

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:

Yes No

Study program at EUF

Bachelor of Arts Bildungswissenschaften

Subject combination (if BABW)

English, Politics/Economics

Host country

Hungary

Host university

University of Szeged

Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2020/21)

Fall 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?

I applied by the general procedures of Flensburg University, apart from that saved some money in advance to not worry about money abroad.

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

I went out to bars a lot, there were a lot of events for international students, therefore it was easy to find like-minded/situated students.

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

I already knew the basics of the language, so I improved my language, but not really learned it from scratch.

Nevertheless, I took Hungarian classes for international students.

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 workload was comparatively low. It was easy to get along, homework was scarce. Language of instruction was English, which sometimes led to confusion during exams, tests or general discussions in class. I only had small seminars, with other international students. Therefore it was easier to get to know each other, as well as stay in touch.

What intercultural encounters/competencies shaped your stay?

Talking English the majority of the time. I tried to avoid other German speaking students in the beginning, or we kept talking in English if we were with each other. It is easy to exclude others by using a language not everybody speaks. I made that experience with other groups, and didn't enjoy their company.

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

I didn't have any views in the beginning. So nothing "changed".

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

I went out every night, to meet friends at a bar, or a café. I was always on the run, eating something on the go before meeting the next group. Therefore I didn't spend much on groceries.

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

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Is there anything else you would like to share? (e.g. anecdotes, criticism, etc.)

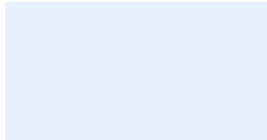
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Enrolling for courses was a mess. Some courses which were meant to happen, just didn't and nobody bothered to tell me about it. But luckily, it was quite easy to rearrange my schedule and be added to the the list of participants spontaneously. In the beginning I felt stressed and uneasy due to these uncertainties. But I suppose that was the first lesson of the semester abroad: it's not about planning, but more about adapting quickly, being spontaneous. And the semester abroad is in your hands. It is only going to be memorable if you make an effort, e.g. actually go out to meet new people. Engaging into all the activities can be draining sometimes, but it was worth it. I met a bunch of people and have had great fun doing so. Some other students however, as I perceived it, did not make the effort and I can't imagine what stories they'll tell in their home country, or whether they actually enjoyed it.

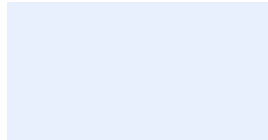
3. Photos

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:

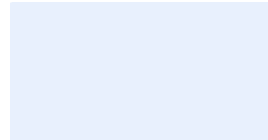
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- Do you have the consensual consent of the persons depicted in the photos?
- "A picture is worth a thousand words!" What does your picture say about the country and your semester abroad?



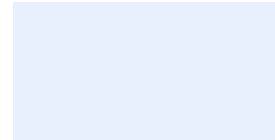
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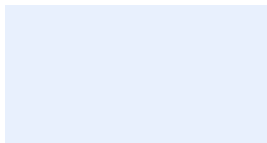
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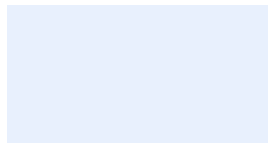
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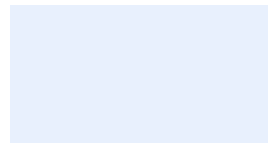
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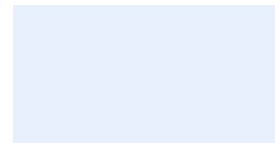
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