

Master data

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Services rendered by the Frankfurt University

a) Service of the International Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sehr zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> unzufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> sehr unzufrieden
b) Service of the Department (Fachbereich)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sehr zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> unzufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> sehr unzufrieden
c) Please comment: What was good? How can the International Office / the Department improve their services in regard to the exchange programme?	The International Office gave me very good advices and they replied fast when I had questions. I liked the pre-departure meeting because of many important information which helped me a lot for my stay abroad.

Personal and linguistic preparation

a) How well were you prepared linguistically for your exchange stay?	<input type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht
b) What was your language level in the working language?	<input type="checkbox"/> A2 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/> C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Muttersprachler
c) Did you take any preparatory language classes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ja während des Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Ja einen Intensivkurs an der FRA-UAS <input type="checkbox"/> Ja einen Intensivkurs im Zielland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
d) Did the partner university provide language classes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ja während des Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Ja einen Intensivkurs <input type="checkbox"/> Ja beide Arten <input type="checkbox"/> No
e) How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht
f) Please comment: Which language did you use? / Did you use, learn, or improve any other languages? / How did you communicate with your fellow students?	I did use only english language, I wasn't able to learn polish for beginners because it didn't fit in my timetable but that was no problem because all of my subjects were taught in english.

Accommodation

a) Did the host university arrange for accommodation?

Ja in einem Wohnheim Ja eine privat vermietete Unterkunft Nein die Möglichkeit bestand nicht

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

330

c) How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?

sehr gut gut schlecht sehr schlecht

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

My accomodation was very good situated, i did take only 10 minutes to reach the university.

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

I can recommend facebookgroups and some agencies.

f) Please comment: Where have you been accommodated (name of dormitory, location, part of town, etc.)? How would you describe the surroundings of your accommodation (shopping facilities, distance to the city center, nightlife, etc.)?

I have been accomodated in " Krakow Town House Apartments" and i've found my flat through an agency. The location was really good and central and it was near to the main square and to the university.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

a) Was an orientation program organized for incoming exchange students?

Yes No

b) Were you informed about organizational issues such as visa, insurances, class registration, setting up of e-mail accounts, etc.?

Ja sehr ausführlich Ja eher oberflächlich No

c) Did the host university offer activities for exchange students throughout the semester?

Yes No

d) Judging from your experience, which is the best arrival time?

For me the best arrival time is between one and two weeks before the semester starts.

e) Please comment: How did you organize your arrival? / Was the extent of the orientation program sufficient? 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?

I went by bus to my host country and everything went well. The orientation program was sufficient. My room was already organized when I arrived.

Living Abroad

- a) Did you open a bank account abroad?
 Ja das war notwendig Ja das war praktischer No
- b) Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad?
 Höher mehr als 200% Höher ca. 200% Höher ca. 150% Ähnlich wie in Frankfurt Geringer ca. 75% Geringer ca. 50% Geringer weniger als 50%
- c) Did the host university provide discounted/free public transportation?
 Yes No
- d) Have you received AuslandsBAFöG?
 Yes No
- f) Which supermarkets, stores, forums can you recommend to lower expenses?
I can recommend the Galeria Krakowska, it is a big shopping mall with a wide range of shops and supermarkets. Supermarkets for lower expenses are for example Biedronka and Carrefour.
- f) Please comment: 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?
I didn't buy a semester ticket because I lived very central and i didn't need public transport. I didn't like the mensa but that was no problem because there were many possibilities to eat outside and generally the meals were much cheaper compared to the prices in Germany. The library was big enough to find always a place to learn and there were computerplaces. Wi-Fi was available but it was really slow sometimes. Sports programs are offered.

Studying at the Host University

- a) How satisfied were you with classes at the host university?
 Sehr zufrieden zufrieden unzufrieden sehr unzufrieden
- b) How would you describe the academic standard of classes compared to Frankfurt?
 Sehr viel anspruchsvoller Etwas anspruchsvoller Ähnlich wie in Frankfurt Etwas einfacher Sehr viel einfacher
- c) 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 timetable had a different structure and the class structure was different too. In the host country I had more assignments because in some subjects we had one exam and an additional project, essay or presentations. In most subjects the final grade consisted of two or three partial grades and not only of the grade in the written exam. I was surprised that we had to enrol for our courses before the classes started, that was something new to me. The fact that I was an exchange student was taken into account and the whole staff was very helpful and handled difficulties, for example they proposed a first and second term exam, so we were free to decide on which day we wanted to write the exam.

Final Remarks

a) How satisfied were you with your stay abroad?

Sehr zufrieden zufrieden unzufrieden sehr unzufrieden

b) Which skills were you able to develop during your stay abroad?

I developed my english speaking skills and i learned a lot about new cultures.

c) Given the same circumstances, would you repeat your stay abroad?

Yes No

d) Please comment: 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?

Future exchange students should avoid being together only with people from their home country. My exchange semester was a great experience and i had the opportunity to study and learn in a different educational system, i am more self-confident in speaking english than i was before. And personally I think i am more self-reliant.

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Please complete the following sentence: My exchange semester will remain unforgettable because...

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