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Experience report

Studying my specialization semester of the European Master in Renewable Energy at Instituto Superior Tecnico Lisbon, Portugal; was a unique experience. Portugal is a beautiful country with plenty of nice places to visit and Lisbon has everything you want, however it is expensive and the cheapest rent is about 450€ per month.

The university is very different to study in Germany, and it takes me some time to adapt to their grading system. Academically IST is a more difficult and a more demanding university, for this reason, I had almost no free time to do anything rather studying, as every subject has a big working load. Professors are very good and the best specialists at Ocean Energy, so for sure I can say that I learn a lot, we also had the opportunity to use the water tank for wave experiments.

Getting a good grade is impossible at IST, the grades are divided into 2 or 3 exams plus 2 or 3 assignments per subject, so we had plenty of work to do, however, professors are not clear about what are they expecting on the assignments, for that reason you will get no more than 70% if you only do what they ask you to do, in order to have more it is necessary to do extra research and spend more time on it, hoping that the teacher would like your extra work, however getting more than 85% is just impossible.

In summary, I recommend IST Lisbon if your goal is to learn and you don't care about the grades. Lisbon is a beautiful city where you will never get bored.