

# Prague Information for Interterm Class

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## Intro

Dear Student,

I know it may seem daunting, the fact that you are in charge of coordinating your own travel study, but I promise it will be worth it. The following is all the information I could gather from my experience with taking a class at AAU for the interterm. Taking a class in Prague is not just restricted to the interterm, you can even take a course during the summer if you would like. All you need to do is find a class you need being offered there, talk to the professor who is teaching it there, and coordinate it with your class schedule.

The following is not a guarantee of what will happen in your situation nor is it an exact guideline. I just want to say this disclaimer, that this is based off of my experience and is not an official statement by either of the Universities, Chapman or Anglo-American. This is meant to help you and give you a point of reference for you when you go through coordinating your own experience from strictly a student's perspective.

With that said, make this experience your own! Take advantage of your free time and go where you would like if you can make it happen within your own economic means. My best advice is to talk closely with the professor you are going to be taking a class from to get an idea of the class load and expectations so you can accurately plan trips accordingly. In my experience, the professors understand that the regular students at AAU are working full-time so they make accommodations to the class structure for that. Therefore, since you won't be working you should have ample amount of time to get your school work done and still enjoy yourself.

Lastly, good luck and have fun! I do not know where I may be in the world at the time you receive this but feel free to reach out to me if you have any other questions, would like a helping hand in planning, or just to talk it out: [paula.mattison@gmail.com](mailto:paula.mattison@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

Paula Mattison

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  - She was the main person I talked to in order to coordinate enrolling over there and paying my fees. You have to fill out an application form and send her a copy of your passport/other ID as well as a record of your transcript. Email her first and she can tell you everything you need to do.
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## Tuition:

- 8,600 CZK per Unit
- 3 Units = 25800 CZK = about **\$1,100\***  
*\* This is the amount for the current exchange rate, it could go up or down depending on the strength of the dollar versus koruna. We paid \$1,300 when we went.*

## Flight:

- I paid about \$900 total for getting to Europe and back. This does not include how much I paid for flights once I got over there and traveled to different countries. I know some other students got flights that were more expensive that were about \$1,100 to \$1,300 round trip.

## Class Schedule:

- I would contact the Professor who is teaching the course about the schedule just to double check about all of this. The following is what my schedule was like for 3 weeks:
  - Friday: 5pm – 8pm
  - Saturday: 9am – 5pm
  - Sunday: 9am – 1pm
- Essentially, you can do anything you want Sunday at 1pm through Friday at 5pm, stay in Prague or travel elsewhere.

## Accommodation:

- [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)
  - I used Airbnb and lived with 3 other students that I got to do the course with me. This is the link to the exact apartment we booked:
    - <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/4375560?guests=2&s=NAJe>
    - She was amazing. We only booked to stay there for the weekends because we traveled each week but since no one else rented it during the week she let us keep our luggage there and keep the keys.
    - The location was about a 10 minute walk to where our classes were and it was perfectly located right by the bridge in the heart of old town Prague.
- [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)
  - This is a really good site if you want to stay in hostels. There are positive and negatives to hostels. It's more of a social atmosphere so you can meet other travelers. Depending on the hostel you get it could be way cheaper than Airbnb and hotels. Be careful though because you can also get hostels that have limited privacy and luggage storage.
- In terms of how much it cost, I don't have the exact number for when we stayed but just take a look at different Airbnb options and estimate that price. If you travel other places it could get more expensive, like Vienna for example since they use the Euro and not the Czech Koruna.

- **Bruce Dehning** gave me this information about accommodation:
  - If you are interested in an apartment we have had pretty good luck with Eva Bogrenova ([bogrenova@ebore.cz](mailto:bogrenova@ebore.cz)). She isn't always the fastest to respond, but she is honest and finds good apartments for an OK price. Let her know you are studying at Anglo-American University (that is easier than explaining you are studying at Chapman which is renting space from AAU) and that you were referred by Bruce Dehning.
  - [Hostel AZ](#)
  - [European Hostels](#)
  - [Hostel Mango](#)

## Class Enrollment

- This is the easiest part. You will get your enrollment date for the following semester as you always do probably in early November. Once you are able to register just make an appointment with Debbie and have her enroll you in the class.

## Visa

- With a United States passport you are able to travel up to 90 days without a visa of any kind. Once you pass those 90 days you will need to figure out your own visa or contact someone at AAU for help to obtain this.
- All other passports I am not sure of.

## Location

- Letenská 5, 118 00, Prague, Czech Republic
  - Just use google maps to look it up
  - I would recommend staying closer to this area or across the river in old town.
  - The closer you are to Charles Bridge the better; it is the oldest and main bridge in Prague.

## Weather

- On average, January is the coldest month of the year in Prague. During January, the average temperature starts off at -1.5°C, created by highs of 1°C during the daytime and lows of -4°C after dark. (google search)
- -1.5 Celsius is about 29.3 Fahrenheit

## Total Cost

- Rough Estimates:
  - \$1,300 Tuition
  - \$1,100 Flight
  - **\$1950 Accommodation\***
  - Food (you estimate)
  - Transportation (you estimate)

**\* I just estimated about \$75 a night for 26 nights**
- Without food and transportation I would ballpark **\$4350** for your trip. That accommodation can be reduced if you are smart about where you book and how you book. I think I spent a total of no more than \$6000 on my entire cost of this trip. I was there for 5 weeks though and did a lot of traveling. You guys only have to be there for 3 weeks.