

Universidad de Girona
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Personal Erasmus Student Report



1. Application

In my personal experience, everything started with an informative session that my host university made. I decided to go and check the information about the Erasmus program. After that I started checking universities which have an agreement with my university and where I could take subjects equivalent for my master.

I investigated every university I found interesting, in some of them the information was available and easy to access, but in some others, it was not.

I chose 3 different options and I decided that the first option would be Universidad de Girona, I found the pensum interesting and also, I was interested to go to Spain.

The application process was wasteful and a lot of documents, forms, certificates and letters were required to apply, for that reason I recommend to apply with time. Every step and document are described in the webpage.

Once you submitted all the required documentation, the application process was finished and the next step is to wait the acceptance letter from the universities. Once it arrived I started to plan my trip to Girona.

2. Accommodation

Finding a place to stay in Girona was not as easy as I expected. I started looking for a room more than one month in advance, but I couldn't find anything.

There is some facebook groups for example "de pis en pis" where you can find people who offer rooms.

Additionally, the University of Girona assigns you a "Buddy" who is a student in this university and he/she that would help you with every issue. My Buddy for example helped me to find a place to live.

As soon as I arrived I stayed in a hotel while I found a place to stay, I made some appointments and finally I got a room very well located, close to one of the campus of the university in the old town of Girona.

3. Academics in Girona University

The university of Girona is divided in different faculties, which are located in three different campus, one located in Barri vell (Old Town) another located in the city center and the other one in Montilivi. Each one is approximately 30 minutes away by walking.

I chose the modules that I was going to take from the webpage of the master and I put them in the learning agreement.

Once I arrived there were some modules that changed, and because of the dates that they were going to be taught I couldn't take it, so I had to search for other modules.

In the first two weeks I assisted to the classes and then I decided which modules were interesting for me.

On the other hand, I was interesting on taking German language course, to continue studying there but the person in charge of this course doesn't allow me to take that class arguing that I could just take classes of my master and not from other faculties. But it was allowed to take Catalan language course, so for me it was a non sense argument.

About the modules I took there, I found some of them so useful and interesting, and some others the opposite.

Additionally, the master is restricted to specific cases of Spain and Italy due to the fact that most of the students of the master were from these countries. In my opinion, if it's a master in Climate change it needs to be in a global context not only refering to just two countries.

The professors of the master were well prepared and with high level, also so helpful and available to help in any case.

4. Everyday life and Leisure Time

Girona is an amazing city, is a small city with everything a big city has to offer. It is a touristic city which is full of people every time, different kind of restaurants with different specialties, coffees, places to visit among others.

I really felt comfortable in this city, the people there is friendly with the foreigners and there you always find plans to do.

Is well located near Barcelona and the Costa Brava, which has a lot of places and small towns to visit, especially in summer you can visit incredible beaches and parks.