

## **Experience Report – University of Zaragoza, Spain**

### **Preparation and Arrival**

The semester at the University of Zaragoza started on 19.01.2026, but I arrived in Zaragoza on 06.02.2026 and attended my first lecture on 09.02.2026. A Thai friend from my master's program and I travelled together to Zaragoza. Another Spanish friend, with whom I had already been living in Oldenburg, had arrived in Zaragoza one week earlier.

### **Accommodation and Daily Life**

My Spanish friend helped us find accommodation in Zaragoza. Since he is Spanish, he was able to communicate with landlords in Spanish. The three of us lived together in a three-bedroom apartment. He initially assisted us with grocery shopping, explained the local culture, administrative procedures, local services, accommodation-related matters, and many other practical aspects of daily life.

I tried Japanese food for the first time with my Thai friend, and I took him to an Indian restaurant on several occasions.

### **Academic Experience**

As I arrived two weeks late, I initially faced considerable pressure to meet the deadlines for certain subjects. I suggest that the sending and receiving universities improve their coordination to ensure smoother transitions for exchange students.

The curriculum included subjects such as Renewable Energy Impact, Protection Systems, Smart Grids, Power Quality, Optimization, Photovoltaic Systems, and Wind Energy, which are highly relevant for a grid engineer. The courses were assessed through practical assignments using software such as DigSILENT, presentations, and written examinations. These assessment methods helped me enhance both my technical knowledge and presentation skills.

The professors were approachable and readily addressed my questions and doubts.

Our class consisted of students from various nationalities, which provided an excellent multicultural learning environment. I also made friends from Pakistan and France.

### **Conclusion**

Overall, my semester at the University of Zaragoza was a valuable academic and personal experience. Despite arriving late and facing some initial challenges, I successfully adapted to the new environment, gained knowledge in important areas of power systems engineering, and experienced Spanish culture while interacting with students from different countries. I would

recommend this exchange program to future students interested in broadening their academic and cultural perspectives.

Sincerely,

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