

Destination: Stellenbosch University, South Africa
Exchange period: VT 2017

Choice of the destination and courses:

Tips from friends plus research online. Highly perceived educational level, great university vibe and large cultural difference. Rather easy finding OK courses, but not the largest selection available for exchange students.

Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:

Visa application, travel logistics, accomodation, safety measures, etc.

Contact with receiving institution:

Great! No problem with communication and good online resources

Support from Umea University:

No communication with International Office

Arrival information:

Yes, 3 day orientation had great results!

Accommodation arrangements:

No, found via internet searches. Security measures in different housing options/areas in Stellenbosch is definitely something to consider.

Transportation:

Bike/Uber. Super cheap.

Budget:

No problem, South Africa is perceived as very cheap for Europeans. Paid for my tuition with help from savings and expanded CSN.

Social activities:

Bunch of stuff organized via university, they truely seemed to care about their internationals.

Recommendation :

10/10 would recommend! Amazing country, great university experience.

Practical things to think about:

Safety, tricky with visas.

General information about academia:

Larger focus on memorizing large amounts of information, rather than understanding the information.
Mandatory lectures, different ways of examining students.

Courses attended

Course 1:

Management of Corporate Social Responsibility

Course 2:

Industrial Psychology

Course 3:

China-Africa Relations

Course 4:

HIV and AIDS - a South African perspective

Course 5:

Additional Courses:

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

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