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Stay until: 15.01.2017	Email: [REDACTED]

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?	<p>erreichbarkeit war sehr gut, alles gut organisiert</p>

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 type="checkbox"/> B2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/> C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Muttersprachler
c) Did you take any preparatory language classes?	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input checked="" 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?	

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)?
400

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)?
10 minuten mit dem Fahrrad zur Uni, auch in die Stadt waren es 10-15 min und Einkaufsmöglichkeiten, waren nur 5 min entfernt

e) Which web sites, forums, facebookpages, contacts, etc. can you recommend for looking for accommodation?
1. apply early for the university housing 2. look privat on the webside mina (Malmö University provides on its websides good information for private housing and how to find them)

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 was in a studenthousing (Celciusgarden), it was close to the city, the neighborhood is not interesting but good areas (nightlife, cafés) a very close by (10-15 min by bike). Foodshopping possibilities (lidl, willys and localfoodmarket) are very close (5min).

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?
the best arrival time is, on the arrival date during midday. I arrived very early, thats why I haven't met so many new students as others who arrived during the day.

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 arrived one day before arrival day via plane (if you fly with SAS there is a discount for people under 25!). This is something I wouldn't do again. The arrival day is only for arriving so there are no other programmms during that day. The orientation programm was very well organized, but also very full and exhausting. But i think two weeks was good! During the programm we were well informed about improtant issue. Only the infromation how to buy a bike came really late, that was something I had to figure out on my own, because I wanted to have a bike as soon as possible. There are many bikeshops in the city which sell good and affordable bikes. Making contacts with other students was very easy, since there were many possibilities during the introduction weeks, also living in a studenthouse made it easy to get in contacts with new people. The service for exchange students was in total very good!

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?

local supermarkets (locofood), also there is a big foodmarket in Möllevängen

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?

Most of my money was spend for travelling around the country and neighbor countries (Oslo, Finland). Unfortunately we didn't have a semester ticket, thats why it is very useful to have your own bike. The University didn't have a real mensa, but alot of microvaves in every building, thats why (also to save money) I would suggest to bring your own food from home. The library is a very pretty and comfortable building with nice staff. Computers were provided, also wifi is avaible in every building. I never used it but it is always possible to rent a room for group works. The sport programm was the only thing I missed very much because I was used to Frankfurt, however ther is some (like Volleyball, Football) which is organised privately but they are always open for new members. I played Volleyball and I enjoyed very much, it was a perfect addition to my off-campus life.

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?

I was not satisfied at all with my course at the Uni. It was not that it had a higher standard I would even say it was less, still it was very hard to get high marks. The whole course was very unorganised and confusing. Information from the responsible Professors was not usefull at all. In general the communication between them and the students was very complicated, direct and good answers were not given. Still I learned even more to manage my own way, and be more independent. Also because it was only a programm for exchange students, I always could count on my classmates for help if I needed it.

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?

Beeing more independet. My english skills

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?

I would not suggest to do my course "social work in a local and global context". Apart from my course I had an amazing time in Sweden. I learned to many things about different cultures, which I enjoyed very much, also my english skills improved.

Additional page:

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

I met so many incredible and intersting people. Also through my bad experience with my course, I learned how important groupe work is and that you know how to organise yourself.

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