

Experience / Travel Report

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1. Data (will be filled out automatically)

Host Country	Finland
Host institution	Novia University of Applied Sciences - SF VAASA13
Academic Year	2020/2021
Semester	WS 2020/21
Study Field	International Business (Bachelor)
Language(s) of instruction	Englisch
Exchange Program	Studierende Partnerhochschulen Erasmus+ (SMS)
Stay from	25.08.2020
Stay to	31.05.2021

2. Preparation of stay abroad:

Information on preparatory measures (application process, language preparation, journey/ travel, housing, if applicable health care and visa)	<p>application process was good, fast and easy. The language preparation was also very good. We had some English courses before at HAW Landshut to practice and then two semester where we had all courses in English. The journey to Finland was also good, I didn't had a problem even though I came with my own car. The application for TYS was also managed very easy and I was also able to wish for an apartment together with my friends. The health care came from NOVIA, but was also easy to apply for it.</p>
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3. Studies and life in the host country

What can you tell us about your host university / city (location, orientation and on campus support, accommodation and living costs)	<p>The host university was Novia in Turku. Turku is a very nice city, for Germans quite small with 200 000 inhabitants. But, it offers a lot for students and has a lot of universities. We always got help when we needed it in the university. All teachers were well informed and always keen to help us. Our accommodation was more in a suburb of Turku, by bus 25 min. We had good access to public traffic, just sometimes at night it was a bit challenging. Our rent was 310 euros and the round about living costs had been 300 per month.</p>
Do you have helpful information on course selection / course contents, recognition at HS Landshut, teaching and examination methods / quality etc.	<p>No, if there had been changes it was always not a problem at all. The examination was most of the time a presentation and a report of the project.</p>
What else do you want to share (e.g. safety, weather, local customs, bureaucracy etc.)?	<p>Finland is very easy and safe. The weather was similar to Germany and lots of bureaucracy is working online.</p>