

Erfahrungsbericht über einen Auslandsaufenthalt im Rahmen eines Austauschprogramms (Studium)

Gastland: Rumänien

Gastinstitution: Universitatea 'Babes-Bolyai' din Cluj-Napoca

1. Für welches Austausch- oder Förderprogramm fertigen Sie diesen

Erfahrungsbericht an?

Erasmus (Europa oder Übersee)

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

You got general information about what to do and until when via e-mail. However, if you wrote an e-mail to ask for further information, it took some time until you got a response. Be sure to ask in advance and do not hesitate to write another e-mail as a reminder. Planning went good, however to get the right module description you need to e-mail the professor or the chair directly which more often turned out to be a challenge due to finding the right contact information.

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

Because Romania is part of the EU, there was no visa required (for EU citizen). If your trip starts in Nuremberg, you can take the plane to Cluj Napoca which is very convenient (around 1,5 hours).

4. Unterkunft (Wohnheim/Privat)

I choose to stay in a private accomodation. The dormitory seemed to be OK at best as many reported some issues and problems. If you decide to take the private way, please be aware of fraud incidents. I recommand taking an Airbnb for a longer time (of course ask the owner first) & go there to see the apartment before your semester abroad to be on the safe side. If this does not work, work with credible websites.

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

The courses were really diverse and interesting. What is important to know is that in most of the courses attendance was mandatory. The earliest time you are able to create your schedule is in the first week of the semester. If you have some course overlap you might need to change your Learning Agreement or talk to the professors. There is a 3 week time frame in mid-January until the beginning of February where you will take all your exams. However, the grade of the exam is not the final grade as you will be graded by other factors as well such as course participation or any other papers/presentations during the semester. So, unlike at the FAU you will constantly be graded for something during the semester.

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

There was always someone ready to help you either at the International Office or the coordinator at the faculty. They were all very kind and answered as quick as possible. There were some occasions where you would have to wait longer or even send another e-mail to remind them but that was either in the beginning of the semester or when the first e-mail was sent. Other than that you were never left alone. If something was missing the coordinators would write you and ask if you can send the respective information.

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

There are many libraries all over Cluj that belong to the university. If you do not find a nice spot I recommend one of the many cafes that Cluj has to offer. Because classes are often smaller than at FAU, you often go into smaller classrooms rather than to larger lecture halls.

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

Cluj is a beautiful city placed in a very beautiful region namely Transylvania. There are many things to do for each interest. Personally, I used my credit card a lot or Revolut to quickly exchange to currency on my phone and pay (EUR to RON).

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

The cost of living in Cluj Napoca is cheaper than in Germany & the scholarships such as the Erasmus+ financial aid helped a lot.

10. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

The best experience was definitely the whole journey of traveling and making new friends. The worst was probably the organizational matters before and at the beginning of the semester.

11. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

Erasmus buddy and their programs such as WedESNday or planned trips.

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.