

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? No

Academic year 2023/2024

Start semester Herbst/Fall 2023/24

Duration in semesters 1

Study program at EUF B.A. European Cultures and Society

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 Italy

Host university Università degli Studi di Milano

YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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

For the semester abroad, I prepared by organizing all necessary documents and researching transportation and local facilities in Milano.

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

To promote environmentally friendly travel, I opted to walk to nearby destinations whenever possible. This simple choice helped reduce my carbon footprint and contributed to a more sustainable stay.

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

Accommodation was sorted by living with my cousin who was already studying there. We shared expenses, making it convenient and cost-effective.

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

I did participate in a few events for exchange students. Most of the students with whom I was spending my time with were from the same study program as me.

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

I was very satisfied with the host university. The facilities were excellent, and the professors were friendly and supportive. The course offerings were diverse and well-structured, contributing to a positive academic experience overall.

Did you learn the local language? How important was the language for your stay?	While the local language was not very important as most locals spoke English fluently, I chose to study Italian during the semester and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
What intercultural experiences/skills have marked your stay?	My time there was filled with meeting people from different cultures. It made me more open-minded, better at understanding others, and improved how I communicate with people from diverse backgrounds.
Which perspectives on your host country/home country have changed - and why?	My views on both my host country and home country changed because I gained a better understanding of different cultures. Living abroad made me appreciate diversity and see things from new perspectives, making me more open-minded about both places.
How was your everyday life (leisure, shopping, transportation, inclusion etc.)?	My daily routine included taking the metro to and from the university. During free time, I enjoyed the company of new friends I made. The library was my go-to spot for studying.
Do you have any recommendations for a sustainable stay abroad (projects, initiatives, everyday life)?	I do not really have any recommendations.
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 managed financially by saving money from work before going abroad. The Erasmus Grant also played a significant role in covering my expenses.
What was your best/worst experience? Is there anything else you would like to share?	My best experiences were the travels around the cities in Italy with friends. This made me appreciate the culture and create lasting memories.
Would you recommend a semester abroad at your host university? For what reasons?	Absolutely, I highly recommend a semester abroad at my host university. The atmosphere was incredibly friendly and welcoming, making the experience enjoyable and enriching.

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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