



Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

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Studiengang an der EUF
MA European Studies
Fächerkombination (falls BABW)
N/A
Gastland
Poland
Gasthochschule
Jagiellonian University
Semester im Ausland (z.B. WiSe 2016/17)
WiSe 2019/20
Dauer des Auslandssemesters (Vorlesungen und Prüfungen)
6 months
Vorbereitung
<p>Before going to Poland, I had to apply for a student visa because I am from a non-EU country. Obtaining this residence permit was the most challenging part for me but after this everything else went pretty smoothly. Finding accomodation was not too difficult and it is very cheap in Poland when compared to other countries. It gets very cold in Poland during the winter semester so I would bring a thick winter jacket if you decide to go study in Poland. Spring and Autumn in Poland are very beautiful with an array of trees with different colors so bring a nice camera for pictures.</p>
Studium an der Partner-Hochschule (z.B. Vorlesungszeitraum, Unterrichtssprache, Kursangebot, Prüfungsform)

The duration of most of my lectures were an hour and a half. All my classes were taught in English. Jagiellonian University is very international and offers courses in both English and Polish. The form of examinations includes essays and exams like in Germany. I also had a couple presentations during the semester. Overall, the study structure is very similar to that in Germany.

Das Leben im Gastland (z.B. Wohnen, Einkaufen, Freizeit, Kosten)

Life in Krakow is so relaxed and enjoyable. I wish I could have stayed an additional semester but I had to come back to write my master thesis. Otherwise I would have stayed for longer. Living in Poland is really cheap and it is easy to travel to other places. I was able to visit Auschwitz and the Schindler's Factory quite easily. Public transportation helps you get around the city: trams, buses, trains, etc. In Krakow you have two shopping centers close to the city center that quite modern and really popular. Despite my initial fears that Poland was a closed society, I found the opposite to be true during my time in Poland. Polish People are really nice and open to newcomers. I had no issues with discrimination or hatred during my Erasmus in Poland. I would say that Polish culture is very similar to that of the West so I never felt too far away from home.

Praktische Tipps/Fazit

Some practical tips I have are the following. Do not wait until the last minute to work on your final essays. In Poland you do not have as much time after the end of lectures to work on essays like you do in Flensburg. I would really avoid procrastinating. I would also encourage Erasmus students to visit museums especially if they go to Krakow. Krakow offers a multitude of museums and a lot of them are interactive and modern.

For example, I went to a History of Krakow Lego Museum and it was really fun. I never thought learning history could be this fun.

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