



UFG-Report, Auslandsmobilität / Mobility Abroad

Erasmus+ Auslandsstudium
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UFG-Mobilitätsstipendium
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Studienrichtung an der UFG
Study program at the UFG

Interface Culture

Aufnahmeeinrichtung (falls eine Gastinstitution besucht wurde), host institution (if applicable)

Aalto University

Nur bei Auslandsstudien: Studienrichtung an der Gastinstitution
Study mobilities only: Study program at the host institution

New Media

Gastland / Stadt
Host country / city

Finland/ Helsinki

Aufenthaltssemester
Semester of the mobility

WS 2021

Anreise ins Gastland (Empfehlungen, Schwierigkeiten)

Travelling to the host country (recommendations, difficulties)

Flight tickets from Vienna to Helsinki, and vice versa, Are pretty expensive. the price is around 150 if you buy in Advance. It could be even more expensive, about 200. There is an excellent way to travel between Helsinki and Vienna, and that is by going to Tallin by flight and then from Tallinn to Helsinki by ship. I used this way when I wanted to come back from Helsinki to Austria It cost me half the price of my trip from Austria to Finland. Besides the advantage of the lower price, I had an opportunity to visit Tallinn that was very beautiful. And experiencing traveling with the ship was extraordinary.
So as a conclusion I strongly recommend using the ship for Tallinn/Helsinki and flight for Helsinki/Austria.

Leben im Gastland (Kultur, Unterkunft, Öffentlicher Transport, Essen, Lebenskosten)

Life in the host country (culture, accommodation, public transport, food, costs of living)

Finland is a beautiful country. I went there for the winter semester, so the weather was freezing, average -10. And the daytime was very short.
But for me, it wasn't that much problem since I knew I was going to stay there only for one semester. It was a brand new experience to live in that coldness. Finnish people were super kind, shy, and introverted. The culture is very calm, and the country is quiet, even in Helsinki, a big city. The prices were higher than in Austria, but the extraordinary thing about Finland was a student discount on many things. Whereas in Austria, the student discounts are for students younger than 27 years old, there wasn't an age limit. Many cafes and restaurants on the Aalto campus with very diverse buffets for only 2.70 euros for students. It was very convenient. I enjoyed the library system both in the city and in the university. I almost could find any book that I was after.
Although it was easy to commute in Helsinki, I would say it wasn't as convenient as Austria. In the beginning, I had difficulties finding and buying tickets.
Overall, I enjoyed living and studying there for about four months.

Bei Auslandsstudien: Reflektion über das Studium (Lehrveranstaltungen, Sprache, Lehrende, Studierende, Auslandsbüro an der Gastuniversität)

Bei Auslandspraktika: Reflektion über das Praktikum (Art des Unternehmens, Arbeitsaufgaben, Betreuung)

Study Mobilities: Reflection on the study program (courses, language, teachers, students, International Office at the host university)

Traineeship Mobilities: Reflection on the internship program (Type of enterprise, work tasks, support)

I'm a third-year student, so I wanted to take courses to prepare for my thesis. Besides those courses, I took one course about pack-age design. I made that choice based on my interest. It was a very intensive course of 18 credits and had classes three times a week. It required so much homework and effort. But I learned a lot. It was a multidisciplinary course, and we worked in small groups for the whole semester to prepare the project. This course was in collaboration with real clients and was near to life experience of design. Although it was very demanding, I enjoyed it a lot. In Finland, group work is essential, and there is good knowledge. So the subject of the course aside, I gained so much knowledge about group working. The courses that I took to empower me in research and academic writing were also super helpful. Aalto University is influential in this subject and has many good resources to support it so that I could use them alongside the courses.

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