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• Vorbereitung

I have chosen the University of Milan as my Host university. The applying process was easy and quick. I have just followed the process as required and everything went smoothly. There was an orientation day at the host university, but I couldn't join because of late arrival but as I heard from fellow students, there you will get the general information about how things work in university, how you should expect in terms of the size and layout of the campus and facilities. It is also a good chance for you to get to know other students.

• Unterkunft

As an Erasmus student I guess we all want to stay in the student residence of the host university because of the reasonable rent price and chance to live with other students with full of fun and joy. But it is not always easy to get one because of the huge number of other students also applying for it, you need to be quick and some luck. I didn't get the chance to live in student residence, instead I stayed the first month in an Airbnb and after that I rent one room in an apartment near city center (Duomo). The rent was quite high (about 1000 Euro per month) but the good thing about that is the location. It is just 1,5 km away from the city center and just 10 minutes walking to my host university, so I could save some money of public transport ticket.

To rent an accommodation like that you need to find on some apartment renting websites and signing contract with the agencies. Remember, your room will not look like the picture on internet, don't expect too much.

• Studium an der Gasthochschule

I am doing Bachelor in Viadrina University, but I took 3 Master subjects in University of Milan (Strategies and Tools for Industry 4.0, Digital Business Strategies, Project managements and Innovation in the era of big data). It was not that difficult, and I really like what I studied there.

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The professors gave good lectures, explained in detail all your questions. I guess because it is master classes so with the small size, the professors can take care of the lecture quality and more interaction between students with each other.

Attending the class lecture or not is your choice but you should choose wisely. The attending student will have extra work to do such as group and individual presentation or some subjects will have mid-term exam, which will be counted as around 30% - 60% of the final marks, plus the final exam. So, on the final exam it will be less stressful. On the other side, the not-attending student will only have to study the whole thing for the final exam at the end. It is more stressful because then the final exam will take 100% of the final mark.

The host university also offers language course, from beginner to advanced level. You will need to take a level test to get in the class you want.

• Alltag und Freizeit

The cost of living in Milan is just a little bit cheaper compared to Berlin. The price of foods in supermarket is around the same, they always have fresh sea food there, many types of meat, vegetable and fruit. The water is cheaper, and you don't have to pay for extra 25 Cent Pfand. There are many local and brand supermarkets, the one in city center such as Carrefour express or Conad are a little bit more expensive and smaller than the suburban area such as Esselunga. If you want to experience authentic Asian cuisine beside Italian with reasonable price, you can go to china town, which located near the Sfporzesco castle.

For the public transport you can buy monthly ticket. I lived near university and city center, so I walked most of the time and buy one way ticket (2,20 Euro) only when I go somewhere far away. But the city is quite small, you can just walk and enjoy the sunny day there. The Uber in Milan is more expensive and more luxury than the normal taxi, so you need to keep it in mind when you need a taxi ride.

People in Milan love drinking Aperol Spritz with a bowl of Chips aside. After Uni time you can enjoy it in Navigli area with a pleasant atmosphere or shopping in Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. You are coming to fashion city so get prepared. There are also a lot of interesting museums and activities such as football, I hope you won't miss the derby match between AC Milan and Inter Milan. I was lucky to live in that atmosphere and hope you will have the same.

From Milan you can take one hour train to beautiful lake Como or 3 hours train to breathtaking Cinque Terre. I also recommend renting a car and do a like-dream trip in Toscana region, you will not be disappointed about it.

• Fazit

In General, it was really good experience to have an exchange semester in Milan. All the "bad experiences" I thought at the beginning turned out to be good opportunities to meet new people and experience a different life.

Don't be scared and don't be hesitate, just go with the wind at your back. Because somewhere, sometime later in our busy life, we all will want to go back to this moment, to live young like that once again.