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c) Please comment: What was good? How can the International Office / the Department improve their services in regard to the exchange programme?	All the mails I wrote with questions were answered very fast. So please just continue like that

Personal and linguistic preparation

a) How well were you prepared linguistically for your exchange stay?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht
b) What was your language level in the working language?	<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
c) Did you take any preparatory language classes?	<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
d) Did the partner university provide language classes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ja während des Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Ja einen Intensivkurs <input type="checkbox"/> Ja beide Arten <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
e) How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sehr gut <input type="checkbox"/> gut <input type="checkbox"/> schlecht <input type="checkbox"/> sehr schlecht
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?	I studied in english and improved my italian and spanish because of my housing circumstances. With my fellow students I talked in italian german and english

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)?

420,00

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)?

It was situated perfect in the centre and it only took 5 minutes per bike to get everywhere

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

I just used the University of Saxion

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.)?

>Everything was perfect and the street I lived in was Snuifstraat in Enschede ZL

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?

1-2 weeks before to see the city and meet other students

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?

Everything went pretty fast because I lived together with 30 fellow 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?

LIDL and ALDI

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?

I travelled a lot to toher cities but those were tthe only additional expenses I had. The cafeteria was not so good because dutch food is not so good. Everything else in the university was perfect! It had room to study for everyone good seat opprtunities and Computer for everyone.

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?

It was WAY more practical and organized a little bit better than in Frankfurt. For the rest we were treated like normal students

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?

A lot of social skills and experiencing a lot of different cultures

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?

Just go there and experience it. I just did it and do not regret it! Academically it was really interesting to experience a different method of teaching and to hear what other methods all over europe exist.

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

of all the moments I experienced and all the people i was able to meet during my stay abroad.

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