

Erasmus Report

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First of all, thanks to Erasmus program, I had the chance to study abroad and live in a new country. My first choice of application wasn't Budapest. Now when I think back, I am really glad that I have changed my original choice to BME. Before I went to Budapest, I never knew anything about Hungarian. Now I learned a lot about these the culture and people.

When I came to Budapest, I was amazed by the beautiful view and colorful culture. The natural beauty on the Duna river is already amazing, with the combination of the palace, the parlement, universities and historical buildings around the river, you won't get enough of enjoying them. Especially at night, with the lights of everything, Budapest is just beautiful! Every bridge has its own unique features and gives you different feelings when you walk on them. You can see whole Budapest when you go up to the mountain just next to the river. It only takes around 15 minutes to be on the top. Enjoying sunset, sunrise or just the view of Budapest on the mountain would be a great idea. Luckily World War 2 didn't damage Budapest a lot. When you walk into the city, you will find a lot of historical buildings. I am not an architect student, but still, I couldn't help standing there and observe the details of the buildings. As if every building tells you different stories about Budapest. Even though there are some ruined buildings, they were redecorated by the creative Hungarians as pubs or clubs. Most of the good places are reachable only by foot and it is very cheap if you want to take the public transport. Furthermore, as a Chinese student, I was happy that there is "China Town" in Budapest. It was convenient for me to do some grocery shopping and have some original China dishes.

BME is one of the top university in Hungary. It is located on the Buda Site just next to the river. The main building looks like a palace from outside. It is one of the world oldest Institute of technology. There are more than 110 department and institutes and 8 faculties. I've chosen 6 courses in the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, which are Environmental Management Systems, Risk Evaluation and Risk Management, Environmental Management of Energy, Comparative Country Studies, Sectoral Sustainability Studies and Theory and Practice of Environmental Economics. All lecturers are really nice and patient. I felt like I learned a lot in BME. Most of courses has midterm exam and final exam, some of them also includes presentations and homework. I also had Hungarian language course, but I had to give up because it was harder than I expected and I realized that most of the people in Budapest speak English. It was a little bit pity that I didn't get the "Green Certificate" because there was lack of information before I choose my course. If you choose 5 courses related to environment that they offered and finish them, you can get "Green Certificate". Unluckily, I only had 4. If any other ERM student wants to go to BME, I will definitely recommend you to choose 5.

They have a great organization in BME called ENS. They will offer you any kind of help. They took all the Erasmus student on a tour and introduced a lot about the school. They will also help you with finding accommodation while BME doesn't offer accommodation for exchange students. But it was easy to find, there were hundreds of places on Facebook groups. ENS also organize variety of activities like pub night, trip to other city and camping every week. They will send detailed information to your email. I believe any of the student will get a lot of friends and have a lot of fun too.

It was affordable in Budapest, most of the things are cheaper that in Germany. I live near to the market hall, there were all kinds of vegetables and meat you want for the cheapest price. If you love food, you can get a great meal in a restaurant for 5 euro. If you like to drink sometime, bears could be cheaper than water.

All in all, I really enjoyed my staying in BME and Budapest. if I had another chance, I would very like to be there again. Many thanks to Erasmus program, BTU and BME.