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## **Themenbereiche:**

### **1. Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU**

In terms of application and selection everything is made quite clear in the FAU. There is a clear structure to follow to apply for the country you want to. However, it may be important to check the courses the university you are applying to offers, before applying.

### **2. Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität**

This procedure was very clear and simple. Ca Foscari's International mobility team has a very clear and helpful guide to all the steps you must take. They have different guides for the different procedures, but more than anything you needed to understand how to register for the courses, for which they also provided a clear guide.

### **3. Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudiums**

A mistake I made was not doing my learning agreements with enough time, not because you cannot change them, but I left it for very late and is always better to do it with time. I however, did research a lot about anything I may need, weather related, visa related, any kind of official paper I could need. As well I took the time to have my insurance covered with anticipation. And I started looking for a place a couple of months before I had to leave. It is also important to make sure you leave things in Nürnberg in order, such as giving the notice of your leave and deregistering from the city, which according to my research if it is outside the European Union, it must be done in person, in my case online was enough.

### **4. Anreise / Visum**

In terms of travelling, you can arrive in Venice from Nürnberg, by train, bus or plane. In my case, I decided to take the train on my way there, it was a very long trip and since it was summer it was quite warm. I would personally not recommend it, it is a beautiful journey going through Austria, but you must remember, at least in my case, I took a big luggage with me for the semester which made the train changes harder than expected. That is why, for my return I opted for a plane back, there are 2 airports near Vencie which make sit quite convenient to travel this way. I had my visa checked once I entered, in terms of a Visa, I must add the following:



since I am an international student in Germany, I was not sure whether I needed a visa or not. In Germany I have what is called the Fiktionsbescheinigung and not the Aufenthaltstitel, I did require a visa because of this document.

Since neither of the universities really knew what I should do, I added it for general knowledge on the Organization for international students.

#### 5. Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)

Ca Foscari University offers you accommodation in student dormitories, however, this gets full very fast and can be difficult to get one. A new student dormitory was opened which is quite helpful for new incoming students. It is not on the island, but you can get to the island very easily. The university has another team which helps you find accommodation in shared apartments however this one did not work for me. I got recommended to go into Facebook groups and to go to the university and look at the Bulletin boards, the later one was how I found a shared apartment on the island. Living on the island can be quite expensive but not impossible. You need to be very patient while looking in case you do not want to or could not get into a dormitory. I would say, prices range from 300€ to 1000€ per month

#### 6. Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität

The university sends you a couple of guides along with confirmation of your stay. It gives you a detailed guide to follow to make your registration, this guide indicates what documents you need to upload, such as passport, visa (in the case you need one) and so on. It also tells you how to proceed once this has been checked. One of the most helpful guides was on how to use their platform to register for courses.

#### 7. Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)

The International Office was the one to go to in case of any problems, questions or anything. For this, you needed to make an appointment and they would always be online. They were always very helpful and efficient. Sometimes the reservation slots would be full but sometimes even just sending your questions via email was sufficient. They never took too long to answer any doubt and were always very friendly and inviting. As well, when you arrive you make an appointment, and they help you fill out the forms and check the documents you need to send to the foreigner office.

#### 8. Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität

Ca Foscari university offers you a wide range of courses, in my case I took courses related to economics and public governance, but there a plenty of options since it has different faculties. In the Faculty of economics and management, which was the one I was in, the semester is divided into 2



term

s, and you take different courses in each term and have exams at the end of each term. The advantage here is that you have the option to repeat exams at the end of the semester. Exams may vary, in my case I had multiple choice exams with open questions and an oral exam as well. In some courses the exam is 100% of your grade, but in others you may have presentations and teamwork reports.

#### 9. Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)

Ca Foscari offers a wide range of language courses. Italian being one of them has all the levels and as a student they are free but limited in terms of how many people they accept in each course. As well the higher the level, less timeslots there are. I was not able to take a language course because attendance was mandatory and interfered with most of my lectures.

#### 10. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)

The facilities were very nice and up to date. There are many Libraries in the island, usually near each faculty. You can access any of the libraries with your university card, however, you must make a reservation beforehand. The classrooms varied depending on the class, but all are very well equipped, what changed was the size of the lecture hall. There are different cafeterias in the faculties' buildings, they offer a wide variety of options at a very good price which makes it convenient to stay at university, as well it is a good place to get teamwork done.

#### 11. Freizeitangebote

There are many student organizations which hold different activities like dancing classes. You can also join sport clubs and in the summer, you can even learn to dragon boat in the lagoon. They have many sporting activities, like volleyball, football and so. As well you can always go to a gym, the university itself has a gym which you can subscribe to.

#### 12. Stadt (Sehenswürdigkeiten, Feste, Museen, etc.)

There are a lot of cultural things to do in Venice. It has many museums and so many churches to explore. Venice is so full of culture, and you also get to experience the different Biennales that they hold each year. I was not there on these dates, but you can also see the film festivals. As a student there are days when you can go to the museums for free or that student organizations organize a day to go. Venice has so much to discover including the islands next to it, such as Murano and Burano. Also, in my case I got to go to the opera theater for very little money since they also hold nights for young people to be able to afford to go and see a concert.

#### 13. Alltag (Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobben)

In terms of a sim card for my phone I did not need one since I just used the German one. Withdrawing money is simple, there are some banks in Venice,



but

ATMs are all over the island. I personally did not get much information on jobs, however, I saw many people working in hotels or shops, since it is very touristy there is always help needed in hotels from people who speak English

#### 14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)

For going there, I got the Erasmus Grant which helps cover some expenses. In terms of supermarket prices, it is important to consider that Venice is a very touristic city, which makes prices go a bit higher. However, in the city next to Venice, Mestre, there are more options and as I came to see, options like Aldi or Lidl were always better price wise. Another expense in my case was the insurance but that was not such a big expense. I did not have to get a sim card there since my German one worked just fine.

#### 15. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

<https://www.unive.it/pag/12522/?L=1>

#### 16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

It was a great experience in general. For me the best part of it was living with three Italian roommates, that helped me a lot to speak the language and incorporate to the culture much faster. Venice is a lovely city, but it is a small and very touristy city, which you must take into consideration, since everywhere you walked there were so many people. In my case, my worst experience was getting an ear infection for 3 weeks, which put a somewhat bump into my experience. But in general, it was a great experience in which I got to know some people from the country and speak the language quite fluently while having great food along the way.

#### 17. Sonstiges

I think Venice is a very beautiful place with a lot of culture. If you are a person who enjoys classical music, museums and art, this is quite an ideal place. Even though Venice is quite a student city since it has two very big universities, it does not have a very rich nightlife. As well, being so touristy, getting authentic Italian food at a reasonable price can sometimes be a struggle. However, I do think it is very well located for travelling around and doing daytrips to other cities or lakes. The reason I would recommend going on the winter semester is because it is not so warm temperature wise and makes the city more enjoyable, but I do think there are more activities and life during the summer.

***Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!***