



UFG-Report, Auslandsmobilität / Mobility Abroad

Erasmus+ Auslandsstudium
Erasmus+ Study mobility

Erasmus+ Auslandspraktikum
Erasmus+ Traineeship mobility

UFG-Mobilitätsstipendium
UFG-Mobility Grant

UFG-Auslandsstipendium
UFG-Abroad Grant

Studienrichtung an der UFG
Study program at the UFG

Interface Cultures

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

UCLA Art|Sci Center

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

Gastland / Stadt
Host country / city

UNITED STATES

Aufenthaltssemester
Semester of the mobility

SS2022

Anreise ins Gastland (Empfehlungen, Schwierigkeiten)

Travelling to the host country (recommendations, difficulties)

Like all long distance travel the more in advance you get better prices on flight bookings. In my case I searched on Google flights and skyscreaner.

Given the sanitary conditions worldwide, I recommend buying a ticket with flexible cancellation, it is a little more expensive than a normal one but allows you to make changes without paying too much.

For a stay not exceeding 90 days, European citizens can enter the United States with an ESTA permit, which is easily requested online, I recommend at the entrance to the country in addition to presenting all health documentation (vaccines, PCR test) also have on hand the return tickets, I was asked for them.

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

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

The cost of living in Los Angeles is four times or more than living in Linz, so I recommend having another source of funds because only the Auslandsstipendium is not enough to cover all expenses. Also, in California, there is no tax refund, and for every purchase, you have to pay an extra tax that is not normally contemplated, so don't be surprised if you spend a little more for everything.

If you don't have a driver's license or it is not possible to rent a car I recommend to get an accommodation close to UCLA, the area is not the cheapest in Los Angeles since it is in a privileged area, but it is quiet, and safe for pedestrians, considering that the distances in this city are very big and it is made for cars. I found a room in AirBnb, it was the best value for money and the safest since there is not many offers for temporary students, and it can be easy to fall into a scam (there are many).

The public transport does not work very well and is not the most recommended in certain circumstances, (late nights e.g) at first it is confusing. Still, it is not impossible to use it once you understand the transport system (from UCLA to the downtown can be from 60 to 90 minutes by bus).

Information and tips for public transportation: <https://transitinglosangeles.com/2021/07/07/how-to-ride-transit/>

The city is full of hills, so biking is often not an option. Uber and Lyft services are cheaper than cabs but be careful not to ask for them during rush hour as prices can be very high.

I recommend getting discount cards from supermarkets as discounts and groceries can be a little cheaper. As for cultural offerings, it is extensive, varied, and for all budgets. Some museums are free with prior registration. The only negative point is the distances.

On this page, there are good resources: <https://internationalcenter.ucla.edu/resources/resource-guide>

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)

Since my program is different, as an artist in residence I was working autonomously on my master thesis.

I was hosted by Professor Victoria Vesna at The UCLA Art|Sci Center, I was concentrated in the center's studio in the UCLA Broad Art center where the Department of Design Media Arts and the School of Arts and Architecture are located, but I was also able to visit the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA as well as the planetarium, laboratories and other facilities, There I had all the resources of space and visibility to present my work and finish my thesis.

The UCLA campus is huge, almost a town with museums, galleries, botanical garden, hospital, sports facilities and its own cultural offer, so there is always something to visit.

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