Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester Report on the Semester Abroad

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Studiengang an der EUF Study program at EUF
European Cultures and Society
Fächerkombination (falls BABW)
Gastland Guest Country
Portugal
Gasthochschule Guest University
Universidade Do Porto
Semester im Ausland (z.B. WiSe 2016/17) Semester while abroad
HeSe 2018/19
Dauer des Auslandssemesters (Vorlesungen und Prüfungen) Length of Semester Abroad
About 6 months
Vorbereitung Preparation

(write any notes about how you prepared for your time abroad and if you had issues/how hard it was to prepare)

At first, I asked some students and people who were to Porto before about the country and the city in general. But what helped me the most is a Portuguese person from Porto who has studied at the University of Porto. The application form from the host university was a bit troublesome (at least for me) because it's not editable so I had to do more than one request to my host university to allow me to edit the form again, they took so long to respond to my emails but I understood their situation due to the large number of the Erasmus students they had that semester.

Another issue for me was the accommodation because the host university couldn't find me a room in their dormitory, so I had to search by myself through a platform the host university provided me which was as a whole stressful.

Studium an der Partner-Hochschule (z.B. Vorlesungszeitraum, Unterrichtssprache, Kursangebot, Prüfungsform) Studying at the Partner University

(write about your time during the studies and how it was)

Studying at Universidade Do Porto was, in general, a good experience, the staff was helpful and understandable.

However, the system is a bit different comparing to my home university but it didn't take a long time to adjust.

Das Leben im Gastland (z.B. Wohnen, Einkaufen, Freizeit, Kosten) Living in the Guest country

(Write about how it was living in Portugal)

Living in Portugal is pretty nice, the prices are plausible, there is always an activity happening nearby, transportation and infrastructure are good, the people are nice in general, and the weather is nice overall.

Praktische Tipps/Fazit Practical Tips and Conclusion

(any tips for students wanting to go to porto? Any final remarks?) For the Students who are wanting to go to study in Porto:

- 1- try to search for accommodation at least two months in advance.
- 2- Apply for the ESN study buddy, and when you will be there bring a personal photo and get your ESN card because they offer nice activities and you will get discounts from there partners.
- 3- Join the Facebook groups (Mobility and ESN Porto) in advance.
- 4- For the Beginners in Erasmus don't shy away from joining activities because all the Erasmus students, more or less, are in the same boat as you.

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