

## Field report semester abroad

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<b>Study programme at the EUF</b>
BA European Cultures and Society
<b>Combination of subjects (for Educational Students)</b>
<b>Country</b>
Poland
<b>Partner university</b>
University of Lodz
<b>Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2016/17)</b>
Spring Semester 2019
<b>Duration of the semester abroad (lectures and examinations)</b>
4 months
<b>Preparation</b>
<p>After our Erasmus office has postulated our participation and we have been accepted, we have some weeks to contact the University of Lodz and register directly via their website. They will send you an email when their system is available for you. There we can select the courses we are interested in. Their catalogue is really comprehensible, so there is not problem to find a course you might be interested in. They have subjects from many faculties, the only thing that you must be aware of is that they will not let you register more than 40 credits at first. Yet, If you take the intensive language course and make it a semester subject afterwards, they will give you 4 additional credits. Doing the language course also gives you the chance to register earlier and, therefore, have your Erasmus grant before the semester begins. All the faculties and the international office are very easy to accessed. The international office also gives you the chance to get an Erasmus tutor is you need help to get around. You will get all this information by Email, so do not worry.</p>

**Studies at the partner university (e.g. period of lectures, language of instruction, courses offered, type of examination)**

Apparently, for my year, the University of Lodz decided to demand more from Erasmus students because they will get most 6 credits for each subject whereas regular students will only get 4. Thus, most courses will require mandatory assistance, meaningful participation in class, in-class activities and homework, a presentation and a final exam. This gives the feeling of being busy all the time, but in normal conditions you will only have to take 30 credits and you will most probably then have only 2 or 3 days of lessons.

The level of English of the professors I had was satisfactory. If I were to give them a grade using their grading scale, I would give them an "E" overall. This can be good or bad depending on your English as well. If your English is good, you might excel in most subjects. If your English is not so good, you can still get good grades because the professors do not really pay attention to your language proficiency.

**EVALUATIONS SPRING/SUMMER 2019**

<b>Presentations</b>		<b>Date</b>
Statistics	Health and Weight in the EU	28.06.19
HRM	Gender pay gap in post-communist countries and Spain	26.03.19
Economy	Transition from national currency to Euro and its consequences	28.03.19
<b>Written Exams</b>		
Poland – History, Culture and Societies		06.06.19
Statistics		05.06.19
HRM		04.06.19
Economy of European Integration II		11.04.19
Polish Language		15.05.19
<b>Oral Exam</b>		
Philosophy of Religion		16.05.19
<b>Essays/Research papers</b>		
Qualitative Research Methods		28.05.19

HOMEWORK				
Subject	N°	Topic	Description	Date
HRM	1.	<a href="#">Knowledge Worker</a>	Write a one-page explanation of what “knowledge worker” means to management.	12.03.19
	1.1	<a href="#">Good old George and Barriers to Employment</a>	Read and prepare to discuss	
	2.	<a href="#">Knowing yourself</a>	Answer the questionnaire that the professor will send via email.	19.03.19
	3.	<a href="#">Jack’s problem</a>	Read the case study and prepare to discuss	26.03.19
	4.	Career challenges And Martha’s case	Read the case study and prepare to discuss	02.04.19
Statistics	1.	<a href="#">Exercises Average, Median, Mean, Percentiles and Quartiles, Stem-and-leaf Displays, Box plots</a>	Redo the exercises from the exercise sheet Tutorial 2, but this time in a clean sheet of paper.	12.03.19
	2.	<a href="#">Standard deviation, coefficient of variation, max, min, range, IQR, IQD</a>	Exercise Tutorial 3	19.03.19

	3.	<a href="#">All calculations</a>	to calculate mentioned parametrs to group 3 - "5"	07.05.19
	4.	<a href="#">Chi square</a>	To calculate the chi square value for the female population	26.05.19
Philosophy of Religion	1.	Chapter 1	Read Chapter 1 from "introducing philosophy of religion" by Chad Meister, and answer the questions at the end of chapter.	21.03.19 Moved to 11.04.19
	2.	Chapter 2	Read Chapter 2 from "introducing philosophy of religion" by Chad Meister, and answer the questions at the end of chapter.	09.05.19
	3.	Chapter 7	Read Chapter f7 from "introducing philosophy of religion" by Chad Meister, and answer the questions at the end of chapter.	16.05.19
Business Ethics	1.	<a href="#">Research exercise</a>	Do a "Research Exercise." Write short answers for every question and email them before the next meeting.	14.03.19
	1.1	<a href="#">Questions for participation in class</a>		
	2.	<a href="#">Unethical behavior in the business world</a>	Choose one point form the list of possible unethical behavior and social problems linked to companies' activity mentioned in the film and find an example	20.03.19

			from practice of such behavior or problem. Write ONE page.	
	3.	Ethical theory (introduction)	Do a "Research Exercise." Write short answers for every question and email them before the next meeting.	2.04.19
	4	<a href="#">virtue ethics, feminist ethics, discourse ethics and postmodern ethics</a>	write short descriptions about every of these theories (about half page each)	19.04.19
	5.	Major Ethical Theories Useful in Resolving Ethical Dilemmas	study questions to that text	19.04.19
Research	1.	Outline to research	Describe whether it will be deductive or inductive	19.03.19
	2.	Observations	Focus on one activity and take notes from how people are doing so in the shopping mall	21.05.19

### Life in the host country (e.g. living, shopping, leisure, costs)

Poland is very cheap. The university of Lodz offers accommodations that can adapt to the Erasmus grant – around 120 euros a month. There is also Basecamp if you want to have a more sophisticated experience with your accommodation, and yet be able to afford it – around 300 – 400 euros a month depending on the type of room you select.

Drinks and food are very affordable if you are coming from the Euro zone under stable circumstances - Lots of students party every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Clothes are also very cheap. Travelling around the country, or from here to other countries, is really cheap for those who can afford it.

If you are coming with a very tight budget, I can tell you that you can make it with 50 – 100 pln (15 – 25 euros) a week – that only for food from supermarket and transport. The city counts with free bikes that you can use for up to one hour.

## Practical tips/conclusion

- Always remember to validate your tickets in the public transport.
- Do not worried too much about cash, most places accept cards for even the smallest purchase.
- If you want to change some money, you can do it at Kantor Czarny Kon on ul. Piotrkowska 25. They have very good rates and they are friendly.
- If you want to have a great breakfast at a very low price (3 – 5 euros), go to Manikin on 6 Sierpnia 1, 90-422 Łódź.
- Trains to Lodz from Warsaw are cheaper with PKP – Intercity is 5 npl (app. 1,30 euroy) more expensive. If you are under 26, do no worry about prices. Most things are half price for you.
- Do not be in not-so-popular streets very late at night.
- Be always aware of the people on the streets on the party days – too many people do drugs or drink too much alcohol here.

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