

Student experience report

Preparation

The preparation for the semester was really short, because the end of my precedent semester was hard, I was very busy and also because the help furnish by the coordinator of my master was awesome.

Also, that was an Erasmus not like everybody else because of the location, my own country.

Travel and arrival

After a short break during the 2 semester, I took all my stuff in my car and drove forward until the next destination (who I never came before by the way)

I reach my flat the day before the beginning of the courses, hurry to meet my new class.

We were directly well welcomed by the teacher who organizes presentation of the building, courses and the town.



Figure 1: Le dahu, pub in Font-Romeu

Even if the arrival was easiest for me than the others, that was just the beginning...

Imagine 7 people (my whole class), who don't speak French trying to find a flat, get used to the life in the French mountain where nobody speaks English?

This is why I was delegate and the first few months were organizing visit, scholarship, documentation, etc...

Anyway I was in my own country so I helped them a lot, but it was a pleasure because it's became a big family, sharing experience and hobbies.

Studying at the host university

The classes were awesome for three reasons:

First, we were only eight in the classes that means much easier to ask questions and make the class more interactive.

Also, the teachers were the best in them fields, they are all doctors recognized worldwide. This is why we learned a lot about actual research technology and that was very interesting. Finally, the last reason was the proximity with a lot of applications, so we saw directly the applications after theoretical studies.



Figure 2: Solar furnace

Everyday life

For me, the classes did not take so much time. So after we had time for made a lot of sport (I'm a mountain's lover) and that was the perfect season for skiing. It was also important to the other Erasmus in my class to discover how real French in the mountain leave, explain French food, hobbies, etc...



Figure 3: Raclette

General experience

Finally, that was a great experience in the middle of nowhere. It's a little village with practically nobody but a good way to reconnect with the nature. The teaching was amazing who give us good tools for our future life.

I really recommend this Erasmus.