

Erfahrungsbericht über einen Auslandsaufenthalt im Rahmen eines Austauschprogramms (Studium)

Gastland: Kroatien

Gastinstitution: Sveučilište u Splitu

- 1. Für welches Austausch- oder Förderprogramm fertigen Sie diesen Erfahrungsbericht an?**
Erasmus (Europa oder Übersee)
- 2. Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation und Bewerbung bei der Gasteinrichtung)**
University of Split sends the information regarding how to apply through email and has clear information online as well to understand the procedure.
- 3. An- und Einreise (Visum, Flug/Bahn/Bus)**
Flying into Split airport is relatively easy. There are bus transport options (local bus - cheapest, takes an hour; airport transfer bus - okay price, should be 30min journey) and also Uber/taxi options (most expensive). Students apply for the residence permit (visa) either in person at the police administration or send the documents through email. The process takes forever and many students never received the visa before Erasmus finished.
- 4. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)**
Getting a place in the dorms is extremely difficult. Expect to have to find your own housing. Facebook is the place to search as they don't have a dedicated online site like wg-gesucht. Unfortunately there are a lot of scams so one has to do as much due diligence as possible to avoid those. If possible, join the WhatsApp group chat as early as possible as the ESN team sometimes can help with finding housing. Private housing has gone up a lot in price and is not cheap. Expect to pay anywhere from 300-400 for a WG room. Studio rooms are also available but usually 400-500+ easily. Many housing places also count utilities separately. Try to search as early as possible for housing.
- 5. Fachlicher Aufenthalt an der Gasteinrichtung (Lehrveranstaltungen, Praktikumsinhalte und -aufgaben, Sprachkurse, Stundenplan, Prüfungen, Abschlussarbeit)**
Unfortunately for my intake semester the university had just switched to a new backend system so we did not get our course timetable until the day before lectures actually started. Also, expect that the welcome week activities will take place the week before lectures start so plan to be there a little earlier. Lots of courses have combination of exercise work, papers, and mid-terms/finals. Overall the pace was easy to follow and never too stressful. All courses have mandatory attendance for anywhere from 50-75% (dependent on professor). The language course is very intense (6hrs a week total spread across 3 days).
- 6. Betreuung an der Gasteinrichtung (International Office, Fachbereich, Praktikumsbetreuung)**

The Erasmus coordinator will answer your questions but she is strict so try to find the answers yourself first.

7. Ausstattung der Gasteinrichtung (Bibliothek, Computerräume, Laboratorien, Unterrichts- und Arbeitsräume etc.)

Some classrooms are nicer than others. Overall the economics faculty is decent, but no wifi connection in the building is available. Never used the library facilities as the economics library didn't have wifi connection for own laptop and the university library required paying a one-time fee to use.

8. Alltag und Freizeit (Sehenswertes, Kulinarisches, Geld abheben, Handy, Jobs)

Split is not a big city but there is still quite a bit to see. Winter semester gets really dead once tourist season ends around end of October. Many shops will close, especially the month of January (very few things open during this time, even restaurants are closed). Kent Bank is the only commission free atm in Croatia. The mensa situation is amazing as each student receives a subsidy for 2 meals each day and it ends up being cheaper than cooking oneself. The beaches around Split are great to explore and there are many to choose from. Croatia is overall better for meat-eaters but vegetarians can definitely still find food options (might be a bit difficult at the mensas). The weather gets very windy and lots of thunderstorms too so be prepared for that! An umbrella is rather useless.

9. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien, finanzielle Unterstützung der Gasteinrichtung)

Croatia is unfortunately not cheap. Split is rather expensive as a city. Without the mensa subsidy, overall cost of living is more expensive than in Nürnberg. Erasmus funding helps a lot but expect that you will still have to pay for some costs out of your own pocket as the funding will most likely just go towards your rent only and be enough to cover just that.

10. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

Enjoy the good weather and beaches as much as possible! Classes are manageable though the days may seem long. Explore as much of the region and interact with the locals (they're super friendly)! Expect to be paying more money than in Germany for many day-to-day items. Be prepared for the windy/rainy weather.

11. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

Check the FEBT website as most key information is there.

12. Nur Erasmus-Aufenthalte: Für diejenigen Studierenden, die eine Sonderförderung erhalten haben:

Bitte stellen Sie kurz dar, wie Sie Ihren Aufenthalt in dieser Hinsicht erlebt haben.

