

## Travel Report

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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What was your semester abroad like?

<b>I agree to the publication of the report and attached photos (there are no third parties rights to these photos)</b>	Yes
<b>New outgoing students sometimes ask us for a way to contact former outgoings. Are we allowed to pass on your contact details in case of inquiries?</b>	Yes
<b>My stay (this information will not be displayed if the report is published)</b>	
<b>Academic year</b>	2022/2023
<b>Start semester</b>	Frühjahr/Spring 2023
<b>Duration in semesters</b>	1
<b>Study program at EUF</b>	BA European Cultures and Society
<b>Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students)</b>	
<b>Host country</b>	Spain
<b>Host university</b>	Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

### YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should be organized in advance?</b>	I researched the options for Spanish-speaking universities. However, I did encounter problems arranging a Visa, since the time frame was too short for the corresponding embassy to issue one.
<b>Do you have any recommendations for environmentally friendly travel (if applicable)?</b>	-
<b>Where did you live and how did you find your accommodation (self-organized/provided by host university, dormitory/private etc.)?</b>	I found accommodation by myself, by contacting people who had already stayed there.
<b>Did you participate in events for exchange students? How did you establish social contacts in other ways?</b>	None.
<b>How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?</b>	Fairly satisfied. However, some of the courses were much more difficult than expected.

**Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?**

I'm a Spanish native speaker. However, I'd highly recommend someone interested going to Spain to have a high level of Spanish, since most locals don't speak English.

**What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?**

I got to know locals and had an approximation to their habits and culture. At the same time, I was able to be around the touristic area, where I met people from other countries as well.

**Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?**

I found out that Spain is a very diverse country. I came across people with different interests, habits and stories, including many with a migration background. On the other side, I did notice that some locals aren't as welcoming or have negative perspectives on migrants and/or tourists.

**How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?**

Transportation was fairly simple, using the local buses or "guaguas" was not a problem. Also, given the size of the island, a lot of places were within walking distance. They have numerous options for travelling. Because of their touristic status, I felt that there was always something happening on the island, which made leisure activities quite enjoyable.

**Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?**

Manage your destination and transportation accordingly. Taxis are expensive compared to local transport, and their local transport is organized.

**How did you manage financially? How much did you spend on visa (if applicable), travel, accommodation (per month), living expenses, leisure activities, other expenses (books etc.)?**

I was spending roughly 700 euros a month, including time out, food, accommodation and everything. This amount is more than enough, even cheaper accommodation is possible.

**What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?**

My best experiences were with tourists at the beach or touristic areas. The locals seem to have a different lifestyle or approach to the place where they live. Enjoying a sunset at the beach, going for a walk/swim, discovering the island, all great adventures. On the bad side, visa problems and organization (the fact that I couldn't take some of the exams because I had to leave the island, as my visitor visa was about to expire - I couldn't get a student visa on time) were the only negative factors in my head while living in Las Palmas.

**Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?**

I'd advice people to research the options for courses and try to make the most out of them. From the courses that I took (4), half of them were interesting and relevant for my degree. The others, I didn't really feel that contributed much to my educational path, but that was due to changing my Learning Agreement at the last moment or not looking into other options. Aside from this, ULPGC helped me out with anything I needed at every point.

## PHOTOS

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In this section, you may upload some photos that represent your stay abroad. When selecting the photos, please bear in mind that the pictures will be visible online if you have given us the permission to publish your report.

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**Photo (4)**

**Photo (5)**

**Photo (6)**

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