

Travel Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

What was your semester abroad like?

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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? Yes

Academic year 2024/2025

Start semester Frühjahr/Spring 2025

Duration in semesters 1

Study program at EUF B.A. Bildungswissenschaften

Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 3 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Host country Spain

Host university Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

How did you prepare for the semester abroad? What should
be organized in advance?

I honestly came there pretty unprepared but then figured things out when I arrived. The staff was very helpful and things much easier to organize once I was there ... finding an apartment for example, was much easier once I was there

Do you have any recommendations for environmentally
friendly travel (if applicable)?

not really ...

Where did you live and how did you find your
accommodation (self-organized/provided by host
university, dormitory/private etc.)?

I lived in a shared apartment with 4 other people. I found the apartment on a website called 'idealista' when I was there. I'm glad I started searching then (the first week I was staying in a Hostel) because that way I could see the apartment, talk to the landlord. Some of my friends were disappointed when they saw the apartment they've rented online and another erasmus student even got scammed - so be careful :) My room was in a nice area near my campus but I'd say Las Canteras might be the best area to stay during your erasmus.

Did you participate in events for exchange students? How did you establish social contacts in other ways?	I did, but not too much. In the beginning there was a welcome day that I went to, where I met some of my closest friends, and then some events like volleyball or trips... but there are events organized every day and meeting new people is the easiest thing to do in Las Palmas! Besides that, I made some canarian friends at university - as long as you make a step towards them, they will be so happy to meet foreign students
How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities, staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?	Mhm, the university itself is not the best I'd say; from a critical point of view there were a lot of things I didn't like... but for an erasmus it's awesome! The workload is really depending on the classes but there's always time to go to the beach before/ after classes ;)
Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?	I did! I came there not knowing a word spanish and came back having a decent level and being able to have simple conversations in spanish. That is due to the spanish course I took - that helped a lot - , my spanish flat mates , that I always spoke spanish with, and my spanish friends, who taught me a lot too. In general, i was not scared to speak, that helped a lot
What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?	I'd say a looot, but if I had to choose spending lots of weekends at a canarian friend's house - so the parents always made canarian food, we listened and danced to canarian music, were watching spanish movies, talked in spanish ... and even though I was not, I felt like being canarian too made me so happy
Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?	Not on the country but on the canary islands. When people hear Gran Canaria, they're thinking of resorts and old people only. But that's really not the case, that's just the south, Maspalomas to be certain, and locals don't like to go to the south because of that. The locals found their own, private beaches, soooooo beautiful! The island is full of young people and I got the impression its more of a young people island instead of an old people island. Also, when people think of Gran Canaria, they think of it being dry and brown, few cactus - but the center of Gran Canaria is sooooo green, the nature sooo diverse.
How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?	Every day was so different that I can't really generalize it ... but I'd say I went to uni - most of the days only in the morning during the week - and then to the beach or to see friends in the afternoon. Weekends were for, one day hiking, one day relaxation. And I met my friends every day. There was a supermarket close to my house, that made it easy to grab things real quick; I didn't really go shopping and for transportation I mostly used guaguas (the bus). You can get a student's card (14€ per month, application online) or a guaguas bono (50cts per ride)
Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?	go to local markets - most of the towns and also Las Palmas have mercados and buying food there is not only cheaper but also supporting local farmers
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.)?	ehh okayish I would say ... you could've lived cheaper than I was but I wanted to do it all, not saying no to anything. Visa - free accomodation - 450 per month living - I don't know but partying every thursday at alboroto had it's price
What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?	the worst experience ... to leave ... and I'm serious about this; there is really nothing I didn't like about Gran Canaria, I spent 6 months of full happiness on this beautiful island. so my best experience was to make this island my home. I could feel how I fell in love with the island more and more, with the nature, with the people - ahhh, I love the island and can even see myself living there one day.
Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?	YES.

PHOTOS

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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Here you have the possibility to enter descriptions/explanations for the photos just to show HOW diverse the island is and how much there is to explore :)



















