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Host University: Lublin University of Technology

Host Faculty: Environmental Engineering

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Final Report

- Lublin University of Technology –

Study period

01.10. 2017 - 07.02.2018

(Winter semester)

1. Location of city and University

Lublin city is located in eastern part of Poland. Lublin is a capital city of a province in Poland. The city is not too big and the Lublin University of Technology is far from central city about 20min by bus.

2. Accommodation

The dormitories in the University are not good quality and there are only triple rooms. Students have to share a bathroom, toilet, and kitchen. Figure 1 shows the dormitory. There are four dormitories with 10 floors. Each floor has a free laundry room, two toilets, and a kitchen. However, toilets are not separated for male and female, respectively. Maximum 36 students will live on each floor. The total fee to rent the room is 1875 pln (about 470 Euro) for a semester. The cleaner comes to the floor to clean kitchen, toilet and other places, every day.



Figure 1 the toilet, Kitchen and shower room in the dormitory

3. Lectures

The lectures are usually easy and University provides the lectures for exchange students. Therefore, there are no polish students or not over 1~2 polish students. If you want to build a good relationship with polish students, you would better attend sports courses in University or party.

In the faculty of environmental engineering, professors and coordinators are very friendly. However, depending on professors, there might be canceled lecture a lot compared with other lectures. The exams are very easy. In winter semester, the exam will be finished on January but some exams might be finished in December depending on professors. Students can study various courses at other faculties in University.

4. Library

Each faculty in the University has a library. It is good for students, who want to borrow or visit a library. However, there are few books in English. In addition, if you want to borrow books, you have to visit and register your ID in the main library. At least one staff can speak English so you do not need to worry to ask something. The library opens from Monday to Saturday (09:00 ~ 18:00, 09:00~14:00 on Saturday). Students can borrow books up to three days but if there is nobody, who waits for books to borrow, then you can extend up to two weeks. However, if you are late to return books, you have to pay the late fee.

5. Others

The Polish language is derived from a slave language. Therefore, it is different with English and hard to learn. University offers free polish language course for exchange students, and you can attend other languages for a free. The foods, alcohol are cheap. Compared with Germany, the prices for foods are cheap about 20%. Especially, students can buy a half price of tickets for the public transportation such as bus, train, and tram.

6. Review

When I arrived in the university, people were kind and had willing to help students. However, there were few people work and can speak English. Especially, many students experienced inconvenience to get the stamp to arrival because there was only one person worked. In my case, I waited for three days to get the stamp in the confirmation of arrival. Whereas there were two coordinators in the faculty of environmental engineering and only 12 exchange students belonged in. So, most of the procedures were fast.

Students can register most of the lectures in University even if you are in another faculty. The levels of difficulty for the lectures were easy not only for master students but also for bachelor students. Unfortunately, I had less opportunity to discuss some topic with polish students because the lectures normally were for exchange students. Although less chance to talk with polish students, I had a chance to discuss and work with other students from other countries such as Turkey, Spain, Italy, Estonia, and mores. I was good and could broaden my view to approach problems in the lectures. The grading system is comprised of two parts such as written exam and presentation, exercise, report. The level of difficulty was easy and professors informed exam topic, in advance. There was Christmas vacation for two weeks. Some professors wanted us to take the exam before Christmas vacation. Therefore, some lecture finished in December.

As a result, the experiences in Lublin University of technology were good for me. The theoretical part in the courses was not good for me but the practical part such as exercise or field trips was good for me. The lecturers tried to show us the practical things in the lectures. In addition, I can build up a new relationship with my friends, who have various nationalities. It was a good chance to gain flexible mind to approach issues. This is because I can share the experience and thought for same issues by discussing them. I am sure that the Erasmus program gives many benefits to me. I was glad to attend the Erasmus program.