

Personal Report

Host University: University of Girona

Country: Spain

City: Girona

Degree: Environmental Resource Management

Semester of Study: 5

My journey to embark on my semester abroad begin with my application to the University of Girona. Reading all the course catalogues and details about the facilities, I was very excited to do my semester abroad there. All the planning was done by emailing the responsible people at the host university, they were extremely helpful and quick to respond. Quite early on, I was assigned a student guide who would help in any way required whether that was basic information or organizational things regarding my stay in Girona.

I must say finding accommodation is tricky in Girona due to it being a small city but if you start looking a month before your arrival, finding a reasonable place should be possible. The city is small so almost every part of the city is accessible from the residential areas and bus services are available for public transport needs.

The university has two campuses, one in the city center and the other in the south east corner. Both have access to buses. The campuses are very well built and maintained. In case you are a fan of medieval architecture, the central campus will be a delight as it is based on buildings that are from medieval times and easily the most beautiful campus I have ever seen. Every faculty has their own building and the facilities are very state of the art, Wi-Fi and libraries are provided in all parts of the university. The teaching standard was also very good as the teachers speak good English and are very cooperative. There are a variety of courses to choose from and I am sure everyone will find something that suits them.

The people in Girona are extremely friendly and warm, despite the ongoing tense political situation. The city is a tourist attraction and always full of people wandering around. Fun fact; due to the medieval style of the city, the 6th season

of Game of Thrones was filmed here. The city is also near many famous mountains and beaches, so if you are a nature lover, there's plenty of that here.

As it is in Spain, sports are a major part of everyday life and you can find many grounds and sports facilities around the city to indulge in. There is also a strong culture of nightlife in Girona and amazing variety of Spanish cuisine.

Overall, I would highly recommend going to Girona for your semester abroad. Just don't forget to take loads of sunblock with you!

