



Hochschulbericht zum Studienaufenthalt im Rahmen von ERASMUS+

Allgemeine Angaben

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Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation, Bewerbung bei der Gasthochschule)

Applying for the uni and everything which was included in the preparation wasn't that difficult. Since i had already applied for an Erasmus place in Valencia already , i had all the necessary information and details needed to apply for the place. IT didn't take long to get the confirmation about me receiving the Erasmus place . However what was a little difficult was contact with the partner university in Madrid. They sent their emails relatively late but wasnt so bad at the end because everything went as planned and there wasnt any major stress or problems related in the organisation and preparation.

Fachliche Organisation des Studienaufenthaltes (Kurswahl, Absprache der Anerkennung mit dem eigenen Department, Schwierigkeiten an der Gasthochschule bei der Durchführung des Kursplans etc.)



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The next step was selecting the courses i wanted to do in UEM. Since i had a good number of courses to do in HAW it wasnt difficult to find 6 courses to do there. What i was worried about was if i would get all the courses i chose. To my surprise they had wide range of english courses that we could chose from and all the courses i chose were given to me . The only problem i realised was , some of the courses were overlapping and i had to drop change one but that was done easily at the international office.They are really friendly and always ready to give their help and support so if there is any course you don't like or which you can't take you can easily find something that suits you.Part of my preparation here i made a new health insurance which was an european one .

Unterkunft (Suche, Mietpreise, Adressen, die bei der Suche helfen)

Accommodation is one of the major problems that every student would face when moving to Madrid. UEM is 1 hour away from the city centre so most students have to decide if they would want to live there or in the city. My personal advice is to find a room right in the city centre . I did that and i never regretted it . There are cool places such as Sol, Callao , Gran Via , L a Latina , Malasana and retiro .These places are the best places to live because they are right around the centre and it is easy to get the metro to anywhere you would need and you can find all the shops around ranging from groceries to clothing , food and restaurants.Most international students live there as well so it would make it totally easy for you to make friends and it is also good to live with other international students .If you want to really learn spanish it would be good to live with some spanish students but most of them don't like speaking english. Also there are a lot of housing agencies who help international students find places the only thing is most of them demand service fees which is sometimes expensive.To find a good place you would need to have a budget from 400-500 euros a month . The rooms are not as cheap as i thought they would be. I personally lived in an apartment in Callao with 6 other international students and everyone was totally welcoming and the apartment was awesome . We did so much together, parties road trips etc.

The rent was 480 per month but the room was really good and the apartment was very central so it wasnt that bad. I was lucky to find the apartment from an agency called Atmosphere Living . They didn't demand any agency fees which was very good and they were very helpful.But you need to be very careful when looking for an apartment .I would advice everyone to do it through an agency . To avoid being cheated.

Alltag und Freizeit (Lebenshaltungskosten, Kontoeröffnung, Handyanbieter, Veranstaltungen, Sport- und Kulturangebote)



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Life in Madrid is totally awesome. When you arrive it is very important to get a phone number and internet. It is advisable to get a Lyca simcard because they got different kind of offers and there are no contracts needed. I had the 5gb for a month and paid 19 euros which was totally fine and was very fast as well. People who want to stay fit can join different fitness clubs in the university but since the university is almost 1 hour away and most people live in the city, it is advisable to join a fitness studio right in the city centre called Fit up. You pay 20 euros a month without a contract and can go to the gym as much as you want. Also there are 3 McFit studios around which you can just join or if you already a member here in Hamburg you can use it for free.

When it comes to every living cost it isn't as different compared to Germany, maybe slightly cheaper but personally I didn't realise any difference. There are lots of shopping centres right around Gran Vía and Sol and they have more varieties of clothing lines as compared to Hamburg so all the shopping fans I guess you would love it.

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There is basically something cultural happening every weekend either at Plaza Mayor or right around the city so everyone would have a great feeling of the cultural lifestyle in the city.

I think the Erasmus experience should be taken advantage of to the fullest. Make experiences and memories and friendship that would last a lifetime. Road trips are also very advisable to enable you see all the different parts of Spain.

One thing you should be very careful about are the thieves around. Especially in clubs and around cafes. They are professionals and would steal your wallet or phone any second so keep your belongings close to you. Over 70% of my friends got either phone stolen or wallet and in some cases both. I personally got my wallet stolen after a night out so I know how bad it is.

Ein paar besondere Tipps (erwähnenswerte Restaurants, Cafés, Partys, besondere Angebote, Möglichkeiten als Student Geld zu sparen)



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One important tip is to visit all the museums around. They are basically free for students and they have a lot to offer so everyone should do that. For restaurants, I would advise people to just try restaurants around Sol and also try to have at least some paella when they are there. When it comes to clubs there are a lot of them for partying. One club that I would recommend everyone to visit at least once is Kapital. It's a little expensive and more like a tourist kind of club but if you are in Madrid you should check it out at least once. Also all the city life events are awesome. Once you arrive to Madrid it is also important to go to their office which is found in Gran Vía and they would help you settle down. They also got mini jobs such as promotion and other stuff which helps students to get a little money. I would just conclude by saying an Erasmus experience in Madrid is totally worth it.

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