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These tips were compiled using testimonials from the past five years.



UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES UPPER AUSTRIA



AUSTRIA
STEYR



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Campus

The campus is on the river Steyr, not that far from the city center. It is quiet and relaxing and the students are all welcoming. The school is small with around 1000 students. It is well organized. The first two days of classes consist of an introduction to the campus, how to access the university's internet resources, the administrative documents to fill out, etc. Everything is presented and explained very well.

Courses

Exchange students are offered a wide range of courses with a limited number of places in each course, so must register during the given period. Professional Performance in a Globalized World and Practical Introduction to Studies are both very interesting. The teachers are very open and welcoming.

Accommodation

The university has a partnership with a real estate agency so it was easy to find an apartment. The website has single occupancy, shared apartments, or shared rooms. They are all fully equipped and furnished and even have bed linen and towels. Utilities such as water, electricity, heating, and internet are sometimes included in the rent. Each exchange student has a buddy in charge of welcoming him/her. They will collect the keys to your apartment and take you there when you arrive.

My Tips

Make the most of the Austria's location to travel to the surrounding countries. Steyr is a small town and the pace of life is quite slow and quiet. The city is located in the middle of the mountains, in winter it can snow and it is possible to ski, but the temperatures can go up to 30° in summer. The climate is very similar to Grenoble's. Shops are generally open from 10am to 7pm or sometimes 8pm, but all stores are closed on Sundays. You can walk everywhere.

My Likes & Dislikes

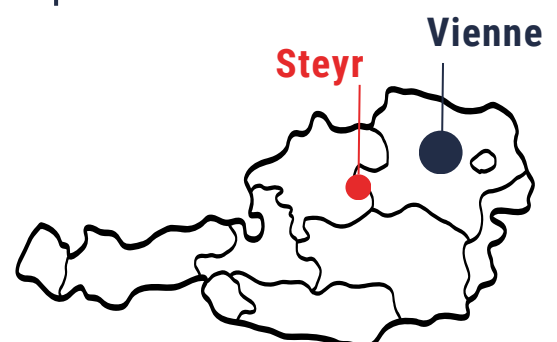
- + Travelling to neighboring countries by bus for little money (Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia etc.)
- The city is small and there isn't much to do.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

- Housing: 350€
- Food: 250€
- Leisure: 100-150€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
B2 English
- **Academic calendar:**
1st March ~ 30th June
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES WIENER NEUSTADT



AUSTRIA
WIENER NEUSTADT



FACHHOCHSCHULE
WIENER NEUSTADT

Campus

The campus is 10 minutes by bike or bus from the city center and 30 minutes from Vienna. It is peaceful and surrounded by nature. The buildings are large and modern and, as it a private school, provides all the modern tools for teaching. It is a very international school.

Courses

You choose your courses from a list with 3 main topics: Finance, Human Resources and Marketing. You can also choose courses on Austria and intercultural affairs. There is an optional German class.

Accommodation

You should be guaranteed a place in the Ernst Höger dormitory. On campus accommodation, around 310€/month for a single room in a 2-bedroom apartment. For a fee you can request bedding, towels and a tea towel.

My Tips

Take the OBB card, a rail card allowing half price travel throughout Austria. Create an account with NextBike as it is easy to travel by bike. It is then free for an hour and 1 euro after. Buy food from Lidl, Penny or Billa as they are the cheapest stores.

My Likes & Dislikes

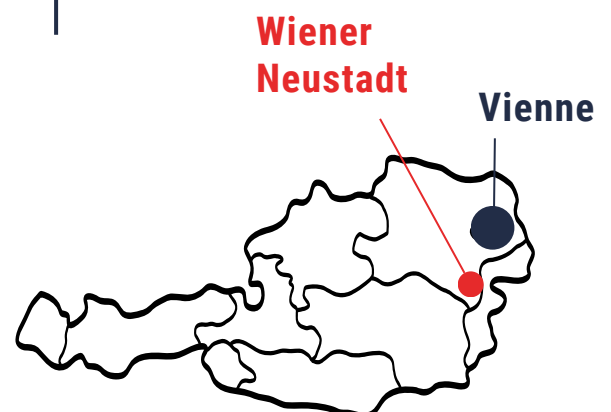
+ The outdoor activities organized by international students (trip to Vienna, a bike ride round a lake etc.)
- The weather

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 350€
Food: 200-250€
Leisure: 250€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements :**
B2 English
- **Academic calendar :**
Mid-February ~ mid-June
- **Website :**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



Campus

The school is in the city center. The International Relations department is very welcoming. The university helps find accommodation. They have a buddy program and the student office organizes a lot of activities. The school isn't on the university campus.

Courses

Not a lot of choice as most courses are for Master's students not L3. Some courses are based on group projects and continuous assessment and some on a final exam, so check. Courses from Feb to early May, exams in June.

Accommodation

The university offers rooms for exchange students in housing reserved for international students. Rooms vary in size and budget but all have a private bathroom and tv. Another option is to share accommodation in the city itself. ESN Liège has a housing service and Facebook account.

My Tips

Visit Bruges, Brussels, Namur, Oostende on the coast. The SNCB company runs cheap travel.

My Likes & Dislikes

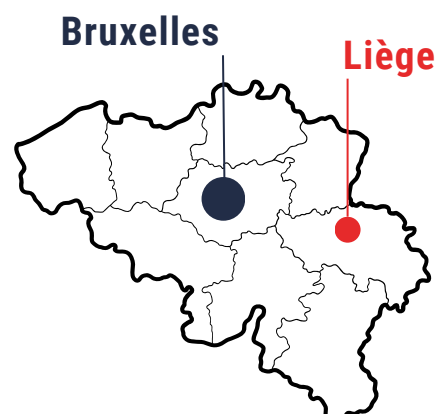
+ Belgian fries and waffles, the country and cultural heritage.
- The weather and the courses.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 500-600€
Food: 200-250€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
February ~ June
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)
- **Acceditation:**



VARNA UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT



BULGARIA
DOBRICH



VARNA
UNIVERSITY OF
MANAGEMENT

Campus

You will be on campus in Dobrich. The staff are very friendly and helpful, help you with your integration at the university and respond very quickly by email. They help fill out forms or official documents. The campus is in the heart of the city and is only 10 minutes on foot from the dorms. All student life takes place in the dormitory and that is why it is very important to form a solid group of friends if you really want to enjoy your stay.

Courses

For each course taken, one grade is for continuous assessment and the other is the final mark. Be careful when choosing at the beginning of the semester as many courses overlap. Group work is 30% of the grade and is an oral assignment with people of other nationalities speaking only English. There is a final assignment, which is 60% of the final grade and a 10% grade for class participation. When you arrive in a new class with new students and you work on English subjects, you may find it hard taking part at first.

Accommodation

Erasmus students can book single or shared accommodation in Dobrich halls of residence. It costs 10€/day for a single room and 7€/day for a shared room. This includes internet access.

My Tips

Taxis are a good way to get around and Triumph taxis are the cheapest. There are no buses or other public transport because the city is very small and everything can be done on foot. Join Erasmus Bulgaria and Varna groups to meet people. The local currency is the Lev and a lot of places don't accept credit cards, which means you have to have a lot of cash on you all the time. Make sure you can use cash dispensers without paying fees. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are party nights and on weekends you can go to Varna, which is a seaside resort and a beautiful city that is 40 minutes away from Dobrich by bus.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ You can live by the sea for not much money. Bulgaria has beautiful border countries and cities. A very dynamic city (bars, restaurants, nightclubs). A small town with a lot of Erasmus students. A cheap way of life that allows you to do a lot of things. Cheap travel to surrounding countries (Greece, Turkey, Romania).

- Bulgarians do not speak much English. University accommodation.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 300€

Food: 100€

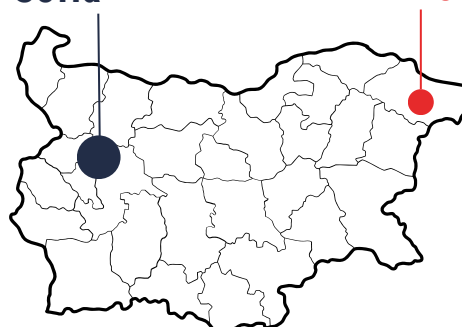
Leisure: 200€



- **Number of places: 8**
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
End January ~ May
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)

Sofia

Dobrich



SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS



CHINA
SHANGHAI



Campus

International students are on the Gubei campus. It is perfectly located 15 minutes from the city center and is on a busy shopping street. It is near subway line 2, which is the main line that crosses Shanghai.

Courses

SUIBE offers an International Business course for exchange students. There are Chinese lessons and a China Trade Simulation course as well as China Financial System, How to do Business in China.

Accommodation

If you do not obtain university accommodation, the best websites to find something near the Gubei campus are: www.smartshanghai.com/housing/
www.shanghai.craigslist.com.cn/apa/
www.bonjourchine.com/forums/annonces-immobilier-et-colocations-a-shanghai.16/

You should find an apartment quickly.

My Tips

As people don't speak English you have to communicate using images and not words. Don't try to compare China to your own country. Just accept the differences. Travel as much as you can as it is very cheap. You will need to plan trips though to get the best prices.

My Likes & Dislikes

- + The weekends away in China organized by SUIBE. The price of food which is really cheap. Travel round China is very cheap.
- The language barrier

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 500€
Food: 300€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 10
- **Language requirements:**
English B2+
- **Academic calendar:**
March ~ June
- **Website :**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)

The list of courses and accommodation information will be provided by the partner university



CZECH UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES



**CZECH REPUBLIC
PRAGUE**



Czech University
of Life Sciences Prague

Campus

The campus is 45 minutes from the center of Prague on public transport. You need to take the metro to Dejvicka then the bus 115 to the university stop. There are more than 10,000 students at the university. Each faculty has been attributed a color which makes it easier to find your way around.

Courses

You must take 24 credits, which is about 6 courses. There are traditional courses, part-time throughout the semester with a final exam or project but there are also study blocks which are one-week intensive courses reserved for Erasmus with an exam at the end of the week. Grades are from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest. You have to study the subject of the course before the class and it is discussed during the lesson.

Accommodation

You need to look for housing early. Avoid on-campus housing. It is far from the city center and all rooms are shared. Social media groups and organizations offer apartments or rooms for Erasmus students. Visit apartments before renting them as there are many scams.

My Tips

Buy the university Isic card that offers discounts on various things but mainly on transportation: in Prague, throughout the country and even abroad! Make sure you have a bank card that doesn't charge fees for cash withdrawals as it isn't the same currency (koruna).

My Likes & Dislikes

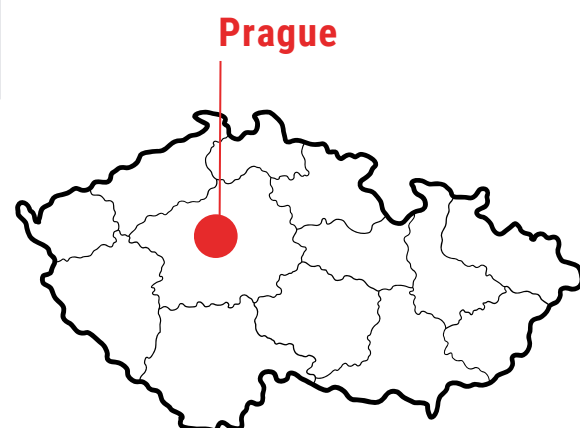
+ Prague is a very beautiful city with plenty of things to do. Transport services in Czech Republic are really good, travelling around Czech Republic and to other countries is really easy. Prague feels very safe. It is very cheap.
- Not many people speak English, which makes shopping difficult. And all food labels are in Czech. The university admin staff don't all speak English.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 400€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 5
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
First week of February ~ end June
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



LAPLAND UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



FINLAND
ROVANIEMI

LAPIN AMK

Lapland University of Applied Sciences

Campus

There are two universities on campus, two canteens you can eat in, even on Saturday. Meals on campus are around 3€/ meal. You can have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the cafeteria. The campus is a 30-minute walk from the city center but easily accessible by bus.

Courses

We chose 4 management courses, 25 ECTS in total. You are graded on your projects and what you put into them, not what you have learned. The teachers are very helpful and try to get the best out of you. Classes are great and interesting. There is a lot of group work, which will improve your oral presentation skills! There are around 25h of courses per week with lessons finishing around 4pm.

Accommodation

Rent in a student residency to meet people, the atmosphere is great and everyone helps. There are second-hand stores if you need equipment. Your social life will be on campus, don't live in the town. We recommend DAS Lauri or DAS Eero. The student residences are a 30-minute walk from the city center. Don't take any utensils or bedding as students leave theirs when they leave.

My Tips

Take warm clothes for -30 degrees sometimes. Buy a bike to get around. A car is available for rent next to the Eero and Lauri establishments, useful for shopping. The best bar in the city center is the Kansaan Pubi where you can find pints for 2,5€. There are lots of group activities organized for Erasmus students, trips to Norway and Sweden for example. Join the year's Facebook groups.

My Likes & Dislikes

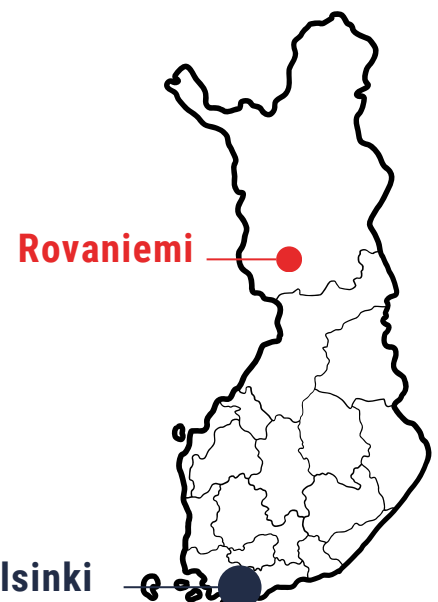
+ The country is very safe, there is no theft, no danger. The landscapes are impressive. See the Aurora Borealis visible until April. Go dog sledding, snow mobiling, fishing on frozen lakes etc. You can visit Santa Claus' village!
- Cold weather until start of May. The Finns are sometimes cold and withdrawn. In winter, it is dark very early. It is a very expensive country. The food isn't great.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 400€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
First week of January ~ end of May
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



CENTRIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



FINLAND
KOKKOLA



Campus

The campus in Kokkola is human-sized and very green. When you arrive, you will be given login details and a password to access Optima (platform giving you access to courses and to submit your work online). You will be given a certificate of attendance and a card to benefit from a discount at the school canteen. Throughout the semester an advisor will help you administratively with any requests. In addition Kokkola also has a swimming pool with sauna and a gym.

Courses

Lessons are in small groups of less than 20 and consist of practical applications. Several of the lessons do not have a final exam but weekly group assignments or individual work. The teacher-student relationship is less formal than in France. From the beginning of the semester, the professors told us to call them by their first names. They really listened to us, we chose the exam dates together considering everyone's needs.

Accommodation

A room in a shared apartment (2-3 people) will be reserved for you as soon as you are accepted at the university. To accept, you have to send an e-mail to the "Tankari" service. You must then pay the entire rent and the guarantee in one payment. The apartments are furnished with the strict minimum (table, oven, fridge). In some student residences apartments showers are shared while in others they are private. Each room has a bed (sometimes without a mattress), a desk and two shelves. You do not choose your residence. There is no public transport in Kokkola. The closest residence is a 5-minute walk from the university, while the two residences furthest away are 45 minutes on foot.

My Tips

Take warm clothes as it is very cold in winter (-28°). You can walk everywhere in the city and trains run 24h a day if you want to travel to Helsinki for example. You can also rent a car to travel round the country. When you arrive in Finland and start your courses, you have to register with the Finnish state as soon as possible. This appointment allows you to be covered by the health system. You will have the same rights as Finnish students. You will also be given additional information about tourism and how administration works.

My Likes & Dislikes

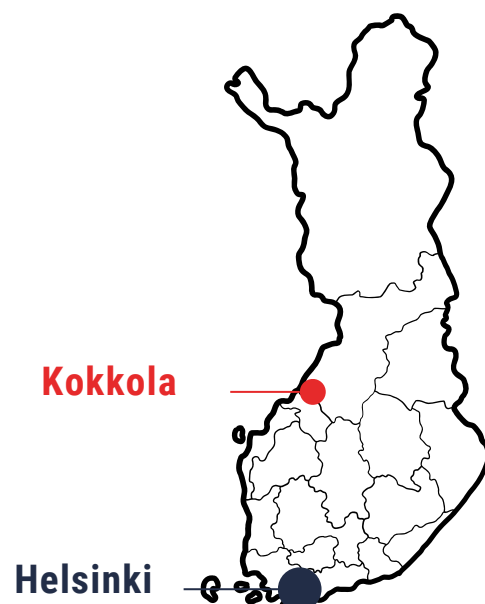
+ The country is beautiful and experiencing a new culture was amazing. Travelling to other cities and countries in the region is easy.
- The cold in winter (-28° sometimes) and the lack of sun (5 hours a day in winter). The cost of living is very high.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 200-300€ (student residence)
Food: 200€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 6
- **Language requirements:** English B2
- **Academic calendar:** First week of January ~ end of May
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



OULU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



FINLAND

OULU

OAMK

Campus

The campus is pleasant and modern and next to another university Yliopisto University, which means that students can enjoy a huge campus.

Courses

There is a range of business courses, work is assessed continuously and there is a lot of group work. Each course has modules and each module has a different teacher. The atmosphere is much more relaxed than in France.

Accommodation

Try and stay at the PSOAS accommodation as it is cheap and all the other Erasmus students are there.

My Tips

Oulu is in the middle of Finland so ideal for discovering the country and doing snow sports. Bring warm clothes for winter and summer city clothes.

My Likes & Dislikes

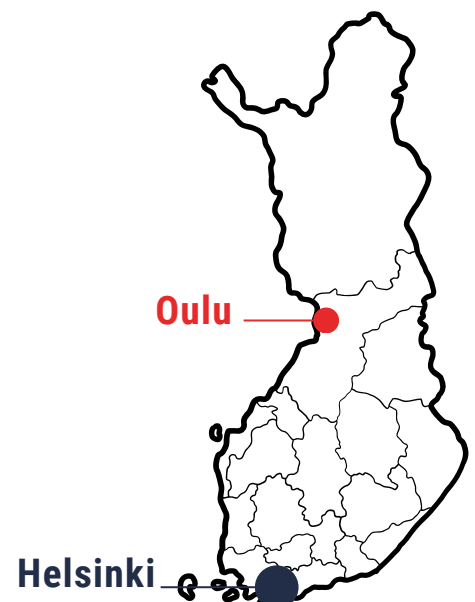
+ Road trip to Rovaniemi with snowy forests, the elk in their natural setting, the Northern lights and Santa Claus village.
- The high cost of living, particularly food and alcohol.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 280-350€
Food: 150-200€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 8
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
First week of January ~ mid-May
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)





Campus

There were around 2,000 students from all over the world on campus. There also are 2 big cafeterias serving affordable quality food (around 4€ to 6€ per meal). Public transport is just outside the school. Everything is designed to make students comfortable in their studies (many pc pools, work rooms on each floor, a really well-stocked library, meeting rooms etc.) The school encourages innovation in learning, students can book a “creativity room” with slate walls to allow students to write everything. There also are work rooms with sofas to work in a relaxing atmosphere. We had a volleyball court at the bottom of the residence and a small sports complex a little further down the road. Münster is in the middle of Europe which allows you to travel. We went to the Netherlands, to Berlin, to Poland, to Italy, to Finland... in short, we couldn't have dreamt of a better Erasmus trip.

Courses

We were in the Business and Administration section. Classes were only in the morning, which left us a lot of time for tourist activities, sports or relaxation. The professors' English is easy to understand. We found courses easier than in France, most of the exams are group work. There are time-consuming group projects at the end of the year. German courses are practical. Most of my lecturers were business professionals. The grading system is specific to Germany, ranging from 1 to 10, you need to have 4 to validate the subject and 1 to have the best grade. You need to have 60% of the answers right to get the credits. Exams last no longer 1h30.

Accommodation

Live in a student residence to meet other international students. We strongly recommend applying for the residence: "Wilhelmskamp" as soon as possible as there aren't many places and it contributes strongly to the integration with other foreign students in Münster. Register on studentenwerk to be sure to get a flat/room. Try and find your housing before you go.

My Tips

Go to Entschede (in the Netherlands), Köln, Dusseldorf with the regional train, which is completely free for students. Arrive a little early to enjoy the time without classes since the semester starts late compared to other destinations. Visit the famous Aasee, the unmissable lake in Münster. Rent or buy a bike for the semester. There is a large network of cycle paths throughout the city. Live in halls of residence to meet people.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ Student residence life. The quality of the courses. The cost of living. Travel opportunities.
- The weather. Very little learning of German because Germans love to talk to you in English to practice.

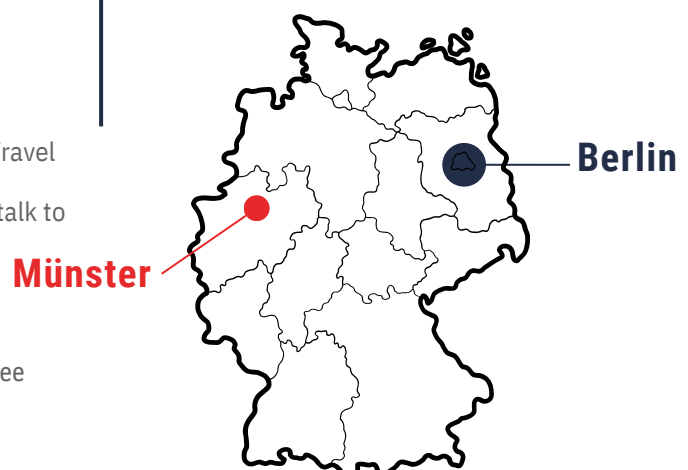
My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 250€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 200€

There is also a student tax of 300€ which gives free regional train travel.



- **Number of places:** 10
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
March ~ end of August
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)
- **Accreditation:**



EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN



GERMANY
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TÜBINGEN



Campus

The building is very old and beautiful. It's a very nice student environment and it's also very beautiful and accessible. There is no central campus as the university buildings are scattered throughout the town. Most buildings have cafés and there is a university restaurant in one. You will often change buildings for different courses.

Courses

All the courses are in English but you can take language classes too. The courses are very interesting and there is a large choice. The teachers are very kind and patient.

Accommodation

To find accommodation, register with Studierendenwerk before 31/12. The rooms in student residences run by the Studentenwerk are cheaper. Although you usually share the kitchen or the bathroom there, the prices are considerably lower. Choose WHO Fichtenweg student residence if you can. It's the student village and is the core of every student activity and where you will meet the most people. Housing prices in the city, especially in the old town, are very high. On average, you pay about 450€ for a room in a shared apartment. A room in a hall of residence costs on average of €250-300. The website wg-gesucht.de offers help in the search for a private room in a shared flat offering many rooms in different price ranges.

My Tips

Join the buddy program as it's a nice way to start your Erasmus journey. They also organize buddy activities. There are many WhatsApp groups for Erasmus students. Go to every event planned, don't be scared and push yourself out of your comfort zone, do as many activities as you can, travel as much as you can, never miss an opportunity to meet new people or have new experiences, visit the city and do the hikes proposed.

My Likes & Dislikes

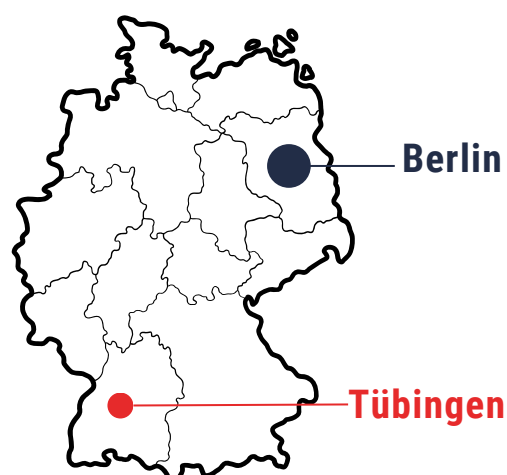
+ The people, the beautiful city, the activities and the overall atmosphere.
- The weather is mostly bad

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 300€ (student residence)
Food: 200€
Leisure: 200€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
2nd week of April ~ end of July
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



BUDAPEST METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY



HUNGARY
BUDAPEST



Campus

There is a team at the university who welcomes Erasmus students. They organize activities and outings to help integration. The student Erasmus office is in a round building on campus by the Danube River. When the weather is good they put tables and chairs out so you can study in the sun. You can take metro line 2 to get the university from the city center in 20-30 minutes.

Courses

You will need 24 ECTS to validate the semester which is 5-6 courses. You can choose to study Hungarian too!

Accommodation

Visit flats rather than choosing online as photos are often old. Try and rent an apartment in the center (5th, 6th or 7th district).

My Tips

Make sure you share a flat to make friends and discover the city together. Check your bank conditions as Hungary has its own currency. Take your swimsuit to try the baths. Visit one of the many ruin bars, bars in old abandoned buildings. It is cheaper to buy a monthly travel pass (around 11 euros) than tickets.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ The city is beautiful and very rich culturally. There is a lot to visit.
- It is hard to find steak and ham. Meat is mainly in the form of cold meats such as salami.

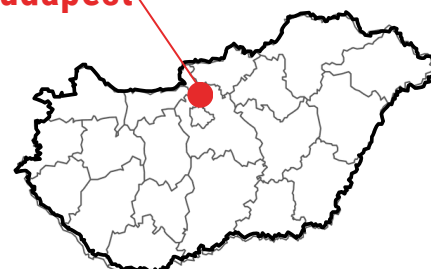
My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 300-400€
Food: 150-250€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
February ~ June
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
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Budapest



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CORK



IRELAND
CORK



Campus

Campus is spacious, clean and flowery. It feels like Hogwarts! It is 40 mins on foot from the city center, 15 by bus. There is a large sports facility with a free gym and pool and the libraries are very good. The campus is very large but the university app will help you find your way around. It is a great place to study and you will find everything you need on campus.

Courses

Courses are interesting and teachers are supportive. Celtic Mythology is interesting. There are a lot of group assignments. There is a high level of teaching. Information Systems Management is a good course. International Brand Strategy and Social Media Marketing are enjoyable. International Management is actually more about Economics. Most assessments are essays that have to be between 1500 - 3500 words in general.

Accommodation

Accommodation is hard to find so look early. Organize it yourself, don't wait for the university to offer it. Rent is around 550-600€. If you choose student residences, Nido curraheen point is expensive. Choose Brookfield (near the city center) or Parchment Square (near CIT/MTU the university). Look on Daft.ie, EasyCity and join the Facebook group "Les Français à Cork" for good deals and housing offers. University residences aren't in the city center. One piece of advice would be to go on the studentpad which is offered after your registration to look for accommodation safely (guaranteed by the UCC). If you live in student residences you will have to buy all your bedding and there are many rules.

My Tips

Travel round Ireland by bus. Food is cheaper, alcohol is more expensive. Take a raincoat, the weather is unpredictable! Take a Bikes Share subscription for 10€/year. Go to Galway, Limerick and Dingle. Cork is great too; the city is not very big. I would recommend going to Kinsale, Nohoval Cove, Inchydoney Beach. Also, go to the cliffs nearby and kayak or surf! Don't change your phone plan for such a short period. Plan your activities ahead and don't cancel if it is raining as rain never lasts. If you want to travel and know the best spots subscribe to Instagram pages like cork_daily.

My Likes & Dislikes

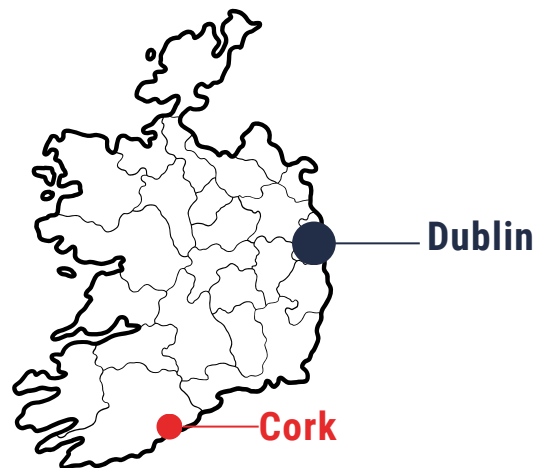
+ Discovering the country, natural landscapes. Pubs. Music groups in the street at night.
- Shops etc. close early. The cost of living is high. If you are in university accommodation you have to buy duvets and pillows. The weather.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 600-800€
Food: 200€
Leisure: 250€



- **Number of places:** 20
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
Mid-January ~ mid-May
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)
- **Acceditation:**



UNIVERSITA CARLO CATTANEO



ITALY
CASTELLANZA



Campus

The campus is small and in a small town. It is surrounded by nature and is 30 minutes by train from Milan. The campus is in an old factory building. Halls of residence are on campus too so you are close to your classrooms. There is a library with silent workrooms and group workrooms.

Courses

Courses are in English but they are easy to understand. Each class is taught by two teachers and lasts 4 hours. The content is good quality. The grading system is out of 30 and not 20. You need to register for online exams or you won't be able to take them. Assessment is both oral and written. You can refuse your grades if you think they are too low, and retake your exam. You choose all your courses at the beginning of the semester so make sure they don't clash as there is no weekly timetable.

Accommodation

Try and live in student residences as you will meet lots of people. But most student rooms are shared. There are very few single rooms. You will have to pay about 500€ deposit, but you get it back at the end of your stay. You have to pay your rent all at once at the beginning. Nearly all students live on campus.

My Tips

Erasmus students leave their cooking stuff. There is a free market organized where you can pick up what you need to cook with etc. The Erasmus association organizes a lot of parties and activities. If you can go by car, then do as you will be able to visit the surrounding areas. Try and ask for a room by yourself.

My Likes & Dislikes

- + The social life in the student residence is great. Erasmus evenings (once a week every Tuesday) are a great way to get to know people. The food is amazing.
- Having to share a room in the student residence. There is no specific timetable for Erasmus students so choose courses carefully to avoid clashes.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 400-450€
Food: 150-200€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
February ~ June
- **Website:**
 - + **General information :** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information :** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information :** [Click here](#)



BIZNESA AUGSTSKOLA TURIBA UNIVERSITY



LATVIA
RIGA



Campus

Beautiful campus near the city center. There is a special administration office for Erasmus students. Staff are helpful. The campus isn't in the city center but easy to get to by bus. There are two cafés, a library and a gym. There are university dorms on campus.

Courses

Courses are business-related but not a very high level. Grades are throughout the semester, written work and oral presentations. Final exams at end of year. Classes are about 3 hours long. Classes are with Erasmus students only in small groups of 5-15 people. They are easy to choose online. Sometimes courses overlap so check your timetable. You have to be present at least 75% of the time to take the final exam.

Accommodation

Rent an Airbnb in the city center (450€/month) or stay at Turiba Hostel (rent is cheap 150€/month). Try to find your accommodation early as there are a lot of international students in Riga.

My Tips

Take warm clothes as it can be cold. You will need good, waterproof shoes as there is a lot of snow. Get the ESN card for discounts in shops, restaurants and bars. Go on Erasmus trips (Sweden, Lapland). Travel to Estonia or Lithuania) by bus. Good restaurants serving local food: Folkklubs, ALA Pagrabs and Rozengrals. Latvia is cheap, cabs are a cheap way of getting around.

My Likes & Dislikes

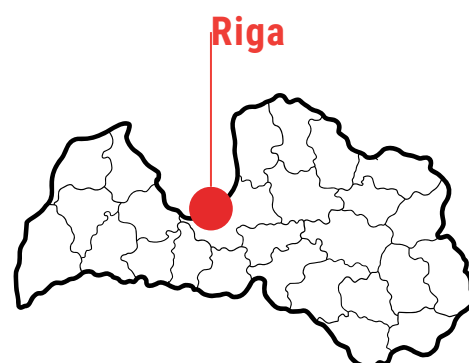
+ The cost of living. It's easy to travel round. A buddy will pick you up from the airport when you arrive. - It isn't easy to communicate with local people due to the language barrier.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 150-450€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 3
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
Early January ~ end of April
- **Website :**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



BUSINESS SCHOOL OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY



LITHUANIA
VILNIUS



Campus

There are two campuses: one that is huge with 14 faculties, a botanical garden, a museum, library, shops etc. and the other campus is small and has a large library. The Erasmus administrators are very helpful. It is about 40 minutes by bus from the city center. The Business school is about 10 minutes from the Sauletekio university dorms. The library is open 24/7.

Courses

Courses are very similar to France. They are taught in English, but are easy to understand. Taking five courses gives you 25 credits. There is a mid-term test for each, a team project with a paper and presentation and a final test in June. Classes end May 30th. An interesting option is "International Protocol". Each course is studied intensively over a week and a half, then there is an exam and the course was complete.

Accommodation

Rent a room in the Sauletekio university dorms. They only give you bedding. You will have to buy kitchen utensils.

My Tips

When you land, take the BOLT (cheaper than taxis and Uber) to get to your accommodation. There are a lot of museums and churches to visit and the old town is very pretty. Go to Trakai Castle. Visit other cities near Vilnius like Warsaw, Riga, Tallinn. If you are there for winter, take warm clothes! ESN organizes events and evenings. Ask your buddy to help you organize your student card. You will need a Lithuanian phone number.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ The old town, Trakai, TV Tower. We visited Latvia, Poland, Ukraine and Estonia which are all close by. A sponsor from ESN will pick you up when you land if you need it. They facilitate integration. The week is lots of activities to help discover the university, city and other students. The Uzupis district is nice.

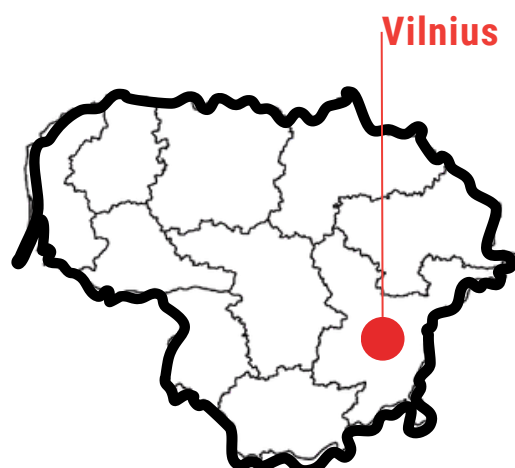
- The rain! We didn't find Lithuanian people very friendly. It becomes warmer in June.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 400-500€ (or 180€ in dorms)
Food: 150€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
End of January ~ end of June
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)





Campus

The campus is small with 2500 students, 250 international students, 30-70 of whom are Erasmus students. The school is right by the fjord. It is about 3kms from the city center. There is a grocery 5 mins from the school. There is a gym which is around 45€/semester and is open 24/7. There is a direct bus from the campus to the city which takes 7 mins.

Courses

Courses are in English. You need to choose at least 4 to validate your semester. They are recorded so you can watch them again.

Accommodation

There are student residences within 5-7 minutes on foot from the campus. As an international student you are guaranteed housing during your stay.

My Tips

ESN Molde and IFRI organize trips like skiing, surfing, cabin and fjord trips plus activities such as hiking, bonfires, ice bathing and tango. There is wifi everywhere but after 3 months you will need a new sim card. Bring hiking and skiing equipment and a rain jacket plus a backpack for trips round the country.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ Road trips, outdoor activities, the landscapes, fjords, Norwegian culture, skillingsboller.
- The weather, it can snow in May. There isn't much choice of food in supermarkets. The cost of living.

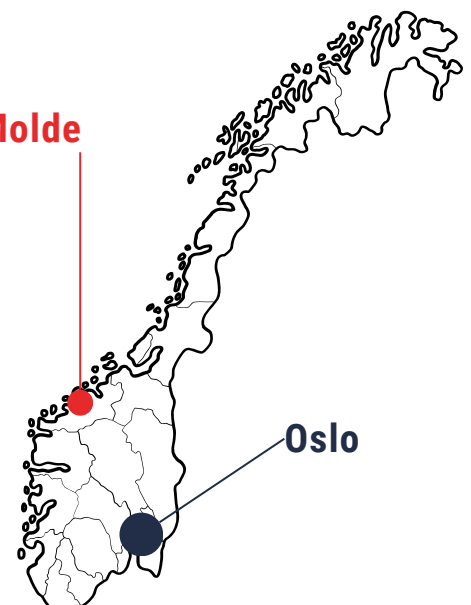
My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 550€
Food: 200€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places: 4**
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
Early January ~ mid-June
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)

Molde



Oslo

Campus

The campus is lively, big, all faculties are on site. It is surrounded by lakes and forest. There are two grocery stores close to the campus. There is a lovely café, a bar, a book store, etc. There is an enormous sports complex called Spicheren, which costs around 35€/month. A bus takes you into the city or to a shopping mall and IKEA etc. There is a buddy system for Erasmus students.

Courses

Teachers are helpful and give feedback. You have to choose 4 courses (7.5 credits each). Classes are taught in English. You are graded on assignments and a final exam: a case study in the form of an essay.

Accommodation

International students who are spending a minimum of one semester at the University of Agder are guaranteed student accommodation in shared or single rooms. You will receive a reservation code and details on how to apply for your accommodation once you have been accepted. All student dorms are rented out without any bedding, kitchen equipment, etc. International students can order a package with pillow, duvet and bed linen, which will be ready in your room when you arrive. There are swaprooms where you can find kitchen utensils and small pieces of furniture that other students have left.

My Tips

There is a good buddy program. Activities are organized for Erasmus students every Sunday. Talk to everyone and adapt to the local culture. Norwegian airlines offers cheap travel for under-26s around Norway. When you arrive, go to the Swap Room where students leave their belongings when they leave (furniture, kitchen utensils etc.)

My Likes & Dislikes

- + Landscapes are beautiful. The Norwegian way of life and mindset.
- The cost of living is sometimes twice as high as in France.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 450€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
Early January ~ early June
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)
- **Acceditation:**



WARSAW SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS



**POLAND
WARSAW**



Campus

The campus is large and there are places to eat on campus. There are tram and metro stops just outside. The professors are available at all times to help.

Courses

There is a wide range of courses, the English is easy to understand. You can take Polish language and culture courses too.

Accommodation

Join Erasmus Facebook and Whatsapp pages to find accommodation. You don't need to rent somewhere in the old city center as it is more expensive and public transport works well to get into the city center.

My Tips

ESN organize lots of outings and an integration week. To meet other foreign students and find out what there is to do in Poland, join Erasmus Facebook & Whatsapp groups. Life in Poland is much cheaper than in France. Train tickets are not very expensive and, in a few hours, it is possible to go to the most famous cities. Visit Poznan and Krakow. Travel to Budapest. Do not cross the street if the light is red!

My Likes & Dislikes

+ The cost of living, which is very cheap, allowing you to make the most of your stay.
- Everything closes early. The temperature can be as low as -20 degrees in winter.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 300-400€
Food: 150€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places: 8**
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
Mid-February ~ end of June
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)
- **Acceditation:**



UNIVERSITATEA ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA

ROMANIA
IASI



UNIVERSITATEA
„ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA“
din IAȘI

Campus

The campus is in the north of the city and is comprised of 7 buildings. Each one has a totally different style of architecture. There is a lot of accommodation on campus. Business classes are in Building B and admin for Erasmus students is in Building A. ESN Iasi organizes lots of parties, as well as a 4-5-day trip throughout Romania every semester. They also organize an international dinner contest. There are movie nights also, karaoke etc.

Courses

Courses are a mix of Bachelor, Masters and tutorials. You can also study Romanian. You can find specialties for Business Administration and attend every course from year 3 of a Bachelor's to year 2 of a Master's degree as long as they are in English. The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers tutorials to its Erasmus students. It is the same content as a normal course but in the form of homework, there are no classes.

Accommodation

Most accommodation is on campus. Romanian students live on campus too. Erasmus students are in Camin C5. It is ok and cheap but you will share a room with two other students. Godeamus is ok too and has less Erasmus students. Don't rent in the other dorms as they are very old. Buy kitchen utensils from the Emmaus in Iasi.

My Tips

Learn a bit of Romanian before coming. Everything is really cheap. A lot of shops and restaurants are open 24/7. Administrative paperwork and procedures are really simple and take a few minutes to do. The water is drinkable in the big cities but not in the countryside. There is an Emmaus in Iasi which is good for furnishing your student room or buying kitchen utensils.

My Likes & Dislikes

- + The cost of living.
- The food and the fact that people stare at you.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 200€
Food: 75€
Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
End of February ~ end of June
- **Website:**
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 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
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Campus

The school is lovely, right next to the beach and the harbor. It is a great place to study. The library is open 24/7.

Courses

The 12 international students were mixed in with Spanish students so we did group work with them. Teachers were available to help us when necessary. There is a large choice of courses but we didn't enjoy Strategic Thinking. Courses are taught by business professionals.

Accommodation

The university has signed an agreement with beroomers.com, a top accommodation finder. As an EDEM student you are entitled to a 25% discount off the service fee. You will have a contact person to help you in your search and a customer service line available from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

My Tips

We recommend EDEM rather than Valencia University as you will be immersed with Spanish students and your Spanish will improve faster than if you take classes. Take out a Valenbisi bike rental subscription. You can buy the card in a newspaper shop. For the metro and tram, buy 10 tickets at a time as they are cheaper.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ Valencia is a small city, airy and green. There is a 7km-long park that runs through the city. The old center is beautiful. There is a beach. The climate is really nice.

– No dislikes! We liked everything about Valencia.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 350-400€
Food: 100€
Leisure: 150€



- **Number of places:** 5
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
January ~ May
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



UNIVERSITA DE VALENCIA



SPAIN
VALENCIA



Campus

The Taronger campus is located in a large student area of the city. There are three different campuses. There is a big library on campus, which is one of the best university libraries in Spain. It has 7 floors.

Courses

You can choose the language of the course: English or Spanish, for almost all the subjects. For each one, there are 2 hours of theory and 2 hours of practical courses with projects, presentations etc. You will be graded on the theory and the practical work and if you fail one you fail the course. Pay attention to the dates when you can choose courses as the procedure is complicated. You are only allowed to be absent twice.

Accommodation

Avinguda Blasco Ibañez, Avinguda Ramón LLull, Plaza Honduras and Plaza del Cedro are good places to live as they are near the university. Another student area is the Benimaclet neighborhood, close to the universities. Flats are older and therefore cheaper. The best thing to do is find a flat or a room before you arrive in the city. But consider where you will be studying as it's better to live nearby.

Happy Erasmus has some flats that are well located & not too expensive: <https://www.erasmusvalencia.com/pisos-y-habitaciones.html>

My Tips

There are organizations that arrange trips for Erasmus students (Happy Erasmus, Erasmus Life etc.) It's a good way to meet people. Explore the city. Go to beach parties. Rent a bike monthly with a 30€ bike pass.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ Living next to the beach is like being on holiday for 5 months. Spanish prices are really low and the relaxed Spanish atmosphere is great. You can do nearly everything on foot.

- Spain can be quite old-fashioned. Service can be slow in bars and restaurants.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 450€

Food: 100€

Leisure: 100€



- **Number of places:** 2
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
February ~ July
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID

SPAIN
MADRID

UAM Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Campus

The campus is 45 minutes by metro from the center. The cafeteria on campus is a great place to eat as it is good and not too expensive.

Courses

There is a lot of group work, which means you integrate with Spanish students. Most of the courses are in Spanish so you must have a B2 level. The choice of courses is limited as you can only take 3rd year courses (no Masters or 1st and 2nd year of a Bachelor's degree).

Accommodation

Try to rent an apartment in La Latina, Sol, Lavapies, Malasana, or Chueca, in the center of Madrid. Make sure you sign a contract that states your deposit will be returned to you when you leave owners often don't return deposits. Also check that internet is included as it is complicated to get internet set

My Tips

Join the Whatsapp Erasmus group. Travel within Spain is inexpensive. Take the train to Valencia, which is only 2 hours from Madrid. Set up a metro card when you arrive. It is 20€ per month and you can travel in Madrid and the surrounding areas.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ The Spaniards are very sociable people. People are always out meeting in bars and cafés. The streets are safe. The architecture and parks are beautiful.

- Real estate prices and deposit issues.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 750-850€ (studio in city center)

Food: 200-250€

Leisure: 200€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
Spanish B2
- **Academic calendar:**
End of January ~ end of May
- **Website:**
+ **General information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Course information:** [Click here](#)
+ **Accommodation information:** [Click here](#)



ISTANBUL COMMERCE UNIVERSITY

Campus

The school has two campuses, Stutluce campus next to the Bosphorous and Kucuklyali campus for Engineering courses. It takes 40 minutes by bus from Taksim to get to the campus. There are restaurants on campus and an ATM and a shop with university branded merchandise.

Courses

You must choose 4 courses in Management and can also learn the basics of Turkish with a language course.

Accommodation

Check the Erasmus Flats Istanbul Facebook page to find your accommodation.

My Tips

Make sure you have an Istanbulkart transport card which is rechargeable. Travel to other cities such as Bodrum, Izmir, Antalya, Adana. Don't expect people to speak English as hardly anyone does. Use Uber rather than taxis as taxi drivers will charge you more if you don't speak Turkish.

My Likes & Dislikes

- + The food and culture.
- There are no activities on campus for international students.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 400€
Food: 100€
Leisure: 300€



TURKEY
ISTANBUL



İSTANBUL TİCARET
ÜNİVERSİTESİ



- **Number of places:** 5
- **Language requirements:**
English B1
- **Academic calendar:**
March ~ July
- **Website:**
 - + **General information:** [Click here](#)
 - + **Course information:** [Click here](#)
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Campus

Nice campus and good facilities, pool, cafés, gym, green spaces etc. It is close to the city center. It is divided into three parts and is big. There is an app to help you find your way around. There are lots of societies to join on campus (cooking, debating etc.) It has multiple student residences, supermarkets, a sports complex, a clinic, chemists, fast food restaurants, bars and cafes etc.

Courses

There are a wide range of courses and you have to choose 4. They involve a lot more work than in France. You will need to do a lot of research on your own to prepare for writing your essays and reports. Use the library! For every hour of class you will need two hours of personal work. There is a lot of reading to do.

Accommodation

There is a lot of choice for accommodation, private or university halls of residence. There is a team to help you find accommodation. Try and stay in Tudor Close halls. It is very near the university and the city. It's like a little village full of international students. You will live in a house with 5-7 other students. If you are looking for shared or private accommodation, check out Liverpool Student Homes, an accredited, university-funded website that will help you find accommodation. The ideal location is between the campus and the city center.

My Tips

Bring a winter jacket but also shorts and t-shirts! Try not to stay only with French students. Go to Bold Street where you will find the best pubs and bars. Shop at a large Tesco's, not the small ones that are more expensive. Prices are the same as in Grenoble. Visit the countless museums and galleries in the city. Visit other European cities. Check with your bank before you leave as the currency is different, therefore it's best to avoid bank fees.

My Likes & Dislikes

+ People in the city are very friendly and welcoming. Being with other international students. Life in Liverpool, it's a great city. Discovering small, lovely restaurants.
- The weather, it changes all the time.

My monthly budget : 700-850€

Housing: 700-750€ (university accommodation)
Food: 150-200€
Leisure: 150-200€



- **Number of places:** 4
- **Language requirements:**
English B2
- **Academic calendar:**
End of January ~ early June
- **Website:**
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