

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 Exchange
Partner University	Audencia Business School
Study programme visited	Master Grande Ecole – Major in corporate Finance
Semester	Winter Semester 2019
Name and e-mail optional	

Overall impression Description of the stay abroad in 4-5 sentences	The process to be granted a stay abroad was smooth and I received assistance both from the sending institution and the receiving institution for all the administrative formalities and paper. The city of Nantes home to the receiving university is a beautiful city. I had the opportunity to explore it during student social gatherings. The university itself has 3 campuses in the city. I did not have too much of a culture and language shock as I am fluent in French and it was helpful most of the time to go through administrative stuffs like purchasing my bus monthly pass. Altogether I enjoyed my exchange semester.
Immigration / arrival Entry, formalities, visa	The visa application process was simple and straight forward. Except when it came to providing proof of accommodation. My student accommodation was not approved at the national French accommodation provider CROUS. So, I had to look for another accommodation. I was a tedious process.
Room searching/stay Helpful contact information	My application was not approved by the national student accommodation provider CROUS, looking for another accommodation was very difficult mostly because I had to provide a financial guarantor. The CROUS does not require a guarantor, 99% of all other student accommodation require one. I was able to find a place staying with friends I knew prior to the stay abroad period.
Public transport Train, bus, accessibility of the university	The transport system in the city of Nantes is called TAN. There is only one train station. TAN manages the bus and tram system; they are very regular. The prices are affordable. There is no specific student discount but there are young people discount. I personally had good accessibility to the university as I could take a direct bus to the main campus were, I had regular classes, or I could either take 2 trams to school.
Preparation for the studies Course registration procedure, language certificate and transcript of records	Before the commencement of my stay I was able to easily choose my courses and register for the courses I wanted. I did not need to learn a new language as the courses I took at the receiving institution were taught with the same language as the sending institution. After completing I received my transcript of records.
Information about the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university; Audencia business school is located in Nantes, one of the most green, sustainable and environmental city in France. The university has campuses abroad and 4 campuses in Nantes; the executive campus, the Atlantic campus, city campus and the media campus. I took most of my classes at the main campus that is the Atlantic campus. I spend 90% of my time at the main campus, it had all the required infrastructure which could be expected. A bibliotheque, cafeteria, 24h study rooms and more.
Language course visited at the university Course content, benefits	I initially registered for French classes at my receiving university, but later on decided not to take them as I realised, I was fluent enough.
Studies at the university Course content, credits, exams	Excluding the French classes, the courses I took in total at the university were 6. All of them had similar acceptable content to my degree studies at my sending institution. They grading and exam process for all of them was part course work which for some were group work and others were individual work and part final exam.

<p>Support at the university Student counseling, International Office, Buddy, student contacts</p>	<p>There was a variety of support system at the receiving university. The international office was very helpful when I was choosing my courses, they also helped me with any administrative procedure and paper work. There is a set buddy system at the university and as soon as I arrived in Nantes I was contacted by my buddy.</p>
<p>Budgeting Cost of living, study materials, money transfers</p>	<p>I received Erasmus funding from my sending institution, and I did not encounter any difficulty with the money transfer. I did not need any specific extra study material except the one I already had.</p>
<p>Life / Leisure Places to meet, sports, culture</p>	<p>The university student association regularly organised event for student to meet and celebrate. This included both sports and cultural events. The places we met at were mostly bars and restaurants that were in partnerships with the different student associations. Those association also organised leisure trips to other parts of France.</p>
<p>Comparison of universities What is better / worse at the partner university than at the University of Liechtenstein</p>	<p>The receiving university is bigger and has more infrastructure, the teaching and learning content are the same for the receiving and sending university. The receiving university is more international in terms of teaching and student body.</p>
<p>Photos Impressions of life, studying, environment</p>	<div data-bbox="635 846 1024 936" data-label="Section-Header"> <p>Living environment</p> </div> <div data-bbox="555 949 817 1061" data-label="Text"> <p>"Nantes was voted European Green Capital for 2013"</p> </div> <div data-bbox="517 1079 651 1214" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="660 1169 756 1205" data-label="Text"> <p>Housing</p> </div> <div data-bbox="884 837 1050 1214" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="507 1182 1465 1258" data-label="Text"> <p>- they say Nantes offer the biggest square metter of green space per inhabitants in Europe</p> </div> <div data-bbox="523 1263 884 1541" data-label="Text"> <p>never stop daring</p> </div> <div data-bbox="507 1541 1465 1617" data-label="Text"> <p>- never stop daing is the Audencia university slogan, to encourae students to be bold and think outside the box.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="507 1621 858 2087" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="507 2056 1465 2123" data-label="Text"> <p>- Front of the main campus where I had most of my classes.</p> </div>



- the Nantes mechanical elephant is one of the principal touristic attractions in Nantes.

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