

Experience report study abroad semester

How was it?

You may have heard this question more often now that you are at the end of your semester abroad. The International Center would also like to know how you evaluate your semester abroad and what you need to know. The experience reports will be published and serve to help orient others going abroad. The International Office would also like to use the contents for advertising purposes if necessary. We would therefore like you to keep this in mind when filling out the report.

1. General information

Please do not mention any personal information (name, e-mail address, etc.) in the experience report.

I agree to the publication of the report and the attached photos (there are no third parties rights to these fotos):

Yes No

Study program at EUF

European Cultures and society

Subject combination (if BABW)

Society

Host country

Hungary

Host university

Eötvös Loránd University

Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2021/22)

Spring semester 2021/22

2. Your Experience Abroad

At this point you can share the experience you made abroad. Sometimes it is not so easy to report on such experiences in such a compressed way. We have therefore prepared some questions to help you do this. At the end of the questionnaire, you will also find a free field for you to fill in, in which you are welcome to enter aspects that are not covered by any of these questions.

How did you prepare for the semester abroad?

Thanks to the information sessions hosted by the university as well as the coordinator of my study program and the International Office of EUF

How did you establish social networks in your host country? Do you have any tips on how this can be achieved?

Via Facebook groups provided by the host university and various activities organized during the welcome week

Did you learn the local language, respectively how important did you think it was for your stay?

I obtain some knowledge of the local language in order to ease my daily life routine; however it was always from a cultural perspective and not as a necessity since students can manage their stay just with English

How was the study program at the partner university structured?

(e.g. premises, workload, language of instruction, examination forms, accessibility)

What intercultural encounters/competencies shaped your stay?

The study program at the host university was held in English and structured in lectures and seminars, depending on the subjects and chosen faculties. Regarding the examination, this would vary depending on the choice of either the area of studies or preferences of the professors (written exams, presentation, group projects...); therefore, there was nonunique examination form.

Furthermore, depending on the choices, students could have courses exclusively with other exchange students or be mixed with full-time student from the host university.

What intercultural encounters/competencies shaped your stay?

The variety of nationalities and different perspectives of seeing in every course made this experienced very rewarding and opened mind

Which perspectives on the host country/country of origin have changed and why?

Before moving to Hungary, I had a misconception of Hungary or especially Budapest, being a close dark and not developed area; however when arriving to Budapest, all my thoughts shattered. Budapest is a cosmopolitan and vibrant city that has a lot to offer, particularly for international students

What was your daily life like where you were? (e.g. living, shopping, leisure, inclusion)

My daily life consisted of a balance of an academic routine and a diverse option of leisure activities even at the

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university. A major highlight would be the weekend travels. Since Hungary is a very good located country in Western Europe, traveling to the neighboring countries was really affordable.

What are the unique or special issues in the host country and what were the opportunities for engaging with these issues?

The only issue that I would point out in the host country is the language; however, the host university offers a wide range of courses for international students which are really convenient. In addition, when arriving, the international office gives the opportunity to the incoming students to have a local student buddy, so when struggling with the language or paperwork, these can help.

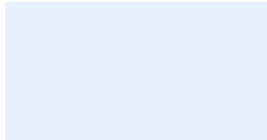
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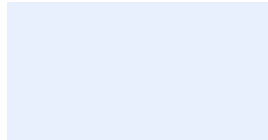
3. Photos

Finally, you can upload photos here, which visualize/represent your stay abroad well. If necessary, add a description. The following questions can help you choose the appropriate photos:

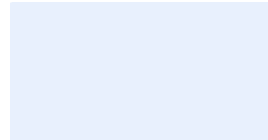
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- Do you have the consensual consent of the persons depicted in the photos?
- "A picture is worth a thousand words!" What does your picture say about the country and your semester abroad?



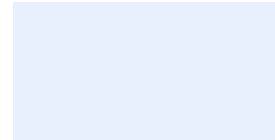
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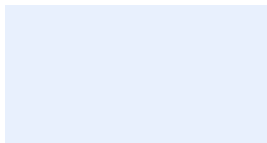
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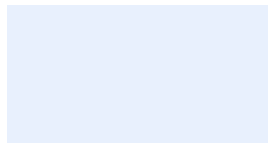
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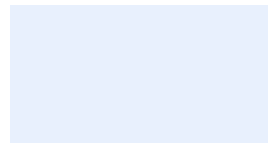
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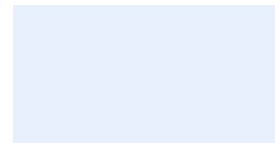
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