



Erasmus Experience Report

Host University: Lublin University of Technology

City: Lublin

Country: Poland

Faculty: Environmental Engineering

Cycle: B.sc

Semester: Winter Semester 2018/2019

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I feel delighted to write this short report about my experience in the winter semester 2018/2019, which I spent in Lublin university of Technology, Poland as an Erasmus Exchange student. This whole experience, right from the initial application process till writing this final report, will always remain of great importance to me throughout my life.

Preparation phase:

My decision for Erasmus started when I met some exchange ERASMUS students in B-tu Cottbus. They changed my opinion and brought me back to the idea to go on an exchange abroad. I also met later some other students from my university who had already been on exchange. The experience they had and shared with me totally fascinated me and I really started to think seriously about going abroad. So, I went to the International relation office in my university to get some answers about my question and in general how to do it, where I can do it and so on. After that the idea and the whole project of going abroad started to become a structure and become clearer to me. I looked through the list of universities my home university cooperated with. My idea was to go to Poland. I chose 2 universities in Poland as my target country, because it has been the centre of excellence especially in environmental protection and will provide me quality education by making me gain knowledge in practical way as much as possible. Also, extraordinary hospitality is deeply rooted in Polish culture. I have visited some Polish cities in the past. So, my good and nice experience there makes me select it. I choose this university because I got impressed with their faculty profile, structure of modules, university services & facilities, personal & professional development, the city and its social life. My personal expectation is that the knowledge I will gain in your university will enhance my chances to find a better employment, as I will get a truly multicultural experience, highly valued nowadays among employers.

Accommodation in the host country:

The accommodation part was very well managed by the host university. We were given option of staying in the dormitory as well as offered help in finding a private accommodation. The rooms in the dormitory were shared by three people so some people preferred to go for private accommodation. But to be the part of host culture and learn things in better way I chose to take the accommodation in dormitory. The dormitory administration was very cooperative and was always there to help, be it contract time frame or be it other legalities. The rooms were cleaned and provided with all necessities i.e. furniture, internet, bed-sheets, blankets and curtains etc. But the big challenge I faced was the poor wifi internet network. The dormitory environment was a unique experience as there were people from so many different cultures and countries living all together in one building. The kitchen was shared by

the whole floor but was big enough to accommodate the entire floor. There were no shelves in kitchen to keep the stuff, so this was a bit problematic. But otherwise it was a place where one could always find nice people to talk to and to learn new traditional dishes from one other

Study at the host university:

However, the university is a quite new, modern and well-resourced with technical equipment. The teaching staff was competent enough and was equipped with the required skills to teach in English language. The big classes like the auditorium are very nice and comfortable, but also the other lecture rooms are comfortable. The library has some interesting and good books. But the reading space is small. The B-tu library is still far better than it. Sports opportunities are good, and I often used them. I liked very much that there is a free gym in the university. However, the fact that you can use all that and have some sport activities is good because it gives you a variety of studying. I took all my modules from the faculty of Environmental Engineering. I was impressed with the module structures. The modules are divided into two namely; lecture and seminar part. The lecture classes hold on week 1 and seminar on week 2 and vice versa. With my knowledge in Environmental and Resource Management from B-tu, I was able to cope with the lectures.

Everyday life and free time activities:

It was for me the first time being in Lublin. But I felled directly in love with the city. It is amazing walking through the streets, everywhere are old buildings that were constructed during the communist time. There was something to see. For me the food prices were quiet the same as in Germany. The fashion was the same or sometimes a little bit more expensive. The city has over 300,000 inhabitants. There are 5 public universities situated in Lublin. Lublin is one of the biggest cities of the Poland with a very high student population. There is a lot to do and explore in the city. The city has a good transportation system hence making the life very easy. The city has a lot to offer for the free time and weekends. There is a Majdanek National museum, Lublin castle, trinity tower, Lublin old town, some old monuments, lakes, parks, cinemas, shopping malls, night-clubs, bars and lot more. The city also has lot of traditional, continental, Asian and fast food restaurants. The prices are usually less than as compared to Germany and hence making the city more attractive for students. For me I always attend my classes, visit the gym and do shopping within the week. On weekend I go to night club with some friends to have a good time. Again, I enjoyed my stay in Lublin. I met so many nice, cool and funny people from all over the world. I also felt very welcomed by the Polish people and for that I will be forever grateful. Thank you to all my friends who took time out of their lives to visit me. And thank you to my new best friends I feel honoured to have and keep in my life.

Conclusion

This semester I will never regret. I can say now at the end, that Lublin was the best choice I could have made. Lublin has a perfect size, not too big and not too small. Also, the people of my Erasmus group were amazing. It is a very big chance to get to know people from a lot of different countries from all over the world, like Turkey, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Spain and Italy and make friends for a life. A special thanks to all the people, which make this possible!!!

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