

## Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

### ALLGEMEINE DATEN ZUM AUSLANDSSEMESTER

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**Semester** Herbst/Fall 2023/24

**Dauer in Semestern** 1

**Studiengang an der EUF** BA European Cultures and Society

**Fach 1 (nur Lehramt-Studierende)**

**Fach 2 (nur Lehramt-Studierende)**

**Fach 3 (nur Lehramt-Studierende)**

**Gastland** Frankreich

**Gasthochschule** Université Catholique de Lille

### IHRE PERSÖNLICHEN ERFAHRUNGEN

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

Before my semester abroad I researched different partner universities and their courses in order to find what would suit me best. I also started looking for housing options, even before I got my acceptance letter from the partner university.

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

Yes, from Flensburg or other parts of Germany it is quite easy to reach Lille by train.

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

I lived in student dorms. I had my own room and my own bathroom, and the kitchen was shared with around 90 people in the building. I had found the room through the student services of Université Catholique de Lille called 'All-Logement'. They offer many different dormitories and different types of rooms and locations. I recommend to apply early, even before getting the acceptance letter from the university.

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

I participated in some welcoming events, however, afterwards I did not participate much. I established social contacts with other exchange students in my classes.

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

I was quite satisfied with the host university. Most of the facilities were very modern, clean and well-maintained. There were many study rooms available and also places to hang out or to have lunch. Many teachers were very good at making the classes interesting and keeping the students engaged, while there were others where it was difficult to follow the classes, or where instructions were very unclear. The overall course offer was very good. We were able to choose courses from a variety of fields and I especially liked that many of the classes were on very specific topics, and not so broad. The workload was comparably high. While the semester is shorter, there is still a lot of work to be done. Many classes have several assignments, such as presentations or smaller essays, while others only have a big essay at the end or a final exam. Although it seemed like a lot at first, it was all manageable.

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

Yes, I learned some French. I already had some knowledge of French before my semester abroad, but through my French class at the university and my interaction with people in everyday life, I significantly improved my skills. The language was not super important for my stay, since most people at the university spoke English, and since all of my classes were in English. However, outside of university, it was quite important to have some level of French.

**Welche interkulturellen Begegnungen/Kompetenzen haben Ihren Aufenthalt geprägt?**

The exchange students at the university were from all over the world, so it was very interesting to get to know their point of view on certain topics, especially those that were discussed in class.

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

Previously, I was expecting France to be more similar to Germany, however, I have now experienced many differences and realised, that although the countries are so close together, they are still very different from each other.

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

Transportation in the city was very easy and reliable because of the metro and the buses. It usually took me 5-10 minutes to get into the city for some shopping or some leisure activity. I could also reach the university within around 15 minutes. Grocery shopping was also very easy since there were four supermarkets close to my home, and because there was also a big supermarket in the city. There was also a market in the city where it was possible to get vegetables, fruits and other items at a cheaper price. There are also some nice parks in the city, and it is even possible to travel to neighbouring cities by metro or tram.

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

Not really.

**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)?**

Financially it was not as easy as I had hoped. Everything in Lille was more expensive than in Flensburg. For example, the groceries were almost double the price. Including rent (514€), transport ticket (31€), food (250€), insurance and other expenses, it was difficult to spend less than 1000€ per month, despite only buying necessities. Therefore, I would advise, to make sure to have sufficient financial support. If you are reliant on BAföG, I would not recommend going to France, since the responsible office is very slow at processing. Even now, after 9 months, I still haven't received any feedback from the responsible BAföG office, and they neither reply to e-mails nor to calls. So, this is something to be aware of. Otherwise, a big benefit was not having to buy any books for my classes.

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

The best experiences were the classes I had. Some of the teachers were really good at teaching and made the classes very interesting and engaging. The worst experiences I would say are related to safety in the city. There were several times when I didn't feel safe.

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

I would definitely recommend it. The university in itself was very good and there were many aspects that I enjoyed. I especially liked some of the teachers, the facilities and the location in the city. The city centre is also quite nice and there are so many options for cafés, restaurants and shops. The only thing to consider is the personal safety depending on which neighbourhood you're in.

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