

 UNIVERSITÄT LIECHTENSTEIN	ABSCHLUSSBERICHT Zuerkennung eines Zuschusses für einen ERASMUS Studienaufenthalt Studienjahr	Universität Liechtenstein
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von
 an der Gastinstitution [Kozminski University \[PL-Warszaw21\]](#)
 zu senden an die Universität Liechtenstein, International Office
 Postadresse Fürst-Franz-Josef-Strasse
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 gesamter Studienaufenthalt von [27.09.2017](#) bis [09.02.2018](#)

Der schriftliche Abschlussbericht umfasst zwei bis drei A4-Seiten und muss zusammen mit den anderen Dokumenten (Aufenthaltsbestätigung, Berichtsformular) spätestens 30 Tage nach Beendigung des Auslandsstudiums per Post geschickt werden.

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...

First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone who was actively integrated in enabling me this semester abroad. Namely, the international office in person of Mirjana Matic-Schädler who was all the time available for issues occurred before, during and after this semester. I also want to say thank you to my Executive Director of the MSc Finance programme Florian Schaller and the whole team of the Kozminski University International Office. It was an unforgettable experience where I could enhance a lot of skills and met so many nice people from all around the world.

Accommodation:

Kozminski University does not have an own student dormitory but helps the incoming students in finding accommodation. Furthermore, the international office is a very helpful contact in every step of your exchange semester. Warsaw is divided by a river called Vistula. The one part where the campus is situated is called Praga. Thus, it is a little bit outside the city center, however directly connected to tram lines. From the central station it takes you about 30 Minutes to get there by tram. As recommended by a fellow student who was at Kozminski previously, I searched for a room in the real center. Best approach for this are Facebook groups you can find easily by searching for accommodation and Erasmus in Warsaw. I could reach everything by feet and also by public transportation. However, the city center is a more expensive living environment.

Preparation:

Before the official start of the semester, Kozminski university sent us all necessary information in a short booklet as well as our access data to the virtual university. It was very helpful before starting there. The first week was a well-organized introduction week with several opportunities to get to know and meet all other exchange students from all around the world. Due to its good reputation there are people not only from Europa which makes it very unique. We were more than 200 international students and the ESN-Network did an awesome job getting us into the feeling of Kozminski, and Poland. Warsaw can be reached by plane very easily and has an international airport and a smaller airport mainly conducted by Ryanair in the north of Warsaw (45min. by bus to get there) Prices differ regarding which Airline you choose.

Studies and courses:

During my stay at Kozminski, I fulfilled the whole third semester of Liechtenstein by doing 30ECTS. I chose the courses from various Master's degree programmes (Finance 1st and 2nd year, and the Master in Management 2nd year). Most of the courses are very practical which makes it interesting attending them. And physical attendance is something where Kozminski put a lot of emphasis on it. In most courses I was not the only exchange student and as the courses are Master and international, most people spoke English to each other rather than their native language. Which makes you feel pretty comfortable. The classes are often graded by a level of 100 points which you earn through group works, presentations, essays and assignments as well as exams. Especially group works are pretty common in making up most of the points. Compared to Liechtenstein you have several graded tasks and not only one big exam at the end.

The following table provides an overview about the courses I chose, the programme from which it was selected as well as the ECTS and the examination structure.

Kozminski University - Warsaw	Program	ECTS	
Innovations in Investments Project Appraisal	Finance	4	Exam 70% Case Study 30%
Introduction to AML and Compliance in Banking	Finance	3	Exam certificate by ICT
Leadership	Management	3	Group project and individual essays
Psychology of Financial Markets	Finance	3	Group project, exam and investment game
International Business Environment	Management	3	Group project and individual assignment
Mergers & Acquisitions	Management	3	Group project, exam
Fundamental Analysis	Finance	3	Group project (80%) 2 short recommendation essays (20%)
Research Methods	Management	3	Exam only (100%)
Modern Banking Systems	Finance	3	Group project and face to face interview
Communication and Negotiation Skills	Finance	3	Negotiation games during class (70%) and final essay (30%)

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Free time:

Poland is a beautiful country and offers so many awesome places. Warsaw as a city can also be not discovered at one weekend. I have never been to a city where there are so many different and unique restaurants, bars and cafés.

Warsaw as located in the center of north-eastern Europe, offers a perfect starting point to discover all polish cities as well as the Baltic and Scandinavian Countries. If you want to explore a lot, you should definitely avoid taking courses from the part time masters as they are every second weekend which makes you quite inflexible. Kozminski university offers several sports activities as well as trips and excursions to several places, not only cultural also sports, fun activities and thrilling challenges. They really take care of their students and it was never boring.

Date: 25.01.2018

Signature:

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