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Erfahrungsbericht Auslandsstudium

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Angaben zum Auslandsaufenthalt	
Studiengang an der WiSo:	Master of Science in Economics
Gastuniversität:	University of Twente
Gastland:	Niederlande
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	Behavioural, Management and Social Sciences
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	Sommer Semester 2022
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Themenbereiche:

1. Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU
2. Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität
3. Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudium
4. Anreise / Visum
5. Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)
6. Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität
7. Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)
8. Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität
9. Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)
10. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)
11. Freizeitangebote
12. Stadt (Sehenswürdigkeiten, Feste, Museen, etc.)
13. Alltag (Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobben)
14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)
15. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links
16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)
17. Sonstiges

Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!



I completed a different kind of Erasmus. At University of Twente, there was an option to do a research placement. Since I did not write a Bachelor thesis and I want to do a PhD afterwards my Master's Thesis, I wanted to do a research placement. It was not easy to find a supervisor because it was hard to find a professor with a matching research interest. In the meantime, student services was very helpful. You just need to check your Spam folder regularly especially when you are waiting for the nomination approval.

The visa process was the easiest I have even seen in my life. I just sent my documents to them and I handled everything for me. Without putting almost 5% of the effort that I put for German student visa, I just get the residence for 9 months. From Germany to there, I sometimes used Flixbus and sometimes the regional trains. In the Netherlands, it is also easy to find your way with public transport. Just it is a little expensive like it is in Germany.

Finding a room was the hardest part of the whole process. I wrote to many places, rooms, student accommodations. They have platform for applying for a room (Roomspot) but they just never write back to you if you apply for a room from there. It least it was the case for me. So, after looking for a very long time, I wrote to student services and finally they found a room for me. So, it is better that you start early looking for a room and prepare yourself to pay maybe 1.5-2 times of your current rent.

Since I did a different kind of Erasmus, I will not be able to provide much information about the exams. But I know that they have quarter semesters and from my friends, I know that the exams are challenging. So, you need to study regularly because you do not have months until the exam, just weeks. In my Erasmus semester, I worked closely with my supervisor and submitted a thesis worth 25 ECTS.

Even though it took sometimes weeks to get a signature from them, they try to help. Student services was quick and helpful in most of the cases. They are also reachable via phone. But it was not always easy to reach mobility officers or it was taking too much time to get a response. Regarding my own supervisor, he was always responsive, supportive and understanding.

University of Twente is huge, really huge. There are so many buildings. It is better to use bike in the university to get from one building to other or you have to walk for minutes. There many options for you to socialize or do any kind of sport. There are tennis courts, sport complexes. There are also plenty of places for you to study on your own.

Compared to Germany, paying things online was just so convenient. Even in the bus to the school, it was possible to pay via card. Every week on Tuesdays and Saturdays, there is a market in the city center. It is very nice to talk to people and do your shopping. Sometimes there are also people around who sings. There are parties in the city sometimes. The city is just nearby the border, so you could also visit some German cities that are far from Nuremberg. Since Netherlands is a small country, you can also go anywhere within a day.

I did not get any financial support from the host institution. Usually, things are more expensive than Germany. Especially the rent but I found the vegetables and fruits pretty cheap in the market. I am sure a person spends more in Netherlands than in Germany. If you have a car, the fuel is also more expensive. To commute, I absolutely recommend to have a bike.



Regarding the funding, without the Erasmus funding, the accommodation expenses would make life a lot harder for me. I am glad that Erasmus program is funding us students for the exchange semester. I would not be able to do the Erasmus Semester without this funding.

To sum up, the Netherlands is nice. Especially in terms of communication. People are very friendly and almost all of them speaks English. It is just a very normal thing to communicate in English. Everything is online, so it is very convenient. Also the supermarkets are open on Sunday! To be honest, finding an accommodation was a nightmare for me. I really hated the process. Maybe someone with less expectations could find a room easier or cheaper. Besides, sometimes I needed to wait too long for a document or a signature.