

Personal Report

Istanbul Technical University, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB1 – Urban Agglomerations - Bachelor

Language

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

I used English language to communicate with everyone.

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

I couldn't follow the classes. The university did not provide language classes during the semester.

Accommodation

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

No, they did not provide dormitories. The quality of my apartment was good.

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

2000€

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

The accommodation was far from my campus and it was located 60 minutes away

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

I found a student from same department on Facebook. I can recommend Erasmusu website

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

Sarriyer, Istanbul, it is a conservative society located away from the city

Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

Which is the best arrival time?

at least two week earlier than the semester starts.

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 arrived from airport to my home by myself taking a taxi, and met new students after registering for cours.

Living Abroad

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

It was similar to the costs in Frankfurt. I can recommend the supermarkets Kim and Bim and Sock.

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?

There we no as such additional expenses but the crashing of economy in Turkey increased the cost of daily expenses and rent, I couldn't, go out of the city with semester ticket, it had a cost prepaid card. Physical presence courses were arranged online

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?

There was a big difference in teaching method, some classes were made online without ongoing risk which needed to be in presence. Some professors taught in their native language. At the beginning of semester some professor asked us to leave the courses and apply to other courses held in English as they don't wanted to speak English, as a result we got very difficult courses unwillingly. I heard good things about this from my seniors and now honestly speaking the experience is not good.

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?

Overall I'm discontent with my semester abroad. I would ask future exchange students to be quick with the procedures, be in touch with other incoming students ultimately they help you. I would rate 5/10 in my experience, somewhat this semester has benefited me in my career but a big no. Even when facing too many issues and communication gaps, there were people willing to help me out.