

Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences

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I am a current student at the Brandenburg University of Cottbus. My studies required a semester abroad outside of Europe in Europe. In my case, I chose to continue my studies inside of Europe through the Erasmus system. The preparation of the documents to go to Poland it was easy, but sometimes got difficult due to the not understanding of how the other University works.

The preparation is required to understand and get a bit of knowledge about the different modules that you are allowed to take there to be able to complete your Learning Agreement before mobility. In my case, the University of Life Sciences in Wroclaw offers a large range of different modules from different faculties for Erasmus students. The list has around 436 different modules for the winter and summer semesters. It was an exciting selection as you can choose between many different modules that look interested. After completing your Learning agreement before mobility, and obtain other papers as a language certificate and Grant agreement, etc your papers should be accepted by your current University and the host University.

When you finally are accepted with the host University, they will directly contact you for some other information. They asked me about my residence or accommodation. In my case, I lived in a shared apartment in Marii curie sklodowskiej which is the same street as where the University is located. It is necessary to visit the Erasmus office when arriving to get your Arriving document and your timetable. All important offices where you need to go will be informed to you before arriving, and the University is easy to find.

The first day at the university will be given for a meeting with the different coordinators of the studies, some rules, and some information about the city. Also, free lunch to meet other new students will be made. All of us got assigned a buddy who will answer your questions if you got some, and will help you if you need it. Also, some groups will be made in social networks for questions and help. These are made by volunteer students at the Host University.

The studies are well organized, you can contact the professor at the beginning for informing about your assistance to the lecture. The professor will contact you quickly

and inform you about the location of the lectures. Some modules will consist of the practical and written exam, as Soil protection which required two written reports by case studies made on the practical lectures, and a final written exam. On the other hand, another subject can require only work, as Hydrogeology which consists of a presentation and a written report of a study on the laboratory.

In my case, I realized ten modules, it took a lot of effort but the professors will help you in case of questions and usually, all of them have office hours to assist in case of help needed. Other modules as Chemistry and Physics, will consist of experimental parts and written exams.

The Erasmus program offered many different activities to do with other Erasmus students. Some of them were related with small trips to visit cities around Wroclaw, or meetings for games, or Christmas dinner. Most of the activities were for free as did not require extra transportation, of course, the small trips required some payments but the prices were cheap.

The city of Wroclaw is a beautiful place full of students. It does have a beautiful tourism building and natural areas around it. It a cheap city to live and does have many entertainment places to go to. Also, there were many Erasmus parties to meet other students from different countries who were also in a semester abroad.

I fully recommend the city as it is well organized and easy to understand how the University and city work. Other students were open to meet new people.