

My ERASMUS took place at the Ecole des Métiers de l'Environnement, a university located in Bruz, a small town near Rennes (France). There I was able to study different environmental topics from an engineering perspective, such as wastewater treatment and membranes filtration. The organization of the semester was pretty straightforward; Mr. Hull, responsible for incoming students, was very helpful and went the extra mile to provide me with a tailor-made exchange. The university staff and students were all also welcoming and helpful, and the same can be said of Bretons! The university is located on a campus, called Ker Lann, where many other universities are located. Accommodation can be easily found since there are many university residences on the campus. Living on campus meant I was able to reach the university in 5 minutes by foot. However, there are not many leisure facilities or activities around the campus, and that meant being dependent on public transport (one bus every 20 minutes during weekdays and during day time only) even for grocery shopping. However, the administrators of the residence I lived in, were kind enough to move me to another of their residence in Rennes, which is located 20 minutes away by bus. Rennes is a vibrant small city, with plenty of life and it will eventually grow on you. It also has a TGV train station, meaning you can reach Paris in 1h30m and Lyon in just 4h by high-speed trains, which I took advantage of. I also visited plenty of gorgeous sea-side Breton towns, including the more famous Saint-Malo, Mont-Saint-Michel, Cancale (delicious oysters!) and Dinard as well as the less known (yet must-see) Quiberon and Erquy. They can be reached by bus or car-sharing – which seems to be a very popular option in the region. Finally, I was particularly glad I was there for the summer semester as I got to enjoy plenty of outdoor activities with a good weather. Overall, my ERASMUS experience in France was a fantastic one and would recommend it to anyone who wishes to get to experience the French culture.