



Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

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Studiengang an der EUF
B.A. European Cultures & Society
Fächerkombination (falls BABW)
Society Specialization
Gastland
Poland
Gasthochschule
Jagiellonian University, Cracow
Semester im Ausland (z.B. WiSe 2016/17)
WiSe 2018/19
Dauer des Auslandssemesters (Vorlesungen und Prüfungen)
5 months
Vorbereitung
<p>Preparing for the semester abroad, I had to subrent my apartment so that I wouldn't lose it when I came back from abroad. I packed up most of my stuff and drive to car by car. I rented an apartment in Cracow from someone who was going abroad themselves. There were student dormitories but the conditions (wifi, shared room, shared kitchen) did not suit my preferences. Others seemed to be fine with them. The was not much preparation needed for the university.</p>
Studium an der Partner-Hochschule (z.B. Vorlesungszeitraum, Unterrichtssprache, Kursangebot, Prüfungsform)
<p>I studied at the European Studies institute of the university and thus, was mainly only allowed to take courses their. Students that were assigned to other institutes had the priority over me to take courses from the corresponding institutes/faculties. I was</p>

allowed to take all of the courses in English. Many of the courses had an English and a Polish version so most of the Polish students took the courses in Polish and the Erasmus students the English. Thus, the student body was rather segregated. The lectures began at the beginning of October and ended at the end of January. This posed a little bit of a problem since my home university starts at the beginning of September and so there was a month gap in which I did not have a stable place to live while renting my apartment out to someone who was studying at the Europa-Universität Flensburg, starting in September. The quality of the courses were good and the type of exams were varied – written exams, essays, reports and practical exams (e.g. hosting a panel discussion).

Das Leben im Gastland (z.B. Wohnen, Einkaufen, Freizeit, Kosten)

Life in Cracow was very interesting. The city itself is very historical – with many museums to visit – and the architecture very is beautiful. The gastronomy and buying food at the super market was cheaper than in Germany. There are many places and restaurants to eat at with a large selection of international cuisines so there is something for everyone and it is affordable for a student. The rent for an apartment is also affordable if you know where to look. Some apartments as well as restaurants set their prices higher than average for tourists, so watch out. Shopping is very in nice in Cracow – you have all of the stores that are in Germany and more. There are lots of things you can do in and around Cracow. You can visit the Schindler Factory museum and other historical museums and churches, synagogue and the royal Wawel castle (which is beautiful inside). There are mountains nearby as well as the infamous Auschwitz museum that everyone should see. The nightlife is also nice – there are many bars, cafes and clubs you can go to. People are very friendly and you can get around easily using the Cracow public transportation at a discounted price with your student ID. Taking trains to other cities in Poland is also much cheaper compared to the German Deutsche Bahn train system. In the winter there is more pollution than usual so watch out for that. The city is rather safe. At the university, you can meet a lot of international students since there is a large number of them in Cracow.

Praktische Tipps/Fazit

Overall, I very much enjoyed my semester abroad in Cracow, Poland studying at the Jagiellonian University and would recommend it.

Tips: Most young people know English well, whereas the elder generations – 30 and up struggle with basic English or do not know any at all. Therefore, I would ask younger people for help or rely on your phone (e.g. Google translate, Google) to find your way around. Make sure you belong to the right institute so that you have priority over others for the corresponding courses that you are most interested in. Make sure you have some Zloty in cash since some places do not accept cards. However, a lot of the times, when they do accept cards, you can pay in Euros. Other than that, it is pretty self-explanatory finding your way around the city and university. Don't be afraid to ask, people are usually willing to help.

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