

Personal Report

Malmö University, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester

FB 1 – Urban Agglomerations - Bachelor

Language

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

The main language during the module was English, which helped me a lot as i had no problems attending the lectures and gaining the knowledge. All other students spoke also English which made it easy to communicate during group assignments. **How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution? Did the partner university provide language classes?**

I could follow the classes well. The university provided language courses during the semester.

Accommodation

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

Yes, they provided dormitories. The quality of my accommodation was good.

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

600€

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

The accommodation was pretty close to the university and the city center. For me it was around 10 minutes by bike, in addition to the accessibility to all means of transport.

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

boplatssyd.se

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

i found a private room in an apartment around Eriksfält. It was a very nice surrounding with a lot of green spaces. Distance to the city center was very efficient. In terms of night life, there was not much going on due to corona situation.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

most important to apply for accommodation at least 4 month before the semester beginning, as it takes sometimes a long time to get a reply. I would suggest arriving 2 weeks earlier to arrange everything related to accommodation besides getting to know the city.

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?

My friend who I know from the university in Frankfurt arrived before me in Sweden. This was great because he could show me around the city and answer all the questions I had. Therefore I got into contact with other students fast. The Information i received beforehand was sufficient and I felt confident going into this experience. I feel like all the important questions that need to be answered beforehand were answered to a good extend.

Living Abroad

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

The costs were similar to Frankfurt. ICA and Lidl were the supermarkets i mostly used, as they offer good prices

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?

The expenses in general were almost similar as how it was for me in Frankfurt. Due to Covid, the university experience was mostly online, which made the studying life mostly at home. Unfortunately, i didn't experience much facilities from the university due to Corona, and yet it was an interesting experience to explore another city . In terms of social contact, it was quite limited to meeting with small groups only. The library was very good in terms of accessibility to information.

Studying at the Host University

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

Similar to Frankfurt.

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 teaching staff was extremely friendly especially welcoming the exchange students. The interaction between the lecturers and students was very interactive with providing a lot of exercises every session that improves critical thinking overall. We also had online seminars where students led the whole seminars and gave the opportunity for fruitful discussion.

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?

I was able to develop social skills and exploring skills, as travelling to another country and exploring new cities is now much easier than it was before. Additionally, my communication skills have improved significantly. Eventually, i hope that the future hides a better circumstances regarding Corona. An advice i would give to use everyday while staying abroad to try new things and visit new places, without forgetting to capture a lot of memories with pictures, with certainly giving enough time for the academic aspect. My semester abroad will remain unforgettable because I managed to use the best of it, even during Covid.