

ERASMUS-EXPERIENCE REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR FUTURE OUTGOINGS:

1. **City, country and people + social integration**

I studied for a semester in the beautiful small city Granada. Granada is located in Andalucia, close to Sierra Nevada, a mountain chain, and to the sea. The location is perfect if you like to hike but also to swim as you can reach the sea within 1 hour. The people in Granada are very open and friendly.

I studied at the Universidad de Granada. In my courses where some other Erasmus students and I became friends with them. My classmates at university were in general a bit younger than I am and they stayed more in their friend circles. There are also tons of activities for Erasmus people, where you can easily meet people. I also joined a Salsa lesson, where I met some locals.

2. **Accommodation**

I found my flat on "idealista" but there are also many Facebook groups where you can find an accommodation. I lived in a small flat in the center of Granada. I could basically walk everywhere. I had two flat mates: Ilona from Finland and Ana from Spain. Loved living with them and also our landlady was very uncomplicated! I paid around 300 € per month.

3. **Costs and expenses**

Daily life in Granada is way cheaper than in Austria. I just had some extra expenses because of travels.

4. **Arrival and departure (mean of transport)**

Airplane and Bus

5. **Other (visa, insurance, etc.)**

I have the VISA Gold Card where a Travel insurance is included and an extra accident insurance.

6. **Description of host university**

The Science Faculty is located really close to the center. The building isn't the prettiest, but it's really nice to study there. I had just small classes and a lot of practical courses. A park is also close to the campus, which is perfect for lunch or study breaks.

7. **Application and enrollment formalities and orientation phase**

I had a welcoming event at the Universidad de Granada, where the International Office explained us how to enroll to our course, how to get there etc.. I needed some time to adapt to the different timetables and everything but after some time I was fine. Sometimes I waited longer for an mail answer than I was used to but other than that I had no further problems.

8. **Course offer and attended courses (short description and possibly grading)**

— Botánica - 6 ECTS

In the beginning the course it was really hard, as I wasn't used to have my classes in Spanish. I needed some time to adapt to the scientific Spanish. My Professor was really understanding which made it easier. In the End the international students could choose between doing the exam or writing a thesis.

- Curso de Español como Lengua Extranjera - 6 ECTS
At first I didn't want to join a language course as you need to pay some money for it. In the end I joined one, as I wanted to improve my grammatic and also to get used to Spanish as teaching language. I didn't regret it. My Professor was really nice and I learned a lot in the course. In was really interactive.
- Gestión Energética y Energías Renovables – 6 ECTS
In the beginning I struggled with understanding the professor as he had a really strong Andalusian dialect but after some weeks I got used to it. You need to complete two exams and reach over 50%. Really interesting course!

9. **"Study workload" (ECTS) per semester + grading**
18 ECTS

10. **Academic counseling/support**

We could write directly to the professor if we had a problem or to the international office. The professors where normally really supportive and helped you where they could. The International Office needed sometimes a bit longer for an answer.

11. **Tips and summary**

In the End I can recommend everyone to go to Granada for there Erasmus Semester. It's a beautiful small city with a lot of history, culture and good food (free tapas!). Studying at a different university is in the beginning a bit hard an confusing but after some time you get no know everything a bit better and an awesome experience starts. I really enjoyed my Semester in Granada! 😊