

Personal Report

Poznan University of Technology, Winter Term 2018/19, 1 Semester Urban Agglomerations, Fachbereich 1, Frankfurt

Language

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

The course was taught in English. The host university provided intensive Polish language courses. I communicated with my fellow students in English.

Accommodation

Did the host university arrange for accommodation?

Yes, in a dormitory

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

90€

How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?

Good.

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

The dormitory was situated very near to the main campus and the library. But the faculty of architecture was located 4 kilometer away from the dorm which took around 25 minutes to reach by public transport.

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

www.erasmusu.com

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.?)

I had been accommodated in DS 6 student dormitory of Poznan University of Technology. The location was suitable for students to reach most of the faculties and the library by foot. There were lots of supermarkets and small shops very near to the dorm. The city center was a bit far but it could be reached with the help of public transport within 30 mins.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

The best arrival time is on a weekday between 7am and 3pm.

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?

I arrived to Poznan via Flix bus. The orientation program was sufficient to understand the ways of the university. I had to find the information about currency exchange and bank account on my own. I was able to get in touch with the domestic students on the first day of my arrival who shared my same dormitory. The services for exchange students were satisfactory.

Living Abroad

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

Lower it cost less than 50%

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 Mensa's/ 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?

The seasonal public transport ticket was an additional cost which is only a onetime payment. I was able to travel throughout the city center of Poznan including the university campus. The student life off-campus was very lively owing to a strong orientation program organized by the university.

Student cafeteria- was affordable with quality and variety. Type of meals served: veg and nonveg. Cost of the meals: 12 zloty. Cost library: NA. Computer workplace: was provided in the library. Wi-Fi on-campus: eduroam and PUT. Study rooms: yes. Renting of separate rooms for studying: no. Sports program: No sports program

Studying at the Host University

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

A little bit 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? 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 method was good. The classes were more flexible .The architectural design subjects were more practical oriented. There was variety of student integration activities every month. The students had to approach each professor for their grades and then submit it to the coordinator.

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?

Students should learn time management skill due to the number of subjects to be handled within limited time period.