

Experience report of the stay at the partner university

Max. 2-3 pages in German or English. Use complete sentences (no keywords).

Mobility Program	ERASMUS
Partner University	ESCUELA TÉCNICA SUPERIOR DE ARQUITECTURA DE MADRID (ETSAM) DE LA UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE MADRID (UPM)
Studyprogramme visited	MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING AND TERRITORIAL ORDERING
Semester	SS 2019
Name and e-mail optional	

Overall impression Description of the stay abroad in 4-5 sentences	<p>MY SEMESTER ABROAD WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE, DESPITE MY KNOWLEDGE IN SPANISH IT WAS MY FIRST TIME IN SPAIN, SO CULTURE AND THE VARIOUS FORMS OF COMMUNICATION WERE COMPLETELY NEW TO ME.</p> <p>I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW MANY PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, EVEN ON MANY OCCASIONS I HAD TO BE A TRANSLATOR FOR FRIENDS OF ERAMUS WHO HAD CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES WITH SPANISH.</p> <p>THE LECTURES WERE VERY INTERESTING BECAUSE THE TOPICS DEAL WITH CURRENT PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, THE PROPOSALS OR SOLUTIONS CONSIDER THE INTERVENTION OF THE ACTORS INVOLVED, AS CITIZENS AND MUNICIPALITIES.</p> <p>I USED TO LIVE IN A BIG CITY IN MY COUNTRY, BUT MADRID WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH ADVANCED SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION, ARCHITECTURE AND A MULTICULTURAL PLACE, WHERE COMES PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT PART OF THE WORLD.</p>
Immigration / arrival entry formalities, visa	<p>MY FIRST STRUGGLE WAS THE VISA, THE UPM TOLD ME THAT THE VISA PROCESS HAD TO BE PROCESSED BY EACH OF THE STUDENTS, SO I HAD TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OFFICE OF MIGRATION, WHICH WERE VERY KIND AND GIVEN ME ALL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE ABLE TO RESIDE WITHOUT PROBLEMS IN SPAIN.</p>
Room searching/stay Helpful contact information	<p>WHILE IT IS CERTAIN THE "UPM" DOES NOT HAVE ROOMS FOR STUDENTS, BUT IT HAS A LIST OF PAGES WEBS AND SOME CASES DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO UPM STUDENTS.</p>
Public transport Train, bus, accessibility of the university	<p>THE UNIVERSITY HAS A CENTRAL LOCATION AND IS VERY ACCESSIBLE FOR ITS OWN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, THE TRANSPORTATION CARD CAN BE USED BOTH FOR BUS AND AS TRAIN. IF YOU ACHIEVE TO STAY CLOSE TO THE UNIVERSITY, YOU CAN MOBILIZE IN BIKE ALSO, SINCE THERE ARE SHARED ROUTES BETWEEN VEHICLES AND CYCLISTS, THAT CONNECT TO ALMOST ALL THE CENTER OF THE CITY AND EVEN THE UNIVERSITY.</p>
Preparation for the studies Course registration procedure, language certificate and transcript of records	<p>THE PROCEDURES TO APPLY TO UPM, WERE REALLY VERY PRACTICAL. HOWEVER, THERE WAS DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF THE REGISTRATION, BECAUSE MANY OF THE COURSES OFFERED IN THE APPLICATION WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN COMING TO SPAIN, IN ADDITION TO THIS, THERE WERE NOT A LOT OF OPTIONS OF LESSONS DURING SUMMER SEMESTRE OF THE MASTER PROGRAMS.</p>
Information about the university Location, size, infrastructure	<p>THE UNIVERSITY IS LOCATED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF MADRID (15 - 20 MINUTES WALKING OR 5 MIN WITH BUS). REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE, THE UNIVERSITY IS ANCIENT, HOWEVER, THE ENVIRONMENTS ARE VERY WELL CARED. THE ROOMS ARE NORMALLY WIDE BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM, WHICH ARE BETWEEN 30-60 APPROXIMATELY.</p>
Language course visited at the university	<p>THE UNIVERSITY OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SPANISH COURSES. THE CONTENTS ARE VERY VARIED AND ITS BENEFITS ARE VERY GOOD BECAUSE IT ALLOWS TO DEVELOP</p>

Course content, benefits	YOURSELF WELL IN CLASS, FOR WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE.
Studies at the university Course content, credits, exams	THE COURSES AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY ARE VERY INTERESTING, BECAUSE THEY ARE RAISING CURRENT PROBLEMS. THE LESSONS ARE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY AND NOT BY BLOCKS, EACH TEACHER HAS FREEDOM TO ORGANIZE THE COURSES, SO THAT IN SOME CASES THERE CAN BE ONLY DELIVERIES OR ON OCCASIONS DELIVERIES AND EXAMS.
Support at the university Student counseling, International Office, Buddy, student contacts	<p>THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE NORMALLY DOES THE WORK OF PROCESSING THE ENROLLMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED ALWAYS TO SPEAK WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE MASTERS TO KNOW THE LESSONS AVAILABLE AND SO BE ABLE TO CHOOSE FOR SOME OF THEM.</p> <p>NORMALLY THE REGISTRATION TAKES A LOT OF TIME, AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF THE CARD AND THE INSTITUTIONAL MAIL, WHICH IS A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE YOU CAN NOT USE THE WIFI WITHOUT HAVING A UPM USER.</p>
Budgeting Cost of living, study materials, money transfers	<p>THE COST OF LIFE VARIES ACCORDING TO AMENITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COST OF A ROOM CAN BE BETWEEN 450 - 600 EUROS MONTHLY AND FEEDING APPROXIMATELY 20 EUROS PER DAY.</p> <p>REGARDING THE STUDY MATERIALS, YOU CAN FIND THEM AT A LOWER PRICE AT THE UNIVERSITY, HOWEVER, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE PRECAUTIONS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY STUDENTS, THE QUEUE AT DELIVERY SEASONS ARE VERY LONG.</p>
Life / Leisure Places to meet, sports, culture	<p>THERE ARE MANY PLACES TO VISIT AND SEE IN MADRID AS MUSEUMS, PARKS, SQUARES AND EMBLEMATIC BUILDINGS OF THE CITY. ALSO, FOR THE GOOD INTERCOMMUNICATION THAT EXISTS WITH OTHER CITIES OUT OF MADRID, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO VISIT TOLEDO, SEGOVIA THAT ARE NEXT TO ABOVE 1 HOUR.</p> <p>IN ADDITION, YOU CAN VISIT OTHER LARGER CITIES WITH VERY INTERESTING ARCHITECTURE SUCH AS BARCELONA, VALENCIA, BILBAO, CORDOBA, SEVILLA AND GRANADA.</p>
Comparison of universities What is better / worse at the partner university than at the University of Liechtenstein	<p>WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT "UNILI" IS THAT THERE ARE NOT MANY STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM, THUS THE CLASSES ARE MORE PERSONALIZED, AND THERE IS A GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. THIS SYSTEM OF LEARNING IN MY OPINION IS BETTER.</p> <p>WHAT I LIKE A LOT OF "UPM" WERE THE CURRENT THEMES (TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITIES, CLIMATIC CHANGE, GOVERNANCE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, ETC.) CARRIED OUT IN THE COURSES. IN ADDITION, THE PROMOTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITIZENS AND MUNICIPALITIES TO WORK OUR PROPOSALS.</p>
Photos Impressions of life, studying, environment	



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