

Destination: Dublin Institute of technology - IRELAND
Exchange period: VT 2015

Choice of the destination and courses:

Choose destination from USBE's "leftover" destinations. Out of them I applied for those with native speaking countries, hence Ireland.

The level of the course at my destination University was at relative low-level, so I would say it was rather hard to find good course.

Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:

Since Ireland is a part of EU , no visa or anything like it was required.

Finding accommodation was not hard, but expensive you have to pay a lot for very poor standard.

Contact with receiving institution:

The information was alright, the international coordinator was not very friendly nor service minded so getting your questions answered was quiet though.

Support from Umea University:

I would say that Umeå did everything very good, very helpful.

Although my student-advisor at the math department approved one of my selected courses, but upon returning I was not eligible to include in my degree/diploma.

Arrival information:

Rather good, they had a "exchange student" society which arranged different types of activities.

Accommodation arrangements:

I used reported from other students who has been to Dublin prior to my semester. i lived in a shared apartment with three guys. Rent was roughly 600€ a month.

Transportation:

Walked or by bike. The tram/buses was 2.2per trip.

Budget:

I would say cost of accommodation was the biggest challenge, my shared apartment was 700€.

Social activities:

Recommendation :

I would say no to be completely honest, the reason for that is simply, the level of education is like a highschool.

Practical things to think about:

General information about academia:

well , all courses where simultaneous. You only needed 40% of the total course to pass. Exams where essay style, and you only had to answer 3 out of 6 question, so 100% of the exam where based upon those 3 questions.

Courses attended

Course 1:

Irish cultural studies - A course about irelands recent history and how its society works. A lot of international students took it, workload was alright. We had to do three written assignments.

Course 2:

EU-frameworks- A course in how EU-works and the foundation of EU. No exam, but two big reports. Very interesting.

Course 3:

Business information system - a course in how you implement an it system in a company. One big project and an exam.

Course 4:

Communications - A marketing course, rather basic. A few small assignments and an exam.

Course 5:

Entrepreneurship - A course in Entrepreneurship. A high quality course. Two written assignments an an exam.

Additional Courses:

Did the university provide language courses? Could you receive ECTS points for them? What was your experience of such course?

They did, but I did not take it. I think it was 5 ECTS.

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