MY STUDIES ABROAD

GERMANY - Münster
Fachhochschule Münster – University of Applied Sciences

March - August 2019

My campus was “LEONARD CAMPUS” and was very close to my student residence, 10 minutes away on foot, less than 5 by bike. You can study various subjects there from Medicine to Business Administration, Cooking, Civil Engineering, Languages and Civilisation History. I don’t have a precise number but there were around 2,000 students from all over the world, especially from Latin America since schools offer special programmes for Latin American students. There are also 2 big cafeterias, one inside the Fachhochschule, where people can eat affordable quality food (around 4€ to 6€ per meal), work and relax. Transportation takes students just in front of their school, which is a great advantage.

MY SCHOOL
The school offers a high-quality and modern infrastructure, everything is designed to make students comfortable in their studies (many pc pools, work rooms on each floor, a really broad library, meeting rooms etc.) The school encourages innovation in learning, as an example students can book a special space called “creativity room” where walls are made of slate to allow students to write everything, stand up and so on. In this way there are also work rooms with sofas to work in a relaxing atmosphere.

In the beginning the building might feel like a labyrinth but we quickly got used to it, and students mainly have lectures in the same classes the whole semester because the building is divided into floors and each floor is reserved for a specialty (Business, IT, etc.). Finally the school enriches student’s experiences by putting them in a high internationalized context with other students from all over the world.

MY COURSES
I studied International Marketing and Business Management. The main difference I noticed between studying in France and in Germany is that German courses are more practical than French ones. I led a Germany wide study for a company; I did a lot of oral presentations and followed a business game during the whole semester. I feel like it’s really relevant because it truly allows students to understand lectures and strengthen their knowledge. Most of my teachers were professionals giving lectures in the FH alongside their own job, it also brought a practical point of view to the courses that make German lectures much more efficient and relevant.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The school offers conferences on various subjects and also the opportunity to practice any sport cheaply (Hochschule Sport). The city offers good spots and places to go with friends such as the Aasee, perfect for a run, a ride or just spend time with people during beautiful days. Thanks to the school semester ticket, students can easily (costless) travel to other cities in Westphalia and discover more about the German culture. As a student there also are parties and pub-crawls, organized by the school’s organizations, the city or friends.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 600 EUROS

- Housing : 240 € per month
- Internet & telephone : 15 € per month
- Food : 150 € per month
- Transportation : 17,5 € per month
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 50 € per month

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :

Subscribe as fast as possible on studentenwerk to be sure to get a flat/room. There are a lot of French students, try to stay as much as possible with international students and try also to meet German people or subscribe to a sport because otherwise you will not really practice German. Live your experience 100%. Prepare rainy clothes and warm clothes.

https://en.fh-muenster.de
MY STUDIES ABROAD
LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

BULGARIA - Dobrich
VUM : Varna University of Management

January - May 2019

MY SCHOOL
I spent my semester in Bulgaria, at Varna University of Management, on the Dobrich campus. This university is Bulgaria’s top business school with different subjects (Finance, Accounting, Marketing, etc.). In addition, the administrative personnel help you with your integration in the university. They are present every day and respond very quickly by email. They helped me when I arrived in Dobrich and also to fill out forms or official documents. An internet platform is available for students to take full advantage of resources in order to pass their semester. There were different slides of the courses and a file with exam instructions to help with revision. Thanks to this platform, you could better organize your group work and understand the rating scale.

MY COURSES
During my semester at Varna University of Management I attended the following courses: Organizational Behavior – Marketing and Business Environment – English 1 – Information Technologies. All these courses were very interesting, and I was able to develop numerous notions and concepts for my professional career. Concerning exams, the format proposed by Varna University of Management is really interesting because for the majority of the subjects there is the following system: group work is 30% of the final grade. This work is an oral assignment with people of other nationalities speaking only English to meet new people. Next there is a final assignment, which is 60% of the final grade and a mark for participating in class of 10%. This last point is really important because when you arrive in a new class with new students and you work on English subjects, you can encounter difficulties taking part.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
In Varna University of Management there are lots of activities for international students in order to meet ERASMUS students and to improve our English. For example, there was the “International Day” during which all ERASMUS students presented their country through dancing, songs, videos, etc. After there was also an event for Easter with various activities: painting, drawing, etc. These activities are intended to improve ties between all ERASMUS students.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 480 EUROS

- Housing : 210 €
- Internet & telephone : 10 €
- Food : 130 €
- Transportation : 20 €
- School supplies : 10 €
- Leisure : 100 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
I recommend speaking with former ERASMUS students to gain lots of information on the country, the city, the language barrier, the activities, etc. Moreover, before your semester, go to the website of the university in order to understand the different classes (Marketing, Finance, Organizational Behavior etc.)

Thanks to these elements, you will have more information and you will be better prepared for your semester abroad.

https://vum.bg/
My campus was located out of the city in one of the best and most peaceful neighborhoods. Santiago is an enormous city. It takes more than an hour from the city center to get there but it is worth it. The view from the university is great. It is located on a 600m-high hill, and we could see over the city and mountains which was really nice. The university has an American-style campus. There are many cafeterias, selling all kinds of food and beverages. There is a Subway in the university and many stores selling food and drinks but also newspapers and everyday necessities. The university has many modern buildings. The free gym located in the university makes a big difference. You can also take sports lessons weekly, mountain bike the hill above the university etc. There are also football and hockey pitches and a boxing ring. It’s a huge American campus that is completely different from the campus I’m used to studying at.

MY SCHOOL
The school really cares about the students especially foreign students. We have a special coordinator who helps us through everything. It can be about the university or not. Furthermore, there is a bunch of events and entertainment which adds life to the school. There were a dozen of Chilean students organizing activities for us. We could have lessons on how to cook Chilean food, free movie screenings, barbecues, hikes, bingo, parties etc. The school has a lot of partnerships helping make our experience even better. Furthermore, every student can choose to get a buddy who will help us through everything.

MY COURSES
There are plenty of courses taught fully in English. Marketing, Finance, International Business. It is a big university known throughout the country and most of the courses I was enrolled in were taught by professionals. I appreciated their way of teaching and bringing their own experience. Most of the English courses were presentations about their start-ups.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
As I said, international students are a privilege for the university here and we were treated really well.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 900 EUROS
- Housing : 400 €
- Internet & Telephone : 10 €
- Food : 120 €
- Transportation : 45 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 200 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
Chile is such an underrated country. In terms of nature, diversity and landscapes, it is an absolute must and I highly recommend this country. It’s the safest country in South America but also the most expensive. It is still cheaper than France but not that much.
MY STUDIES ABROAD
LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

CHINA - Hangzhou
ZHEJIANG GONGSHANG UNIVERSITY

February - June 2019

During this academic semester, we lived on the Xiasha campus of Zhejiang Gongshang University. We had to choose a room, individual or shared. The rooms have the strict minimum, so it is necessary to buy everything on arrival, namely blankets, cushions, hangers, dishes, all household products etc. A shared kitchen is available on each floor of the building but it is also not equipped, it is up to students to bring their own utensils to cook with. To remedy this problem, there is a canteen on campus that offers different stands at very affordable prices. Electricity and water work by charging. To get hot water you have to deposit money on a card, and for electricity you have to recharge the desired amount to the office in charge of that on campus. However, opening hours are only from 9:00am to 3:00pm. On an international campus, nobody speaks English. International student building officials speak only Chinese, so it is very difficult to communicate with them without having a translation app or someone who can speak Chinese. The dormitory has a curfew, before 6:00am and after 10:30pm on weekdays, and after 11:00pm on weekends. A facial recognition system has just been installed to open doors. It will be generalized across the campus by the end of the school year. Inside the buildings, self-service washing machines are available until midnight. Outside, bikes are available throughout the campus. There are also several small supermarkets open 24/7, fruit sellers and even chargers. A cash machine is also available near the canteen.

MY SCHOOL
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MY COURSES
For this semester, we had to choose different courses from a long list of business-related topics. In addition, we had to choose at least one Chinese class to familiarize ourselves with the language. During our classes, we were mixed with international students, sometimes even Master’s students.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
There are no specific activities for international students organized by the institution. Some activities are organized by students, such as tips to nearby cities.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 400 EUROS

- Housing : 80 €
- Internet & Telephone : 20 € for 1 semester
- Food : 80 €
- Transportation : 30 €
- School supplies : 20 €
- Leisure : from 100 to 300 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
It is better to open a Chinese bank account to access the payment method by Alipay or WeChat Pay which is widespread. Also it is essential to install a VPN on your phone and computer before leaving. Without this, no foreign sites or applications will be accessible.

The culture is totally different, it is complicated in the beginning to adapt to the fact that Chinese speak very loud, to the many cameras present everywhere, even in classrooms, to the fact that they say very rarely "hello", "thank you". Also Chinese admire Westerners and spend their time taking pictures of foreigners, in the subway or in the street. You just have to get used to it.
Zhejiang Gongshang University has 2 campuses: the one where I was, Xiasha, and Jiagong Lu. The Xiasha campus is huge and covers 39 Hectares. It is very modern and we met large quantities of Chinese students throughout the day, and inside the buildings, it's a hive of activity. There are more than a dozen large universities on campus. The advantage is that everything is made available to the students: ATMs, restaurants, cafeterias, canteens, supermarkets and lots of small clothes shops or others. Some points of sale are even open 24 hours a day. However, the campus is 40 minutes by subway from the city center.

### MY SCHOOL
Zhejiang Gongshang University is the largest university of Xiasha district, there are more than 30 different buildings housing the subjects taught. The university offers computer rooms, a bookstore, an infirmary and a building reserved for international students with teachers and people who are available to help and guide you throughout your semester. The classrooms are all modern, air conditioned, heated and well equipped. They are also accessible throughout the day to work, eat, rest or train for an oral. It is quite difficult to find your bearings in the university during the first month, some Chinese students speak English, but it’s quite rare, it’s better to talk to a teacher.

### MY COURSES
The university offers many courses that can meet the expectations of all students. When I arrived, I chose the courses I wanted to attend. It is also possible to choose courses in Law, Finance, Marketing, Economics and Management. I attended courses such as «Marketing Strategies in China», «Internet Product Design», «Management of Psychology», «Luxury Consumption, Fashion and Organizational Dynamics» but also a course in «Chinese Speaking». What is interesting in the choice of courses is that it is possible to choose to start learning Chinese. Three Chinese classes are offered, Chinese writing, speaking and comprehension.

### ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Student life in China is very important and present; there is not a week where the university or the students did not organize a cultural or sporting event. In addition, the neighborhood where our University is located is very attractive for students because of its wide choice of restaurants, canteens, shops or even karaoke. There is a wide range of possible activities for students around the university, through bars, playrooms, karaoke rooms, gyms, or machines to try to win stuffed animals. There are also a lot of tourist places that are not expensive for a totally affordable price. Traveling in China does not cost much, I was lucky to travel to many parts of the country, however the distances between each city are impressive.

### MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 440 EUROS
- **Housing**: 140 €
- **Internet & Telephone**: 30 €
- **Food**: 130 €
- **Transportation**: 20 €
- **School supplies**: 5 €
- **Leisure**: 150 €

### MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
China is a beautiful country that offers a lot of opportunities and a very low cost of living; however, it is very important to respect Chinese rules and to avoid certain topics of conversation so as not to have any problems with the Chinese police. When I arrived in China, I was impressed by the size of everything around me and the level of security that is very high, whether to take the subway, a train or to go to a busy public place. China is a very populous country, and in some cities like Shanghai, the streets are very often crowded. In China, do not be afraid to be lost and try to speak to a passerby in English who does not understand you, even in very big cities like Shanghai or Hangzhou. It is sometimes difficult to be understood without speaking Chinese.

If you want to have an experience in China, do not hesitate, it's a real adventure.
MY SCHOOL
The University College of Lillebaelt has multiple campuses in Southern Denmark and even in Odense but I got the opportunity to be studying in the most recent of them. It is only two years old and was simply delightful to attend classes there and work on a group project. There are pieces of art on the walls, a crazy amount of sofas, fridges, microwaves and kettles on each floor, table soccer, a fab lab, a workshop room, a music recording studio and a green screen room. We had access to everything we needed to express our creativity. A little less than half the students here were international and all the teaching and admin staff spoke English fluently so language was never a problem. I feel really grateful that I studied there. It is close to the city center and only 15 minutes away from my accommodation by bike. But I have to admit that the canteen is quite expensive (like basically everything in Denmark) and not that good tasting but I guess it’s my French opinion.

MY COURSES
When I applied to go to Denmark it was in the International Sales and Marketing Program. By some luck I ended up in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program that fitted my profile better. I will be studying the same subject next year in the Entrepreneurship and Project Management Master at Grenoble IAE. My class was separated into two groups, the international students and the Danish students but the teaching team decided to mix us up this semester in order to enhance or open our mindset. We had 5 different teachers, 4 of them were in charge of the major part of the curriculum and the other was my elective teacher (I chose Social Entrepreneurship which turns out to be even more inspiring than I expected). We had a 12-week project with companies and startups followed by a 3-week exam and all of it was both super new to me but oh so interesting. I learned a lot and I think this program is smartly thought out.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
In Odense and in a lot of European countries as well we’re lucky to have an ESN organization (Erasmus Students Network) that is a huge part in International Students activities. They organize trips all over Denmark, Scandinavia and even eastern Europe. They also organize movie nights, parties, board game events, international dinners, workshop around Danish culture and just events for internationals students to meet. I participated in most of them. There was also the “Monday café” where we could meet international students over a cheap dinner. The studenterhus also allowed us to attend concerts and meet new people as well as volunteering at the enormous festival which takes place there.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 933 EUROS
- Housing : 340 €
- Internet & telephone : 23 €
- Food : 350 €
- Transportation : 20 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 200 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
My main culture shock was how much Danish Culture is about trust. I could leave my computer, purse, ID in a bar, a club, a school for 1 hour, and find it where I left it, which is really relaxing. Danish people eat their dinner at 6pm and take a lot of time to consider you a friend. So my advice for Erasmus Students going to Denmark is just to take your time and respect the Danes’ privacy, feel free to ask about their country, that will be a proof that you care and you might end up learning a lot.

https://www.ucl.dk/international
MY STUDIES ABROAD
LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

SPAIN - A Coruña
UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA
January - June 2019

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 640 EUROS

- Housing : 350 €
- Internet & Telephone : 5 €
- Food : 135 €
- Transportation : 50 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 100 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :

Get your oilskins ready and a good windbreaker: you are going to Spanish Brittany with a little bit more sun. You are going to become familiar with this nice oceanic climate.

Regarding nutrition: be ready to eat oil, Spanish people love it and don’t miss Tapas Night.

Another little cultural shock: we must call the teachers by their first name and using “tu” is required: welcome to Spain!

MY SCHOOL

I went on an exchange in partnership with the University of Almeria and studied at the University of Almeria and not in a particular school. It is known for its high academic level and is one of the best universities in Andalusia.

MY COURSES

Few courses are given in English in the university (Bachelor’s degree 1, 2, 3, Master degree) which makes the choice difficult. However, a wide variety of courses are offered in Spanish. I chose to only attend classes in English such as: Investment Theory, Macroeconomics, Information Systems for Business, Financial Management, Commercial Distribution and Inglés Empresarial (in which you learn management vocabulary in both languages).

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

With surfing, beaches, the endless ocean and its semi-mountainous landscapes enabling you to hike, do city tours and bike trips, A Coruña has a wide range of activities. The ESN organization offers diverse parties with the famous “Tapas Night” every Tuesday evening! It also organises international dinners, day trips, weekends and trips from between 3 to 9 days arranged in Spain and Portugal. The same for the Sharing Galicia organization.

MY CAMPUS

The campus where Economy and Management is studied has good transport links (15 minutes by bus from the centre or from the student accommodation which is located in the heights of A Coruña). Transport is regular and adapted to class hours. The International Relations Office, the bank, the sports centre and the ESN organization office who you will deal with are all situated next to the bus stop, 2 minutes on foot from the faculty entrance.

http://international.udc.es/
MY STUDIES ABROAD
LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

SPAIN - Almeria
UNIVERSIDAD DE ALMERIA

February - June 2019

The University of Almeria campus is a very nice campus on the outskirts of Almeria, 25 minutes from the city center. It is located by the sea and has more than 20,000 inhabitants. There are different buildings each corresponding to a field of study. Personally, I spent most of my semester in building IV, the Business Administration building. On campus there is a range of places to eat, restaurants and bars, and a very good library to study in.

MY SCHOOL
I went on an exchange in partnership with the University of Almeria and studied at the University of Almeria and not in a particular school. It is known for its high academic level and is one of the best universities in Andalusia.

MY COURSES
Being in Spain, I had the choice to choose my courses in different languages (Spanish, English and French). Having to obtain 30 credits ECTS during my semester I chose 5 courses of 6 ETCS each. So, I attended two courses in English, «Entrepreneurship» and «Strategic Management II». In addition, I chose 2 courses in Spanish in order to improve my language level: «Organization Design» and «Introduction to Marketing». Finally, I chose a course in French «Communication in French language».

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
In Almeria there is an Erasmus society that organizes different events during the year. The latter organizes trips almost every week to discover Andalusia and Spain that allows you to meet Erasmus students studying in Almeria. Also, the first school day, the university organized a welcome day. Moreover, the university with the help of the Erasmus society, organized an international day where Erasmus students had to prepare a specialty from their own country in order to share a big meal on the university esplanade.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 700 EUROS

- Housing : 250 €
- Internet & Telephone : 10 €
- Food : 250 €
- Transportation : 50 €
- School supplies : 15 €
- Leisure : 125 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
I have only one tip given for the next students who will go to Almeria. They have to try to find a flat in the Zapillo neighborhood. Spain is not very different from France, the culture shock is minimal.

Student(s) : Aymeric
Language(s) : Spanish - English
Level : E-b2

University of Almeria

https://www.ual.es/
We cannot really talk of a campus when it comes to the university in Rovaniemi. In fact, there are two main universities: Lapland University of Applied Sciences, where I was studying, and the University of Lapland where you could study Law, Education and Political Sciences etc. The two universities where 500m apart so it was very easy to go from one to the other. Especially since the library was in the main university (University of Lapland). The campus is 20 minutes away, on foot, from the city centre but also easily accessible by bus.

**MY SCHOOL**

As I said earlier, my university is the Lapland University of Applied Sciences. There are different fields that are being studied there: International Business, Engineering, Forest Management etc. This school is way smaller than the main university but it still manages to be welcoming and perfect to study at. There are three buildings (A, B and C) and 3 floors. There is one cafeteria where you can have breakfast, lunch and dinner for only 2€/meal. As I said earlier, the library is in the other university but there are still some good spots to work on group projects for instance. Finally, one word about administration in Finland. It is way more efficient and fast than in France. There are very active and willing to help whenever you encounter an issue.

**MY COURSES**

Once again, the education system in Finland is really different from what we have in France. For instance, I didn’t have any final exams like we would have in our home university, also known as “partiel”. The grades rely on the work achieved during the entire process of the classes. Group projects and oral presentations were the main tasks that had to be performed by us, as students. It can be scary at the beginning but I believe that thanks to that I feel more confident with talking in front of an audience and my group work skills have also improved. Moreover, despite group projects, we also had to write personal essays about the class and what we thought of it. Now if we talk more about the content of the courses, I think a lot of concepts were already studied in France for me but I still managed to learn new things as those concepts were applied to Finland.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

What is great about studying in Rovaniemi, is that student organizations are really active and always organising cool stuff for their regular students and international ones. If you study in Rovaniemi you will have the chance to experiment a lot of different parties in clubs, but also more chilled activities such as group saunas, barbecues. International coffees where people from one nation gather in a coffee shop in order to talk about their country to people interested, an international food fair within the school etc. Lots of activities for international students are organised almost every week in Rovaniemi.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 200 EUROS**

(Without housing)

- Housing: 220 €
- Internet & telephone: free
- Food: 35 €/week
- Transportation: 50 €/month (bus + taxi)
- School supplies: 0 €
- Leisure: 50 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK:**

My main advice for future students of Rovaniemi is to enjoy your time here! Even if it can be hard at the beginning, depending on your personality, you will have the time of your life and before you know it, it will already be over. Don’t be afraid to go in front of people, put your stereotypes away and discover new cultures and new people, you will see it’s so interesting! Don’t be afraid of the cold. Trust me, seeing -40°C can be very scary and I will not lie, it’s pretty cold. Yet, be sure to have all the clothes you need and you will see, it’s not that bad. Having the right equipment is what matters the most. 3 layers is the best way not to feel the cold too much, hat, gloves (vital), good socks and shoes (also vital).
The Budapest Metropolitan University campus is approximately 20 minutes by metro from the city center. You just have to take line 2 and walk 5 minutes to get there. During the first day, they organized an “orientation day” to discover the buildings. And a few days later they organized a “welcome day” to meet the other Erasmus students.

**MY SCHOOL**
When you arrive, you can find 2 buildings, a circular one and a normal one. In It, there is the student information centre, the International Relations office (for Erasmus). They are always there if you need help. Inside, you can eat at the cafeteria and study in the library.
When the weather is good, they put chairs and tables outside to study in the sun.

**MY COURSES**
I chose courses from my 1st semester like Corporate Finance, Economic Communication and Marketing. But also some new courses such as: International Hotel and Hospitality Management. This course allowed me to deal with the various ways of running a hotel business in depth that is a huge part of tourism in the world. But also to learn how a hotel operates and the role of hotels in the tourism industry.
Basic Media Studies: The goal of this course was to give us an introduction to media ethics, the role that the media currently plays in our social lives and the impact of media on mentality.
Communication II: This course introduced students to the history of communication research and mass media both in Hungary and internationally. So I learnt a lot about the history of communication in Hungary.
Service Design and Development: this course covered principles, approaches and processes that allow service providers to create services. Businesses need a better understanding of what customers may want and how those needs can be fulfilled.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
Budapest is a very dynamic city with a lot of international students. You can always find activities in both winter and summer. With the central position of Hungary, you can easily travel around Europe (Prague, Bratislava, Croatia.)

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET**

- Housing: 350 €
- Internet & telephone: 0 €
- Food: 80 €
- Transportation: 11 €
- School supplies: 5 €
- Leisure: 50 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK**

In the supermarket, you have a huge choice of cold meats (salami) but it is difficult to find ham, steak, or food like that.
You really have to visit the ruin bars which are famous and numerous in Budapest.
The campus is a very large campus, very nice and very quiet. Many buildings make up the campus. It takes some time to adapt to find one’s bearings. Many facilities are available to students such as printers, computers, a library, a cafeteria, a supermarket, a coffee shop, cash dispensers etc. There is everything you need to stay there a whole day and to work in good conditions. Regularly, events and activities are set up within the campus (food sales, games, musicians, singers etc.). Thus, it’s very cool to study on this campus.

**MY SCHOOL**

UCC is a university that offers many courses in many different fields. Indeed, there are many fields of study such as Accounting, Finance, Mathematics, Music, Marketing, Economics, Sociology, Human Resources, Human Rights, Medicine, Engineering, Science, Physics, Chemistry, Art, Architecture, Archaeology, Geography, Geology, History, Languages, Politics, Management, Business, Theater, Computing, Criminology... and many more! Thus, it’s very rewarding to have a mix of students loving very different fields.

**MY COURSES**

I chose: Economics and the Labour Market, Global Food Policy, Aspects of Irish Folklore, Marketing and Society, Sociology of Development and Globalization, Personal Lives and Family Policy. My favorite courses were Aspects of Irish Folklore and Marketing and Society. I enjoyed Aspects of Irish Folklore because I learned a lot about Irish culture, customs, legends and beliefs. I enjoyed Marketing and Society because this is the area in which I want to work so it interests me the most. In general, all courses have been satisfying and rewarding. I developed new skills and assimilated new knowledge.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Some activities are offered for international students. At the beginning of your stay, the university offers a tour of the city of Cork with a guide. At the end of your stay, it proposes a ball specifically for foreign students. Then, throughout the stay, several parties are organized for international students.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 620 > 720 EUROS**

- Housing : 400 > 500 €
- Internet & telephone : 0
- Food : 120 €
- Transportation : 0
- School supplies : 0
- Leisure : 100 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**

I advise you to find and book as soon as possible accommodation. If you don’t want to pay more than 500 € per month for housing, there is only one solution : choose a shared house or a shared apartment.

I also advise you not to hesitate to ask for help from bystanders if you are lost or if you want advice. The Irish will be happy to talk to you and help you. They are very friendly, sociable, funny, curious and always in a good mood.

https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/
The campus has a library with many books, silent workrooms and group workrooms; a canteen was also right next to the university. A cafeteria was located within the university and was open during all the breaks. A very large car park was also available to students.

**MY SCHOOL**
LIUC University is a private university. The LIUC offers 3 programs: Law, Economy and Engineering. The university was founded in 1989 by 300 entrepreneurs of the province of Varese (UNIVA). The LIUC is the only university in Italy which was created and managed by an entrepreneurial association. In 2015, the university third in a ranking of best private Economics schools in Italy by the Italian Economy newspaper “Il Sole 24”. The university has more than 1800 students.

**MY COURSES**
The courses attended were in English, the teachers were for the most part professionals. In general we had an oral assessment and a written one. The courses we attended were mainly with Erasmus. The way of teaching was different. The lessons were taught by at least 2 teachers and lasted 4 hours.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
The International week was held the first week. During this week the school was presented to us and the ESN (an organization that organizes activities and helps Erasmus students to integrate). This association regularly organized outings, activities such as football matches, outings at the bar or even in nightclubs. A week’s trip was organized in the mountains as well as on the beach during the semester.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 630 EUROS**
- Housing : 390 €
- Internet & Telephone : 10 €
- Food : 150 €
- Transportation : 20 €
- School supplies w: 0 €
- Leisure : 60 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**
The best advice is :
- Avoid taking a shared room in the residence
- Remember to take your car because there is no means of transport
- Choose your courses according to what you really like
Turiba University is located 20 mins away from the city center. There are two buildings for classrooms and one building for dormitories. There are two cafeterias, a library and a gymnasium.

**MY SCHOOL**
Turiba University was created in 1993. It is the biggest business school in Latvia. In Turiba, there are 4 main fields of study: Business Management, Law, International Tourism and Communication.

**MY COURSES**
- Managerial Accounting
- Financial Instruments
- Macroeconomics
- Tax Laws and Procedures
- Business Process Regulations
- Formation of Companies’ Image
- Statistical Research Methods
All the courses were taught in English.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
- Watch Turiba University team basketball matches.
- Many events organized by ESN Riga (trips to the ice rink, museums, visits to other cities etc.).
- Watch Dinamo Riga play hockey at the Riga Arena.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 600 EUROS**
- Housing : 400 €
- Internet & Telephone : 0 €
- Food : 150 €
- Transportation : 16 €
- School supplies w: 30 €
- Leisure : 30 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**
It can be difficult to speak English in some neighbourhoods of Riga because many people only speak Latvian or Russian.

Tips:
- Be ready for the cold and the snow.
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LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

LITHUANIA - Vilnius
University of Vilnius

February - June 2019

MY CAMPUS
It’s a huge university with 14 faculties and other divisions like a botanical garden, a museum, a library etc. With cafeterias, rest areas, playgrounds or small shops where you can find food mainly. The campus is on two sites, not all faculties are in the same place, some are in the city center and others further north of the city, about 35 minutes by bus from the city center.

MY SCHOOL
University of Vilnius, which is one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe. I had courses at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration as well as at the Business School.

MY COURSES
I had 4 bachelor’s level courses (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Essentials of Marketing Research and Marketing Management) and two Master’s level courses (Cross-Cultural Marketing and Integrated Marketing Communication), which means that they were called «intensive» courses that we took for about a week and a half, then we took our exam and the course was completed.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
During the orientation week, many activities were organized for foreign students, such as a city tour, campus visit, karaoke, pub quiz, international fair, speed friend... it was a good way to integrate. Throughout the year the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) organizes many events such as football tournaments and trips. And there is also the university which offers activities such as sports courses, hiking club....

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 600 EUROS

- Housing : 420 €
- Internet & Telephone : 10 €
- Food : 50 €
- Transportation : 6 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 100 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
Being in a European country, the culture shock was not very significant. The only differences I really felt were the temperatures, the food and the relations with the local population, which is relatively cold.

https://www.vu.lt/en/studies/exchange-students
NORWAY - Molde
Molde University College

January - June 2019

MY CAMPUS
The Molde University College campus is located about 3 km from the city centre and is ideally located with a superb view of the Molde Fjord. There is a supermarket and student accommodation near the campus. It can also be reached by bus from the city centre. The campus is located between the beach and the forest, which allows you to enjoy the surrounding nature.

MY SCHOOL
The University of Molde University College specializes in logistics but also offers other management training courses. Despite its small size, the university welcomes between 50 and 100 international students each year, which gives it an international atmosphere. The university has a total of nearly 2500 students.

MY COURSES
Bachelor degree courses give access to 7.5 ECTS credits each, so you must validate at least 4 courses to validate the semester. The number of Bachelor degree courses available is relatively small and includes: E-Business, Norwegian, Transport, Distribution Planning, etc. All these courses are in English with the exception of Norwegian.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Outdoor activities are the main asset of Molde, diving in the middle of a fjord, between mountains and sea, lakes and forests. Hiking, skiing (cross-country and alpine), mountain biking, kayaking on the fjord, and many other activities are available. The university also offers a sports hall and a table tennis table. The Erasmus Students’ Association (ESN: Erasmus Student Network) also offers activities and events (evenings and trips in particular).

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 900>1000 EUROS

- Housing : 500 €
- Internet & Telephone : 15 €
- Food : 250 €
- Transportation : 45 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 100 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
Most Norwegians are bilingual in English, so it is easy to communicate with them. Do not hesitate to engage in conversation, as Norwegians can seem unfriendly but aren’t.

Student(s) : Stéphane & Eva
Language(s) : English
Level : B2

https://www.himolde.no/english/
MY STUDIES ABROAD
LICENCE ECONOMIE GESTION PARCOURS MANAGEMENT

POLAND - Warsaw
SGH

Student(s) : Fanny & Laura
Language(s) : English
Level : Licence

February - July 2019

Waraw University of Economics

MY SCHOOL
SGH - Szkola Glowna Handliowa

MY COURSES

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The ESN (Erasmus Student Network) team makes sure that you will make the most of your Erasmus time in Warsaw. They organize trips, parties, activities, meetings, etc. Otherwise Warsaw is an international capital with a lot of places to go to (restaurants, clubs, museums, bars, parks, etc.)

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 600 EUROS

Housing : 330 €
Internet & telephone : free wifi
Food : 25 € per week
Transportation : 10 € per month
School supplies : 0 €
Leisure : 200 €/month

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :
Do not stick with the preconceived ideas or stereotypes you might have before arriving.
Do not get offended if Polish people seem rude to you, it is just the way they are and it gets way better once you know them.
Travel around Eastern Europe, Budapest is a must.

SGH

The Universidade Europeia was not on a campus because it was the only school in the area. This university was very far away from the city center (25 minutes metro from Baixa-Chiado, which is a central station).

**MY SCHOOL**

The Universidade Europeia is a small school, which is very positive because it was easy to meet new students. Half of the students were foreigners while the rest were Portuguese. As it is an eco-campus, there were a big garden inside and water dispensers adapted to the size of the water bottles, to avoid using disposable plastic bottles. Moreover, the canteen is very nice, in the center of the school. You can eat cooked dishes that are not very expensive.

**MY COURSES**

I had different courses which were very interesting and I had to work a lot, especially in groups. During this semester, I studied: Supply Chain Management, Leadership and Team Management, Social Media, Brand Management and Integrated Communication. I had also a Portuguese course (level A1).

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

As an international student, you have access to different organizations in Lisbon, such as Erasmus Lisboa. They organize a lot of events to meet other students. They also organize trips to different cities. You can also discover the city by yourself, and meet Portuguese inhabitants.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 700 EUROS**

- Housing : 380 €
- Internet & Telephone : 30 €
- Food : 150 €
- Transportation : 30 €
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : 50 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**

Do not stay only with Erasmus students. Wait to get to Portugal to look for accommodation. Plan your budget well in advance.
The campus is situated on the outskirts of Prague, about 45 minutes from the city center. To get there from downtown, the easiest way is to use public transport: you have to take the metro (to Dejvická stop) and then the bus number 115 (to the university stop). The university campus is quite large and there are many sports facilities, a university restaurant and also bars, work rooms etc.

**MY SCHOOL**
The Czech University of Life Sciences has several faculties and as a student, we were part of the Faculty of Economics and Management. The faculty offers a bachelor’s degree in Economics and Management, a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Administration, and the two master’s degrees that are a continuation of these diplomas. We had no difficulty finding courses that matched our IAE studies. Moreover, there are many foreign students on the campus, so almost all teachers are fluent in English. However, be careful, during your administrative formalities, the university administration will not provide you with any special assistance to make the formalities easier and the employees do not always speak English.

**MY COURSES**
The Czech University of Life Sciences offers two different «types» of course. Firstly, courses given throughout the semester with one lecture and one small group session (seminar) each week during the semester (as many universities in France) and secondly, courses taught in “blocks” of a full week of study. The Study Blocks are thus intensive courses with a final exam and some are reserved for Erasmus Students.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
Prague has a strong reputation for being one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and a very lively student city. The city-center is very active and there are many activities organized by ESN, the student’s organization (trips, visits, parties) which provides an opportunity to meet many people.

Choosing a destination in Central or Eastern Europe also means an opportunity to enjoy a cultural city where life is not very expensive. Moreover, Prague being at the center of Europe, it is the perfect opportunity to travel to nearby countries, at a very affordable price.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 550 EUROS**
- Housing : 400 € (in the city-center)
- Internet & telephone : Wi-Fi included in the rent
- Food : 80 €
- Transportation : 4,7 € (14 € for 3 months)
- School supplies : 2 € (printing for courses)
- Leisure : 40 €
The campus is in the north of the city. It is composed of approximately 7 buildings where classes take place as well as all the administration. Buildings are really different and everyone has a different style of architecture. There is a lot of accommodation all around for Romanian students and Erasmus students. I did not go to the canteen building.

**MY SCHOOL**

I studied in the FEAA (Faculty of Business and Business Administration). Classes take place in building B and C. You can find specialties for Business Administration and attend every course from year 3 of a bachelor’s to year 2 of a master’s degree as long as they are in English. FEAA offers tutorials to its Erasmus students. It is the same content as a normal course but the work is personal, there are no classes. It allows you more time to discover something else and travel.

**MY COURSES**

I took 7 seven courses mixing bachelor courses, master courses and tutorials. I had 3 tutorials: Intercultural Communication in Business, Economics of Entrepreneurship and Brand Management and Events Planning. I had one 3rd year bachelor course: Entrepreneurial Finances and two Master’s degree courses: Employer Branding and Intercultural Management. I also studied Romanian.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

There are a lot of parties organised by ESN Iasi, also every semester a trip of 4-5 days is organised in Romania. There is also an international dinner contest also organised by the ESN Iasi. There are movie nights also, karaoke etc.

Most of the activities I have made were not with ESN Iasi, but any international student should be aware and find out about what is organised in Iasi for foreigners, there are many things like a food festival, a cinema festival...

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 800 EUROS**

- Housing : 200 €
- Internet & telephone : 9 €
- Food : 75 €
- Transportation : Very cheap
- School supplies : 0 €
- Leisure : ?

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**

Learn a bit of Romanian before coming. Everything is really cheap, you can do whatever you like whenever you like. A lot of shops and restaurants are open 24/7 which is useful at night if you need something. Romanian are cold people, it is not because they do not like you. In the street it is usual that people will stare at you for a long time, it is not because there is something wrong. Administrative paperwork and procedures are really simple and take a few minutes to do. Also you need to be careful of what you eat, I had little surprises sometimes. The water is drinkable in the big cities but not in the countryside.

http://www.uaic.ro/fr/international/
SWEDEN - Kristianstad

Kristianstad University

January - June 2019

My campus was a 30-minute walk from my residence. I found it very well maintained and beautiful. There are about twenty buildings. There is a library with many different sources and some quiet places to study. There is also a cafeteria, several food trucks and many places inside and out to sit down and study, eat or just rest. It is also possible to play sports but you have to register.

MY SCHOOL

With the exception of the first one, where foreign students were mixed with Swedish people, we had classes only among ourselves (foreign students). The teachers were very attentive to our difficulties but were still demanding. The classrooms were very well arranged. The teachers brought in outside speakers, using new methods to boost the courses. There was always a good atmosphere during the classes and it was hard-working.

MY COURSES

The courses were in English and were interesting. I found that the working method was quite different from that in France. In Sweden, we have to learn most of our courses at home using books and classroom courses are mainly used for implementation, case studies etc. The teachers are very kind and help you to succeed while remaining very demanding and rigorous in their corrections.

As for the organization of the courses, we studied one course at a time. For example, we spent 4 to 6 weeks on a subject that ended with a written exam and then we started another subject etc.
The courses are mainly in the morning and last 3 hours with a frequency of 2 to 3 classes spread over the week.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To be honest, there’s not much to do in Kristianstad. The university sometimes organizes small events that are good occasions to share with other students. There is a small park, various restaurants, cafés and a few bars. There is also a shopping centre and other shops outside. It is possible to go to Åhus to see the sea, which is 30 minutes by bus from Kristianstad and also has accommodation for foreign students.

Otherwise, I advise you to look further than Kristianstad. Copenhagen, for example, is 1h30 by train from this city. Malmö is an hour away by train too.
I also advise you to go and see what the Scandinavian countries have to offer: Lapland, Stockholm, the beautiful landscapes of Norway etc.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 705 EUROS

- Housing : 300 €
- Internet & telephone : Wi-Fi included in the rent price
- Food : 80 € / month
- Transportation : 20-60 € (Kristianstad – Åhus)
- School supplies : 40 € (for books)
- Leisure : 20 € / week

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK:

First of all, I advise you not to go to a Scandinavian country if you are not financially comfortable. Life in these countries is very expensive for everything: food, transport (very expensive), activities etc.
Then, I advise you to take the accommodation offered by the university because there are very few offers in Kristianstad.
It should also be noted that payments are mainly made by credit card, some shops or even transport refuse cash. The best way is to use a credit card with the «international» option.
The opening and closing hours of shops are very different from those in France. For clothing shops, on Saturdays and Sundays, they are only open from 11am to 3pm (or 12am to 4pm). Coffee shops close at 4pm all week long.

MY STUDIES ABROAD

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SWEDEN - Kristianstad
KRYSTIANSTAD UNIVERSITY

January - May 2019

MY SCHOOL
Kristianstad University is 10 min by bus from the city center. You can take the bus 4 at the central station or walk, which takes around 25-30 min too. The school is divided into many buildings with amphitheatres and classrooms. There is also a large library with workspaces at the center of the campus. If you want to eat at the university, you have a place near the library where they sell sandwiches and candy. But also several food trucks outside with Chinese food, vegan etc.

MY COURSES
I chose different courses for my semester in relation to management and marketing. I had four different classes and one subject per month. I started with International Marketing with theoretical courses and case studies. I was in a class with other exchange students but also Swedish people in their first year of studying Marketing. I saw the basics of marketing but also a new approach at the international level. I studied many cases about Swedish companies such as ikea and H&M to examine their strategies. Secondly, I had two similar courses on Management and Innovation where we carried out case studies by group to analyze the strategy of different companies. It was very interesting to work on real cases and known companies. The work was often done at home and we would then compare notes with different groups to exchange ideas. Finally, I finished the semester with a course on Swedish culture where I discovered many things about the country. We worked on different subjects such as customs and traditions and we could compare with our own country. These four courses taught me new things with different methods. The theory is done at home and the courses are reserved for practical application and case studies.

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The university offers many activities for international students. You can practice sports with the university organization. At the beginning of the semester you have to pay 200 SEK (20 euros) and after you can practice all sports offered by the organization. They have different sports every day of the week such as volleyball, swimming, badminton etc. Sometimes, they also have board game days at university. You can play different games and take a fika (Swedish coffee break) too! Moreover, you can travel with the help of the university which offers different trips during the semester. The first was to Kiruna at the end of February and the second to Stockholm in April.

MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 600 EUROS

- Housing : 350 €
- Internet & telephone : 0 €
- Food : 80 € / month
- Transportation :
- School supplies :
- Leisure : 100 €

MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK:

- Have a credit card that works well because many payments are made by credit card in Sweden.
- Plan a large budget for food because the products are more expensive than in France.
- Cultural shock: different meal times, special attention for the environment and recycling.

http://hkr.se/en/
The university campus is really big; there are a lot of floors. It is located next to the Bosphorus, therefore the view is amazing. It is located 40 minutes from Taksim by bus and therefore it is a bit far from the center of Istanbul. There are private restaurant chains at the university, there were three restaurants but there is also an ATM on campus. Plus, there is a university store where students can buy merchandise, t-shirts, bags etc. with the name of the university on it. There is also a machine where you can add money to your “Istanbulkart” transport card, which is really useful when you don't have money on it and have to take the bus. It is located next to miniatürk park which is a park with all the major Istanbul monuments but in miniature. There is also a park where you can sit and a lot of restaurants and coffee shops next to it.

**MY SCHOOL**

Istanbul Commerce University was founded in 1992 is a private university. The school has two campuses, Sütluce campus which is next to the Bosphorus and where the main courses and activities etc. are held, and another one, Kucukkuyu campus, with the Vocational School and Faculty of Engineering. There are many fields of study in this university: Engineering, Management, Law, Psychology, Education etc.

**MY COURSES**

E-commerce: It is an introduction to e-commerce, there are a lot of explanations about internet and web marketing, we had to do a business plan.

Money and Banking: It explains the banking system in general and also the banking and money system in Turkey.

Sales Management: It is an introduction to sales, we learnt the basis of sales but there was also a bit of marketing, we compared the sales techniques of different countries.

Hotel Management: It was an introduction to hotel management and how hotels are implanted all around the world.

Turkish: we learnt the basics of Turkish, numbers, alphabet, verbs, nouns, adjectives etc.

**ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

There are no activities for international students on campus.

**MY MONTHLY BUDGET : 900 EUROS**

- **Housing**: 200 €
- **Internet & Telephone**: 30 €
- **Food**: 100 €
- **Transportation**: 10 €
- **School supplies**: 0 €
- **Leisure**: 200-300 €

**MY ADVICE-TIPS AND OR MY CULTURAL SHOCK :**

What advice I can give you is not to wait for the university to organize fun activities because there is no activity for foreign students.

Go out and meet new people, talk with locals, discover the city and the others cities such as Bodrum, Izmir, Antalya, Adana.

Taste the real traditional meals and visit as many tourist sites as you can. Don't be surprised that they don't speak English because you will be used to it.