

## Personal Report

### University of Cadiz, Wintersemester 2018/19, 1 Semestr Service Engineering, Fachbereich 2, Frankfurt

#### Language

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

I used Spanish and English.

#### Accommodation

**Did the host university arrange for accommodation?**

No, unfortunately not.

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

700€

**How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?**

Very good.

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

It took about 15 minutes to get to the university by car.

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

Facebook.

**Where have you been accommodated (name of dormitory, location, part of town, etc.)? And how would you describe the surroundings of your accommodation (shopping facilities, distance to the city center, nightlife, etc?)**

In a flat in the city center with other students, it was situated very well as the city center is pretty small and everything can be reached by foot.

## **Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation**

**Which is the best arrival time?**

End of August.

**How did you organize your arrival? Was the extent of the orientation program sufficient? What activities can you recommend? 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? How were the services for exchange students?**

Most information was transmitted during the language course before the beginning of the semester; therefore I can highly recommend it, also to get to know other students

## **Living Abroad**

**Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad?**

Lower, it cost about 75%.

**What additional expenses did you have during your semester abroad? How far were you able to travel with your semester ticket? How was your student life off-campus? How were the mensas/ student cafeterias? What types of meals were served? How much did the meals cost? How were the libraries? Was their use free? Did the university provide computer workplaces/ computer pools? Was Wi-Fi available on-campus? Were you able to use study rooms? Were you able to rent separate rooms for studying? Did the university provide a sports program? Was this free of charge?**

It doesn't exist a student ticket, that's why I bought a scooter as my campus was in another city, the food in the cafeterias was cheap but mostly not very healthy, the libraries are very good and free to use. Also the sports program is huge compared to FRA UAS.

## **Studying at the Host University**

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

Similar to Frankfurt.

**Did you experience any difference in teaching methods/ class structure? Which were the difference regarding your expectations and your experiences at the partner university? What surprised you, what should newly arriving students know? How were the student services? Was the fact, that you were an exchange student taken into account (by professors or other staff)? If so, how? How were difficulties, which you or other exchange students may have met, handled by the partner university?**

The professors are more familiar, but sometimes not very structured. You have to do a lot more work during the semester, not just an exam like in Frankfurt. Professors take into account that you are an exchange student and help you when there are problems.

## 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?**

For me personally it was difficult in classes as I was the only student from abroad, others with some more students from abroad were able to pass the courses easier. My Spanish skills increased a lot, as well as my personal skills as you are kind of forced to be open minded to meet new people