

## Free report: My ERASMUS experience

### 1. Preparation (planning, organization, and application with the host university)

I started planning for the Erasmus+ programme approximately 12 months before the start date of my exchange studies. I knew about the possibility to study abroad for Erasmus+ Programme through the website of University of Hohenheim. I consulted the administrative staff at the Office of International Affairs for further information and advice. After several consultations, I decided to apply for exchange studies at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). One of the reasons why I chose SLU is the science-based expertise the university offers especially in the sustainable use and management of biological natural resources. The first stage of the application process is application to the responsible exchange representative. I belong to the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and therefore submitted my application via mobility online. I was nominated by the exchange representative and had to proceed to the second stage of the application process, which is application at the host university. I received an acceptance letter from SLU approximately 45 days after the last day of the application period.

### 2. Lodging

I indicated in my application form that I would like to apply for a room in a student residence and SLU granted my request. I lived in Uppsala. The cost of living in Sweden is quite high. There are several student residence halls in the city where I lived. The accommodation costs at the residence halls vary depending on location, room type and standard. In my case, I paid approximately 500 Euros as rent per month.

### 3. Studies at the host university

At SLU, you will find a modern learning environment. The library and laboratories are well-equipped. For the courses I enrolled in, the class size was small. The small class environment gave me the opportunity to interact more with the instructors and participate in class discussions. I chose all my courses from the same faculty. Although it is possible for exchange students to select courses from different faculties at SLU as long as the requirements for course admission are met. Each course requires certain level of prior knowledge before admission into the course can be granted.

### 4. Daily life and free time

Uppsala as a student city is really welcoming. I enjoyed my time in Sweden. Students have the opportunity to join the student union as well as student nations. There are lots of student nations in Sweden. The nations organise various social events and this is an opportunity to meet people especially students from other universities during the free time.

### 5. Summary

I really appreciate the experience I had at SLU, especially the learning experience at the university.

Some pictures of SLU:



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