

Personal Report

Cadiz, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB2 – Mechanical Engineering - Bachelor

Language

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

Hauptsächlich Spanisch. Gelegentlich Englisch oder Deutsch.

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

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Accommodation

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

Nein, die Möglichkeit bestand nicht. Die Qualität der Unterkunft war sehr gut.

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

320€

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

30 minutes

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

Idealista

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

In the old town of Cadiz. Everything very close. But I enjoyed having a bike as well.

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

End of August/ Start of September

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?

Great network through the organizations ESN and Yeah-Cadiz.

Living Abroad

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

Im Vergleich zu Frankfurt geringer, weniger als 50%.

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?

Eating in the city is cheaper, especially breakfast. I can recommend studying in the universities or libraries. No semester ticket.

Studying at the Host University

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

Ähnlich wie in 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?

Differences in teaching methods: More teachers for one subject, Many tests/exams during the course which form part of the final grade, More use of programs. I didn't liked the campus of the ESI, the building is quite new but boring and the cafeteria had no vegan options.

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?

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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 gained Spanish skills, problem solving skills. Working in teams and projects. I really recommend interacting with foreign people, through the accommodation, classes, hobbies etc. I was able to make friends in Spain and feel at home after staying there some months.