

## Personal Report

### Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB3 – International Business Administration – Bachelor

#### Language

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

I primarily used English to communicate, but I also picked up some Dutch..

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

Well. I did not learn any other language (Danish), because there was no course. Communication in English.

#### Accommodation

**Did the host university arrange for accommodation? How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?**

Yes, but not everybody gets a room.

It was okay.

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

500€

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

My accommodation (privately organized) was pretty far away. I would say about 10-12 kilometers.

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

Ssh or housinganywhere

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

I was accommodated in an apartment of family friends.

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

### **Which is the best arrival time?**

I would arrive 2-3 weeks before the uni starts in order to acclimate and get to know the new surroundings.

### **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?**

I did not really organize anything, just had my accommodation before my arrival. It was very easy to find new people and to get into contact with them. Everyone is very open-minded and young in Rotterdam.

## **Living Abroad**

### **Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad? What additional expenses did you have during your semester abroad?**

Higher Living cost, around 150%. Lidl and Aldi are recommendable. Albert Heijn with the Albert Heijn App, they have very good offers on that app and every Dutchie has that app. Additional expenses are going out and trips, e.g. to Belgium or in The Netherlands. The meals in the uni are not that good and on the expensive side so either bring something or go to a local store.

### **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?**

Unfortunately, we had no free public transport.

## **Studying at the Host University**

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

A bit easier.

### **Did you experience any difference in teaching methods/ class structure? Which were the difference regarding your expectations and your experiences at the partner university?**

Teaching methods are a lot different. The teachers/professors are on a personal level with their students and not that formal, which is pleasant. We had a lot of projects and group work instead of classical exams.

## **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?**

You should definitely watch out where you book your accommodation. There are a lot of scams, especially in Rotterdam. Be cautious with Facebook groups in specific, rather look on housing anywhere or via Instagram. If you are lucky, you might get a student housing. The best places to live in are Kralingen, Center and Delfshaven.

I personally learned to work better in a team and made so many priceless memories and I got to know such nice people from all around the world.