

Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

ALLGEMEINE DATEN ZUM AUSLANDSSEMESTER

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Ja

Neue Outgoing-Studierende fragen manchmal nach einer Kontaktmöglichkeit zu ehemaligen Outgoings. Dürfen wir Ihre Kontaktdaten bei Anfragen weitergeben?

Nein

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Gastland Schweden

Gasthochschule Linköpings universitet

IHRE PERSÖNLICHEN ERFAHRUNGEN

Wie haben Sie sich auf das Auslandssemester vorbereitet?
Was sollte bereits im Voraus organisiert werden?

I was able to organize housing through the university in Linköping by sending in all necessary documents and signing up as soon as the applications were open. I found this out through mails from university staff after gaining acceptance. It was really important not to wait for this, as most people were not given accommodation at the university. Everything else was easy, since Flensburg is not so far away from Sweden!

Welche Tipps haben Sie zur umweltfreundlichen An-/Abreise (falls zutreffend)?

Flensburg and Hamburg are wonderfully connected to Scandinavia and new trains have been added in the past years that make travel with many bags easier than at the airport. Night trains go from Hamburg to Stockholm and even Berlin to Oslo. There is no reason to have to take a plane if you live near Hamburg or in S-H. It is also so much cheaper and very comfortable, especially the cabins with a bed!

Wie haben Sie gewohnt und wie sind Sie an Ihre Unterkunft gekommen (selbst gesucht/von Gasthochschule organisiert, Wohnheim/privat etc.)?

The school granted me a room. I was not able to move in prior to orientation and this made the transition somewhat difficult in the new country. This also racks up hotel costs. Some students were able to move in earlier though by simply asking the school representatives. I had to personally pay a lot for hotels and taxis for my baggage because I didn't do this.

Haben Sie Angebote für Incomings genutzt? Wie haben Sie sich anderweitig sozial vernetzt?

I was active in the buddy program and groups for internationals related to the study program. This was very easy because of the very involved student culture in Sweden. The students there went out of their way to make weekly events and inform internationals of local events they may be able to join. Without this, I would have been quite lost.

Waren Sie zufrieden mit der Gastuniversität (Räumlichkeiten, Ansprechpartner*innen, etc.) und dem Kursangebot (Workload etc.)?

Yes. The university handled this incredibly and the staff at the international office were friendly and prompt with help and responses. The courses were made very user-friendly for foreign students. There was a very interesting list of choices and I only wish some of the courses hadn't filled up so fast. The university was very modern and the spaces were well kept and maintained by student orgs. They had shops available on campus and rooms for each study program's office.

Haben Sie die Landessprache gelernt bzw. wie wichtig war diese Ihrer Ansicht nach für Ihren Aufenthalt?

I was able to learn a base level of Swedish, but this was not very hard to get by with knowledge of other languages. No one expected you to speak the language and you could get by in most places in Scandinavia with good English. Other than that, there were many students from Germany there willing to meet up with other German students.

Welche interkulturellen Begegnungen/Kompetenzen haben Ihren Aufenthalt geprägt?

The intricacies of Swedish social etiquette coming into conflict with each individual culture really framed my stay. It was difficult at first to interpret social signals from natives because of their less direct demeanor. Living together with native students and others from Asia or the Americas also caused conflicts that were only resolved by open communication and reflection on our own cultures and upbringings. What may have been frustrating at times turned into a unique comparative view of culture across continents.

Welche Perspektiven auf Ihr Gastland/Herkunftsland haben sich verändert - und warum?

Not really changed, but it was interesting to finally meet Swedes in their home country, experiencing firsthand how to interact with the people there based on lessons from our courses on culture. I also was intrigued about migrant life there and the level of integration or acceptance people with migrant background receive compared to Germany. It was maybe surprising to me that it seems Germany has an easier time accepting foreigners. I still felt welcomed there despite the colder attitude and indirect social interactions.

Wie sah Ihr Alltag vor Ort aus? (Freizeit, Einkaufen, Fortbewegung, Inklusion, ...)

It was necessary to walk or bike a long distance everyday to campus because there was no bus between there and the dorms. This was also very far from the city and any walkable options for free time activities or shopping. Groceries could only really be bought at the shop next to the dorms unless you wanted to pay for the bus and take the long journey there and back for moderately cheaper groceries. There was, however, a lot to do around the dorms and it was easy to make friends in this student space. There were also student bars located on campus for drinking or recreational activities. Nordic culture courses also meant weekly field trips that spanned days or weekends in complete immersion in class.

Welche Tipps haben Sie für einen umweltfreundlichen/nachhaltigen Aufenthalt (Projekte, Initiativen, Alltagsleben)?

There were many secondhand shops in Sweden. There were also some run directly by students on campus. The group chats also offered used items galore for new students. This is much better than buying completely new bedding, etc. from IKEA. I would recommend a built-out website for buying and selling that doesn't require a Swedish identity card (as all the good ones there did, excluding non-citizens or short-stay students). They were working on something like this for used bikes, but had not completed it by the time I left.

Wie sind Sie finanziell ausgekommen? Wie hoch waren Ihre Ausgaben für Visum (falls zutreffend), Reise, Unterkunft (pro Monat), Lebenshaltung, Freizeit, weitere Kosten (z.B. Bücher)?

Sweden is much more expensive than Germany and I had trouble financing the whole trip by myself. The housing was double of what I pay in Germany. Groceries were also a large cost. There is no student transit ticket and the fees for the bus were sometimes not worth the trip. This made travel very limited. The visa was also fairly expensive at 200€, but this would not affect EU students.

Sie waren als Studierende*r der Europa-Universität Flensburg im Ausland, ggf. haben Sie auch ein Erasmus+ Stipendium der Europäischen Union erhalten. Inwiefern hat sich durch den Auslandsaufenthalt Ihre Sicht auf Europa verändert? Welche neuen Erkenntnisse über europäische Werte haben Sie während Ihres Auslandssemesters gewonnen?

I was able to gain a deeper view into life in another EU country, as I only really have experience in Germany. This made me realize the similarities across countries that necessitate a long-standing cooperation. I also was able to visit some international businesses there I recognized from business cooperation activities on Flensburg campus, realizing potential for a career that spans across borders and cultures. I would be greatly interested in exploring more of these cultural cross-sections in the future, where I can forge communication between Germany and their neighboring countries.

Was war Ihre beste, was Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung? Gibt es sonst noch etwas, das Sie gern mitteilen möchten?

My best experience was the Erasmus trips that were offered, specifically to the arctic in Sweden. Really a once in a lifetime offer to see a very different way of life and meet the people who have lived there or choose to live there. I saw amazing northern lights, rode with sledge-dogs, and got to gain an interview candidate for a master thesis work. The worst experience for me was dealing with sickness in a new country with no contacts or knowledge of healthcare practices. This was also not made clear by the international center there. I got very sick with a flu in the first weeks there and could barely take care of myself with no real contacts to provide help or medicine.

Fazit: Würden Sie ein Auslandssemester an Ihrer Gastuniversität empfehlen? Aus welchen Gründen?

I would recommend Linköping for their amazing student life on campus, excellent offers for excursions around Scandinavia, and very engaging courses with friendly and knowledgeable professors. The exchange was worth it for me the moment I arrived in Lappland. I wanted to stay for another semester at the end of our Nordic culture course because of how dedicated the professors were to showing their home country. I'm sure there is something for every student there.

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