

## Personal Report

**Istanbul Aydin University, Wintersemester 2018/19, 1 Semester  
International Business Administration, Fachbereich 3, Frankfurt**

### Language

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

We used English and communicated in English, German and Turkish.

### Accommodation

**Did the host university arrange for accommodation?**

No.

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

100€

**How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?**

Very good.

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

My accommodation was close to university, I walked 15 minutes to university.

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

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**Where have you been accommodated (name of dormitory, location, part of town, etc.)? And how would you describe the surroundings of your accommodation (shopping facilities, distance to the city center, nightlife, etc.?)**

My accommodation was in besyol in Istanbul. It was 30 minutes away from the center. The surrounding was perfect I had everything.

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

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

One week before orientation week starts

### **How did you organize your arrival? Was the extent of the orientation program sufficient? What activities can you recommend? 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 arrived 10 days before the orientation week to arrange my accommodation and I found one. The orientation week was very sufficient we got all information and they showed us the city every day. We had mentor who helped us for and most of the time I hanged out with Erasmus students but the local students also helped us.

## **Living Abroad**

### **Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad?**

Lower, it cost about 75%.

### **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?**

First of all, I met amazing people and everyone was very open minded. I enjoyed my time in Istanbul very much. The Semester ticket was valid in Istanbul and compared to German prices, it was very cheap. The campus was beautiful; there are a lot of cafes, restaurants and cafeterias. The Mensa food was pretty good and cheap, the first 2 months we ate in the Mensa every day. The meal includes soup, main dish and salad or dessert for 15 tl. The university had a library and it is open for 24 h during exam weeks. We also had computer pools and Wi-Fi on campus.

## **Studying at the Host University**

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

A little 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? 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?**

The system was completely different. We had quizzes, mid-term and final-exams. The good thing was that they also offer make up exams.

Some of the modules were difficult and others were easy.

## **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?**

Please avoid rent a dorm room, they want more money than they should get. The best thing is to share a flat, you can meet new people and it is really cheap.