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Title: Report on the Experience at EM Strasbourg

Introduction

This report aims to provide a detailed account of my experience as a student at EM Strasbourg, covering various aspects including the support from the University of Hamburg, the Erasmus program preparation, visa application process, transportation options, university meals, bicycle infrastructure in Strasbourg, student residence, study level at EM Strasbourg, and library facilities. This report is based on my personal observations and experiences during my time at EM Strasbourg.

Support from the University of Hamburg

From the beginning of my Erasmus journey, the staff at the University of Hamburg demonstrated exceptional helpfulness and provided valuable information. The international office of the WISO Faculty, in particular, was remarkable in their support. The provision of Zoom sessions for student consultations during the Erasmus preparation period proved to be highly effective and greatly facilitated the process. However, it is unfortunate that the availability of such sessions has been discontinued, depriving current students of this beneficial service.

Erasmus Program Preparation

The learning agreement, an integral part of the Erasmus program preparation, presented an interesting experience. Due to the non-functioning internet-based digital learning agreement, there was a lengthy back-and-forth process between my home university and the host university. However, I must acknowledge the host university for their commendable efficiency in handling the official procedures associated with the learning agreement.

Visa Application Process

As a non-European student, obtaining an official visa to study at the host university was necessary. Despite the effort involved, I found the process to be worthwhile. It is worth noting that the Erasmus program supports students through the "Green Mobility" program, which provides a modest amount of financial support for land transportation, such as train or bus. It is advisable to book a flexible ticket in advance to allow for date changes. Participants of the program who hold European health insurance are not obligated to have additional insurance, although it may be helpful, albeit at an additional premium.

University Meals

For participants of the Erasmus program who appreciate university meals, France, and particularly EM Strasbourg, offers an excellent selection. The university provides diverse cafeteria meals at multiple locations within Strasbourg. Some cafeterias operate until 8:30 pm, which is highly convenient, especially during examination periods. The meals consist of a humble three-course menu, characterized by their student meal quality. Nevertheless, I found the food provided to be satisfying, with various options available, including vegan, vegetarian, fish, and meat-inclusive meals. The price-to-quality ratio of the university meals is exceptional.

Bicycle Infrastructure in Strasbourg

Strasbourg is renowned for being a bicycle-friendly city, with an extensive network of bicycle roads stretching both within and outside the city. Enthusiasts can enjoy traveling to different cities by bicycle along the river bicycle road. The city's infrastructure for cycling is remarkable, offering a safe and convenient means of transportation.

Student Residence

The university dormitory plan at EM Strasbourg is both affordable and conveniently located within the city. The student residence facilities and management are student-friendly. However, it is important to note that the number of available places for students is limited, and the university does not guarantee placement. Applications for student residence are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, and it is strongly recommended to prepare a list of preferred residences in advance.

Study Level at EM Strasbourg

The study level at EM Strasbourg can be somewhat controversial. While some classes are satisfactory, others may be considered unconventional in terms of study style and level, particularly for students accustomed to the German education system. Class schedules tend to change frequently, and changes in classrooms are not uncommon. This lack of coordination has been noted not only in the short term but also over the long term, as indicated by testimonials from faculty professors, visiting professors, and degree-seeking students at EM Strasbourg.

Library Facilities

The library at EM Strasbourg is an impressive resource for students. Additionally, students have access to the library of the University of Strasbourg. The architecture of the building is beautiful and provides a comfortable study environment. Access to academic journals through the university webserver is also quite satisfactory.

Conclusion

In conclusion, my experience at EM Strasbourg was overall wonderful. The support and assistance from the University of Hamburg, particularly the international office of the WISO Faculty, greatly contributed to the success of my Erasmus journey. While there were challenges with the learning agreement and study level, the university's promptness in official procedures and the excellent library facilities were commendable. The city of Strasbourg itself proved to be a bicycle-friendly and culturally rich environment. I hope this report provides valuable insights for future students considering EM Strasbourg for their Erasmus program.