

## Master data

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Program: <b>Erasmus (SMS)</b>	Study field: <b>Urban Agglomerations</b>
Home institution: <b>FRANKFU04</b>	Host institution: <b>NEWCAST02</b>
Academic year: <b>2016/2017</b>	Stay from: <b>12.09.2016</b>
Stay until: <b>09.12.2016</b>	Email: [REDACTED]

## Services rendered by the Frankfurt University

<p>a) Service of the International Office</p> <p>b) Service of the Department (Fachbereich)</p> <p>c) Please comment: What was good? How can the International Office / the Department improve their services in regard to the exchange programme?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sehr zufrieden   <input type="checkbox"/> zufrieden   <input type="checkbox"/> unzufrieden   <input type="checkbox"/> sehr unzufrieden</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sehr zufrieden   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> zufrieden   <input type="checkbox"/> unzufrieden   <input type="checkbox"/> sehr unzufrieden</p> <p><b>Help with accommodation will be appreciated specially in expensive cities like Newcastle.</b></p>
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## Personal and linguistic preparation

<p>a) How well were you prepared linguistically for your exchange stay?</p> <p>b) What was your language level in the working language?</p> <p>c) Did you take any preparatory language classes?</p> <p>d) Did the partner university provide language classes?</p> <p>e) How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> sehr gut   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gut   <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht   <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht</p> <p><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</p> <p><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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ja während des Semesters   <input type="checkbox"/> Ja einen Intensivkurs   <input type="checkbox"/> Ja beide Arten   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sehr gut   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gut   <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht   <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht</p> <p><b>Being english the language of the receiving institution made it easy for me to follow the lectures even though I didn't take language classes.</b></p>
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## 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)?

520.00

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)?

The accommodation was located on campus. It took me 5 minutes to arrive to my classroom.

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

[www.northumbria.ac.uk](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk)

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.)?

Claude Gibb Hall, located on campus, just next to the city center. The surroundings were very good as Newcastle has a relatively small walkable city center.

## 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?

One week before the classes begin.

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?

The introduction week was enough to all the required duties before the beginning of the classes. The University did a superb job integrating international students and the same applies to local students, being very eager to integrate foreign students.

## 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?

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?

**Buying food in the campus is always cheaper than in the city but the quality of the food is bad. Eating healthy and tasty in Newcastle implies spending at least 15 pounds per meal which was completely unaffordable for me.**

**Additional expenses will cover all leisure activities, sport, good food, clothes, anything apart from accommodation and the food provided. There was not a semester ticket provided. Student life off-campus can be really good if you have the money, there's plenty of places and activities but for a price of course. In campus the food was not the best (to not call it bad), at an average of 5-7 pounds/meal. The library was for free and it was simply amazing, the collection of media was endless, more than enough space to study, very modern computers, fast internet and plenty of study rooms. I didn't have the urge to rent a separate room for studying. There was countless sports programs but all of them require a yearly fee to be paid, so it was inconvenient for students staying just for one semester.**

## 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 teaching is driven in a very practical way were lecturers and students are at a same level. Lecturers take into account exchange students in order to be sure that all the content was fully understood.**

## 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?

**Improve my english and open my interest to a whole new universe of knowledge that I wasn't aware of during the semesters in Frankfurt.**

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 students should be aware of the content of the program. Overall I give it a 8/10 because it was not long enough and I didn't have money enough. I definitely improved my english and gain knowledge on the topics featured in the program.**

## Additional page:

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

**British society is so particular in their way of being, something that I always wanted to experience. And happened just before Article 50 was triggered, so probably it was my last chance to do it.**

## Upload Pictures

A picture is worth a thousand words: Here you have the opportunity to upload up to 5 photos (jpeg). You must have taken the photos yourself and agree that the International Office uses them for advertising purposes (on the website, in brochures, flyers, by name of photographer).

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