

Personal Report

Polytechnic University of Milan, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB1 – Urban Agglomerations - Bachelor

Language

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

This course offered was in English. I use English during my entire semester for communication with my fellow students and professors. I also learned the basics of the Italian language.

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

I couldn't follow the classes very well. The university provided language classes during the semester.

Accommodation

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

No, they did not provide dormitories . The quality of my accommodation was good.

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

650€

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

It was far from the university as if I opt for the accomodation near to the university they were very expensive. it took 1 hour for me to reach the university everyday.

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

Spotahome, DoveVivo, HomeToGo, Idealista

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

I was living in the private accommodation at Viale Ungheria 22, Milan. The area is little far from the city center and only approachable by bus or tram. Metro is little far from my place. Shopping facility is within 30 minutes from my place by bus and tram. City center and nightlife cafes, bar and restaurants are little far from here as 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

Before the Welcome Week organised by the University.

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?

It was good experience here, I managed to book my air tickets for Milan easily. Welcome week was somehow sufficient for the stay. Living here and go out for the daily needs product I have manage in my own research. Exchange services were satisfactory.

Living Abroad

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

It was about 150% higher than the costs in Frankfurt. I can recommend the supermarkets Lidl, Penny, Esselunga, MD, Carrefour.

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?

my expenses was little high as compared to frankfurt. I have to pay for the daily needs and transportation on my own. under scholarship only my rent was covered. living in the private accommodation is expensive here and also university does not offer any accommodation in dorm by themselves. I have took the travel card for the month costing 25 euro within the Milan. Food in the Mensa was good but little expensive, one meal cost us around the 5-10 euro. Study rooms were available for us 24/7.

Studying at the Host University

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

Way more challenging.

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

teaching method is so intense and hectic.

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?

Professor are so skilled and knowledgeable. There was no difference in the regular and erasmus students. teaching pattern and marking was same.

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 experienced positive changes in me, that are healthy too like walking, reading, group studies and work, team work with different nationalities. Being a Polimi student is really a good experience. New exchange students should know how to work efficiently and on time because here the level is hard and professor are so punctual. I had the bad and good experience both. Talking about the good, teaching in the university, university life here and the professor as well as students were very good and supportive. but outside of the university in Milan is little unsafe for the people specially in the dark time.