

Erfahrungsbericht über einen Auslandsaufenthalt im Rahmen eines Austauschprogramms (Studium)

Gastland: Spanien

Gastinstitution: Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM)

1. Für welches Austausch- oder Förderprogramm fertigen Sie diesen

Erfahrungsbericht an?

Erasmus (Europa oder Übersee)

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

It is important to start the planning early. Make a list of all deadlines that exist so you do not miss any. Also try to make a list of all important websites and contacts, this will make it easier to look up information or reach out for help. Do not hesitate to ask for help, either at the sending institution or the receiving one. In general the information for Madrid (UPM) is very clear and straight forward. People are very helpful and friendly.

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

No visa was necessary. I arrived by plane about a week before the courses start to become familiar with the area, arrive at the accommodation and check the way to the faculty. I highly recommend arriving early for this. 1 or 2 weeks is enough.

4. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)

Accommodation in Madrid is a little tricky. There are many agencies, but you have to be careful, some are scams that take your reservation, but do not respond to hand out the keys, or try to scam you out of your security deposit. This is also a reason to arrive early and visit the rooms in person. Fotos often are not representing the room or apartment accurately. I used Madrid Compartido. It was ok, but I had some issues with the agency in regards to problems with the heating. if you do not speak spanish fluently I would recommend looking for a bigger agency.

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

Stay at UPM was without any issues or problems. Everyone is very nice and helpful, just be honest and ask for help where necessary. Even if you missed something they are not going to be angry. But sometimes they might work a little bit slower than in Germany. So if something is very urgent you have to tell them. Course selection can be a little bit difficult, sometimes things change after selecting the course (content, teacher or similar), so have at least 2-3 backup ideas and LAs.

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

Great supervision, friendly and helpful with any problem. Just try not to annoy them with things you can actually find out your self easily as they have a lot to do themselves managing more than 100 incoming students with a small team. Be respectful and try to solve problems yourself but do not fear to ask for help if you do not find the solution.

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

Equipment at ETSIINF is a little bit older but good. There is a nice library and other spots to study, laptops can be rented in case necessary. But there are no open access pcs as at FAU.

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

Madrid is an amazing city offering lots of activities for every taste. Go out and explore the city. Join whatsapp groups that inform about events and connect with other students.

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

Madrid can also be a little bit more expensive. I spent about 1000€ on fixed costs like rent, food and transportation. Everything above was extra like trips, going out for drinks etc. For me it was a big support to work part time as a working student.

10. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

I had a great time in Madrid meeting lots of great people and exploring the city. Don't be scared, go out and have fun. Madrid is a very open and fun place to be!

11. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

<https://www.citylifemadrid.com/> --> is one of the best websites with information on almost any part of your exchange semester.

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.

Make sure to prepare everything in advance. That takes away a lot of problems. DO NOT do things last minute. This will lead to issues and in worst case scenario problems with your funding. If you prepare in advance, everything is smooth and easy, but last minute will cause you to feel stressed.