

Field report semester abroad

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Study programme at the EUF
BA Bildungswissenschaften
Combination of subjects (for Educational Students)
Biology, Special Needs Education
Country
Portugal
Partner university
Uni Porto
Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2016/17)
Fall semester 2019/2020
Duration of the semester abroad (lectures and examinations)
Lectures: September 16 – December 20 Exams: January
Preparation
<p>There was a good amount of things that needed to be organised, but nothing too complicated. Whoever has done an application for the BAföG sponsorship is totally capable of this as well.</p> <p>A tip for the accomodation: Try to ask Hosts on AirBnB for a special long-term deal. Especially in the low season they are super happy to rent out the apartment for several months and give nice discounts, which makes it just as expensive as a normal room.</p>

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

The period of lectures is similar to standards in Flensburg.

The language of instruction in my courses was Portuguese, but in some cases the teachers provided a summary in English at the end. One teacher was nice enough to translate the material that he provided for the class to English. There were classes in English, but mainly for master's programmes.

Most of the courses had a theoretical part (like a lecture) and a practical part (like a seminar) and required some sort of task during the semester (like a presentation with a written elaboration) and finished with an exam. Two of my biology courses also contained an excursion.

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

Living in Porto is a real pleasure, if it's not November or December. Make sure to bring some waterproof clothing! Although I've heard that in my year it was particularly bad, so hopefully, if you decide to go there, you have a chance to have a little less rain than in Flensburg.

September and October were lovely. We spend lots of time at the beach, which is just about 20 minutes away from the centre (bus or metro). The city itself is super beautiful and just when you think you know it a bit already, you'll walk around a new corner and discover a different side of the city.

Costs are rather low, the supermarkets are slightly cheaper than Germany and you can get a small beer for 50 cents, if you know where to go. Rents are not so cheap in the centre (at least if you don't want to share a room), so that equals everything out again.

Practical tips/conclusion

I can definitely recommend studying in Porto. I would also recommend to stay for a whole year. That would give you enough time to see more of the country, experience Porto in summer and to really feel at home peacefully without having to think about leaving as soon as you arrive.

For transportation, the buses and metro is pretty good, BUT I can also recommend to buy a scooter for the time there. It might not be as good for the environment, but it's great to go anywhere super fast, even if there is traffic. Buying and selling things is quite easy there, if not by knowing someone that knows someone, they also have websites that work like our Ebay: olx.pt or custojusto.pt

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