

Erfahrungsbericht zum Aufenthalt im Ausland (Studium Erasmus)

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Bitte formulieren Sie nachfolgend Ihren Bericht. Die Kategorien dienen Ihrer Orientierung. Wir freuen uns, wenn Sie ein paar Fotos ergänzen würden.

Vorbereitung

I already looked at my options since my first semester, and I applied multiple times for different programs, including E3, but it was only successful for Erasmus. You also need a certain number of credit points to be able to go abroad. The application to the host university was done by the HAW itself, so everything you have to do is submit your necessary documents to the International Office of your faculty. To see your possibilities to go abroad, a visit to the international office is highly recommended, but check the website of the HAW first. They also provide a lot of information there.

Also very important, go to the orientation week of the university and sign up for the first one, I met my best friends here there. But you will also get an email about that from the university, so don't worry.

Fachliche Organisation

After I got the notice that I was accepted, I looked on the website of the host university and found a list with all the courses they offered, and which languages they will be in. For most courses, they were in Spanish and Catalan, but it is up to the professor and the students to choose the language, and if the class is in Catalan, you can always talk in Spanish and write your exam in Spanish too. In my case, the recognition process was pretty difficult because I study industrial engineering (Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen) and my professors are very specific about the contents of the classes. Also, the UPC Barcelona didn't provide enough classes coinciding with my curriculum. After choosing my courses, I had to fill in a form also provided by Erasmus, called the Learning Agreement, and then it had to be signed and approved by the responsible professor at my department and then also by the one at the host university. It's always best to choose more courses than necessary because once you get there, several courses can be at the same time so you can't attend each one of them (what happened to me). So just look at as many possibilities as you can.

Unterkunft

I searched a lot for a room, and there are a lot of people who try to trick you. On the website of the university you find the officially recommended sites to search for an accommodation. The usual prices are between 450 and 600 Euros. I personally found my accommodation on Idealista, but it is a student residence, and I talked on the phone personally with the Director of the residence. It's called Residencia Talitha and it's in the city center but I wouldn't

recommend just because you're not allowed to have any visit. Most of my friends here lived in shared flats, and they found them on Uniplaces or similar sites (check the university website, but after you're accepted you'll also get an email about that). Be careful though about hidden costs, like admin costs, or sometimes you don't get your caution money back.

Alltag und Freizeit

You might think Spain is cheap, but not Barcelona, and not when you're an Erasmus. So expect to need a lot of money. If you want to travel around, and go out with friends, and experience the city and its museums and whole cultural offers, it will be expensive. Also, the first thing you have to do, no matter where you go on Erasmus, is to get the ESN card. ESN stands for Erasmus Student Network, and they organize a lot of activities for Erasmus students, so you will meet a lot of people. Also check them out on Facebook, they have a group each year and you can join it because they post all the activities there. Each university has an ESN department, so search for ESN UPC Barcelona. Another company that offers trips is called Erasmus Barcelona, aka Shaz list. Also search on Facebook. Furthermore, the ESN card offers you free entry to clubs, discounts in bars and 15% discount on 8 Ryanair flights.

Fazit für Sie persönlich

I don't know what else other than "do it! No matter what, do it! Go on Erasmus!" to tell you.

Ein paar besondere Tipps

So, the best clubs are Razzmatazz and Apolo. Razzmatazz costs 3 Euros on Wednesdays if you go with the ESN card, and Apolo is free on Thursdays with the ESN card. The rest of the days it costs between 13 and 20 Euros. The best pubs are Ovella Negra (really cheap and all students go there; there are two of them), Belushi's (favourite pub in Barcelona), Sonora, CocoVail. So bottom line, get you ESN card! And about restaurants and cafes, just check Instagram for the ones near you. I follow the account "barcelonafoodexperience" and the admin has a lot of lists for every type of food, café or restaurant you might need.