

## Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

### ALLGEMEINE DATEN ZUM AUSLANDSSEMESTER

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

Nein

**Akademisches Jahr** 2022/2023

**Semester** Herbst/Fall 2022/23

**Dauer in Semestern** 1

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

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

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

**Gastland** Irland

**Gasthochschule** University of Limerick

### IHRE PERSÖNLICHEN ERFAHRUNGEN

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

I did some research on the country, the city, and the university. Moreover, I also looked at students' reports from previous years to see how they prepared, or what they deemed important in the aftermath.

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

I applied for on-campus accommodation. All of the EUF students that applied together with me got accepted. Thus, the chances for Erasmus-students seem pretty good. It is definitely favorable to apply on-campus because affordable housing, or housing at all for that matter, are huge issues in Ireland at the moment. One should apply as soon as the online portal allows one to do so.

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

In the first week, there were many events for Erasmus students so that one could meet and exchange with many new people. Apart from that, since everybody living on-campus usually shares their apartment with other people, you are practically always surrounded by someone and it is not too difficult to make new connections. There is also a social media app for foreign students which makes socialization even easier.

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

The facilities in Limerick are top-notch. The campus is pretty large and the different buildings are spread across it. However, if you are taking courses from a similar discipline you usually end up in the same 2-3 buildings for them. All of the lecturers were very approachable and helpful. In my opinion, the workload comparable to that in Flensburg. However, there was a bit more variety in terms of exams (e.g., oral exams, autonomous group projects, I even had a "meme assignment"). All of the courses I took were engaging and interesting.

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

Everyone in Ireland speaks English, so that was not a big issue (although the accent sometimes can be). Although Gaelic is Ireland's other official language, one rarely hears people speak it.

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

Culture-wise it is not much different to Germany. People are generally friendly open to help. It is not too difficult to approach others and navigate around social situations.

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

I was relatively unbiased going into the semester abroad, and Ireland. Coming back again, I certainly look positively at the country and its people.

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

Apart from lectures, there were many clubs and societies one could enroll in. Apart from that, the university often organized trips on the weekends, to other cities or cultural/natural sites. It might be helpful to get a bike, but personally I did just fine afoot. The next supermarkets can be quite far away, depending where you live. But I quickly got used to that. Whenever one is going to Limerick city, you use the bus. Those were mostly punctual. I would recommend getting a TFI Leap Card. That is a travel card which can be topped-up with credit and used to pay bus rides (+ you only pay half the price with it).

**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)?**

Living is a bit more expensive in Ireland than in Germany. Housing costs are certainly much higher. Food can be found for decent prices in discounters (Aldi/LIDL) or supermarkets (Tesco/Dunnes), and prices in restaurants/café's are decent, too.

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

I especially enjoyed the daily exchange with my roommates and friends that I made abroad. There was little I did not like, apart maybe from the weather. It rains even more often than Flensburg, and if it does, quite heavily!

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

I certainly would recommend anyone to spend their semester abroad in Limerick. It was a great time, both academically and leisurely, and I would love to go again myself!

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