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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sehr zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> zufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> unzufrieden <input type="checkbox"/> sehr unzufrieden</p> <p>The service of the International Office in Frankfurt prepared us very good for our exchange.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input 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 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</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht</p> <p>Due to the fact, that I was in classes with only Erasmus students, I communicated only in english. I attended a portuguese language course in Frankfurt (in my 2nd semester), as well as in Porto (portuguese language and culture). So I improved my english and learned the basics of portuguese.</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)? **333**

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 apartment was well located. I lived near the metro station Marques. To get to the university (ISCAP) it took me around 35 minutes by foot. To the city center only 15 min by foot.

e) Which web sites, forums, facebookpages, contacts, etc. can you recommend for looking for accommodation?
I can recommend looking for accomodations on the website "AirBnB" and then create a normal renting contract outside of "AirBnB". Furthermore there are many websites, like "Erasmusu" where you can search for cheap student accomodations.

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 accommodated in a normal apartment near the city center. The adress is rua antero de quental 642 in Porto. Nearby were lots of bakeries, supermarkets, hairdressers etc. Everything that is needed for everyday life was really close. For more special purchases you had to go to the city center, which was only a few minutes away by foot.

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 probably approximately 1 week before the semester starts. Judging from my experience, it was good to get to know your surroundings first and then concentrate on university.

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 got there about 10 days before the begin of the semester. I got a "buddy" who offered to pick me up from the airport etc. This was very nice. That was also my first and unfortunately almost only contact with portuguese students. The orientation days were nice and I found out a lot of important information for living/studying in Porto. The overall organisation was a little bit chaotic, but that wasn't a big problem. ISCAP has a huge International office with really nice people working there. If one had questions, the International Office was there for us.

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?

There are a few "Lidl's" in the city of Porto. I can really recommend going there. First of all it is cheaper compared to the local stores such as "Continente" and second, the foodstuff you get there is really similar to the supermarkets in Germany.

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?

The overall living costs were very similar to the costs in Germany. Rent as well as foodstuff. Due to the exact allegation of the zones I need, I only had to pay the required zones I needed to get to the university and the city center. There are so many outside activities, like surfing, which you can do with you new international friends. The mensas/cafeterias were very cheap (e. g. 40 cents for a small coffee) but not very healthy. The most offers were fried stuff and food with white bread. I didn't go to the library once, so I can not say anything how the library is equipped etc. The use is free. WiFi was available, but I had a few problems with that. It didn't reach all the corners of the university and I got "kicked out" a lot of times. I only studied at home, so I didn't pay attention to workplaces at the university. Unfortunately, sports courses were not provided by the university (they don't have a sportshall).

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?

In contrast to the german system you can choose between continous and final assessment. So you have the choice between a few smaller exams during the semester and a big final exam at the end. Due to the fact that I was in classes with only Erasmus students the teachers take into account that we are different people with different backgrounds and different language levels. This was very nice.

