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

I was well prepared for the Erasmus program also the Masaryk University was well organized and application process was very smooth. Since I am non-EU citizen they also helped me through the visa process. In terms organization and planning the host university was perfect in every aspect.

2. Arrival / Visa (flight, train)

I arrived by bus and i got my study visa from the Czech Republic embassy in Berlin. The process was smooth and I had all the required documents.

3. Accommodation (student residence hall, private apartment)

Masaryk University had assumed of accommodation and I could choose between many of their dormitories. I choose the one that I found to be best for me, the facility was really good and very affordable. I like my room and the dorm and it was really great experience. The process of check-in and check-out at the dorms was also very streamlined and I found no difficulty completing these procedures. Also I got to meet a lot of international people in the dorm, this helped me gain a lot of intercultural learning.

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

Courses were great and I enjoyed my learning at Masaryk. The system to register courses is really well organized and helps greatly to manage the timetable. Overall it was an awesome experience to have studied at Masaryk.

Since I could select courses from any faculty I had the option to take different courses if I wanted, as required for my course I finished courses both from Faculty of Economics and Administration and also Faculty of Informatics. University also offered crash course in basic Czech language during the orientation week.

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

International office provided top of the line service, they very super well organized. They had thought out every possibility for Erasmus students and everything was ready. I was really amazed at the efficiency and management offered by the International Office. Right from day one of the orientation week till the departure date the International Office regularly communicated with emails what needs to done, also whenever I had any doubts they always answered immediately and guided me on what needs to be done.

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

Libraries at the different faculties were great, special importance is the library in the city center that is open 365 days/24/7 hours. This was really helpful since I could go there anytime I wanted to study. Computer system is really efficient with single logon and access of printers/scanners via the ID card.

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

I had an awesome time in Brno, the ISC team at Masaryk University organized many events and they also offered many trips. These experiences were absolutely great.

Masaryk also offered Czech SIM card during orientation so it was helpful. Masaryk University also provided the required documentation to open a bank account and I was easily able to open a free student bank account. The services that I got from the bank were great.

International office also had a good ESN (Erasmus Student Network) team who organized a wide range of activities; I enjoyed participating in most of these, including travelling to popular places.

Brno is centrally located and is ideal point to travel all across East and Central Europe, I utilized this opportunity and travelled extensively with other Erasmus students. Brno is also a student city and you have the opportunity to meet with students from other universities. Brno also has the one of the best public transport system that I have seen, it is very inexpensive and is available both day and night, the timings and other details easily accessible with English.

Language was not a barrier for me since I could manage around the city just with English I did not find not knowing Czech as a big challenge while living in Brno.

8. Finances (cost of living, grant)

Brno had very low cost of living so I could manage my expenses. Groceries and transport was really affordable and I didn't feel the burden of having to spend too much money. There are a lot of supermarkets and they offer good prices. The restaurants were also affordable so it was enjoyable.

All costs are easily manageable in Brno, travelling and other activities in and around Czech Republic are also affordable.

9. Conclusion (best and worse experience)

I really recommend doing an Erasmus Brno, it was truly life transforming experience, it made me experience the spirit of Erasmus. I met people from across the world and made new friends, understood new cultures.

Czech Republic is really hospitable country and I enjoyed the learning about the country, its people and way of life. The food and drinks I had at Czech Republic were truly special experiences.

One of the best experiences of my life, all in the entire Erasmus was best; I cannot recall even a single worst experience. I would do this all over again if given a chance. Masaryk University is a really great university to study and I learnt a lot from the courses that I took. The lectures were really good and I got to work with a lot of international students. Brno is an awesome city of live in I enjoyed the life there, it has the best and affordable public transport. The experience of living in this city is truly awesome I couldn't explain it any other way.

10. Important contact persons and links

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