

Work hard to achieve your goals

We have asked our Erasmus students to tell us about their experience at the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen. They all spent the Autumn semester 2022/23 at the Faculty. Besides taking part in some lessons, they also took part in sport and cultural events, discovered Hungary and the neighbouring countries as well.

1. Why did you come to the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen, Hungary? What made you want to study in Hajdúböszörmény?

Kemelkhanova Albina (Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Kazakhstan):

I chose this faculty because I wanted to learn more about the European method of teaching such as how teachers treat children, how the lessons go.



Cristina Jimenez Ramos (Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid):

To tell the truth, coming to Hungary was not in my top places to go on Erasmus, by the way, it was one of my last one as I did not want to live in the country. But, surprisingly, it has impressed me so much that today I couldn't have selected a better country to do my Erasmus. Firstly, I wasn't so excited to study in a Faculty that was so far from my dormitory, but finally I really liked going there, the teachers are so attentive and comprehensive because of the difficulty of the language and the fact of living far from home.



2. What did you study here?

Albina: I learned a lot about the Montessori method, because in the kindergarten where our training practice took place, training was conducted according to this method. In addition, I plunged deeply into the study of Special Education and realized that it was very interesting.

Cristina: I studied pre-primary education in the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs. In my country, in Spain I study pre-primary education in English.

3. Tell us about your best experience at our University / in Hungary.

Albina: My best experience was the whole process of living in Europe e.g. getting to know a new culture, learning a new language. This greatly expanded my horizons and gave me an impetus to develop even more.

Cristina: The best experience I had is the fact of getting to know so many people from other countries as well as from my own country. I also loved the unexpected trips from one day to another, and learning new cultures and spread Spanish culture all over Hungary and other nationalities.

4. What was your worst experience during your Erasmus?

Albina: My worst experience was getting lost in Budapest on my first day in Hungary. It was very scary, because I had no connection or Internet access and had to leave my comfort zone. I am very grateful that then I met kind and sympathetic people who helped me.

Cristina: Actually, I don't have any experience to be considered as "my worst experience" but if I have to say something it is the problem with the workers of the dormitory.

5. I will never forget

Albina: I will never forget the people I met here. I made a lot of new friends, with whom everyday life was the most fun and the time flew by very quickly.

Cristina: I will never forget all the people I have met here, and also, all the new things I have made with people that I've just met and has turned into my family, and not to say all of the experiences I've lived. It's an experience you will never forget.

6. Imagine that one of your friends wants to do Erasmus in Hungary. What would you tell him/her?

Albina: In the short period that I studied in Hungary with Erasmus, many students asked me questions about admission and whether it is worth enrolling at all. I always answered YES! You should try to see the education system in Europe and get to know this European quiet life. It is here that you will understand the meaning of your life as a whole. At least, in my case it was. In Debrecen, I realized that I would definitely try my best to return to Europe. And that means studying well and working hard to achieve your goals.

Cristina: First of all, being honest, to be patient with the people of the country, some of them are really stubborn and have no patience, but you should always have be patient.

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