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Studying Abroad Experience Report

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- **Preparation:**

When I was preparing to leave from Germany, everything was really easy for me because I already had my residence permit that allowed me to do my masters.

Then, the application process at MBS in France went really quick and I am happy about that because I applied at a last minute. But they accepted my documents and liked my application.

There were introductory events the first week when arriving to Montpellier but nothing online previously.

I was supposed to have a tutor but I did not receive any email or confirmation of this. Nevertheless, it was really easy to manage everything. Their incoming and international relations office was really friendly and always answering on time.

- **Accommodation:**

I found my accommodation through StudApart, an online website with many options in Montpellier to find a place to live.

French regulations are quite strict when it comes to having a “guarantor” and a “home insurance”, so you have to consider some extra payments for this +deposit and administrative fees.

My student residence was called “Easy Student” and it was a new one, so it was really cool to be in a modern place.

The cost of rent was 600 EUR and deposit of 800 EUR.

Areas where I would recommend to live are in city centre or Tonnelle metro station so you have a supermarket, a gym nearby and of course you can walk to campus is only 15 min walk.



- **Studying at the university abroad:**

Attendance was mandatory and if you did not attend, they would register this on the system. Then you would have to justify your absence.

I was allowed to take only the courses offered by the Grand Ecole Programme but they are in different subjects which it was really nice.

The exams took place on campus and they were really simple and easy.

Language courses yes, I took French and they had multiple ones with different levels.

In general the University was a small one, nothing really impressive and the way they organize their classes it was a bit weird, 2 weeks of class and then 2 weeks of just one and then this again.

The University staff was friendly with the international students. There is a subject called French Culture and the teacher here was the best and most welcoming person we had. She taught us everything.

- **Day to day life and free time:**

To live in Montpellier, you need minimum 1.000 EUR monthly. And for this, the Erasmus+ grant helps a lot!

Public transport ticket was 1,60 EUR but there is a monthly card that costs 28 EUR for students only.

In your free time as a exchange student you should sign up for sports or get a job, join the Erasmus network of Montpellier and see on Whatsapp what activities they are doing. There are many.

I had to work while studying so I did not have much free time and also, I had to do my assignments for university. Whenever I had free time, I went to the gym. But in general, I was really busy.

- **Conclusion:**

Worst it was food on campus. Once, I went to buy lunch to a food truck at University because they had to close their MENSA/dining area because of covid and no budget to maintain it. Then, I saw one of the person said to the other "it's 6 EUR" but then the one passing the transbank machine to pay with my card charged me 10 EUR and I. was wearing my airpods so he thought I was not listening but I was and I reported this to the University.

Best experience: Hiking with my friends around Montpellier, getting to know the French culture, traveling around Montpellier.