


Experience report of the stay at the partner university

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

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| Mobility Program | Erasmus+ |
| Partner University | KU Leuven (B LEUVEN01) |
| Studyprogramme visited | Masters in Architecture |
| Semester | Second Semester |
| Name and e-mail optional | |

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| Overall impression Description of the stay abroad in 4-5 sentences | I was definitely worth to do an exchange in Belgium. It is hidden gem compared to neighbouring countries. Architecture Education in KU Leuven is spectacular. Doing an exchange is a challenge but Belgium and their life style makes it easier. I would definitely do it again. |
| Immigration / arrival entry formalities, visa | Arrival and entry was easy and fast. If you need visa, documents are not that hard to collect however it costs a lot but University helps you with it. |
| Room searching/stay Helpful contact information | Room searching was easy since I applied the opportunity KU Leuven has given in first couple days. However finding an accommodation in Gent is quite hard and can be expensive. |
| Public transport Train, bus, accessibility of the university | Public transport costs around 30€ per month however you can rent bike for 55€ per semester which helps you better than public transportation. |
| Preparation for the studies Course registration procedure, language certificate and transcript of records | Course registration was simple however, schedule for the courses might change. In my case, two of the course I selected were overlapping. In result, I need to change my learning agreement. Also, they ask you to take 25ETCS due to it might over burden you with the classes during exchange semester and you might get to experience it better. |
| Information about the university Location, size, infrastructure | Information about university is easy to reach however, Architecture Faculty in Gent was operating in three different buildings which you might hard time to adjust yourself and learn more about it. |
| Language course visited at the university Course content, benefits | I did not take any Dutch courses due to my priority was German or Italian. I try to practice German in OLS however, real life course took over sooner which let me not practice enough. |
| Studies at the university Course content, credits, exams | Course are quite challenging because teaching method is different than Universität Liechtenstein. When you adjust yourself to it, it is fun to learn and practice. |
| Support at the university Student counseling, International Office, Buddy, student contacts | Support was quite fast and satisfying. I did not need to contact with them that often but when I needed it, they were there. However, it might hard to find them in the office due to pandemic. |
| Budgeting Cost of living, study materials, money transfers | Budgeting was cheaper than Liechtenstein or Switzerland. Rent costed me around 474€ plus laundry. 400€ is around for grocery or take outs. Other 300€ can be for traveling in every weekend, gym, bars, university needs, etc. However, it is possible survive with 1000€ without any problem. |
| Life / Leisure Places to meet, sports, culture | Life is based on individualism. I might be hard to get used to it if you are from a culture which collectivism is majority. However, most of the people are easygoing and approachable. |

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| <p>Comparison of universities</p> <p>What is better / worse at the partner university than at the University of Liechtenstein</p> | <p>Universität Liechtenstein better due to small number of students and simply life style in the Alps. However, KU Leuven is much more challenging for city life. Both has ups and downs but both should be experienced.</p> | |
| <p>Photos</p> <p>Impressions of life, studying, environment</p> |  | |
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