

Field report semester abroad

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Study programme at the EUF
B.A. European Cultures and Society
Combination of subjects (for Educational Students)
Interdisciplinary Study Program The Bachelor of European Cultures and Society comprises of two directions of specializations, Specialization in European Society and European Cultures.
Country
Germany
Partner university
Jagiellonian University Kraków, Poland
Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2016/17)
Fall semester 2019/20
Duration of the semester abroad (lectures and examinations)
24.09.2019 -06.02.2020
Preparation
Erasmus semester is really exciting and in my study program, it is mandatory for the students to do at least one semester abroad. I have chosen Krakow because I love the city with historical places and Krakow is one of the historical and the most ancient city in Europ with many food and cultural diversities. I had prepared all the necessary stuff for my mobility one month before I moved there.

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

Studying at Jagiellonian University Kraków is not so complicated. The university has many departments, for instance, the Institute of Political Science and International Relations, the Institute of European studies, and many more. I was assigned to the Institut of European studies and took some courses from the Institute of Political Science and International Relations. The registration for some courses for the autumn semester usually starts in the middle of September till the first week of October. Students can register for the courses on the USOS website (an online platform for courses registration, uploading the assignments, information about the registered courses, and finally their grades at the end of the semester). The lectures begin from the first of October and continue until the end of January. The evaluations for different classes and different institutions might be different. For instance, in the Institute of European studies, students have assignments and presentations during the lectures and for the final grading, some courses have written exams, presentations, as well as term papers. Nonetheless, Erasmus students can find a long list of courses which are taught in English as well as other language courses, for instance, learning the local language and other international languages.

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

Life in Krakow is amazing, the city is very internationalized and hosts tourists almost from all over the world. I can call it an academic city too because the city welcomes many international and Erasmus students every semester. Several departments and Institutes are located close or even in the city center. There are countless restaurants, bars, clubs, and other social places around Main Square where is in the city center as well as numerous historical and ancient places to visit. For instance, Salt Mine is one of the famous places in Krakow that attracts millions of tourists and students from many parts of the world each year. Generally, the cost of living is not very high in Krakow. However, it depends on the places and individual way of life. In the city center, students can find delicious food at reasonable prices, accommodations in dormitories are not so expensive, and the same for public transportation.

Practical tips/conclusion

Overall, as an Erasmus student, I have experienced an exciting Erasmus semester out there and figured out that life and study in Krakow are very comfortable and interesting. If you can speak any international languages such as English then you can hangout with international students as well as with local students. The University has a very helpful incoming Erasmus team in which they assist students and organize events for them as well as organizing a lot of amazing events in order to help students with registration for the courses during the orientation week. Never miss this important week! because orientation week gives students the opportunities to know many beautiful things about the city,

university, exams, amazing people, and other fellow Erasmus students as well as students can find information about the long lists of interesting English-taught courses at Jagiellonian University.

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Krakow Main Square, where thousands of tourists and students visit it daily and many amazing people feed the lovely pigeons here.