

Hi!

My name is Pavlína and I come from Ostrava, Czech Republic. I was an Erasmus student of Sociology in Paderborn during the winter/autumn semester 2016/2017.

What can I say about doing Erasmus in Paderborn?

Although Paderborn is a quite small town, you will find everything you need while you are staying here and I assure you, you will fall in love with this unique city. University is quite big in comparison with my home university but you can easily get to know the most important aspects at the beginning of your stay if you join uni tour organized by Eurobiz. What is Eurobiz, right?! Eurobiz is an organization of students from the University of Paderborn. These students can help you with your first steps in Paderborn such as: accommodation, where the main buildings are, where you will find shops in the city center or grab a beer with friends and so on. They organize lots of trips during your stay that are open to join. Eurobiz also organizes parties that you are more than welcome to join. But back to university. As I already said, University is quite big. There are lot of buildings where you will be lost in the beginning of your stay, big library, also sports halls and playgrounds (you can join some sports courses, but hurry up because places are taken really quickly). But what me and my friends loved the most was the huge Mensa where you can eat whatever you want. Do you like pasta? They have pasta. Do you like a fish? They have fish. They offer everyday deliciously different dishes and if you are a student it

is also cheap!

And what about studying Sociology in Paderborn?

If you know the German language do not worry about studying Sociology in Paderborn at all, you can choose from lots of interesting courses. But if you're more like me and don't know German at all, you don't need to worry either. Other faculties are offering lots of courses which are connected with Sociology in English. For me, the most interesting courses were International to Culture Studies and Immigration and Popular Culture (this course also included a one day trip to Bremerhaven to the Migration Museum which was awesome!), but also many other courses!

Of course studying abroad in Paderborn is not only about studying, it is also about travelling around Germany, partying a little, meeting new wonderful and interesting people, getting to know their culture, their habits, their food. Getting to know how to respect other cultures and the behaving of others, learning how to be more open-minded. Also learning about yourself and how to live without your parents in another country. Sometimes things get interesting when you do not know the language but every one of those things are a good life lesson. Erasmus in Paderborn was the best decision I have ever made.

All the best,

Pavlína