Erasmus Student Report

Experience at the National Technical University of Athens by

I feel glad to write a short report about my experience as an ERASMUS exchange semester at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). The whole time spent in Greece was quite a lifetime changing one. Below is a summary giving insights about my stay in Athens.

Preparation

Firstly, after applying for the master program at University of Oldenburg, the next step was to select an area of specialization which was scheduled with an affiliated university. I chose the wind energy specialization after being steered up about the potentials by my professor during the first semester studies. NTUA being one of the leading University in Wind energy technology made it a perfect choice for me. After the application and the submission of all required documents, an admission letter was received from the National Technical University of Athens.

Travel/arrival and accommodation

Traveling to Greece was quite relaxed, thanks to the short time flight from Germany which also came relatively with a good price. The program coordinator from the host university provided information concerning accommodation which made my arrival into Athens much easier, because the Landlord provided contacts for a taxi
to my apartment. Getting accommodation in Athens requires some effort especially without a direct contact to the Landlord, although most apartment are listed on housing platform like Airbnb, speaking directly with your program coordinator could ease the process of getting an apartment on time.

Studying

NTUA way of teaching and the expertise of the lecturer made my academic period a memorable one. The courses were quite practical with lots of professional in the field of wind energy giving lectures. Support was provided by the lecturers especially if you want to specialize in a desired topic of interest. After finishing the program, I felt much more comfortable about my career choice.

Leisure time

Greece been a very tourist destination gave an everlasting experience about the Greek culture. I visited various museums in Athens, with the student card from NTUA, I was able to visit the museums for free. With lots of islands and the refreshing weather created a nice atmosphere for relaxing, Patras festival was also a nice experience.
General Experience

My experience in Greece was a good one, while coming I would suggest you come with an open mindset due to Greek bureaucracy, try to get an international debit card to avoid charges while using the ATMs. On arrival come with some cash. The VAT in Greece is higher than some EU countries try to buy some basics stuffs before moving to Greece.