

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT ZUM AUSLANDSSTUDIUM

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1. LAND UND LANDESTYPISCHES

Beschreiben Sie bitte die Region, in der Sie ERASMUS-Studierende/r sind, welche Eigenheiten bringt das Leben in ihr mit sich und welche Informationen sollte man schon vor der Abreise sammeln?

I spent my semester abroad in Lund in southern Sweden (Skåne). The Swedish lifestyle is quite similar to the German one so exchange students from Berlin are not likely to encounter any radical cultural shocks. The culture embraces strong family bonds and close circles of friends, which however results in Swedes being a bit hard to approach from the position of an outsider. The lifestyle in Skåne is slow, with an emphasis on outdoor activities, fikas and a healthy way of living. Lund has a specific atmosphere of a student town, with many student clubs and festivities being offered on regular basis. Altogether, I learned a lot about Sweden social- and culturalwise, which also had an impact on my everyday Swedish vocabulary.

2. FACHLICHE BETREUUNG

Wie werden Sie als ERASMUS-Student an der ausländischen Hochschule integriert, gibt es Incoming-Programme? Wie gestaltet sich Ihr Learning Agreement in Bezug auf ECTS, theoretische und praktische Kursauswahl sowie Prüfungen? Wie lange waren Sie an der Gasthochschule, in welchem Studiengang/ Semester?

The Incoming-Programms are organized in an excellent and systematic way. I felt welcomed and thoroughly informed. There was no problem with integration at the uni whatsoever, even though I was the only exchange student in my course. I picked the class on children's Literature and have not experienced any complications regarding the ECTS points so far. My professors were very helpful, I was even allowed to write my exams in English. I spent one semester in Lund, which simultaneously counted as my fifth semester in Berlin.

3. SPRACHKOMPETENZ

Nutzten Sie das Angebot an (vorbereitenden) Sprachkursen? In welcher Sprache findet Ihr Auslandsstudium statt? Können Sie eine deutliche Verbesserung Ihrer Sprachkompetenz infolge des Auslandsaufenthaltes verzeichnen?

My class took place in Swedish, so I opted for the preparational course before the semester began. Unfortunately, the course didn't turn out to be useful at all and I was worried about my upcoming class. Luckily enough, I was able to follow about 70% of the lessons and my comprehension was gradually improving. Also my classmates helped me to translate difficult vocabulary etc. Overall, my Swedish, especially my comprehension and vocabulary, got significantly better.

4. WEITEREMPFEHLUNG

Empfehlen Sie die von Ihnen besuchte Hochschule und spezielle Lehrveranstaltungen im Ausland weiter? Stellen Sie uns bitte Ihre Motive für oder gegen eine Weiterempfehlung dar.

I'd definitely recommend Lund University. The quality of the classes is very high, the institution is extremely well organized and welcoming. Lund itself is brimming over with student life and people from all over the world. All in all, my ERASMUS stay exceeded my expectations by far.

5. VERPFLEGUNG AN DER HOCHSCHULE

Mit welchem finanziellen Etat sollte man kalkulieren? Nutzen Sie das Angebot der Mensa oder Cafeteria? Wie bewerten Sie dabei das Preis-Leistungsverhältnis?

Unfortunately, there is no mensa at the campus, many food places however offer good lunch deals and student discounts. Dining out is still an expensive option though. It's still possible to survive on a lower budget, it just requires to plan a bit ahead, shop at cheaper supermarket chains (Netto, not in Coop) and take advantage of the student benefits. The financial calculations are very specific, but the price/quality proportion is generally very good.

6. ÖFFENTLICHE VERKEHRSMITTEL

Nutzten Sie die öffentlichen Verkehrsmittel? Welche Kosten kamen auf Sie zu? Lohnt sich der Kauf bzw. die Mitnahme eines Fahrrades?

Having a bicycle in Lund is a must. It doesn't pay off to spend too much money on it (more than cca 1000 SEK), as bikes get frequently stolen. I was commuting on a daily basis between Lund and a small village - therefore, I bought a monthly ticket for the area. Because it covered the whole town as well, it was a good value for the price, especially with the student discount taken into account.

7. WOHNEN

Wie haben Sie eine Wohnung/ Appartement/ Wohngemeinschaft gefunden? Wie ist das Preis-Leistungsverhältnis auf dem Wohnungsmarkt vor Ort?

I found my accomodation on one of the real estate websites through an add. Surprisingly, it went very smoothly and I got a nice furnished room in a beautiful private house. In the meantime, I was however still on the waiting list for the student housing, and the institution got back to me in late July (the winter semester starts in August). I heard many stories from people who were still homeless a few days into the semester, so I'd definitely recommend to start looking early.

8. KULTUR UND FREIZEIT

Welche kulturellen Freizeitangebote bietet die Stadt/ Region, welche nahmen Sie wahr? Wie sind die Preise für Museen, Galerien, Sportangebote, Barszene, Kulinarisches?

There are several student nations in Lund and each of them has a specific cultural offer. Multiple events take place almost every day, with food- and beverage offers for extremely good prices.

9. AUSLANDSFINANZIERUNG

Wie hoch waren Ihre monatlichen Kosten durchschnittlich?

around 800 Euro but varied each month