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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde? |
| 4 x Easier  2 x Harder  8 x the same |

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| Is there anything that you wished that you knew about the classes before you went? |
| How much of the original classes I chose were going to change, almost all have been altered in some way. |
| The class descriptors are very vague. There was no real recommendation based on your year of study and even then it seems that the classes are much more difficult than we would be expected to do in Strathclyde. I would recommend taking 2nd year classes. |
| It is unlikely that the classes you originally submitted to study will be the same ones you actually take when you arrive due to timetabling issues. This is all sorted with the university before classes start however. It is important to choose classes wisely, although you might not think they fit in with your curriculum back home this is not an issue as you will not need to worry about being behind when you return in fourth year. Try to talk to students who have studied in Prague before for some advice on selecting classes. Also, the teaching techniques will be much much different from Strathclyde (eg, longer lectures and use of blackboards), but you soon get used to it. |
| There is almost no online material to help study, and no past exam papers available for most classes, so attending all lectures and tutorials and taking good notes is necessary. |
| The level of the coursework compared to the coursework I would be doing in Strathclyde. |
| Which times they were on at. A lot of the subjects originally chosen overlapped with each other. |
| Some of the classes are new but some are very similar to classes from the previous year at Strathclyde. The way the classes are taught is different, in that you need to think more about what you're doing and what the results from experiment/equations actually mean in reality. This is the biggest difference between Strathclyde and CVUT. |
| Expect no online notes. |
| Most classes have very little online material (lecture notes, lecture slides etc) |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away? |
| student housing (by host university) |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation? |
| Between £65 - £150 (inc.rent, internet, gym and electricity) |

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| Do you have any advice about how looking for accommodation? Is there anything you wished you knew before you left about accommodation? |
| How little the block managers spoke English and how unorganised everything is at the start. |
| The accommodation I am in is very basic. I don't mind it but it is very cramped as 4 people share a two bedroom flat that only contains 2 hobs and no microwave or oven. Having spoken to others, flats in Prague seem to be cheaper than Glasgow slightly and also seem to be much nicer (area dependent). I preferred the idea of having more money for travelling. |
| Accommodation in student housing was much more basic than expected. At first this was a bit of a worry, however I would recommend people to stick with it for a couple of weeks and you will soon feel settled in and will meet a lot of other friendly international students living around you. |
| Good atmosphere but not the best quality |
| The accommodation was very basic but has everything you require. Definitely the best way to do it and meet loads of people. |
| The accommodation is basic. We have had to buy a fridge for our own room as there wasn't a communal one. |
| The block that they put the Scottish people in (Strahov) is about a 10/15 minute bus ride away from the university. There are other halls closer to the university that are right next to the uni and they have a much better social aspect as almost all the other erasmus students live there. I'd reccommend asking to live in one if these blocks instead as we are currently trying to move there next semester. |
| If you are staying in the student accommodation then look to stay in Masarykova instead of Strahov. |
| Accommodation was randomly assigned for us. If you are looking for the student lifestyle then definitely apply for a dormitory. You will be mixing with lots of other students regularly plus the transport links to and from uni are great. In the uni accommodation you may or may not get a room to yourself and some rooms can be quite small so if you need your space, remember that. You can rent a flat by yourself or with friends but be prepared to pay significantly more than you would for the dormitory accommodation. It's still much cheaper than the flats in Glasgow though! |
| Very basic accommodation given by university. Shared room with 1 or 2 other people. Kitchen has 2 rings and no cooker. |
| The two student accommodations provided by the university are called Strahov and Masarykova. If you can choose, I would suggest you pick Masarykova as it is right next to the uni and saves you getting a bus every morning. It also seems like it is more social and is easier to get home to at night. |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Beautiful with so many places to go in the city and on the outskirts as well as most of central Europe being easily accessible. |
| Prague is a really nice city with a lot to do. The area I am staying in (Prague 6) is okay but is a bit far from everything. The uni is also in Prague 6 but is still a 15 minute bus journey away. |
| Exciting city with lots to do. Amazing views throughout the city and lots of different places to visit. Great nights out with lots of different cool bars and cafes and reasonably cheap for food, (extremely cheap for beer). Locals were very friendly and you will often meet a range of other international students who are either studying in Prague or just visiting. Public transport for students is really cheap and available at all hours so you are never stuck for a lift home. |
| Heavenly |
| Swell |
| Very attractive architecture, rich in history and a vibrant nightlife. |
| Prague was such an amazing place. So much to see and do. The cheap beer was only one small advantage. |
| Prague is a great place to study. Firstly the city is really beautiful with lots of great architecture and parks throughout the city. The public transport system is excellent, easy to use and very cheap. The city is also a great place for a student because Prague nights out are so cheap! Beer can costs around £1 on average, and there are loads of clubs and bars to visit. |
| Fantastic. Apart from beer and other alcohol the general cost of living is not much cheaper than back home. The transport system is amazing and once you get used to it you can get almost anywhere in the city in a short amount of time. There are no big problems with language as most people (usually the younger ones) speak english well enough for you to get your point across. |
| It's Prague! |
| Prague is a vibrant city with lots to do. It's a well balanced mix of tourists, students and locals. There are loads of pubs, clubs, restaurants, shops, museums, gyms etc. Czech people are friendly once you get to know them and most of the younger generation speak a good standard of English. The nightlife is the highlight of Prague but it is also a beautiful city so if you want to take 1GB of selfies there are plenty of opportunities. The Czech Republic is right in the centre of Europe which makes travelling to other countries inexpensive and easy. |
| Prague is incredible. |
| Prague is great. super cheap, lots of clubs, great public transport. Food is cheap although Czech food can be a bit boring. Strahov is where all the Scottish guys are living, it's about 30 mins into the city centre from Strahov and there is nothing much of interest in the area. |

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| Where is your favourite place to go? |
| A steak house near the old town. |
| The PUB (Pilsner Unique Bar) or U Trajcu (40Czk for a litre of beer). Outwith that almost all of Prague is good to spend time in but the more touristy areas are significantly more expensive (costs being around the same as UK). |
| Anywhere around the city centre or river front. There is always something happening in the street like festivals or festive markets with lots of people out enjoying themselves. You will also find a great range of bars and clubs for a night out that will never dissapoint! |
| Bar 10, Hooters, Popo Cafe, Lucerna, Boat party and 2 patro. |
| Bar 10 (had a great Jukebox), Popo Cafe, Lucerna, U Bukanyra, The wee music bar by the river |
| Anywhere near the city centre, Popo Cafe, Lucerna, 2Patro. Various bars and cafes along the riverside. |
| The pub |
| There are so many things to do and see that I don't have anywhere in particular, although the views over the city from Strahov are very nice, especially at night. |
| The massive park near Strahov(halls) or Pubs |
| Pisner Unique Bar (PUB) where you get a beer tap in the middle of your table and pour beer for yourself so you dont have to wait at all. |
| The Old Town is really nice. There's also a lot going on down near the river (Charles Bridge etc). |
| Where to start. I like to go to a bar just off of Old Town Square called POPO'S. It has a good mix of music and also pints for Â£0.70. Or there is Lucerna which plays 80s/90s disco and funk until 4am. Or Retro which plays 90s trance until 6am. The cinema in Andel also has ridiculously comfy seats. |
| Along the river and up in lenta beer garden with a view over the whole city. |
| Meetfactory has good house and techno events. There is a boat on the river, U Bukanyr, that plays good music till about 7 in the morning on weekends, it is often good after the other clubs shut. Roxy is one of the bigger clubs. |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)? |
| The campus is beyond basic but we have settled in well and actually really like it, the uni is not as organised or modern as Strathclyde and the classes show and it is quite complex accessing a variety of facilities both at the university or on campus. |
| Library is really good. The Campus feels like a real university as it is purpose built unlike Strathclyde which seems to have just bought buildings over time. |
| The university has a brand new high tech library with all the facilities you require for studying. Class rooms are quite small however and lacking modern technology. |
| The library was very modern but the lecture halls were small and only had blackboards |
| They were pretty good, they had chalkboards though in the lecture rooms which wasn't great |
| Library was modern, university lecture halls still used blackboards. |
| All the facilities were very good. |
| The library is very good, most of the classrooms are quite small due to class sizes, and blackboards are still used by most of the lecturers so it is important to have a good view of the board. |
| The facilities are good however there could be more accessible coursework online |
| The buildings are pretty much the same as Strathclyde. The classrooms mostly have chalk boards so lectures are written on the board and the notes aren't online most of the time, but if they are they are pretty bad unless you have been in the lecture. There is a canteen in most buildings where you can get a decent meal for a cheap price. The library is a really nice building with good facilities (apart from the computers run on windows 2003). Labs are not a big part of most classes but they look just like the ones back home. |
| Library is very modern however there aren't many computers. The Civ eng department also doesn't have many computer labs in the way that Strathclyde does. |
| The university facilities are not quite up to Strathclyde standards. There are some large lectures halls but English speaking courses are generally in smaller rooms which have blackboards and projectors. The library is large and has an area that is open 24/7 but it doesn't have many books written in English. All of the lecturers teaching in English have a very good grasp of English and all have a good idea about the practical applications of whatever course you're doing. Computer labs on campus are basically non-existant unless you are doing some programming like MatLab or Fluent. You'll need to use your own laptop on campus. |
| library is very modern. classrooms are very old and basic. Wifi is lucky if you connect. good canteens and cheap |
| Library is nice but bring your own laptop and pay for the NTK membership as the wifi sucks otherwise. One of my classes has good labs, but it varies a lot from class to class. Mechanical Engineering is a bit shabby but you can get a hot dog for 50p from the cafe so it's not all bad. |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected? |
| 6 x More  8 x Less |

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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular? |
| No, most things are ridiculously cheap |
| Taxis are crazy expensive. Some other things can be a little more than expensive, bread works out at like £1.50 a loaf. Overall, Prague is cheaper though. |
| Taxis were quite expensive but you can avoid that by using public transport. Everything else was cheaper than back home though. Especially beer! |
| The beer was cheap but everything else was roughly the same price as here. |
| No, it was as cheap as chips, apart from pistachios. |
| In comparison to Scotland, everything was relatively cheap. |
| Everything was cheaper than I expected. |
| Nothing, I'm living in Prague hahah |
| Dairy milk chocolate, it's about £5 for a medium bar in Tesco over here!! |
| Taxis are expensive but Prague has a very good public transport system 24/7 |
| Everything in Prague is very cheap compared to Scotland. Tourist heavy areas are more expensive so even going one or two streets away can drop the price of dinner by half. For example, a two course meal with 2/3 beers costs around £10 on average. There are also large canteens for students at the uni accommodations and at the university which do big lunches for between £1-2. |
| Taxis are run by criminals so never use them. Water is more expensive than beer.. |
| Cheese is the only thing that is kind of expensive, maybe some other imported stuff. Taxi's are kind of expensive but not when compared to the UK, just in relation to everything else here. |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| about £300 pounds on average, really depends on how much you want to travel and eat out. |
| Excluding travelling I probably spend about £500/600. That includes all bills and food, nights out and other little things. |
| Â£1000 including all expenses and trips. Although you could easily survive on £100 p/w on a typical week with a few days/nights out and all your food. |
| £700 |
| £1000 |
| £800-900. I definitely spent much more than I should have though, could have been done a lot cheaper but I ate out all the time. |
| £300 |
| Well because we travel a lot maybe Â£500. But without traveling and still being sociable you could like of £350 |
| £70 on average but it depends if you go out or not. |
| £1000 |
| It's very easy to get by on around £250 per month (that includes accommodation) |
| £500-600 excluding rent |
| Not a clue, I don't like looking at how much I spend. You probably spend half of what you would on nights out in Prague, but you probably go out more often. Foods a bit cheaper than home. |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students? |
| There are many student ran trips, nights out and activities as well as integration parties. Finding a decent place to go out in Prague is so easy, there are places scattered on almost every street. |
| Every week the University hosts at least one event which are normally very busy. The rest of Prague nightlife is also very good. |
| Yes, it couldn't have been better! We went on lots of trips as Prague is situated in the middle of Europe and you can easily take buses or trains to other European cities. The ESN would organise a lot of trips like this such as Krakow, Croatia, Munich - for Oktoberfest at a reasonable price. it's also a great opportunity to meet other international students. |
| Yes very good, we were the life and soul of the party. Yes they had Erasmus and ISC partys every week and each country had a presentation night, where they showed off there own country which was eventful for us, we won the best presentation also. |
| Yes, the uni organised trips around europe and several nights out a week |
| Excellent social life, city had many students. International Student Club hosted many fun evenings and trips. |
| The social side was very good. The international Student Club organised various events from night out to trips to other cities. |
| Yes the student social life here is amazing. The host university hosts integrate parties every week at different clubs, where different countries get the chance to show their food, drink and culture. Then everyone parties into the night! As well is this it so easy to make loads of friends as everyone on Erasmus wants to do the same thing! |
| Yes I've found that the international office here is excellent and they try to integrate everyone as best as they can. Always events trips and parties. |
| The university has an excelent International Student Club that organises a party every week and ther activities constantly going on throughout (Several weekend long excursions in the first week, a metro crawl, paintballing,planned cinema trips, games nights,movie nights). If you go along to some or most of these and dont just stick to yourself you will make new friends with ease. |
| Yes! There are organised activities on constantly. You'd have to go out your way not to have a good social life over here. |
| The social life is very good in Prague. There are lots of events organised by the ISC for international and Erasmus students ranging from nights in bars to trips around the Czech Republic. |
| Yes international office has parties every week which each country represents each week. Other games run by them such as metro crawl, mafia game and trips every week as well and living in dorm with 80% other erasmus students and 20% full time students means always people socialising somewhere. |
| Lots of stuff for international student's. You'll meet lots of people. Social life is good. Make use of the FB page! |

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| Would you recommend this University to future Strathclyde students who are considering studying abroad? |
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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| yes very, Prague is a great place to experience and everyone here is very close and there is no time to sit about missing anything from back home. |
| Yes, you get to meet loads of cool people and travel to a lot of different places. I am also going to end up saving money by coming here for the year, so that is an unexpected bonus. |
| Yes. It was a great experience and gives you a great opportunity to become much more independent. You will develop a lot of personal skills that will support you well into the future and allow you to broaden your horizons. Aside from this you will have the best year of your life, visiting lots of different countries and making new friends from all over the world. |
| Yes it was easily the best year of my life. We got to live in an amazing city, meet new people and do some travelling. |
| Yes it gave me a chance to move away and meet people from all over the world. It also gave me an opportunity to |
| Yes. Allowed me to move away from home and live myself. Met new people from all over the world, experienced a different culture and got to travel to different countries. |
| I am very glad. The experience has massively enhanced my social skills and confidence. Definitely the best year of University. |
| Yes. Before I left I was nervous and was unsure whether I should stay for the whole year or cut it to 1 semester. Now having lived here for three months I have decided to stay for the full year. I have made some wonderful new friends from all over the world, and have travelled to many places that I thought I might never see. I also think getting the experience of living in a foreign country will give me lots of opportunities in my future working life as I can show employers that I am willing to travel or even live abroad. |
| Yes. It will be one of the best years of my life and it will benefit my academic career and my life skills |
| Yes. It's been a great way to experience new cultures and meet people from all over the world and it's just really good fun. Don't pass up the opportunity to do an erasmus year! |
| Yes. It has been brilliant in the short time that we have been here. It gives you the chance to meet similar minded people from all over the world. |
| Yes. So far this exchange has been very different from home which is exactly why I wanted to do it. |
| Yes, meet lots of new people, travelled to many new places and has opened up a lot more opportunities for me and also discovered how difficult it is for non english people to understand me fully.. being put out of your comfort zone at times but much more rewarding in the end. |
| Yes because Prague is great. It's almost financially irresponsible not to go on an Erasmus Exchange to Prague considering you get the grant and almost free accommodation. |

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| Is there any additional information/advice you would like to pass on to future students who are considering study abroad at the same institution as you? |
| Come as early as possible to get used to everything before classes start and make the most of the central location in Europe! |
| Bring Summer and Winter clothes from the start, one minute it is over 20 degrees and all of a sudden it is 4. Take part in the Metro game. |
| Go for it, you will never regret it and you're going to be living in one of the most exciting cities in Europe! Get in touch with students who have studied in Prague before just so you know exactly what to expect. |
| If you want to get a taxi, agree a price before you get in as they will rip you off if you dont. |
| Make sure they go for the full year, they would regret going for just one semester. Go to all the exchange events and don't choose the Strength of Materials class!!! |
| Don't have any pre conceived ideas about how the trip is going to go/ what your accomodation is going to be like. Just take it as it comes and enjoy it. |
| Relax and have fun. |
| If you are unsure about erasmus, then just go for it, you won't regret it! |
| If you get put in Strahov don't think it's the end of the world. It's not bad when you get used to it. |
| There are loads of different classes so the chance that the ones you pick before coming out don't clash is very small. Make sure you understand what the courses will actually involve and require you to have done previously ( I signed up for concrete structures 3 but I had to have done concrete structure 1 and 2 before which were both second/third year classes so I was in over my head). Lectures run from 8 a.m to 8 p.m so make sure your timetable is something that you will realistically be able to do, I am in at 8 a.m four days a week and by the end of the week I am so tired. |
| I'd just like to reiterate about picking your subjects before you go. It would be good to find out what time the classes run at before arrival. It will make your life easier. |
| Don't expect comfortable living, standard of living is low in the dorm but is very cheap to eat out most nights of the week. Be prepared to work throughout the semester on little homeworks so you can plan weekends away and give yourself free time to explore. |
| Whatever you do, do not take Mechanics III or Machine Elements and Mechanisms. Probably avoid Simulation of Biological Systems unless your passionate about learning to program. |