



Report on Erasmus+ Study Abroad

Bewerbungsnummer



GENERAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal information

Surname	
First name	
Study Programme at RUB	International Humanitarian Action_Master
Exchange	University College Dublin
Subject at Partner University	Resilience: localising the aid effort

Duration of the stay

Academic year	2024/25
Start semester	Wintersemester 2024/25
Duration in semesters/terms	1

STAY ABROAD

Motivation of stay abroad

Experience new academic environment/different university system	1
Improve your knowledge of the language	1
Academic reputation/quality of the host institution	1
Living in a foreign country	1
Discovering a new culture/way of life	1
Social/cultural life	1

Selection criteria

Which criteria motivated you to choose this institution?	reputation of the host institution, courses (course offer), Appeal of the country/city
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HOME INSTITUTION

How do you assess the general support of RUB?	1
How would you describe the services provided by RUB (information meeting, level of information...)?	They were very helpful. We even had a proper meeting with two women working for the foreigner's office.
Did you receive support from RUB while abroad?	No
Did you receive all necessary information from RUB before you left your home country?	Yes

HOST INSTITUTION

Host institution

How do you assess the host institution generally speaking?	3
Was there an orientation programme?	No
Was a preparatory intensive language course offered?	No
Was the completion of any language test at the host institution requested?	No
Did you have a buddy during your exchange?	No
Please describe the registration and enrollment formalities.	There was not a lot to do. Everything was fixed before arriving in the destination.
Please describe the host institution buildings and installations (IT, library...).	The library was very comfortable and well-equipped. However, I feel like the rooms we had classes in were very old and not properly equipped for class on which almost every person uses a laptop (e.g. there were no plugs).

Academic year schedule

Preparatory language course duration	0
First semester/term duration (in weeks)	18
Second semester/term duration (in weeks)	
Third term duration (in weeks)	
Examination period duration (in weeks)	1
Did you have holidays/a semester break?	No

STUDIES

Studies/Semester description

Which courses did you attend (brief description, evaluation, credits)?	Resilience research design (10 ECTS) GBV in emergencies (10 ECTS) Localising humanitarian management (10 ECTS)
How did you get information on the content of courses you attended?	They were mandatory, I couldn't choose them. The university provided a pdf with the course descriptions.
What was the language of instruction at the host institution?	English
How was the academic support/assistance?	Poorly managed at host university

How do you assess the quality of the courses compared to RUB?	Equal
Did you have any issues with courses recognition?	No
Please describe the grading system of the host university.	It's different from the German system, but it's manageable.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation

Which kind of accommodation did you find (student housing, shared-flat...)?	Host family
Did you receive help from your host institution to find accommodation?	No
How did you organize your accommodation? Why did you like it or not? Do you have other propositions? (Please provide website links, newspaper name... if you have any.)	I found it through a portal of the host university called my accommodation pad. It was really expensive and dirty, but it was convenient because it was close to the university. I stayed because finding accommodation in Dublin is very hard and we were not receiving any support from the university.

HOST COUNTRY

Host country

How do you describe the city, the country and the people?	The city is amazing. It's truly a place to learn history of the country. People are really lovely and welcoming. Dublin is a big city, and transportation could be much better. Also is very expensive, but I had a lovely time there. Once you know how to move in the city it becomes really magical.
Did you need a visa?	Yes
If yes, please give more details on this	I had to submit a lot of documents, and I didn't receive assistance from the host university. I also had to apply to a residence permit. I spent over 400 euros.
Did you take an additional Insurance?	No

COSTS

General costs

How were the living costs compared to your home country?	Much higher
Did you receive a grant during your stay?	Yes
Which institution provided you with a grant (Erasmus, your home institution...)?	Erasmus +
Did this grant cover all your spending while abroad?	No

Monthly costs

Monthly housing costs	800
Monthly catering costs	300

Monthly transportation costs to study place	40
Abroad health insurance coverage	
Other monthly costs	
Total amount of your monthly costs	1140

Additional costs

Immunization, medical care	
Visa	100
Travel costs for arrival and departure	300
Costs for books, copies, etc	
Language course costs (language of the country)	
Orientation week	
Other non-monthly costs	300 - residence permit
Total amount of your non-monthly costs	500

SUMMARY

Summary

How would you summarize your stay abroad?	It was very pleasant. I learned from my classmates, although I would have liked to have support from the host university in administrative issues.
Describe your greatest experience/achievement	Living abroad and keeping up with the assignments while having a great time with friends. Also I started a new hobby of running.
Describe your most negative experience	Having to pay a residence permit and not getting any guidance on the university.
What was the biggest difficulty you faced while abroad ?	Missing family and friends.
Overall notation of your stay abroad	2
Do you recommend your host institution for an exchange program?	Yes
What would you have liked to know before your stay abroad?	
Other comments/improvement proposals	

SUBMIT REPORT

Can we publish an anonymous version of your report on our website?	Yes
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