ABSTRACT

The Bachelor thesis focuses on the acculturation of Ukrainian refugees studying at University in the Czech Republic. The aim of the thesis is to map the acculturative strategies used by refugees and to show the obstacles to their studies at university. The aim of the thesis is also to raise awareness about Ukrainian refugees and to provide a stimulus for further research with an emphasis on students. The theoretical part of the work deals with acculturation and acculturative strategies, further describes the specifics of Ukrainian refugees at universities within language barriers and also a comparison with voluntary migrants. Furthermore, the work distinguishes between the terms migrant and refugee and maps the Ukrainian minority in the Czech Republic.

The empirical part describes the research process from the determination of research questions and objectives, through the selection of a research sample, the method of data collection, to their subsequent analysis. The research sample consisted of 12 respondents who came to the Czech Republic after the start of the war in February 2022, all of whom are students at Czech universities. Data collection took place within a three-member team and the data was subsequently used for 3 bachelor theses. The method was semi-structured interviews, and the collected data were subsequently processed using thematic reflexive analysis. There were 3 themes of the analysis: Integration and separation as the main acculturative strategy, home as a loss and obstacles to integration at university, which are mainly the language barrier and the different educational system in the Czech Republic and Ukraine.