

Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

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Gastland Portugal

Gasthochschule Universidade de Lisboa

IHRE PERSÖNLICHEN ERFAHRUNGEN

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

Apart from some bureaucratic work, as the Learning Agreement of auslands Bafög, I did not prepare much for my semester abroad. I would have liked to attend a portuguese course, but EUF unfortunately didn't offer one. Which did not turn out to be a problem, as my private and university life in Lisbon was mainly in English, and I could attend a great portuguese language course there. The one thing I prepared in advance was renting a room in a shared flat. I would recommend to do that before you leave Flensburg, to avoid the (usually) stressful apartment search in the beginning of the semester.

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

I lived in a shared apartment with 4 portuguese girls. I friend of mine who did Erasmus in Lisbon before told me about a private Lisbon based company that rents a couple of shared flats around the city to students. The university offers limited student housing, but it's not such a popular option, as it is usually quite expensive. Most people I knew found their apartments via websites or companies specialized in student housing. Prices are usually between 300-500€ for one room on a shared flat. My apartment was not in the city center and a 20 minute walk from the closest metro station. I would recommend trying to live as close to a metro station as possible, as metro is the most reliable means of transportation in the city, and it's very handy to live closeby a station.

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

In the first 1,5 months of university I attended many of the events organized by Erasmus student Network Lisboa. Like hikes, parties, meet ups of parks. There is also another very similar Erasmus organization in town, ELL. After a while, when I had gotten to know people through these Erasmus events and my classes at university, I attended less organized activities. My faculty in particular, ULisboa - Faculdade de Letras did not have any activities for incoming students unfortunately (except for one meeting regarding bureaucratic stuff). Other faculties and universities in Lisbon did have many activities, so I was a little disappointed that my faculty didn't offer any. But in the end, I was still able to meet many people so it wasn't a problem.

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

The Faculdade de Letras (faculty of arts and humanities) looks a older and more industrial than EUF. In September and October the heat was quite a problem for some as not every classroom has air conditioning. Overall, the university has more of a high school style, with small tables, lined up closely in each room. The international center was always available during their working hours and happy to help with questions (in person as well as via Email. I had a couple of courses that I found very interesting and where the lecturers were great, and others that I didn't like that much. All my classes were in English, however, the offer was quite limited, as most classes are in portuguese. The workload was definitely less than what I am used to. Usually I didn't have to prepare a lot for the classes. We had several presentations and 2 exams in every subject throughout the semester. They were either multiple choice, or question-answer or writing a couple of pages to one task. The exams were not stressful overall, because after a couple of days of studying it could be done quickly and easily. Overall, I would not recommend the faculty I visited if you want to focus on the academic side of things. I was happy with my choice, as I could explore the country and Lisbon a lot, while attending some interesting classes.

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

I did learn basic portuguese in my portuguese language course offered by the university. I really liked the class and would recommend it if you want to learn portuguese. Not everyone speaks English in Portugal, thus it was helpful to know some portuguese phrases during travelling and in everyday situations, such as in the bakery or public transportation. However, it is not necessary to learn portuguese, you can usually get by with English, especially in Lisbon and other touristy places.

Welche interkulturellen Begegnungen/Kompetenzen haben Ihren Aufenthalt geprägt?

I met many international students, about whose cultures I could learn. I also got to know many portuguese people, which gave me a fuller picture of the portuguese culture..

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

My perspectives on Portugal changed little. Before, I thought it was a great country, with breathtaking and diverse nature, kind and open people and a more laidback lifestyle (compared to Germany) - and I found all of this to be true.

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

I spent most of my time at university, in my apartment and travelling. On days when I had many classes, I usually just went to uni and back home and maybe to the grocery store. In supermarkets you can find similar things as in Germany. On days with more free time, I usually went into the city center or surfing at Costa da Caparica, a beach around 1 hour south of Lisbon, reachable by public transport. I used public transportation daily. For 30/40€ (depending on under or over 23 years) the monthly pass allows you to travel in and around Lisbon. On weekends I usually travelled to explore the country.

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)?

Because I rely on Bafög it was quite stressful that after applying for Auslands Bafög in June, I only recieved it end of December. Because of that I had to use up almost all my savings while I was there. My flight ticket (including return flight with flexible option) cost 340€. I paid 400€ rent per month. Expenses for food were similar as in Germany, although bars and little restaurants in the city center can be quite cheap. Leisure activites are rather cheaper than in Germany, but I spent more money on that, as I participated in many activites and trips.

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

My best experiences were definetely my travels around the country. I really enjoyed exploring Portugal´s nature and charming villages. The worst (but not unsolvable) parts were the organizational things at ULisboa (such as applications for classes), which were often not clear and communicated well.

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

I am definitely very happy with my choice to study at Ulisboa and would do it again at any moment. I would recommend spending a semester abroad in Lisbon if you want to get to know Portugal, the country´s culture, people and beautiful sights. If you wish to focus on your academic achievements during your semester abroad, Faculdade de Letras (I´m stressing this because the single faculties are quite big and very different, so I cannot talk for ULisboa´s other faculties) might not be the best fit. Student life in Lisbon is awesome, there are many internationals and events. And as I have already mentioned, you will surely have a great time travelling around and exploring Portugal.

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