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- no insults

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1. Introduction

Being in Venice for an Erasmus semester abroad is more than just a semester abroad, it is experiencing a new lifestyle in an ancient island that people usually only think about as a place to visit and for tourism.

Having the ability to experience life in an environment such as Venice is much more excited and fun that it can be explained, as much as it is teaching experience, adventure and well established and advanced university.

The main building of the university is an ancient palace from the family of Foscari, and therefore the university is called “Ca' Foscari”.



2. Preparation (organization, application at the host university)

After applying through FAU, you will get a confirmation e-mail from Venice university. And in the next weeks, you will receive an e-mail with a unique code “token” to be used for the online registration in the university website.

All international students are expected to be in Venice for the International Welcome Day, which take place before the official start of lecture period.

The event helps to meet a lot of new students and build relationships, and it is highly advised to attend, as you get an overview on how to proceed with everything.

After the event, you will get your documents after around 2 days' periods, there will be announcements in the welcome day of how and when to get your documents.

The documents include confirmation of arrival, your student ID, internet access info, and many more important papers.

International Students event, organized by international office:



3. Arrival / Visa (flight, train)

You need to arrange arrival and visa issues by your own, but the international office in Venice will support you with any communication issues or providing documents. I used Train to go to Venice as it was more convenient from costing and timing in regards to the welcome day date.



4. Accommodation (student residence hall, private apartment)

The university provides accommodation service for international students, but you should register on time and it's not guaranteed.

I was able to get one bed in a 2 beds shared room in students dormitory called "Residenza Universitaria Junghans" It is not the best place on earth, but for a student, if you are not looking for a place to spend all the day in house (which you will not do in Venice) then it's OK.

The cost in compare to other costs in Venice is not so high, as a bed in a room costed me 280 a month, plus 25 Euros for transportation ticket (as you cannot reach it by walking, it is on another island, but very close to main island). And living in a student dormitory helps to meet a lot of people and students, international as well as Italians.

5. Study at the host university (Courses / Language Courses / Timetable)

As an Erasmus student, Venice university allows you to participate in all offered courses, you just need to take care of the learning agreement and talk to Erasmus coordinator in the chair. I participated in a course which is a part of the technical faculty of Venice university, and I can say that it was helpful and advanced course. The technical faculty of Venice university is on "Mestre" which is a part of the main land in front of Venice, and it has a new building with good infrastructure.

As an Erasmus student in university of Venice You will get much support from the university staff. And you can also ask for English version of the exams (Only if the teacher approves).

6. Support service at the host university (International Office, Department)

International office and welcome unit are really helpful. They are located in the main building of the university, but it is important to schedule a meeting if you need to go there in person (link for contacts and appointments added in the links section at the end of the report)

7. Facilities at the host university (library, computer, pool, etc.)

As a student, with the student card you will get access to the university different cafeterias. One of them is on Giudecca, which is an island in front of the main island of Venice, and it is called "Food and Art" they provide on specific dates the opportunity for having a dinner with artistic performance (a band playing for example). As a student, you will be able to get a lower cost meal (but it is separated from accessing the performance).

8. Spare time activities (sight seeking, bank, mobile phone, jobs)

In Venice, you will never finish sightseeing, but after a couple of weeks it will be all so normal to you.

You can always visit the surrounding islands like Murano, which is famous for handmade beautiful glass, and Burano which is famous for its colorful houses (shown on the picture below).

I used my German mobile line, as it supported EU roaming, but if you need to get an Italian mobile line, the university and Erasmus Student Network office will support you through the process after your arrival, where you can provide the mobile line directly from their office.

The university card can be used as a bank card itself (and it looks like a master card), you only need to activate your card after receiving it in a Bank, and you will have an Italian IBAN associated with it. And you can also use your German bank card and IBAN for all transactions and to withdraw cash money as well from the ATM machines (details depend on your bank).



9. Finances (cost of living, grant)

In average, it will cost between 500 and 600 Euros a month, braked down as following:

Accommodation: 280

Transportation (depends on accommodation, might be not need it):25

Activities:50

Food and drinks: 100 – 250

In general, Venice is a bit expensive, but when you discover around and find students offers and local good places, it is not so expensive.

10. Conclusion (best and worst experience)

In conclusion, it was a wonderful time and a life changing experience, I learned a lot in the university, and the professors always supported me in getting the right recourses to study and to do a better progress.

Organizing and managing everything was a bit hard, but once all is done and settled down, living in Venice is an exciting experience, and it changes your perspective from a visitor to a local, especially when you are running between 'tourists' who are stopping around to take photos (like you were in the beginning) to catch your exam on time!

11. Important contact persons and links

Welcome Guide:

http://www.unive.it/media/allegato/CFInternational/eng_incoming_web.pdf

Registered users' area:

https://esse3.unive.it/Home.do;jsessionid=72FA7A1351306ECBD17339CE9FBD F2B1.esse3-unive-prod-01?menu_opened_cod=navbox_registrato_Home

Transportation Info:

<http://muoversi.venezia.it/en>

Registration for appointment with welcome unit (only registered students)

<http://static.unive.it/prenotazioni/accesso/index>

Housing Office

<http://www.unive.it/pag/19768/>

A list of all courses offered in the university

<http://www.unive.it/data/9639>