

## Personal Report

### University of Hull, Wintersemester 2018/19, 1 Semester Social Work, Fachbereich 4, Frankfurt

#### Language

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

I communicated in English.

#### Accommodation

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

Yes, in a dormitory.

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

315€

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

Good.

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

It was very well situated. Bus station nearby, 7 min by bus to university, 7 min to city center.

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

StuRents, accommodation website of the university

**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.?)**

It was not an accommodation offered by the uni, but a private one. The house was up Beverley road, HU5. Shops like Aldi, Lidl and Sainsbury's for grocery shopping nearby. Also a park, cafés, restaurants, pubs and clubs in walking distance. City center by bus in seven minutes.

## Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation

### Which is the best arrival time?

The weekend before the welcome week.

### 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 booked a flight from Frankfurt to Manchester, cause in Manchester guys from the university pick you up at one certain day and you get a free bus ride to Hull. There is a lot of stuff from the uni that is really helpful. I had already booked my accommodation and walked there after they dropped us off at the uni in Hull. In advance and again and again during your mobility you get heaps of information's via email, Facebook... there was even an app especially for the welcome week where you could look up all the events and so on... You get easier in contact with internationals. Join one (or more) of the societies to get to know domestics. You have to put an afford.

## 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?

The cafeterias were nice, lots of different food of different prices. The library is well equipped and free to use, it offers Pc's and study rooms. Free Wi-Fi in the uni. The uni has a huge sports program, which is not free, but affordable.

## 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? 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?**

I had small classes where teachers and students meet each other at eye level, students called teachers by their forenames which I found really good. The whole 'Study abroad Team' around Jay Finchman really takes care of you. I think the teachers took into account that English is not my mother tongue, when it came to presentations and essays.

## **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 in Hull just for three months- way to short! Would go for two semesters next time. Be brave enough not to only stick with Germans. Out of your comfort zone! Get a bike;)