

Travel Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

What was your semester abroad like?

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contact former outgoings. Are we allowed to pass on your
contact details in case of inquiries? Yes

Academic year 2024/2025

Start semester Herbst/Fall 2024/25

Duration in semesters 1

Study program at EUF B.A. European Cultures and Society

Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Host country Italy

Host university Università degli Studi di Milano

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should
be organized in advance?

I started learning Italian on apps, just to have an idea of the language, I also
starting to look for place to stay at, and what possibilities are there to travel and
visit as many places as possible.

Do you have any recommendations for environmentally
friendly travel (if applicable)?

The train system in Italy is very good, and cheap, I can recommend using them.

Where did you live and how did you find your
accommodation (self-organized/provided by host
university, dormitory/private etc.)?

I found my dorm room through the Host University, and i lived in a shared dorm
room throughout all semester there.

Did you participate in events for exchange students? How
did you establish social contacts in other ways?

Yes, I practiced in events hosted especially by the dorm, cookouts, and bar
visits, as well as cinema visits, and such. As we were all international students, it
was easy to connect.

How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?	The university itself was okay, and many lecturers were very understanding of Erasmus students. There was one particular class that ended up being a mess in all sense: it was not clear what the lecturer actually wanted from us, messy workload and requirements, not clear instructions for the exam, and there was no willingness shown by the lecturer to hear us out. But other than this class, the other staff members of the University were nice, and willing to help.
Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?	Yes, I am taking an Italian language course hosted by the university still, as well as having self study sessions. I tried to speak Italian in basic setting (grocery stores etc) the moment I landed.
What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?	Since i lived in a shared dorm, with another exchange student, I learned how to live together in a shared space with someone from a culture, completely different than mine. I also learned to understand the language/cultural differences within one country.
Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?	Before I went to Italy i had this image of my head that italian people are extremely friendly, as i had this experience with some italian people before. But in every day life, italian people, especially in Milan tend to be very individualistic.
How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?	It was all amazing, except the occasional, not announced strikes if public transports on fridays, that made my life in Milan a bit harder. The prices of groceries were also much more expensive than expected, that made budgeting a little harder.
Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?	At the University they have a free water automats in every building, so one does not have to buy and take plastic bottled waters to classes. Use the public transport, but pay attention to announcements, as they work really well in Milan, and buses, metros, trams, go to almost every single corner of the city.
How did you manage financially? How much did you spend on visa (if applicable), travel, accommodation (per month), living expenses, leisure activities, other expenses (books etc.)?	It was very hard to be on a budget. A student travel card was 22€/m, and I spent on groceries every month around 250€, and my dorm was 300€/m, which i found very expensive considering I only paid for one bed, technically.
What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?	Best was the travelling around italy, visiting beautiful, out of this World places, with a relatively cheap fare. The worst was how much they made me feel as an outsider, especially a few teachers, not making the integration easy.
Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?	The country itself was amazing, and i loved every second that i spent outdoors. But the lecturers, some students, made it very hard for me to feel comfortably at home in Milan and the uni. I definitely recommend if someone is very flexible with this, and loves to eat amazing foods, see beautiful places.

PHOTOS

In this section, you may upload some photos that represent your stay abroad. When selecting the photos, please bear in mind that the pictures will be visible online if you have given us the permission to publish your report.

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These photos explain my experience in italy well, amazing food, some amazing teachers, beautiful places i visited, and the train ticket i held so often travelling around italy.





















