

## **Personal Report**

### **Cracow University of Technology, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB1 – Urban Agglomerations - Bachelor**

#### **Language**

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

English. Did not learn any other language. Used English to communicate with fellow students

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

I could very well follow the classes. 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?**

Yes, they provided dormitories and the quality was very bad.

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

86€

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

20 min One campus was 11 min walking from the dorm.

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

SRH B-1, Address - Bydgoska 19A, 30-056 Kraków 20 min away from old town Kraków. Easy tram connectivity. Many shopping options nearby.

## **Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation**

**Which is the best arrival time?**

Summer semester.

**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?**

Orientation was brief. We got informative emails from the admin. Help was given immediately when asked for. It was easy to connect with Erasmus students but not the domestic/ local students.

## **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 way less than the costs in Frankfurt. I can recommend the Lidl and Biedronka they are cheaper than Zabka. Vintage stores are everywhere in Kraków.

**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?**

Did not know if there is WiFi on campus, or where the library is or where the computers were available. No sports program as far as I know Additional expense - Applying for residence permit.

## **Studying at the Host University**

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

Way less 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?**

The studies were not exhaustive. There were simpler tasks and assignments. Could have passed without attending as well. The partner uni handled difficulties that I faced with other students very well.

## **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?**

Future students should connect with the ESN student network. They organize a lot of fun activities and parties. Overall experience was good barring the accommodation standard, which was simply unacceptable. I've gained analytical skills. My exchange semester will remain unforgettable because of good exposure to international crowd and living in a wonderful city like Kraków.