

Erfahrungsbericht/Experience Report

1) Gasthochschule bzw. Praktikumsinstitution/Host university resp. internship institution

Bitte beschreiben Sie kurz Ihre Gasthochschule/Ihre Praktikumsinstitution.

Please describe briefly your host university/your internship institution.

University of Ghent is in the Flemish part of Belgium. All classes are conducted in Dutch and a few are in English. University of Ghent has campuses all around the city.

2) Studium bzw. Praktikum/Studies resp. internship

Bitte beschreiben Sie die während Ihres Studienaufenthalts besuchten Kurse/Tätigkeiten im Praktikum. Wie erfolgte die Betreuung? Wie waren die Studien-/Arbeitsbedingungen? Gab es besonders positive oder auch negative Erfahrungen?

Please describe the courses you attended during your study abroad/activities you carried out during your internship. How did the mentoring work? How were the study conditions? Have there been especially positive and/or negative experiences?

I was attached to a research team. I experienced working on quantitative software like SPSS. The professors are very approachable, and it was easy to get help from them when required. The library is very comprehensive, and it is easy to find the required books/papers (online and offline). I had a good experience here at the university of Ghent.

3) Erworbenes Wissen/Acquired knowledge

Welches Wissen haben Sie während des Studien-/Praktikumsaufenthalts erworben bzw. erweitert? Wie hat Ihr Aufenthalt fachlich Ihr Studium an der IPU ergänzt?

Which knowledge did you acquire during your studies/internship? How has the study internship abroad contributed to your studies at IPU?

To run correlational analysis using SPSS. To analyse data and identify patterns and trends. To interpret research papers and results. To present results in excel format. I have a better appreciation of quantitative analysis and research processes.

4) Integration

Wie haben Sie sich eingelebt? Haben Sie andere Studierende der Gasthochschule/Institution kennengelernt?

How did you settle in? Did you get to know other students of the host university/institution?

The other PhD students were also helpful and friendly. We always sit together as a department during lunchtime and talk about anything. They have organized a few gatherings after work which I participated.

5) Vorbereitung/Preparation

Wie haben Sie sich auf den Auslandsaufenthalt vorbereitet (sprachlich, interkulturell, fachlich, organisatorisch etc.)?

How did you prepare for your stay abroad (language, interculturality, study related, organizationally etc.)?

Everyone speaks English here so it's easy. No specific organization required.

6) Unterkunft/Accommodation

Wie haben Sie Ihre Unterkunft gefunden? Welche durchschnittlichen monatlichen Kosten hatten Sie für das Leben im Gastland?

How did you find your accommodation? On average, how high were your living expenses per month in your host country?

I stayed in the student accommodation, it was easy to apply once you get access to the university administration system. The confirmation of the accommodation was given within 2 weeks. Accommodation cost 425 EUR per month and expenses around 10 EUR per day for food excluding travel expenses. I walk to work but most people rent a bicycle.

7) Sonstige Informationen/Further information

Gibt es noch etwas, das Sie anderen Studierenden bzgl. eines Auslandsaufenthalts allgemein und in Ihrem Gastland im Speziellen mitteilen möchten? Gibt es empfehlenswerte Links oder Tipps?

Is there anything else you like to inform other students about regarding a stay abroad in general and regarding your host country in particular? Can you recommend any links or tips?

Bring your own utensils and plates if you intend to cook. The room does not have hangers so bring that would be helpful. The room provides pillow, blanket and bedsheets. There is a fridge in each room. Travel to nearby Brugge, Brussels, Leuven, Antwerp, Mechelen etc to experience Belgium.

8) Fazit/Conclusion

Was hat Ihnen der Auslandsaufenthalt persönlich gebracht? Wie lautet Ihr Fazit?

What are your personal gains from your stay abroad? What are your conclusions?

The experience is very nice, people are friendly and if you love chocolates and beer, this is the place to be !