

Personal Report

UNIVERSITATEA DIN BUCURESTI, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester

FB 4 - Social Work: transnational- Bachelor

Language

Which language did you use? How did you communicate with your fellow students?

I used English and also with my fellow students I talked in English. I learned Romanian during the semester.

How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution? Did the partner university provide language classes?

Ich konnte dem Unterricht sehr gut folgen. Es gab Sprachkurse an der Universität.

Accommodation

Did the host university arrange for accommodation? How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?

No, unfortunately the possibility did not exist. The quality of my accommodation was bad.

How high were your overall monthly costs for accommodation (in Euro)?

320€

How well was the accommodation situated? How long did it take you on average to reach the partner university (in minutes)?

I don't know because I had my classes online. But to the city center it took me 20 min so probably to University 35 min.

Which web sites, forums, facebookpages, contacts, etc. can you recommend for looking for accommodation?

Arcca Studen housing.

Where have you been accommodated (name of dormitory, location, part of town, etc.)?

I lived in a student housing called Arcca student housing. It is located in sector 3 and it takes 20 min to city center. There are many supermarkets in this area but no nightlife. For nightlife you have to go to the city center.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

I went to Romania very early because of covid and for travelling. But all the others arrived during mid and end of September and I think this is also good.

How did you organize your arrival? Were all important questions answered? What did you have to find out yourself? How fast were you able to get in contact with the domestic students?

For me it was very hard to get into the courses and in general the organization was also not so good. It was the official start of the semester and I still didn't know whether it should be online or face to face. And as I said getting into the courses was really hard because no one explained me how so I started with classes one to two weeks later.

I actually only had real contact to other Erasmus students but the Romanian invited us to their WhatsApp groups for sharing information.

Living Abroad

Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad? What additional expenses did you have during your semester abroad?

Less expensive, 50%. I recommend Lidl or maybe Carrfour.

How far were you able to travel with your semester ticket? How were the libraries? Was their use free? Did the university provide computer workplaces/ computer pools? Was Wi-Fi available on-campus? Did the university provide a sports program? Was this free of charge?

I had to pay for public transport. But you can get a discount as a student. Due to covid everything was online so I can't say anything about the campus and campus life because there was no campus life.

Studying at the Host University

How would you describe the academic standard of classes compared to Frankfurt?

A bit easier.

Did you experience any difference in teaching methods/ class structure? Which were the difference regarding your expectations and your experiences at the partner university?

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Final Remarks

What should future exchange students know/ do/ avoid? How would you overall rate your exchange experience? In what ways have you benefitted academically, personally, linguistically for your future career?

I would rate the semester abroad as positive even though there were many downs. Because in the end I was able to grow from the challenges and I managed to have a good time and make friends despite covid. Academically, I had the chance to study a different subject with many topics that also interested me, but which do not have much in common with my actual studies in Germany. I made some good friends and due to online classes we were able to travel the country.