



Programm für lebenslanges Lernen



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Gastland:	Polen
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Master in International Business
Aufenthaltszeitraum (WS, SS oder Jahr):	WS 12/13

1. Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation und Bewerbung bei der Gasthochschule)

At the beginning, Warsaw was not in my choices. I applied for Prague and Budapest but I couldn't get the places. So, they offer me to go Warsaw. After a little research, I realized that Warsaw school of Economics is one of the best in Poland and then I accepted and started to do my learning agreements. It was also important for me to ensure that I can find related courses before I go there. I have completed Learning Agreements before I go Warsaw. Even I changed the half of the courses, it saved a lot of time to decide on other possibilities. It is more difficult to set up learning agreement from a distance.

2. Anreise / Visum (Flug, Bahn)

I arrived Warsaw by plane. Since I am Turkish, I was in Turkey for visiting my parents before going Warsaw. So I took plane from Turkey to Warsaw from Lufthansa which cost nearly 300€ for round trip.

3. Unterkunft (Wohnheim, privat)

I applied for a dorm but because there is only 80 places and exchange students are about 270, it is nearly impossible to get a place in dorm. At the same time, you have to share room with one other person. So you have to consider this situation too. There was a Facebook group which the student coordinators created and I found my apartment with the help of it. There was a Polish girl who was looking someone who knows German, because her English is not very good. Then after a couple of emails we both agreed on everything. The rent was 250€ included everything. I needed to share flat with only one other girl so it was more convenient for me.

4. Studium (Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan) sowie Sprachkurse (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig) an der Gastuniversität

I had 4 courses: Management in International Business, Innovation Management in an Enterprise, International Management and Knowledge Management in Practice. I can say that generally the courses are practical and more useful. 3 of them had only a paper and presentation and only one of them had an exam. In general, I would say that here in Poland the grades are not that low.

I didn't attend any Polish courses at university but the Erasmus student network organized tandem courses which was more fun and useful. Once in every week we've met in different cafes and pubs. I think this way is much better than having a course to learn some useful words and sentences.

5. Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office und Fachbereich)

They were really helpful about everything. Especially Ewa Zurawek, the Incoming Student Officer, took very good care of every student. Problems were always solved in short time. The ESN coordinators and my buddy helped me all the time and made me never feel alone. ESN coordinators organized several events every week. International dinners, paintball, laser tag, sport events like volleyball and basketball, karaoke, parties, museum tours and trips to Krakow and Wroclaw and much more. They really made everyone happy before we leave Warsaw. I'm really glad that I came here for Erasmus semester.

6. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)

The SGH is very well equipped. There is a computer room in the main building where everyone can use. The library is very well equipped and very comfortable with several separated rooms for group works or silent places for individual workers. The classrooms are also well equipped.

In the basement, there are several gyms and swimming pool. For a small amount of money, everyone can use it during a semester.

7. Alltag & Freizeit (Sehenswertes, Kulinarisches, Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobs)

Even Warsaw is not a very touristic place, you can always find something new to do and see. Some must-have seen places are Lazienki Park with some palaces inside, Old Town and a street called "Nowy Swiat" where you can find a lot of stores, bars and pubs, Warsaw Uprising Museum which is very interesting, the roof of the library of Warsaw university where you can enjoy a very beautiful view, Copernicus Science Museum which you have to spend at least 4 hours to experience everything inside and many more...

I used my German bank account which is the easiest way if you will stay just for one semester.

University gave us "Heyah" sim-cards during the orientation week, but I bought one from "Play" operator because it is more convenient for internet usage and also it is free to send sms or call others from play.

There is a really big Tesco where you can find everything and cheaper than the other shops. Most of the students go there once in every week.

8. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)

The Erasmus scholarship was 120€ per month which is nearly 480 zloty. It is definitely not enough for rent unless you stay at dorm. But it can be enough for daily expenses. Poland in general, is cheaper than Nürnberg, especially foods and alcohol.

9. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

Warsaw gave me more than I expected. I had a lot of great moments with good friends from all over the world. I'm very happy that I came here.

10. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

Flat searching:

<http://warszawa.gumtree.pl/f-Nieruchomosci-pokoje-do-wynajecia-W0QQCatIdZ9000>