural life and a good location in the proximity to Germany, Austria, as well as Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. Pilsen is also the hometown of world famous Pilsner Urquell beer. Having enjoyed the status of the European Capital of Culture 2015, the city offers endless opportunities for cultural and sports activities.

Foreign students can choose from dozens of courses in the English language that cover a wide range of disciplines such as philosophy, modern history, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, Middle Eastern and African Studies, linguistics and literature, political science and international relations.

You can find the courses on this link: https://bit.ly/2vszqoV

Over the years, hundreds of foreign students have left their traces in Pilsen, taking their memories back home.

What do they say about their stay?

Vinzenz Wilhelm Winter

University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany

"Pilsen as a town lives from its different opportunities. I arrived in Pilsen in September and was immediately integrated into the activities by the ESN. After some time, we students started to self-organize activities. It felt like everything is possible in this city. From outdoor football matches to indoor matches, where we booked the whole arena for us, to gym memberships, bouldering, basketball games and hiking trips, it has been a sporty semester. But also, the cultural activities like the beer fest or the brewery visit of Pilsner Urquell were outstanding."

"From the academic point of view, the best thing was that the diversity of courses for Erasmus students is high. The quality of lectures was good and I want to underline especially the small group size in the seminars and lectures. This flexibility, personal support and the academic yet relaxed atmosphere made studying a pleasure."

Larbi Outmart **Cadi Ayyad** University, Marrakech, Morocco



"I can pretty much say that studying at the Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia is different from my faculty home. Here are some differences: 1) Your Faculty of Arts offers a wide range of subjects to choose from that do not exist at my faculty; 2) Your faculty is well equipped with all the facilities the students might need; 3) Student accommodation is good and close to the faculty; 4) Your faculty tends to use different teaching methods to elicit the best out of students, which enhances the quality of teaching and learning; 5) All the teachers are likely to use humor and have a positive attitude towards students."

"One of my best memories was when I participated in the Arab festival by teaching Moroccan Arabic and culture to Czech people. I was totally fascinated by the curiosity and the interest they showed towards this new culture."

Claudia Agozzino

University of Catania, Italy

"I decided to study in Czech Republic because for me it was an unknown place and I was very excited about going to a new country. I consider this new experience very useful for knowing a new culture. My initial expectations have been confirmed. The city is very nice!"

"Teachers are very helpful, they helped me with my courses. The lectures are very interesting, and they are not overcrowded, and this is an advantage!"

"Yes, I would recommend this university to other students!"



Lauri Nykänen University of Oulu, Finland

"Pilsen is a really nice city, not too big and not too small. Beer is also really good and cheap and people are nice."

"The courses were interesting and well executed. Especially history courses were interesting. Teachers were nice and easy to approach."

"We got to know a lot about Czech culture, food and language. A great thing is also to get to know lot about other Erasmus students' culture. Our English skills also improved a lot."





Ionian Evangelia University, Samoili Greece



"All the courses were interesting, but my favorite one was the Czech Language and Czech Culture. I realized many things about the history of central Europe and Czech Republic and as a language enthusiast I was obsessed about learning new things, especially concerning its influences through the years!"

"After research about Pilsen I decided to apply for Czech Republic, taking into account firstly the university-level education and then the lifestyle of the country!"

Lucas Almeida de Brito **Federal** University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

"International Relations is my field of study so it was a natural choice for me. The University of West Bohemia was the only one who offered a more directly project of the International Relations area. I also made a research of Pilsen back home and thought that it would it be a good place to live with a great quality of living. It was a once in a lifetime experience for me. I had the opportunity to work in my bachelor thesis and had the access to many documents, articles and data through the network of the university. The orientation that was given to me helped me in some of disabilities that I had concerning research design and methodology. The library, the computer and all the work environment were great."

"It is a town with a great public transportation, I went to the department from the dormitory in just a few minutes. The town is also very beautiful with a majestic cathedral, museums and a fantastic beer, internationally known and produced locally. I traveled through the Czech Republic and based on these travels I must say that the people of Pilsen are very kind and attentive. The town also have a great hockey and football team."



Malang B.S. Bojang Sakarya University, Turkey

"The work space given to me and the friendly staff was just awesome coupled with the respect of our differences in beliefs and identity."

"I like the small nature of Pilsen, peaceful and easy transportation system coupled with its proximity to the capital Prague."

Do not hesitate to come to Pilsen for one or two semesters to experience the rich cultural life, the friendly environment and the welcoming Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia!

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