

Destination: Universidad de Deusto, San Sebastian
Exchange period: VT 2015

Choice of the destination and courses:

I found my destination when visiting the website of the business school on Umeå University. I looked at the sheet of spots not yet filled with exchange students in different cities.

I took into account culture and language when choosing a destination and it was easy to find matching courses although the number of ECTS didn't completely match.

Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:

No visa needed. Only papers between the university had to be filled in.

Contact with receiving institution:

It was clear.

Support from Umea University:

It was enough.

Arrival information:

Yes. It was informative and clear.

Accommodation arrangements:

I found accommodation without help from university even though most of the students had help from the university. I rented an apartment with my boyfriend instead of a room in an apartment that most people did.

the accommodation in northern Spain is quite expensive.

Transportation:

Since the city was quite small I walked a lot. The buses are not expensive either but I didn't feel like I had to use them.

Budget:

The cost is higher when it comes to accommodation. Food and other things you always need is cheaper.

Social activities:

Average. The school organized a few very good activities and some not very good activities. Otherwise it was easy to find activities on your own like surfing, hiking, traveling or visiting good restaurants.

Recommendation :

Yes! The social life in Spain is GREAT!

Practical things to think about:

That almost everything is mandatory and that it rains a lot during the winter. But it was worth it. You can get around only using English.

General information about academia:

The time-table of the courses don't match that well. A lot of the courses start at different times which makes it impossible to take some courses together since every lecture is mandatory.

Courses attended*Course 1:*

Intensive course in spanish: Grammar, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension. Not very difficult and we worked from the help of a textbook that included exercises etc. The whole course is in spanish, the teacher didn't speak english.

Course 2:

Spanish course B1.2. Same as above but a little bit more difficult. Not a lot of workload but everything was mandatory.

Course 3:

Entrepreneurship: A course filled with exercises in class and a lot of talking and thinking about how to be inventive and how to think as an entrepreneur. Two group works and one presentation. Everything in spanish.

Course 4:

Euskera: Language/cultural course in their own basque language. Not a heavy workload at all but very fun and interesting.

*Course 5:**Additional Courses:***Did the university provide language courses? Could you receive ECTS points for them? What was your experience of such course?**

Yes. All the language courses gave me ECTS. See above for explanation.

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