

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT ZUM AUSLANDSSTUDIUM/ EXPERIENCE REPORT FOR THE SEMESTER ABROAD

Please send the complete report per e-mail to erasmus.outgoing@hu-berlin.de

1. When, where, and for how long have you been an Erasmus student?

Tallinn, Estonia. 4 Months.

2. LAND UND LANDESTYPISCHES/The Country and its Characteristics

Please describe the region in which you lived as an Erasmus student (surroundings, traditions, people, etc.).

Tallinn is a small capital city close to the sea and surrounded by woodland. It has fast, direct links to Helsinki, Finland.

3. FACHLICHE BETREUUNG/Academic Advising

Did you get help from the partner university during your stay abroad? Were there programs for incoming students? What did you think of the courses offered by the partner university? How did they work with your Learning Agreement (could you take all the courses you wanted?)?

The open day was comprehensive. There were some social activities and trips offered for Erasmus students, though I rarely participated in these. The courses offered by the University were insufficient. There was one master course in History and two bachelor courses in History offered in English.

4. SPRACHKOMPETENZ/Language Proficiency

Did you take part in preparatory language courses at the university? In which language did you study at the partner university? Did you improve your language skills during your stay abroad?

The language of instruction was in English. I am a native speaker. I did, however, participate in an A1 and A2 Estonian language class and, therefore, improved my language skills this way.

5. WEITEREMPFEHLUNG/Recommendation

Would you recommend this partner university? Please explain why or why not.

I would recommend Tallinn/ Estonia or any other university/ town which offers a different cultural and academic experience. The teaching staff were friendly and helpful. However, the university was extremely small and the courses offered/ the content of the courses were below the standard I would expect.

6. VERPFLEGUNG AN DER HOCHSCHULE/Meals at the University

How expensive are the meals at the university cafeteria? Are there sufficient options for people with allergies, vegans, and vegetarians?

Quite expensive. Relatively good options for special dietary requirements

7. ÖFFENTLICHE VERKEHRSMITTEL/Public Transportation

Did you use public transportation? How expensive is it? Is it advisable to have a bike?

Public transport was free in Tallinn after receiving a residency card. This was extremely useful.

8. WOHNEN/Accommodations

How did you find your room/apartment/flat-share? How is the price-performance-ratio?

