

Report TU/Eindhoven, Netherlands

Winter semester 16/17

University

With 10'000 students, the TU / Eindhoven is a huge campus compared to the University of Liechtenstein. In the center of the university, the so-called Metaforum is based there, where a large library with plenty of space for learning is included. In my semester, many students have come together at the Metaforum to prepare for their exams. Due to the large number of students, there is also a far greater leisure offer on the campus. In addition to various snack bars and a cafeteria there is also a cinema, a small Spar shop and 10 bars in different buildings of the university, where various events and parties take place during the semester. At the beginning of the semester several events and festivals were held at the campus, where one can meet many people from all countries around the world.

City

The city centre and the major shopping malls are not far from the university campus. With around 220,000 inhabitants, the city of Eindhoven is not a large city and is therefore manageable. Since the city is very industrial based in its history, there is not much to discover, besides the Philips museums and the DAF museums. However, there is a cheap possibility to travel through the Netherlands with group tickets and visit other beautiful cities such as Den Haag, Utrecht, Amsterdam, Maastricht etc. Additionally, the city itself organizes also some festivals which offer exciting impressions.

Student Sport centre

Directly next to the campus, there is a student sports centre where you can register for little money and thus has a comprehensive selection of different sports such as dancing, fitness, various ball sports, yoga, swimming, sailing, surfing, gliding, fencing. The student sports center also offers a sauna and massages. I have used the fitness studio and swimming pool. Likewise, I have enrolled for a Gliding Day and have thus had very nice experiences. In the east, not far from the university campus, there are two lakes. In one of these two lakes, there is a bathing area and at the other lake I went jogging on nice days, it is one big green area and one can see ducks and swans there. It is very recommendable to explore this area.

Residential building – Aurora from Vestide

My residence was the new Aurora building right on the university campus. The residential building is centrally located, so you are quickly everywhere on the campus and the student sports centre is directly behind, on the other side of the river Dommel. I have appreciated the proximity and the temporal flexibility. The fact that it was a new building and we were the first tenants gave me a pleasant feeling. The apartments are bright and spacious with their large window facades. There were also furnishing, lamps and the most necessary kitchen utensils available. However, this residence was not the cheapest. For me however in the price-performance ratio it was worth the extra price. Since this building is located on the university campus and many students live there, many House parties took place with subsequent change of location to the party strip Stratumseind near the city centre.

Life costs

For buying food, I used on average of 35.- Euros per week. Sometimes I also had lunch in the canteen or the snack bars at the university, which is not included in this price. The prices in the party strip Stratumseind can be compared with the prices in the pubs in Feldkirch. Apart from trips to other cities or countries, there is no additional cost. I booked my property through the real estate company Vestide. For a stay of one semester there is no other incidental costs, it is all included in the prepaid rent.