

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 2022/2023

Start semester Herbst/Fall 2022/23

Duration in semesters 1

Study program at EUF BA European Cultures and Society

Subject 1 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Subject 2 (only applicable to teacher training students)

Host country Finland

Host university Åbo Akademi

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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

First, fill the Abo Academy portal by submitting all the documents and choosing
classes I want to take and get approved by Abo. Second, apply for dormitory.
Third, apply for mobility notification with Immigration services via email.

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

TYS dormitory organized by university

Did you participate in events for exchange students? How
did you establish social contacts in other ways?

Yes, they have very active ESN chapters of Abo Academy and Uni Turku.

How satisfied were you with the host university (facilities,
staff etc.) and the course offer (workload etc.)?

Generally loved everything, but a lot of the available courses are self-taught
which means that there is no classroom participation or engagement with
professor or students, which I didn't like.

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

Not really, everyone is English speaking

What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?

A lot of interactions with exchange students, not so much with Finnish students, experiences. But I went to some traditional activities but I had to find them on my own.

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

I used to not know much about Finland, now I think it's a really progressive perspective country, and I feel comfortable and welcomed here. So my bad experience with Germany isn't applicable to all Europe

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

Great

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.)?

100euros mobility notification fee, around 200 euros for tickets, 325 euros/month for dorm, 40 euros/week for groceries

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

Best experience were people(exchange students) I've got to meet and become friends with and cultural activities(concerts and exhibitions) in Turku

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

Yes, definitely! I liked it so much that I decided to stay for another semester

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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Life in Turku was filled with nature, culture, and political and social activism discussions and activities for me







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