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Zuerkennung eines Zuschusses für einen **ERASMUS Studienaufenthalt Studienjahr**

Universität Liechtenstein

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Inhaltlich sollte der Abschlussbericht u.a. auch folgende Themen berücksichtigen:

- Unterbringung, Umfeld
- Einführung in der Universität
- besuchte Lehrveranstaltungen, absolvierte Prüfungen/Arbeiten
- Kontakt mit anderen Studierenden, Dozenten, Einheimischen...

Exchange Semester Report

I can say that in general my semester abroad was a rewarding experience. I completed my exchange semester at KU Leuven university in the campus that is located at a very central point, in the heart of Brussels. Brussels is a city with a very international character as besides international students, there are also many people from abroad due to their employment at many of the government institutions. Overall, I stayed in Brussels for approximately five months and besides studying, I had the opportunity to socialize with a lot of international and local people, as well as to travel to other countries since Brussels is a connection hub to some of the main European capitals.

As far as the facilities and administration of the university are concerned, I am overall satisfied with them. KU Leuven university facilities are pretty good with numerous spacious classrooms, appropriate equipment in the labs, a student restaurant and a cafeteria, as well as a big library with loads of useful material. The university provides an online learning platform where the professors upload all the relevant material including slides, papers, videotaped lectures and everything else related to the courses. Moreover, the international students are allowed to attend language courses from the faculty of linguistics if they wish to improve any of their foreign language skills. International students have the possibility to attend French, Dutch (which are the official languagres of Belgium) and a variety of many other languages. Personally, I attended German and I was very happy with the interactive way the language was taught and the friendly atmosphere in the class.

The International Office of the university is very well-organised and I was always amazed with the speed and precision with which they handle all the enquiries and problems of the foreign students. Also the induction day to the university was very enlightening as students were provided with all the necessary information regarding the administrative procedures of the university. Within reasonable amount of time after the arrival students are provided with a student card and study certificates which they can use to acquire a yearly card for the public means of transport at a very low price (around 120 Euros).

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When it comes to the academic side of the university I would again like to express my content with it. I attended in total seven different classes both from the Master of Business Administration and the Master of International Business Economics and Management. The classes started in the second half of September and ended before the Christmas break, while the exam session took place during January. The lectures were taking place on a daily basis and there was a fixed schedule throughout all of the weeks, which I found effective, since it was easy to keep up with the course development and assimilate the new information. In general, I am content with the lectures, except for two classes named "Systems Development and Economics" and "Business Process and Operations", where in my opinion there was no clear goal and direction in the class and the provided slides were of a very bad quality. Two of the courses included written assignments, one included a presentation and one included online tests. Basically, the biggest part of the evaluation of the couses was done based on the written exams in January. The exam period lasted for about two and a half weeks and there was sufficient time to study in between the different exams. Also to add in this point, that there are many different exam sessions for each specific course and each student has an Individual Exam Schedule so as to ensure that he will be provided with adequate preparation time given the individual exams that he has to take. Moreover, the exam results come out altogether, just one week after all of the exams have ended and each student is informed by email.

All in all, my exchange semester in Brussels was a good experience and I would recommend the KU Leuven university as an erasmus destination for other students of our university.

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