

Erfahrungsbericht über einen Auslandsaufenthalt im Rahmen eines Austauschprogramms (Studium)

Gastland: Niederlande

Gastinstitution: Universiteit Twente

1. Für welches Austausch- oder Förderprogramm fertigen Sie diesen Erfahrungsbericht an?

Erasmus (Europa oder Übersee)

2. Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation und Bewerbung bei der Gasteinrichtung)

The preparation for Erasmus was quite difficult but doable, there was lots of paperwork, for example, the learning agreement and other documentation. I got the offer from my home university at the start of January, so I had time to prepare the necessary documents to register for the semester abroad. I got also time to do the exam to get the English certificate. I got so much help from the International office when I had questions.

3. An- und Einreise (Visum, Flug/Bahn/Bus)

The visa process was easy thanks to the host university, they organised everything for the students. I just paid the fee and uploaded the documents. The host university also helped with the appointments to get the residence permit and other important documents. I travelled the entire journey by train. I haven't got difficulties with it.

4. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)

The host university helped me find a place during the mobility. It was a student hotel where I was staying, I had my bathroom and a room, however. I had to share the kitchen with other 13 students. The accommodation was okay, I am happy with the organization and the monthly rent was affordable.

5. Fachlicher Aufenthalt an der Gasteinrichtung (Lehrveranstaltungen, Praktikumsinhalte und -aufgaben, Sprachkurse, Stundenplan, Prüfungen, Abschlussarbeit)

I like the courses at the host university but there wasn't a large choice. There were few courses that I could take. The system is quite different from my home university.

6. Betreuung an der Gasteinrichtung (International Office, Fachbereich, Praktikumsbetreuung)

The international office was helpful but wasn't quick to answer the Emails. Only once a week we could visit the office if we have any questions. In other matters, I think other offices in the university were quite helpful and I asked them the help so many times.

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

I liked the organisation in my host university. The campus is so large and offer better options to the students than my home university. There were so many places to study, to relax and meet with other students. There is a really big library and offers so many facilities.

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

In my free time, I used to hang out with friends, go out, or even meet at the campus. I also joined the gym in the city and it was near to my place. The students at the hotel were also kind and we used to cook together too and share different cultural cuisines. I wished to work there but I couldn't due to my residence permit restrictions. However, I used my time to do some courses online and expand my knowledge.

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

I think I didn't have enough money for these 5 months. The Netherlands is more expensive than Germany so I had problems to manage the spendings there. The Grant hasn't even covered my rent in the Netherlands. My family has financed a large part of my stay in the host country. It would have been better if I could work there and earn some money. I would advise everyone to save some money before the mobility.

10. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

I enjoyed my stay in the Netherlands. I got to meet so many students from different countries. I have made so many friends and I still have contact with them. We used to study together too. The worst part was maybe the language and going there alone. The starting days were quite difficult and understanding the culture was difficult. But with time I adapted myself to the culture and people.

11. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

<https://www.utwente.nl/en/>

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.