

# Student Experience Report

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## Introduction

I am thankful and happy to the ISO Oldenburg and Erasmus mobility program which enabled me to study specialization semester in universidad de Zaragoza,Spain.I am privileged to write and share my experiences of the mobility program.

## Host Institution

My host Institution is Universidad de Zaragoza where i did specialization in Grid Integration and Distributed Generation.The support provided by Institution was good in the over-all scope of the mobility semester.The application process was made easier by the co-ordinator of the host university.It was really easy task like to fill in all your details and provide the necessary documents.They organised everything before one month of the mobility semester.

## Travel and Arrival

Relating to travel and accommodation,Each individual should take their own steps for application process.I will advice to prepare for the travel atleast 15 days prior to the departure.As mobility was within Europe,I had no problems with that.Spain has really good transport system and everyone can manage in arriving to the host city.I would suggest to learn basic Spanish before you leave since English is less spoken in Spain.

## Travel and Arrival

Finding accommodation was little difficult due to language constraints.I suggest to contact the previous students who did mobility program for the guidance.I got a decent accommodation near to the university with all necessary thing included for 200 Euro's.In general,Spain was little expensive in cost of living compared to Germany.

## Study at Host University

The program was taught in English as the students where from all over from the world.The course was well structured and organised with lecturers from several universities and industries.There was several practical and field activities to gain more experience in real life situations.The support given by the coordinators and professors was good.The overall credits of the semester is 30 with six modules.The credits you obtained can be transferred as per the ECTS regulations.

## Life and Leisure

The spanish people are warm welcoming and excellent.There are several activities you can do in the city.Zaragoza is filled with many tourist attractions,bars and restaurants.The city is filled with sun,noise and lively environment.It was almost like living in my home.I suggest to try different food and culture of the city.Tapas is something you should not miss out.To enjoy the most,Language,time management between studies will be needed.

## Conclusion

I will conclude by providing do's and don't's from experience in mobility program considering the host organisation.

### Do's

- Make sure you are clear on the course contents,academic structure,labs etc., well before applying.
- Once decided start the application process by provided accurate and precise details like passport,certificates etc.,
- After the place is confirmed,start other procedures like travel,accommodation atleast one month before your semester begins.
- Plan your travel wisely and inform your host university about the same.
- Once you get into the city,Register in the city at the earliest possible.
- Learn the local language to the basic level for the easy communication and to get around the city.
- There are lots of places in spain from mountains,beaches to historic places.Dont miss out.

### Dont's

There is no donts if you follow the instructions and rules clearly.

- Dont postpone things then time management will be really difficult as you will spend only semester abroad.
- Dont spend too much on other activities than studies.
- Do not imagine yourself about the country,people or what ever.Just ask them politely.

Here is the one of my picture taken where I studied,CIRCE research foundation-University of Zaragoza.



\*sorry for the poor quality image.