

## 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	STICHTING AMSTERDAMSE HOGESCHOOL VOOR DE KUNSTEN
Studyprogramme visited	Master Architecture
Semester	SS 19
Name and e-mail optional	

Overall impression	The overall experience inside the part-time internship and the excitement in living in the
Description of the stay abroad in 4-5 sentences	city of Amsterdam was amazing. At the same time, I learned a lot by having the opportunity to work in an Architecture office I cannot say the same about the time I spent at the university. Unfortunately, my experience with this university did not fulfill my expectations. The communication with the university staff is quite tricky and not proactive.
Immigration / arrival entry formalities, visa	The visa process was fast and easy. The university has an online VisaCare system, and it works well. It is straightforward to understand the steps you must make.
Room searching/stay Helpful contact information	The academy does not help at all with students' accommodations. I searched by myself, and I end up renting an expensive small apartment.
Public transport  Train, bus, accessibility of the university	Amsterdam is the cities of bikes, and renting one is not expensive.
Preparation for the studies  Course registration procedure, language certificate and transcript of records	The preparation for studies is easy with the help of UniLi international office. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same about the Academy staff. The communication is difficult, and the team is not proactive.
Information about the university Location, size, infrastructure	The Academy is located in the center of the city, and it is easy to be reached. The building is very old and small for the number of students they have. Unsuccessfully, the academy does not have the equipment we need as architecture students.
Language course visited at the university  Course content, benefits	No need to learn Dutch if you know English. Everyone speaks English in the Netherlands. Unfortunately, inside the classrooms, the professors tend to talk to Dutch sometimes. Very unpolite and in the end they will think you are unpolite if you call their attention.
Studies at the university  Course content, credits, exams	This university is part-time, so you will need to have an internship alongside the university studies. Do not expect to have less university work to do. The amount of university work is extensive. A lot of manual labor, like drawings and physical models, and no written papers.
Support at the university Student counselling, International Office, Buddy, student contacts	The Academy does not care about international students. It took three months to get a student card (access the library/print), and they even said that usually, they do not give student card to the international students. There was not a welcoming and any explanation. To contact some of the staff I had to put "URGENT" as a subject in emails so I would get an answer.
Budgeting Cost of living, study materials, money transfers	The rent and some of the study materials for physical models were costly. The scholarship and the internship payment can cover the rest of the living cost.
Life / Leisure	Unfortunately, since you will work and go to the academy during weekdays and mostly



Places to meet, sports, culture

study during weekends, there is not a lot of time left to get to know the city. At the beginning of your stay, you can buy a Museumcard and visit many museums for free or with a discount around the whole Netherlands for one year.

Comparison of universities
What is better / worse at the partner university than at the University of Liechtenstein. The only good things are the working experience and the environment of a big city like Amsterdam. If you are looking forward to having a work experience while doing the Master, I would say go for it.

## **Photos**

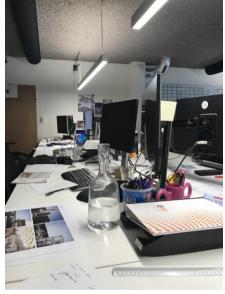
Impressions of life, studying, environment



Door of my house



Me in from of Rijksmuseum



Apto Architects office



Amsterdam Academie van Bouwkunst

## Photos

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